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St. John The Baptist Church, Danbury, Essex

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. John The Baptist Church, Danbury, Essex

By JOE E. G. ROAST

THE Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Danbury, standing 365 feet above sea level and situated at the centre of a rapidly expanding parish can account for a long and varied ringing history dating back to the reign of Elizabeth I. Much research into these early years has been undertaken by Peter Came and we are indebted to him for his work in this direction.

The first known bell was by Robert Mot, of Whitechapel, and inscribed "Robertus Motus Fecit Me 1575." This was recast by C. and G. Mears in 1856 and eventually became the 3rd to the ring of six. The accounts of an ancient charity reveal that there were at least four bells in the tower by 1603, when frequent mention is made of "ye great bell" and also the third bell. In 1622 Miles Graye cast the tenor and another bell, possibly using metal from some of the existing bells, and in 1638 there were five bells in the tower. Miles Graye also cast the fourth of the old six in 1645, and as no entry in shown in the accounts for that year it seems likely that this was a recasting of a faulty 1622 bell.

Thomas Gardiner recast two of the bells in 1759 and these became the 2nd and 5th of the six. By 1885 the bells and fittings were in a very dilapidated condition, and restoration work was entrusted to Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. This proved satisfactory until 1908, when the bells were rehung by Warners. A treble was added in 1834, augmenting the ring to six, and this work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank, who rehung the back five on ball bearings in 1952.

CHANGE RINGING INTRODUCED

Before 1934 little progress in method ringing had been made although it is known that after the 1885 restoration the curate, the Rev. Mr. Hay, was instrumental in obtaining the services of an instructor (probably William Lincoln, of Writtle) and a competent change ringing band was established. Various changes in this band took place until ringing eventually ceased in 1912. William Spokes trained a band of ladies in 1916 and was responsible for teaching numerous ringers during the '20's. A reasonable standard was maintained until the sixth bell was added, when William Burgess, an accomplished ringer from Suffolk, took over as instructor of the band. The first local band peal in two methods was rung in June, 1935, and progress in method ringing continued until the outbreak of war.

For the next ten years there was very little ringing until early in 1950, when the last two surviving members of the pre-war band, Dick and Ernie Roast, started teaching a new and youthful band. Progress was slow at first and a few more "ready made" ringers would have been a great help but following the break-through into change ringing rapid strides were made, until in 1954 a local band peal enabled the two instructors to ring their first peal in seven methods.

STRIKING CHAMPIONS THREE YEARS

Method ringing and striking standards continued to improve, the latter witnessed by Danbury winning the Essex Association striking competition trophy in 1961, 1963 and 1964.

In 1960 the first step towards restoration was taken when the Parochial Church Council opened an "Eight Bells Fund." Since 1950 the ringers have toured the village annually during the Christmas season with handbells and collected well over £1,000 for various charities and appeals. After 1960 a proportion of the collections was deposited in the "Eight Bells Fund" until in May, 1965, competitive estimates were obtained for the installation of a new metal frame, recastng the six bells and adding two trebles to complete the octave. Parochial discussion dragged on for nearly two years until in March, 1967, revised estimates were obtained from the bellfounders. The anticipated price increase, together with a generous offer by Mrs. Hopkirk to donate the new trebles in memory of her late husband, Rector of Danbury from 1936 to 1960, prompted the Parochial Church Council into action, and within two months an order had been placed with Mears and Stainbank for the complete scheme.

NEW EIGHT DEDICATED

On June 21st the bells were lowered and a large party of parishioners saw the eight bells cast at Whitechapel on August 16th. Harry Parkes and Arthur Lewry returned in early November and after two weeks the work was complete. A large congregation filled the church on December 10th for the dedication by the Archdeacon of Southend and at the conclusion of the service a short touch was rung by younger members of the local band.

Our grateful thanks are extended to all who have contributed to the success of this venture, but especially to Mrs. Hopkirk as donor of the two treble bells, Mr F. E. Collins, of the Central Council Towers and Belfries Committee, for his detailed inspection, comprehensive report and numerous recommendations so essential to the smooth running of the scheme, and last but not least to Harry Parkes, Arthur Lewry and the bellfounders for an excellent piece of work.

Details of the bells are as follows:—

Treble: Ex domo Mary Hopkirk, 1967. Mears, 1967, London. Dia. 23¼ in.; Note A flat; Weight 3 cwt.

Second: In piam memoriam Frank Stuart Hopkirk, Rector 1936–1960. Mears, 1967, London. 24¼ in.; G: 3¼ cwt.

Third: Ego Campana Dominus Fitzwalter per multos annos resonabo. Mears et Stainbank me fecerunt MCMXXXIV. 26 in.; F; 3¼ cwt.

Fourth: Tho. Gardiner, Sudbury, fecit 1759 28 in.; E flat; 4¼ cwt.

Fifth: (Robertus Motus fecit me 1575.) Recast C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1856. 30 in.; D flat; 5 cwt.

Sixth: Miles Graye Made Me 1645. 31¼ in.; C; 5¼ cwt.

Seventh: Tho. Gardiner, Sudbury, fecit 1759. John Belcher, John Nichols, C.W. 34¼ in.; B flat; 7¼ cwt.

Tenor: Miles Graye made me 1622. 38¼ in.; A flat; 10¼ cwt.

The back six bells recast and complete ring hung in a new cast iron frame.

FIRST HANDBELL PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Rumens (page 915), in which he mentions a peal board recording a handbell peal of Grandsire Caters in 1863, 14 years earlier than one at York Minster, which was said to be the first on handbells, revives a question discussed in your columns ten years ago.

In your issue of February 21st, 1958, "H. N. P." referred to a plaque on the wall of the London Apprentice, Isleworth, recording a 5,093 of Grandsire Caters on handbells rung there in 1848. It so happened that I had about that time been reading some correspondence in "The Bell News" of November–December, 1900, from which it seems clear that the Isleworth peal and the Walthamstow peal were lapped. Perhaps it may be of interest to repeat part of a letter of mine, which appeared a few weeks after "H. N. P." had written:—

"Lapping must have been a favourite pastime years ago. [In 'The Bell News" correspondence] was the following letter from Frederick W. Thornton, of Greenwich:

"'It is evident that half a century ago lapping was much thought of at St. Alfege's Greenwich . . . . for stowed away in a loft above our ringing chamber are several boards recording "true and complete" peals of Grandsire Caters by the Eastern Scholars. Until recently a similar tablet was to be seen exhibited in the bar of a tavern midway between Greenwich and Lewisham, rung on the premises in 1848. . . . .

"It is clear that quite a number of such peals were accomplished, for in a leading article (December 1st, 1900), the Editor commented:

'The elders among the Exercise will not have forgotten the publication of records of such displays of skill in the sporting papers. Many of them will remember those impudent persons who put the word "Professor" before their names when sending these worthless accounts of "peal-lapping." And we have our doubts whether all the peals said in these early days to have been rung "in hand" were so rung.'"

Mr. Rumens, whose ringing career goes back a long way, may recall that the phrase always used in "The Bell News" in reports of handbell peals was "on handbells retained in hand," obviously to differentiate between these and "lapped" peals. Harvey Reeves, the Editor, was, of course, more entitled than we are to judge the merits of the latter, but I must confess a certain admiration for such performances. I wonder how far most of us who feel reasonably at home with a pair of handbells would get if we tried lapping seriously? Not very far, I suspect, without a lot of practice.

The Mr. Joseph Waghorn whom Mr. Rumens remembers could have been the J. Waghorn mentioned on the Walthamstow board. I also met him, at one of Gillett and Johnston's gatherings at Croydon, about 1931, when he was 88, so that in 1863 he would have been 20 years old. (Incidentally, he rang his first peal for the death of the Prince Consort in 1861.) But frankly I would think it unlikely.

And finally I am reminded by my father that Thomas Dixon, who called the "genuine" handbell peal at York in 1877, migrated to North Kent not long afterwards. He called the second peal on Crayford bells (Kent Treble Bob) for the College Youths the following year and a peal of Grandsire Triples at Dartford for the same Society in 1879. — Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS — A Closed Shop

Dear Sir,—I am writing to ask if any of your readers can enlighten me as to the procedure of ringing in London and why it should be so different from any other part of the country, indeed perhaps I should say the world.

For the past ten years I have organised ringing outings for my team from Longparish. We have normally visited only six-bell towers and the occasional eight; always there has been a welcome for us. We have now gathered in a few friends from the area and have gone in for more ambitious towers and in the past year have visited Taunton, Exeter (including the Cathedral), Stafford and Liverpool (again the Cathedral) and in all towers have been given a very warm welcome.

My suggestion to visit London, with Westminster Abbey as our main attraction, was met with a word of warning by one of my close friends. "You won't get those," he said, but as he had said the same about Exeter and Liverpool Cathedrals I went ahead as planned in hiring our mini-bus and organising the party.

Imagine my surprise when back came the reply "Our bells are only rung on special occasions and by our own team of ringers." The question I ask is why? There are regular services held there; it is the leading place of worship in the country; Kings and Queens are crowned in the Abbey; why then should not the bells be rung for Sunday service to call the faithful to worship? Why only for special occasions, when the Queen has her official birthday or an important statesman is buried when the bells are heard on our wireless and television sets throughout the world?

Should this be a town hall or a civic municipal building such as at Manchester or Liverpool one might understand the situation, but even at these two places visitors are allowed to join in the ringing.

To go back to the letter of reply—it states "If ringing were allowed other than on these special occasions, people near the Abbey would wonder why." What a ridiculous statement to make. We are constantly reminded in sermons by our clergy and in our own "Ringing World" that the purpose of our bells is to call people to worship and to let those who do not come know that there is a service going on.

With St. Margaret's, Westminster, a well-known ten-bell tower, only a stonesthrow away and recently mistaken by our own District secretary, when hearing the bells ringing, as coming from the Abbey, who is there likely to query the ringing of eight bells on a Saturday as anything out of the ordinary? Only, possibly, ringers who have been refused permission to ring on similar grounds.

I took the precaution of asking my friend a few more questions about Westminster Abbey before writing this letter and can now understand why he was so sure I would be refused. He told me that only three times since the war have the rules been relaxed to allow visitors to ring, and this was in connection with the 900th celebrations of the Abbey, when bands from the Cumberlands and the Middlesex Association were allowed a quarter peal attempt, as well as a band from the Ancient Society of College Youths, who do not belong to the Abbey band.

This obviously did not apply to the other two Guilds that operate in London towers—the Surrey Association and the London County Association—but perhaps there were insufficient special occasions to warrant more quarter peal attempts.

However, the purpose of this letter is not to criticise the Abbey authorities, but simply to ask why when all other church bells are rung for one purpose, and one purpose only, and Christian fellowship is practised in belfries all over the world, the Westminster Abbey ringers have a different code and, backed by the Dean, they have allowed this state of affairs to exist for so many years.

I challenge somebody to give me a justifiable reason for such actions and in the absence of their doing so can only assume it is the selfish wish of those in authority at the Abbey and not the majority of church bell ringers in London.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK TONGE.

Longparish, Hants.

DOWN UNDER

A REPRESENTATIVE CALLS

By PHILIP GRAY

Central Council Representative, A.N.Z.A.B.

Representing an Association at the other end of the earth has its problems. If I did not have the sort of job that I do, I would be an unremembered name to my constituents and they would be little to me but names either. I visited Australia for a couple of weeks in November and in between an overfull business programme did manage to register a few impressions of the current state of ringing in Sydney and Melbourne.

I was last in Sydney in March, 1965, and since then two important things have happened: the Sydney Opera House has flowered like a gracious water lily at the harbour's edge and the St. Mary's band have learned to ring Bristol. Both could still do with a little more polish but my admiration is unbounded for each achievement . . . The bells of St. Andrew's Cathedral, which I last saw running into a mould in the bell foundry, are adding a new dimension of "go," tone and quantity to Sydney ringing. Bill Rowe's young team there are not yet at the Bristol stage but they lack nothing in numbers and keenness and I have little doubt that before long a good band will be established there. St. Andrew's has a fine ring and I can testify to the fact that the bells are easier to ring on a day when the thermometer reaches 90 degrees than most others in Sydney. . . . No proposal is ever made by a Sydney ringer on any subject without immediately evoking a counter-proposal—or two—and I am most grateful that the private opinions of the merits of the various Sydney beaches were swallowed sufficiently to enable their Pommie representative to have a couple of swims.

Since I was last in Australia, ringing has been subjected to the Lock treatment in Great Adventure II. The stimulus this has given to the more adventurous method ringing was again demonstrated to me the following Sunday morning in Melbourne. The nonchalant ease with which Stedman Caters was poured out into Flinders Street and over the neon-spangled Young and Jackson's made me wonder for a moment whether I was in Melbourne or still in Bristol; in Bristol surely someone would at least have gone in the wrong way . . . . "Oh, we ring Stedman Caters for service every Sunday." "In my day," the Ancient Traveller replied, "we just said 'Go next time,' and everybody knew it was Grandsire." . . . . The Cathedral in Melbourne now looks very fine with its clean stonework and opposed by two enormous glass and concrete office slabs squatting on top of Princes Bridge Station. . . . Whether it is the effect on me of these glass and concrete reflectors, the new stonework, the Stedman Caters or the sunshine I do not know, but I do think that the Melbourne 12 are now amongst the finest 12's in existence. It will not be long before they have a band to ring Stedman Cinques on them in a way that does them justice. . My other Melbourne memory is of my feelings on producing Sterling travellers' cheques to pay a hotel bill and being told that they had just been devalued. I almost felt like joining them instead of representing them.

Possibly because they realised that in the future it would cost them less to send me to the Central Council, my constituents were very kind to me. . . . They arranged special ringing to fit in with my pecular working and travelling times. . . . They drove me all over the place in their cars. . . . They fed me on fish and chips, beer, stew and melon, fish and chips, beer and cashew nuts. . . . They pretended they had read my Central Council reports. . . . They asked me to convey greetings to all their many ringing friends in England. This, as their representative, I most gladly do.

Happily there are, as usual, Australians expecting to come to England soon. In 1968 Tom Goodyer, Margaret Watson and Helen Henderson and probably some others will be here. They will be most welcome.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. A. Coleman (cond.) 1, J. G. Mitchell 2, W. Lewis 3, J. Mitchell 4, C. N. Stephenson 5.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The last District meeting of 1967 was held at Sandridge on December 16th. During the afternoon Wells, Fulbeck and London were some of the methods rung on the six. A service had been arranged for 4.30 but in the absence of the Vicar ringing continued until 4.45 p.m. Tea was then had in the Village Hall, rather less members than usual sitting down.

At the business meeting Mr. Gerald Penney was elected to the chair. The Misses Elizabeth Barber and Ann Turnbull, of St. Albans Abbey, were transferred from probationary to full membership of the District. The belfry election of Howard Smith was ratified.

The acting secretary, Robert Hardy, announced that a profit of £11 had been made on the District social on December 2nd. It was agreed it had been a successful evening, well supported by the younger members. Discussion followed on which fund to put the profit in and it was finally decided to put it all in the Central Council Fund.

Under forthcoming events, Robert Hardy said that a visit had been arranged to the TV Studios at Elstree for a live recording on January 2nd; a coach had been laid on for the evening.

Back on the ringing side, a District practice has been arranged for Wheathampstead on Wednesday, January 10th. The next District meeting is the annual meeting at Hatfield; please let us have good support from all members.

A vote of thanks went to the Vicar for having us, the Sandridge ringers and Trevor Hawkins for the tea, and the meeting was then closed.

J. A. F.

CHRISTMAS DAY BELLS

Dear Sir,—I would like, through "The Ringing World," to extend my gratitude and congratulations to Exeter Cathedral ringers on their ringing on Christmas morning, also remembering their kindness not only to myself but to all ringers who visit the Cathedral belfry on practice nights. I also desire to thank ringers at the other towers, who contributed to make a very enjoyable and much looked forward to programme.—Yours sincerely,

G. L. TRIBE.

(Call Change Ringer).

Barton Fleming, Barnstaple.

Letters to the Editor

DOWN ST. MARY

Dear Sir,—Your photograph and article on Down St. Mary awoke memories. About 15 years ago my brother-in-law was in charge of a school at Bow, Devon. I spent quite a few week-ends at Bow and soon got to know the local ringers and joined in their call change ringing. They told me of the prowess of the Down St. Mary band.

On Easter morning, with my son, John, I walked over to Down St. Mary. After looking over the church and the grand array of trophies and certificates that overflowed from the tower into the church, we waited for the ringers. We told them that we had some experience in call change ringing and we were invited to stand in. So we raised the bells, rang the set changes and lowered. We prepared to take our leave but they would have none of it. They insisted, as did the lads outside the church, so we rang up to service time. What a grand lot of chaps, and how proud we were that we could hold our own in such a company.

It was after ringing at Exeter Cathedral that a Reverend (I think it was John Scott) asked me to stand in for him in a peal attempt at Heavitree. To my surprise, Bill Theobald was in the band and was ably conducted by the late Maurice Atkins. We rang an excellent peal on the noble Heavitree bells. We adjourned to the Brewery Tap, I missed the bus, and finally landed home at 3 a.m.

I think it has gone down in local folklore. It certainly hit the local paper of the local bus inspector, who missed the weekly bus!! Yes, indeed, they are a proud lot of lads in the West Country.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. HALES.

Upper Clapton, E.

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Dear Sir.—I am anxious to obtain photographs or picture postcards of a number of churches at which I have rung peals to be inserted opposite the peal record in my personal peal book If any reader has a spare photo of any of the following churches and cares to send it on to me I will gladly forward cost of photo and postage, with my grateful thanks:—

Westham, Sussex; Brentford, St. Lawrence, Middx.; Perry Barr, St. John, Birmingham; Erith, St. John Baptist, Kent; Privett, Hants; Hawkley, Hants; Lincoln, St. Botolph; Brasted, Kent; Gravesend, St. George, Kent; Shipbourne, Kent; Northfleet, Kent; Hythe, Kent; Hoar Cross, Staffs; Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

St. James' House,
36, Nelson Road South,
Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

POSSIBLY FALSE

Dear Sir,—A peal of Apsley Surprise Major is reported ("Ringing World", November 24th, page 861) to have been composed by C. H. Middleton. If the composition is that traditionally rung to Cambridge Surprise Major then I regret to say it is false if rung to Apsley Surprise Major.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS KNOX.

High Wycombe.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT GLASGOW RECORD

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring 12,096 Glasgow Surprise Major at Accrington, Lancs, on Saturday, January 6th, 1968, starting at 11 a.m.

The composition is an amendment of Peter Border's 11,872, which appeared on page 911 of "The Ringing World" for December 15th.—Yours sincerely, JOHN H. FIELDEN.

Preston, Lancs.

MORE ABOUT BELL STAYS

Dear Sir,—As an old wheelwright, 75 years of age, I am still a regular church service ringer. I was taught to handle a bell at the age of 11 years on the beautiful village church bells at Great Dalby, near Melton Mowbray. My bell had the clapper tied so that it would not annoy the residents with the ting tanging for an hour at a time; then the five bells were clapper-tied and I was not allowed to ring the bell open until I could strike my bell and set it gently to the captain's satisfaction.

Now, in reply to Mr. Donald Price: Cleft oak was used for wheel spokes, cleft ash was used for cart shafts, etc., and is too tough for bell stays. Stays are fitted for bells to be lowered to rest gently and not to be violently bumped, which practice soon breaks the stay and causes damage to the bearings. Bell hangers will tell you that stays should not be of too tough a nature, and mild ash is generally used. I have fitted many which are still good after many years of service.—Yours faithfully, G. H. PEERS, Sen.

Tamworth, Staffs.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Woodruffe's letter (page 914) concerning an attempt for 6,048 Lincolnshire Surprise Major, I wish to state that I discovered the composition to be false shortly before the scheduled date and consequently the attempt was cancelled. I believe that it is impossible to obtain more than 24 complete courses of Lincolnshire even with singles and the tenors split.

Incidentally, Mr. Woodruffe has omitted one record attempt for which the composition was not published "at least seven days prior to he attempt," namely:—

24,120 Plain Bob Royal on handbells at Norbury, Hazel Grove, Cheshire, on December 23rd, 1967. Conductor: B. J. Woodruffe.—Yours faithfully,

Herne Hill, London TIMOTHY G. PETT.

CLOSING HOUR OF MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—I was very sorry to read of Mr. M. J. Uphill's disappointment at finding the last of the Guildford District ringers leaving when he arrived at Wonersh, bringing visitors, at 7 p.m

The meeting had certainly not been "arranged" to finish so early. The trouble was the exceptionally thick fog that day (it was brave of Mr Uphill to drive through it). Those who attended the meeting had been ringing in the afternoon, and all of us, not least those who had the very young learners to escort, were anxious to be getting home. The tower captain had to leave early to visit someone in hospital in Guildford, so the ringer who was left to lock up probably felt he had no authority to let in a visiting party whom he did not know.

I do apologise to Mr. Uphill and his friends for their wasted journey and their disappointment.—Yours sincerely,

YVONNE L. ELOIE, Dis. Sec.

Guildford.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 60th ANNIVERSARY DINNER HELD AT COVENTRY

Dear Friends,—It was very nice seeing you all again but I felt a bit guilty in not making more of a speech after the very nice present you gave me. (I think it took me about 30 seconds to utter my remarks, although someone congratulated me afterwards—after all, you caught me on "one foot".)

Who was the wag who said: "Now we might hear from you sometimes"?

My wife and I often talk about the happy meetings and outings of the past with you all, but one member I sadly missed was Mr. W. Collett. I was glad I called on him in September, when we chatted then about old times. I first met him in 1913–1914, when I learnt to ring at Kineton and he used to walk over from Chadshunt to try and teach us a bit of change-ringing. I remember the times when we would walk with candle and hurricane lamps across the fields on a winter's night to have a ring at the "haunted" church of Burton Dassett, or to Tysoe or Butlers Marston—yes, walk it—those were the days!

Now it is my turn to "stand and stare"—not that I do a lot of that as since we have been in Devon I have rung in 34 different towers (no, I am not trying to compete with Bill Stote, congratulations all the same)—three quarters and four competitions to mark up. You will see that I am not exactly idle as far as ringing is concerned.

We often meet old ringing friends, including ringers from the Midlands, and look forward to meeting many more.

Wishing you all the very best for 1968.

"PLAIN BOB" EDDEN.

Brixham.

ANOTHER P.O. ENGINEERS' MEETING

Dear Sir,—Your news item concerning Post Office engineers and their ringing interests me, as over a long period I have managed to glean the names of several telephone managers' staff who are ringers in the Oxford area. I invited them to St. Mary's, Northleigh (6), for a ring on Saturday, December 2nd, for the first time. Seven turned up (out of eight) plus two friends and one non-ringing engineer, who was given his first lesson! The seven are all engineers, as I am, and we rang Plain Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Minor and a few tunes on handbells. We hope to meet again in the New Year, possibly in the Chipping Norton area, to ring a quarter peal with the hopes of a peal later.

I have been to the training school at Tanfield and whilst there rang at Swynnerton.—Yours sincerely,

TED PATCHING.

Northleigh, Witney, Oxon.

MINIMUS ON HANDBELLS?

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago, a handbell "peal" of Minimus was recorded in the columns of the "R.W."

Unfortunately I don't keep back numbers, so have no direct reference to exact details.

It was rung by an Association affiliated to the Central Council and automatically these Associations agree to abide by the Council's rulings (however stupid some of them seem to be, i.e., method extension, etc.).

To keep the books straight, can we have this performance withdrawn?—Yours faithfully,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Leicester.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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THE CRAFT OF BELL FOUNDING

By H. M. HOWARD, M.A.

Former director of Gillett and Johnston Ltd.

From a lecture given to the Institute of Musical Instrument Technology

HISTORY

THE craft of bell-founding is almost as old as civilised man himself. The Chinese were making bells as long ago as 4000 B.C. and since that date all sorts and sizes of bells have been cast in many countries.

Perhaps, rather strangely, little mention is made of bells in the Bible, except for decorative purposes and, similarly, though bells were used in classical times for various purposes, they do not appear to have been of great size. Only with the growth of Christianity in Europe did church bells, such as we know them, begin to make their appearance, and since the Middle Ages many beautiful examples of the founders' art have been born.

In this country the history of bell-founding dates from about the 10th century, when St. Dunstan is mentioned as having made bells and later, in 1091, Fergus, a coppersmith of Boston, sometimes mentioned as the first English bell-founder, made bells for Croyland Abbey. As with many of the crafts, bell-founding in the Middle Ages was frequently practised by the Fratres Conversi, the brethren of the monasteries dealing with secular matters. Bells were, however, also made by copper- and brass-founders—"brasyers" (hence the surname Brazier) who, after the introduction of gunpowder frequently made cannon as well, as may be seen by their founders' marks.

Many of the pre-Reformation bells were destroyed and their metal sold at the Reformation and others recast at the beginning of the 17th century, when change-ringing started: these latter because the shape was in many cases not suitable for this purpose. Fortunately, however, quite a few bells of the 17th and earlier centuries remain and are often very good. Pre-Reformation bells were seldom dated, but their age can normally be judged approximately by the founders' marks and word stops traditionally cast upon them.

The 17th and 18th centuries saw the widest extent of English bell-founding and many church towers contain bells dating from that period. To select but a few of the founders' names, there were the Purdue and the Bilbie families of Somerset, the Penningtons of Devon and the Rudhalls of Gloucester, these latter from 1684 till about 1820. This firm cast the bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and many other rings. At Colchester, Miles Graye cast the famous tenor of Lavenham in 1625, and Christopher Hodson, who had a foundry at St. Mary Cray, in Kent, cast Great Tom of Oxford in 1680.

MOULDING

Various methods of moulding are known, but of these the clay model method and the impression method are the two mainly used. Though the clay model method, or modifications of it, was used quite a lot in the past in this country, the impression method is now the generally accepted practice here.

In both methods, the core or mould of the inside surface of the bell is built up with bricks and coated with loam—sand with a high clay content mixed with cow's hair to bind it—the shape being controlled by a strickle-board or sweep—pivoted on an upright steel spindle.

In the clay model method, a model of the bell in clay is then strickled on to this core and to the surface of this is fixed wax casts of the inscription and decoration which it is desired to reproduce. The outer mould is then formed by pouring it over the model in a finely divided state and then building it up to the necessary thickness with coarser material. The whole is then stoved and in the process the wax casts melt leaving their negative impressions in the outer mould, which subsequently become positive when filled with the molten metal. After stoving, the moulds of the outer and inner surfaces are taken apart and the clay model between them removed. They are then reassembled with the addition of the mould of the canon, or crown or loops at the top, if there is one, and the mould is ready to be filled.

In the impression method, concurrently with the production of the core, the mould of the outside of the bell is being built up in a similar way with a strickle-board, but on the inside surface of a cast-iron case or "cope," each layer of sand being stoved before the application of the next one. In the final stage before casting the moulds are given a coating of graphite to form a refractory surface (somewhat akin to greasing the pan in cooking) and at this stage the mould of the outside of the bell in the cope is damped sufficiently to take the impression of letter stamps to make the inscription and also of the stamps of any decoration required. The cope is now inverted over the core and with the addition of a mould of the top, either canon or flat, leaves a space the shape of the bell to be filled by the molten metal. A pouring head with a vent for the escaping air is fitted to the top and the whole is half buried in the floor of the foundry and is ready for the cast.

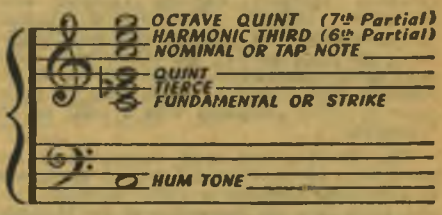
THE METAL

Bell metal, which has had approximately the same composition throughout the centuries, is composed of pure copper and tin in the proportion approximately 13 parts copper to 4 of tin. In character it is a hard, crystalline and very durable metal, subject only to initial corrosion of the surface which then forms a protective coating. The addition of more tin or soft metal somewhat strangely increases its hardness, and while it tends to improve the musical qualities of the metal it also makes it very brittle. The idea that addition of precious metals would improve the sound is poetic but not true. Sterling silver bells are reasonably musical, but gold ones, were such things economically possible, would be like those made of lead!

CASTING

The metal, if in large quantities, is generally melted in a coal or oil-fired reverbatory furnace and tapped out into a ladle when ready for casting. Smaller amounts are more easily melted in the crucible of a tilter furnace "jacketed" by a coke or oil fire. When ready the whole furnace swings over and pours its contents into the ladle. The metal is tapped at a bright orange heat, about 1110°C., but cools somewhat by the time it is poured from the ladle into the mould. The rate of flow into this is controlled by a conical plug and the hot air blows out through the riser or vent provided. This riser becomes full to the brim when the operation is complete, showing the mould to be completely full. The runner is prevented from solidifying before the bell and feeder head by stirring with an iron rod. The object of this is to ensure that a flow of molten metal passes from the feeder head through the runner into the bell, so that the bell itself shall not be porous as the result of shrinkage on cooling.

Bells up to about a ton in weight can usually be taken out of the mould on the following day, but a five-ton bell takes the best part of a week before it can be handled for trimming. This involves the removal of the now solid runner and riser and the metal fin at the junction of the mould and base, after which the bell is ready for tuning.



TUNING

The ambition of many of the old founders was to make a "maiden" ring with all the bells perfect in tone and tune as cast. While the results are interesting and often musically beautiful, they are also frequently deplorable and what is bad for rings of bells certainly applies more forcibly to chimes and carillons. Here the effect is the same as if each string of a piano was entirely independent of the others, in which case recognition of tunes would become naturally very difficult. The art of bell tuning had been practised on the Continent for some time even before it was so nearly perfected by the famous Hemony family in Flanders in the 17th century. In this country attempts were made by chipping metal away from the inside of the bell to adjust the pitch of bells, but it was not until Canon Simpson, Rector of Fittleworth, Sussex, in the 19th century rediscovered the principle which Hemony had used and introduced it into England that the birth of modern tuning took place. The principle was taken up by Taylor and Gillett & Johnston, these two firms developing it into the perfect art which it has now become.

Hemony maintained that every good bell should have the partials shown in the accompanying chord, which shows the tones of a tuned bell in C weighing about 2 tons. There are other tones also higher than those shown and they all, according to their relative positions, affect the quality and timbre of the bells for good or ill. The lowest five tones, however, give the essential harmony of the bell and it is therefore on these that the tuner mainly concentrates.

It will be noticed that, based on the Hum, the tones, with the exception of the Tierce, lie in the Harmonic Series. The Tierce, however, and others higher than shown, are inharmonic and the tones of a bell are in no sense harmonics of the Hum. They correspond to different modes of vibration and hence the tuner is able to vary them, relatively to one another, within certain limits.

(To be continued)

PYLLE, SOM.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Whiteley 1, J. C Sheppard 2, Brenda H. Boyce (cond.) 3, R. G. Edwards 4, E. T. Skipsey 5, A. S. Whiteley 6. First quarter at first attempt 1 4, 6.

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TECHNICAL

IRREGULAR MAJOR METHODS

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

MR. S. HUMPHREY'S recent article on this subject ("Ringing World," December 1st, page 876), made an interesting introduction to a sadly neglected group of methods. The earliest known peal in seven methods of Minor, rung at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on April 16th, 1737, contained three methods with what are now rather contemptuously called "irregular" lead-ends—Bristol Delight (142563), Morning Exercise (154263) and Worcester Delight (134625)—and indeed throughout the 18th and 19th centuries "regular" and "irregular" Minor methods were rung quite impartially. I have records of 46 methods with "regular" leads rung in peals prior to 1907, compared with a total of 45 "irregular"

This situation was soon changed with the publication of the Central Council's Collection of Legitimate Methods in 1907. Although this slim book bore the imprimatur of the Methods Committee of the day, John Carter, Henry Dains, Armiger Trollope and the brothers H. Law and E. Bankes James, it was virtually the personal work of Law James; in fact, Carter objected so strongly that he all but resigned as a result. But Law James' aversion to any method having anything but Plain Bob leads was quite uncompromising. It was soon after this time that new eight-bell methods began to be rung to peals, a few just before 1914, and then more as the Exercise recovered from the inactivity and terrible losses of the Great War. But Law James' influence on the Council's thinking and on the Exercise was still strong, and "illegitimate" Major methods do not appear to have been seriously considered, either then or since. (In fact, the very use of the word "illegitimate" would seem to provide a text book example of the truth of the saying about giving a dog a bad name.)

But enough of history. How many of these irregular methods are there? Mr. Humphrey touched on the question when he said that there must be many non-Plain Bob leads that are never used. The answer would seem to be 15 times the number of regular methods—and I leave the reader to do the arithmetic (and let me know the answer!). This estimate is based on two premises: the first is that all the methods should be symmetrical, and the second that only 2nds or 8ths should be made when the treble leads its whole pull, 4ths and 6ths being reserved for bobs.

How is this figure arrived at? Mr. Humphrey gives one irregular lead-end, 6387254 as an example in his article. This is of course one of a set of seven, the whole set giving the lead-ends of a full course. Let us for the sake of simplicity take the one starting 8 . . . . . ., rather than that starting 6 . . . . . ., as the "key" for this set—8675342. There are altogether eight such sets which meet our requirements, their "keys" being:

1. 8765432 ("Regular")
2. 8573642
3. 8754632
4. 8675342 (Mr. Humphrey's example)
5. 8367452
6. 8543762
7. 8647352
8. 8354762

The first of these sets, containing the "regular," Plain Bob, lead-ends, is unique in one important respect. Whether 2nds or 8ths is made after any lead-end the resulting lead-heads all come from one family. In other words, there are only seven different lead-heads obtainable from Set 1. No other set possesses this attribute. Instead, in each of the other sets we can obtain from 8 to 10 lead-heads—seven 2nds place ones (including rounds) and 1, 2 or 3 8ths place ones. We thus have seven sets of irregular 2nds place lead-heads—one to match each of our "keys"—and 15 8ths place sets, of which eight are unique. And there is our total of 15.

For the record, the 15 sets of lead-heads, expressed as before in terms of a "key," are as follows:

2nds place	8ths place
1. 8756324	8. 8462753
2. 8576423	9. 8756243
3. 8763524	10. 8526743
4. 8634725	11. 8462753
5. 8457326	12. 8764253
6. 8463725	13. 8472563
7. 8537426	14. 8527463
	15. 8657423

There are of course many other sets of lead-heads that will produce seven-lead courses (8723546 is the "key" for one). But none of these sets can be obtained if the principle of symmetry within a lead is to be observed. (The reason for this is demonstrable, but rather outside the scope of the present article. I will gladly supply the details to anyone who is particularly interested.)

II

We have now defined the scope of the problem. Let us next turn to the question of obtaining all these methods. In its second paragraph the original article stated that "the lead-end of a method is uniquely determined by the conjugate pairs (at the half-lead)" (i.e. by "the pairs of bells whose paths intersect as the half-lead place is being made"); and it ended by asking: "Given a coursing order, what selection of conjugate places, if one exists at all, will produce that coursing order?" Given that the coursing order depends on the lead-heads, this can be rephrased to read: "What conjugate pairs are required to produce a given lead-head?"

Fortunately, such a selection of conjugate pairs as is required does exist in each case and is moreover quite easily determined. All we need to know is the coursing order. Mr. Humphrey has clearly demonstrated that in the case of the 8675342 set of leads the coursing order is 8754236. Arrange this sequence of numbers in a circle, thus:

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      2
  4       3
  5       6
    7   8
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(Of course, as the coursing order is cyclic, you can start the circle at any point, or even write the numbers down in reverse order if you insist!)

Now, if the lines obtained by joining the conjugate pairs at the half-lead of a method are parallel, the method's first lead-end will be one of those in the 8675342 set. Thus to obtain the lead-end 6387254, the pivot bell must be 3—since it has got back to its starting place at the end of the lead—and the conjugate pairs 2–6, 4–8 and 5–7; for 3268475, the pivot must be 7 and the conjugate pairs 2–3, 4–6 and 5–8; and so on. In other words, the coursing order determines the arrangement of the circle, and this in its turn defines the required conjugate pairs.

The coursing orders, as defined by Mr. Humphrey, for our 15 sets of lead-heads are as follows:

1, 8, 9	8764235
2, 10	8763245
3, 11, 12, 13	8754236
4, 10, 12	8735264
5, 13, 14, 15	8746253
6, 9, 12	8745263
7, 10, 14	8736254

(The choice of coursing orders for the 8ths place sets is due to the duplication which reduces the potential 15 to eight unique sets.)

III

Of course, knowing what sort of lead-end/head any given half-lead-end can produce does not answer the problem of devising the methods themselves. It merely means that we need to work out a method only as far as its first half-lead in order to decide if it produces an acceptable set of leads. Mr. Humphrey mentions the case of having a particular block of work above the treble, and asks how we can produce an acceptable half-lead from it. Again there is a quick and effective system of doing this

As an example let us assume that we want to have Double Norwich work above the treble, that is places x —4 x —6 x —8 (where the "—" signifies a place made below the treble, but not otherwise defined). Starting from rounds, write out as much of the half-lead as you can:

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12345678
21436587
 4135678
  316587
   61578
    5187
     817
      71
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Note the order in which the bells pass below the treble, in this case 2436587. This we will call the "A" (for "above") Characteristic of this particular sequence of places. Each such sequence will have its own (not necessarily

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exclusive) Characteristic; a glance at the Ringers' Diary will show that of x —8 x —8 x —8 (as in Plain Bob and St. Clement's) is 2468753, and that of 38 x 38.—4 x — — x —8 x (London Surprise Major) is 2573468, for example.

To obtain the "B" (for "below") Characteristic for a given sequence of places below the treble, do the above process in reverse, i.e. let the bells pass the treble in the order 2345678 and make the required places; the "B" Characteristic is the final row so obtained:

Places: x 1— x 3—.14.5— x
12
213
2314
32415
234516
2435617
42536718
24357681

"B" Characteristic: 2435768.

Having got our "A" and "B" Characteristics, in order to obtain the resulting half-lead transpose A by B.

2436587 x 2435768 = 2346857

Places: x 14 x 36.14.58 x

A check against the coursing order circle in II above shows that, with 7 as the pivot bell, the conjugate pairs 2–3, 4–6 and 8–5 will give parallel lines. With 78 places made at the half-lead we have therefore got our required irregular method—or at least one possibility.

This may seem a long-winded way to check one method, and indeed it is. But to check through a great number, results can be obtained faster than they can from a computer (a computer works very fast, but a programmer needs a lot of time to tell the computer what work it has to do!). Once the "A" and "B" Characteristics of a number of sequences of places have been extracted—a matter of a few minutes' work with pencil and paper—it is a very quick and simple job to transpose first one A by all the B's and check the results against the appropriate circle, then to take the next A and repeat the process, and so on. Using this procedure, the author produced the first 850-odd right-place Surprise Major methods in the H. & M. Collection in some seven or eight hours during 1959.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Dunster Branch's Improved Position

The annual meeting of the Dunster Branch took place at Dulverton on December 16th. Some 32 members from 11 towers assembled and rang from 3 until 4.30 p.m. At the service the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Bevan) in his address, having warmly welcomed the ringers, said that he always regarded the ringing as the centre-piece of the jigsaw which formed the body of church service. The company left the church, feeling very important, for the tea graciously provided by the parish.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary was able to report that the membership had increased during the year from 130 to 167 and this was reflected in a satisfactory situation in the treasurer's report.

All the officers were re-elected thus: the Rev. H. F. Warren remains chairman; Comdr. E. Tyndale-Biscoe hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. H. Nurcombe Ringing Master; and Mr. F. Arscott Assistant Ringing Master.

The company paid a silent tribute to the memory of Mr. J. Pugsley, and after the meeting ringing continued until 9 p.m.

The first quarterly meeting in 1968 was arranged for Minehead on March 2nd and, in addition to evening practices, subject to permission, are to be arranged at Brushford, Timberscombe, Minehead, Old Cleeve and Stogumber.

E. R. T. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Northern District A.G.M.

Despite foggy conditions, over 60 members attended the annual meeting of the Northern Branch at Dereham on December 2nd.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon C. H. Plummer, who also gave the address; the lesson was read by the chairman (Mr. G. Sayer), and the organ played by Miss Read.

All serving officers were re-elected for 1968. Keith Gilbert (St. Giles', Norwich), Mr. P. V. A. Colombe (Holt) were elected ringing members, Pamela and Geoffrey Londcaulk, Philip Kelly, Brenda Long, Charles Thurston and Keith Tinsey (all Barnham Broom group of parishes) were transferred from probationary to ringing members, Stephen Smith (Aylsham) was elected a probationary member.

It was decided to hold meetings during 1968 at St. Giles', Norwich, Northrepps and Garveston, and the annual Branch meeting at Wymondham.

The bells were rung both before and after the service and meeting to various methods ranging from Plain to London Surprise under the able leadership of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. M. Cubitt.

The chairman thanked the Vicar, Miss Read, Mr. and Mrs. Tovell, local ringers for providing and serving the tea, and Mr. G. and David Adams for arrangements made. C. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The first peal at Mottisfont, Hants, was rung on December 2nd—six Doubles methods conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

A reader asks for hints on the correct way of leading on the treble bell in ringing up and lowering in peal.

We were indebted to "The Western Times and Gazette" for the attractive picture of Down St. Mary Church, which appeared on the cover of our issue of December 15th.

Mr. Peter H. Mackie, of Wellesbourne, calls attention to the misprint in "Stedman Calculator" (page 917). The figure 14 in line C should be a 4, as would be seen by anyone going through the worked examples.

Mr. F. Pattenden, captain at Kilndown, Kent, rang the treble to a quarter of Cambridge and Kent T.B. Minor on November 23rd to celebrate his diamond wedding. Many more happy years together, Frank.

Lavenham Church is appealing for £400 to restore the clock chimes. When the bells were rehung in a steel frame after a complete overhaul by Messrs. Taylors in 1965 the chimes were removed to make the work easier. At present the clock, which has no face, strikes but does not chime.

Mr. C. J. Easton writes supporting Mr. Christopher Groome's request for facilities for non-resident members to purchase Association reports.

Kingston upon Thames gave another sign of progress recently, when eight of the band rang their first quarter of Royal, and it was B. J. Stone's first of Royal as conductor.

The peal at Oxford Cathedral on December 16th was to have been an attempt for Bob Maximus, giving many of the band their first try for a 12-bell peal. However, after meeting short, Peter J. Heritage kindly stood down and enabled three of the band to score their first of Royal.

A festival of handbell music by seven different teams called "Ring Out the Bells" is to be held at Alton, Hants, on January 13th. The organiser is Mr. W. R. Chapman, Harlan, Roedown Road, Medstead, Alton.

To the house magazine of Edward Lumley and Sons Ltd. (Lumley's of Lloyds), Mr. P. D. Dawson-Taylor, of St. Mary's, Beddington, has contributed an interesting article on "Bell Ringing," which explains the basic principles of our art to the non-ringer. The article is illustrated by a photograph of the bells of Guildford Cathedral.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

FAIRIES TO THEIR AID

Meeting one short at Barnby-in-the-Willows on December 16th, a good fairy popped her head into the belfry with "Hello, need any help? Questioned, Sylvia Bremmer, a local ringer, admitted that the longest time she had rung for was about 15 minutes. All agreed to give her a try. She ran home to tell her parents, and then followed a well-struck peal. Only once did she get lost and then she had sufficient good sense to announce it and was soon in her right place.

There was another fairy at Barnes the same day. Angela Wells stood in at a moment's notice for a peal of Bob Major. It was her first peal attempt and the conductor reports that she gave a very creditable performance.

COLEGATE SOCIETY

The fourth annual dinner of the St. George's Colegate, Norwich, ringers held at The Abbey Hotel, Wymondham, on December 13th, was attended by 26 ringers and guests, among the number being Canon Gilbert Thurlow, David Heighton (Master of the Mancroft Guild) and Harry Tooke and Tom Spight (Master and secretary respectively of the Wymondham company). The dinner was preceded by ringing at Wymondham Abbey and the evening was concluded in the nearby Green Dragon.

DOWN ST. MARY

In our article on the famous call-change tower of Down St. Mary in our issue of December 19th we stated that the population had drifted to Morchard Bishop. Lest this result in open hostilities between two delightful parishes, we hasten to correct it: the drift has been to Morchard Road.

MOVE TO RESTORE KENT TOWER

A fund has been started to restore the bells of SS. Peter and Paul, Newchurch, parish church, Kent. Because the frame is dangerous the bells have been silent for four years. The work will cost about £1,600. This is a 5-bell tower, with a tenor of 5½ cwt.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At an extraordinary meeting of R.U.S.C.R. the Master, Mr. M. G. Ingram, and treasurer G. J. N. Colborne both resigned their posts, owing to pressure of academic work. Consequent alterations in officials are as follows:—

Master, R. E. Stillwell; Deputy Master, B. E. Matthews; treasurer, Miss Laura M. Grindrod; recorder, Miss Anna K. Sadowska.

FISH AND CHIPS FOR TEA!

A large number of young people were among the 80 members attending the by-meeting of the Rochester District, which was held at Holy Trinity, Milton Regis, on December 2nd. After the usual ringers' service the company adjourned to the Parish Hall for a very unusual but extremely acceptable tea consisting of fish and chips, bread and butter, sausage rolls, cakes, etc. After this, those still able to returned to the tower for further ringing. L. M.

THE 1967 INDEX

Mr. H. L. Roper, who for many years has prepared "The Ringing World" index, has, to his great regret, been delayed in completing the index for 1967, through the illness of Mrs. Roper. He hopes to complete the task by the middle of this month. We feel certain that readers will accept this delay with good grace and at the same time express their thanks to Mr. Roper for such a loyal and painstaking service to the journal without any reward except that of knowing that he has given of his best with a total disregard of other more profitable ways of spending his time. We all hope that Mrs. Roper will soon be fully restored to health.

SHEBBEAR'S RED LETTER DAY

Shebbear College Society had a red letter day on December 16th, when they rang the first peal on the recently rehung and retuned bells, the contract having been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The peal, one of Plain Bob Minor, was rung by past and present members of the Society, and the conductor, Mr John L. Queen, reports "the standard of ringing throughout was commendably high and needless to say, we were all very pleased to score a peal in our own tower on this the tenth year of the Society in its present form."

NEWSLETTER FOR HANDBELL RINGERS

Through the initiative of Mr. John P. Partington, of Rochdale, a newsletter for handbell ringers in Great Britain, entitled "Reverberations," has made its appearance. It is available to all members of "Handbell Ringers of Great Britain," which was formed at Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School last October. The subscription is 2s 6d. per annum for individual members and 10s. for each team. The next issue is planned for Easter.

The chairman, Mr. William Hartley, of Stockport, in his letter, writes: "Our aim is to create an organisation which will help and encourage handbell ringers everywhere. It has been suggested that arrangements be made to have music printed and published for handbell ringers, but in view of the many different methods used I feel that the most benefit could be gained by teams writing direct to other teams who use the same method of arranging the music, and I would like to appeal to all leaders to help and assist anyone who may write to them for music and ideas."

The ringer of the second in the peal at Twickenham on November 4th (page 901) was Lesley A. Hawes, and not as published. Lesley is a member of the "new" Kingston band, and to those who rang with the "old" Kingston band it gives pleasure to see progress being made by the new band.

ELEVEN CHRISTMAS TRIPS TO EXETER

OUR Branch meetings are always held on the third Saturday of the month, except in December. Exeter Cathedral ringers practise on the third Saturday in every month.

Thus it was that in 1956 a small party from North Somerset with friends from the Bridgwater area, who wanted to have a ring on the mighty 12, journeyed to Exeter on the third Saturday afternoon in December. Our arrival was timed for mid-afternoon, so we arranged a ring at Newton St. Cyres on the way, connecting by local train from Exeter. On this occasion the solitary porter at Newton St. Cyres, overwhelmed by the sudden invasion of 12 "foreigners" demanding excess single tickets, solved the problem by saying "Give us ten bob and we will say no more about it!"

Each year since then, with one exception, a similar expedition has been arranged with the main party travelling by train, bus and walk to towers round and about Exeter. We remember 1958, when the train driver stopped at the far end of Exminster's very long platform "because nobody ever gets on this train here," and then in 1959, when a marathon sprint and a glib tongue on the part of one member of the party kept the bus waiting for us at Crediton. On a particularly memorable day in 1962 there were slates flying about in Topsham's main street during a gale.

In 1965 we decided to make it an all-day affair, which would have had the big advantage of divorcing us from the strange interpretation of the timetable of a certain train from Manchester and also make it possible to fit in four or five towers, linked by British Rail and/or Devon General, who, to be fair, have always done us proud.

On each occasion a visit to Mr. Lyons' establishment has preceded the main business of the day, a very pleasant visit to the Cathedral belfry with a warm welcome from Fred Wreford and his merry men. "Usual Social Activities" afterwards have taken various forms over the years, but so far no one has missed the ten o'clock train home again.

THIS YEAR'S EXPEDITION

The 1967 expedition took a party of 18 to change at St. David's station on December 16th, and thence on to a special stop by the Salisbury and Waterloo train at Whimple, where station and church are admirably close together We enjoyed some good ringing on the nice six before walking out to the main road to catch the bus. Certain thirsty souls, seeing that the bus departed from Whimple (Hand and Pen) set a cracking and purposeful pace over this three-quarter mile lap, but were to find on arrival that no establishment of that name existed. However, we were able to attend to the inner man upon arrival at Clyst Honiton, after which we received a warm welcome from Mrs. Retter at the octave there.

A "fair old trek" took us some way down the A.30 and then along a very narrow lane to the tiny belfry at Sowton, where we were just getting used to the splendid little bells when it was time to leave. Another half-mile walk and a bus ride ("You pay for the lot and collect it up as we go along") brought us to Heavitree (the finest ring of the day). We had a good course of Double Norwich amongst some other quite respectable ringing here.

St. David's Church, Exeter, and our final call before the Cathedral, gave an opportunity for some more Norwich and some Very Little Bob Triples before a quick cup of tea and the long climb to the Cathedral belfry. We joined the local band and some other visitors in a variety of 12-bell ringing.

The party finally reassembled, appropriately enough, at the Great Western Hotel, before catching the 22.11 train for home. M. J. H.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
EATON SOCON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

George E. Bonham	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Philip J. Rothera	2	Gerald Penney	6
Peter G. Brown	3	Christopher H. Rogers ..	7
David E. Rothera	4	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First in the method as conductor. First in the method by the Society.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*Alan F. Lee	Treble	David J. Orledge	5
Allan Tubb	2	John H. Taylor	6
George J. Hawkins	3	Rev. Roger O. Fry	7
*Harold F. Parfrey	4	Michael J. Hawkins	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung in memory of Hilary Jean Sutton.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Fri., Dec. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

*John S. Hopwood	Treble	Stephen Gullick	5
M. Jack Alletson	2	Robert M. Chambers ..	6
Carol M. E. Johnson ..	3	James R. White	7
Christopher I. Rowson ..	4	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by J J. Parker. Conducted by James R. White.
* First peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

Roland W. Morant ..	Treble	Ivor R. Nicholls	6
Frederick Sutton	2	Frank R. Morton	7
George A. Packer	3	Richard C. L. Brown ..	8
T Felicity Ashford	4	Gerald Parsons	9
Rosemary E. White	5	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by H. J Tucker. Conducted by Gerald Parsons.
First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Christine Johnson and also her engagement to Mr. G. Parsons.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967 in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Madeleine McCallion ..	Treble	Paul J. Atkins	6
*Caroline Stewart	2	†Harold Dowler	7
Norman Sherratt	3	Raymond J. Ballard ..	8
Gerald Parsons	4	David J. Midgley	9
†T. Felicity Ashford ..	5	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal of Surprise Royal † 100th peal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(Shebbear College Society)
SHEBBEAR, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Peter R. Denton	Treble	Philip J. Daniel	4
David J. Ley	2	J Paul Coad	5
†William M. Taylor	3	John L. Queen	Tenor

Conducted by John L. Queen.
* First peal. † First of Minor and first "inside." First of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells
Rung by past and present members of the Society as a retirement compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. H Robins and to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. D. Bates, to Shebbear.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TANFIELD, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., Dec. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

George S. Deas	Treble	Kenneth W. Cheeseman ..	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	James Crowther	6
John E. Anderson	3	Michael Maughan	7
Denis A. Bayles	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. W. Robson, of Newcastle Cathedral, on his recent 80th birthday.

NEWBURN, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Dec. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Alan Taylor	Treble	Kenneth Arthur	4
William Tyson	2	†Thomas Sewell	5
Kenneth W. Cheeseman	3	Denis A. Bayles	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
* First peal of Minor † First of Minor "inside."
Specially arranged as the final event in the series of celebrations for the 900th year of the foundation of this church.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Dec. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*David Pepper	Treble	Jean Sanderson	4
Frank Harper	2	John Gipson	5
Brian Horrell	3	Dennis Pepper	Tenor

Conducted by John Gipson.
* First peal.
First peal on the bells since recasting and retuning.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
FOBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 16th. 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
4ths place bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

Liz C. Duncan	Treble	Peter G. Brown	5
Ian L. Dear	2	Andrew J. Slade	6
Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	3	Martin C. Faulkes	7
Colin G. Wright	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
First peal of Glasgow by all the band except the conductor, and for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LYDIARD TREGOZE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of an extent.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Brian Bladon	Treble	Peter Tombs	4
Anita D. O'Brien	2	†Anthony R. Peake	5
*Alan K. Hedges	3	†Maurice A. New	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Josephine A. Peake.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Wed., Dec. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Norwich, (2) London, (3) Cambridge, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Peter T. Dale	Treble	Robert E. Hardy	4
Julia A. Fellows	2	Eric Edmondson	5
*Katherine S. Hardy ..	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich S., Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Walter Ayre .. .. .. Treble	Peter W. Harper 4
D. Joseph Goodman .. 2	Brian M. Barker 5
Keith D. Waples 3	Francis M. Byrne .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEADCORN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OTFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Doris E. Colgate .. .. Treble	Ian H. Oram 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	Tony Lewis 6
D Paul Smith 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4	*Stanley Jenner .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 350th peal. First peal in the method (Lindoff's No. 97a).
Rung with best wishes to Richard J. Parker on his 21st birthday.

OTFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
38—38, 14—12—38, 14—14, 58, 14—36, 7. 2nds. l.e. 3527486.
f.c.e. 24365, 32465, 43265, 32546, 46253.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 24 extents of Grandsire and 18 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Cyril S. Jarrett .. .. .. Treble	Graham Wood 4
Richard Bushell 2	Brian Jemmett 5
Pamela Thomsett 3	Leslie B. Dobbie .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
Rung in honour of the birthday of the wife of the tenor ringer. Also in honour of the engagement between Carol Edmed and Brian Lunnis.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LANCASTER.—At the R.C. Diocesan Cathedral of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

Derek Butterworth .. .. Treble	Dennis H. McCormick .. 6
Richard S. Starkie 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
Diana J. Handley 3	Edward Jenkins 8
Christopher L. Watson .. 4	Cyril Crossthwaite 9
John H. Fielden 5	Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

FLIXTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*Malcolm Murphy .. .. Treble	Frank Reynolds 5
*Ian Coombs 2	†William H. Riddle 6
Dennis H. McCormick .. 3	†Geoffrey O. Sanders .. 7
A. Edward Reeves .. 4	*Philip Mason .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank Reynolds.
* First peal. † First of Bob Triples.
Rung to mark the opening of the Church Day School by Dr. R. J. Goldman, Principal of Didsbury Training School. Also an expression of goodwill to Ethel Collier, of Flixton, at present seriously ill, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

TODMORDEN, West Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

J. Colin Ashworth .. .. Treble	Richard S. Starkie 5
Maryl R Fielden 2	John H. Fielden 6
David V. Hodgson 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 4	J Barry Pickup .. .. .. Tenor

Arranged by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Richard J. Parker.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

HUNSLET Leeds, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Dec. 6 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt. in E.

M. G. Dodson .. .. Treble	G. Cooper 5
*R. Beresford 2	†J P. Ottaway 6
J J. Durham 3	G. J. Jones 7
†Miss S. J. Withers 4	P. J. Crossthwaite .. .. Tenor

Conducted by P J Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Alice Baldwin to Mr. Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HATHERN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Extent of 468 and 678. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

Tom Harris .. .. .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 5
Celia Harris 2	*John Tickle 6
*David Swift 3	Frank Chambers 7
Arthur E. Rowley 4	Roland Beniston .. .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Double Norwich. First in the method on the bells.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary, Humberstone.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, comprising: (1) Bourne, (2) Norwich, (3) Surfleet, (4) London, (5) Beverley, (6) York, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Judy A. M. Cox .. .. Treble	Roland H. Cook 4
Samuel J. Haines 2	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 5
John E. Cook 3	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
First peal of Surprise on the bells and first peal in the tower since 1952, also the fastest yet rung on the bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

Harold Radley .. .. Treble	Jack L. Millhouse 4
*Gillian Radley 2	Harold F. Gibson 5
*Julie Radley 3	Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the parish free-will offering revision.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Mon., Dec. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
4ths place bob. Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher W. Woolley Treble	S Kathleen M. Baldwin 5
*Christopher H. Rogers .. 2	*David E. Rothera 6
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 3	*Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7
*Timothy G. Pett 4	Roger Baldwin .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Glasgow.
Rung as a compliment to Christopher Rogers and Elizabeth Bellfield on becoming engaged.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton .. .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Robert L. Piron 2	Frank Chambers 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Gordon H. Lane .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Gordon H. Lane.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RANWORTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sun., Nov. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*Graham Townsend .. Treble	J Barry Pickup 4
Diane Toone 2	Norman P. J. Cossey .. 5
Stephen Toone 3	Stephen F. High .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. High.
* First peal at first attempt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

G. John Collett	Treble	Peter Pearce	4
Brian W. Hall	2	D Kay Adkins	5
Terence J. Hester	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

David E Parsons	Treble	David J. King	7
David J. Forder	2	David A. Cornwall	8
David J. Llewellyn	3	David Beacham	9
David T. Darby	4	David J. Purnell	10
David E. Rothera	5	David J. Hilling	11
David W. Friend ..	6	David J. Hunt	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by David E. Parsons. (No. 2.)
First peal on 12 bells by a band of Davids.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat, Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Muriel Reay	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Susan E Smith	2	James Insley	6
Richard J. Tibbetts ..	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
*Maurice F. Edwards ..	4	George E. Feirn	Tenor

Arranged by Stephen J Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of London "inside."

HALESOWEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Christopher J. Hughes ..	Treble	John R. Insley	5
Susan E. Smith	2	James Insley	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	Ernest F. Willcox	7
James W. Belshaw	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Peter A. Slight	Treble	William L. Exton	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Simon Humphrey	7
Jack L. Millhouse	3	*Roland H. Cook	8
R. Brian Mills	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
Denis A. Frith	5	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard Inglis.
* 250th peal

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in C.

*Sylvia J. Bremner ..	Treble	§Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
†H. Geoffrey Wells	2	Derek J. Tysoe	5
‡Derek E. Kirton	3	‖Ruth Blackshaw	Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Tysoe.
* First peal attempt. † First of Grandsire. ‡ First "inside." § First with all "firsts." ‖ First "drumming the tenor." First as conductor.

COTGRAVE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents in the following 40 methods: (1) Skipton, Knutsford, Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, Hull and Bourne Surprise, Nelson Treble Bob, (2) Abbeyville, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh's, Crowland and Combermere Delight, (3) Braintree, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood and Neasden Delight, (4) Marple, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight, (5) Morning Star, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, (6) Oxford, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel and Sandal Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise. Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

Peter A. Slight	Treble	*William L. Exton	4
Christine L. J. Mills ..	2	Denis A. Frith	5
*Brian M. Buswell	3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
* 25th peal together. First peal in 40 Minor methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Slight, father of the treble ringer, and as a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of 2 and tenor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., Dec. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Ruth M. Blackshaw ..	Treble	†A. Richard C. Harris ..	4
Sheila M. Anthony ..	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	5
*Andrew L. B. King ..	3	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	Tenor

Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* First peal "inside." † First peal.
Rung on the Vigil of the Feast of St. Thomas.

SHELFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Dec. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising one extent each of the following 42 methods/variations: Church Gresley, St. Remigius, Horsley, St. Cleer, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, Lapley, Shareshill, St. Miles, Winchendon Place, St. Luke, Ryton, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Osmond, St. Ambrose, St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Patrick, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, Cassington, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Peter, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Rushall, All Saints, Grandsire, Stedman. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*Christine L. J Mills ..	Treble	†David Lazzerini	3
*Doreen Bradley	2	*‡Frank Bradley	4
†R. Brian Mills	Tenor		

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
* First peal in 42 Doubles methods/variations. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal for the Guild.
Rung by the Sunday service band prior to the carol service.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 16 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*Angela R. Wells	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	5
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	2	John R. Ketteringham ..	6
Robin R. Churchill ..	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Audrey R. Alexander ..	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal attempt.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 16. 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher F. Mew ..	Treble	Brian J. Bull	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Melvyn A. Rose	6
Alison M. Mann	3	Rev. Michael Hart	7
*Julie S. Armstrong	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by C H Martin. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alan Millidge.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Dec. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Robin G. Leale	Treble	Robert M. Ashman	5
Gillian A. Leale	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
*Frances M. Low	3	*Michael J. Church	7
*Beryl R. Simpson	4	*Cyril F. Low	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal in the method.

MOTTISFONT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one extent of Stedman, four Kennington, five Grandsire, six Old Doubles, four Plain Bob, six April Day, five Grandsire and 11 Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Robert Crocker	Treble	Robert Newman	3
Ann Newman	2	Philip G. Taylor	4

Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal on the bells and first in six methods by all except the conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Iris M. E. Lemare	Treble	Bert Sutton	5
*Susan Mitchell	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
Anne P. Leigh	3	Ernest J. Padgett	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Patricia Lockwood and Ian North.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—A the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Robin Brown	Treble	William B. Cox	4
Daphne P. Cox	2	Adrian R. Holliday	5
James S. Webb	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.
Arranged as a wedding comoliment to the ringers of 2 and 4. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

(Sheffield and District Society)
RAWMARSH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

John Hiner	Treble	George Hiner	4
John Smalby	2	†Dennis Barling	5
*Paul Brooks	3	Geoffrey W. Pilkington	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Pilkington.
* First peal of Minor † First "inside." First as conductor.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the recasting of the bells (1917).

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 3,392 Rutland, 672 Yorkshire, 480 Cambridge, 416 Lincolnshire and 128 Superlative, with 106 changes of method.

Alan McFall	1–2	*Robert B. Smith	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	†Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 400th peal for the Guild. † First peal of five-spliced. First peal of Spliced Surprise in five methods on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Dec. 19. 1967, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 1,920 Plain Bob, 1,056 Double Bob, 576 Reverse Bob, 288 each of Fulbeck and Cleatham Imperial, 240 Little Bob, 188 Crayford Little Court, 144 each of Gainsborough L.B. and Wellington L.C. and 96 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, with 276 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 50th peal "in hand."

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At Mancroft, St. Augustine's Way.
On Fri., Oct 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15.

Patrick I. Chapman	1–2	David J. Marshall	5–6
Graham C. Paul	3–4	Alan A. Paul	7–8

Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by David J. Marshall.

QUARTER PEALS

BARMING, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fox 1, Sandra Gunner 2, W. R. Manser (cond.) 3, Janet Filmer 4, W. T. Grice 5, T. Crocker 6 Half-muffled.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan P. Bell 1, J. L. Bell 2, B. Dodd (first quarter) 3, N. L. Bell (first "inside") 4, R. Edden (cond.) 5, F. W Chamberlain 6. Rung on the front six for the first birthday of Matthew Dodd.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Dec. 10th, at the Church of St. Mark, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Longridge 1, C. G. Bryant 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, G. H. Baldam 4, D. J. Atkins 5, C. D. Yates 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, M. S Turner 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Glendon Stock. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles ("in hand"): D. J. Atkins (first as cond.) 1–2, J. N. Longridge 3–4, G. H. Baldam 5, M. S. Turner 6. Also on Dec. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Angela C. Hughes 1–2, J. N. Longridge 3–4, G. Baldam 5, M. Turner 6. To celebrate the end of term and as Christmas greetings to all Exeter Colleges' ringers.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Rogers 1, Mrs. C. Bowen 2, L. Toseland 3, S. J. Franklyn 4, R. F. Turner 5, C. N. Stephenson 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, B. Austin 8, A. Gibbs 9, J. Mitchell 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss D. Rogers.

LONDON—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, on Nov. 19th, 1,200 Doubles (six methods): Audrey R. Alexander 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, C. J. Easton 3, P. G. Holden 4, R. R Churchill (cond.) 5. Also on Dec. 3rd, 1,200 Doubles (seven methods), by the same band. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (nine methods): Audrey R. Alexander 1, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 2, R. R. Churchill 3, R. W. Smith 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. E. J. Dennis 6. Also on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rachel Attac 1, Maureer J Carruthers 2, C. J Easton 3, Audrey R. Alexander (cond.) 4, P. S. Royds-Jones 5, J. Pladdys 6. All by U.L.S.C.R.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P Harris (first quarter) 1, R. Taylor 2, M. Soper 3, C. Ward 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, L. Hayek (first of Triples) 8. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. John, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. S. Bush 1, H Goakes 2, J M Tyler 3, J. C. Meads 4, J. E. David 5, W. R. Barker 6, R. H. Daw (cond.) 7 F. T. Boyall 8 Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir Malcolm Sargent. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. S. Bush 1, Katharine Gorvin 2, J. M. Tyler 3, J C Meads 4, J. E. David 5, W. R. Barker 6, F. T Boyall 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For Evensong on "Hospital Sunday". Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples H. Goakes 1, P. Ann Smith 2, J. M. Tyler 3, J. C. Meads 4, W. R. Barker 5, F. T. Boyall 6, R H. Daw (cond.) 7, J E David 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Perkins, founder of the local company world-famous for Diesel engines. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Goakes 1 B. J. Branston 2, Wendy Daw 3, J. C. Meads 4 J. M. Tyler 5, J E. David 6, F. T Boyall 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. Rung before morning service on Remembrance Sunday.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Whorlow 1, Mrs. W Bridges 2, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, G. Firman 5, Miss J. Whorlow 6. A birthday compliment to Canon T. E. Prichard.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Bee (first quarter) 1, G. A. Dixon 2, A G. A. Hopkins 3, W. S. Smith 4, C. V. Cade (cond.) 5, R. W. Herring (first quarter) 6. Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the dedication of the five bells.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods), A. Lazzerini and R. F. Mills 1, D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: C. Catlin 1, Julie Horne 2, T. R Harris 3, P. A. Keene 4, D. A. Eddy 5, T. P. Harris (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 4, 5, and first of Minor 1, 2. First of Minor by an all-resident band. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Bernard Nixon as vicar designate. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D A. Eddy 1, P J. Lawton 2, C. Catlin (first "inside" 3, P. A. Keene 4, T. P. Harris 5, T. R. Harris (cond.) 6.

SOMERTON, SOM.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bryant 1, Miss J. Crocker 2, C. Gratton 3, S. J. White 4, J Hayter 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6. For Christmas carol service.

STAFFORD.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1 Mrs. R. A. Fairbrother (first of Stedman) 2, Mrs. J. M. Beech 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, N. Holland 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. K. Mowforth (cond.) 7, C. J. Evans 8. For Evensong.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. J. A. Lewis 1, C. J. Groome 2, R. J. Cowley 3, E. C Buckby 4, C. N. Stephenson 5, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 6.

WELLESBOURNE, WARWICK.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Pam Whitfield (first quarter) 1, Caroline Mackie 2, Clare Dolphin 3, S. F. Royal 4, P H. Mackie (cond.) 5, J. Arliss 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Susan Frankland (first quarter) 1, R Carter (first "inside") 2, P. Carter 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6.

YEOVIL, SOM.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: G. Davies 1, G. Rendell 2, J. Taylor 3, R. Fox 4, T. Marks 5, F. Sandy (cond.) 6, D. Beaufoy 7, E. T. P. Field 8, T. Setter 9, H. Gaylard 10.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM. — On Dec. 3rd, 2,520 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Burston 1, Susan Chew 2, J. Perry 3, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 4, M. Androlia 5, D. J. Purnell 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Helen, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor: D. C Henderson 1, Catherine A Salter 2, J. R. Rowson 3, L. P. Halling 4, M J. Hiller 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 6. G. J. N. Colborne 7. Rung by the Abingdon School S.C.R. for the school carol service.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 17th, 1,296 Hull and Annable's London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Carol Cousins 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS. — On Dec. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. R. Jones (first of Minor) 1, Miss H. L. Jones (first of Minor) 2, T. A. Palmer 3, Rev. R. Keeley 4, F. J. Read 5, A. G. Keen (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. R. Jones 1, G. A. Newman 2, K. F. Harvey 3, Miss H. L. Jones 4, T. A. Palmer 5, F. J. Read (cond.) 6. A G. Keen 7, J. Cuss 8. First of Triples 1, 3, 4. Rung by the local band for the carol service.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. R. Jacobs 1, J. R. N. Lebon 2, T. M. Evans (first Minor "inside") 3, Katharine Maundrell 4, A. J. Mason 5, B. R. M. Johnson (first Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2.

BOYNE HILL, Maidenhead, BERKS. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lyn Cox (first of Triples) 1, G. Lister 2, Diana Seal 3, S. Gibson 4, D. Young 5, L. Pearson 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, R. Foorde 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Mrs. Q. Cresswell 2, Miss S. Chapman 3, Miss J. Millbank 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, C. Barker 6, A. R. Syder 7, A. Wiffen (cond.) 8. First in the method 2, 4. Rung for the Festival of Nine Lessons.

CASTLE CARY, SOM. — On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Higdon 1, T. A. England 2, J. D. Nichols 3, D. Beaufoy 4, H. Gaylard 5, W. Higdon 6. F. Sandy (cond.) 7. J. Kingsnorth 8. To celebrate the 80th birthday of George Creed.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Penny Gibson (first quarter) 1, Jean Kelly 2, Marianne Bedwell (first quarter) 3, B. Edwards 4, A. E. Butcher (cond.) 5, M. R. Hawkins 6. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. I. A. Cardell-Oliver.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY. — On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: A. W. King 1, Carol Gosling 2, A. J. Ede 3, D. Attwater 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, P. T. Selwood 6. Also on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles D. Attwater 1, Carol Gosling 2, Diane Wickens 3, A. J. Ede 4, Ian Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain): Gill Moss 1, Felicity Mussell 2, Mrs. A Blatcher 3, A. Chandler (first "inside") 4, D. Manger 5, N. Martin (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX — On Dec. 10th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, H. J. Millatt 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, A. R. Andrews 6, E E. Davey 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. For Confirmation Service. Also on Dec. 17th, 1,280 Colchester Surprise Major: M. J. Bew 1, Catherine M. Bew 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, N. F Whittell 4, E. P. Duffield 5, A. R. Andrews 6, W. Arnold 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 7. Rung for Festival of Nine Lessons.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Radley 1, T. R. Smith 2, Kathleen Fox 3, Julie Radley 4, C. V. Cade (cond.) 5, D. W. Kirkpatrick 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. A. R. Hall, one-time vicar of this parish.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Evelyn M. Hicks 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, R. Jean Osbon 3, R. Osbon 4, D. Slater 5, M. P. Howard 6. J. A. Howard (cond.) 7, F. H. Hicks 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Norman T Connold.

FORDINGTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. I. Chew (first away from tenor) 1, Miss B. J. Dyke 2, R. A. Bryant 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Ames 6. Rung for Hardye's School carol service.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Dec. 17th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. L. Jones 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, N. R. Waite 4, A. S. Bishop 5, J R. Pratt 6, L. C. Way 7, L. E. Goodall 8, A. E. Bagworth 9, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bainbridge 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, S. Waters 4, Jane Foster 5 H. Carter 6, B. J. Howard (cond.) 7, J. M. C. Lysons 8. Rung by the local band as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Kingham, M.A., on his appointment as rural dean.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): C. Spreadbury (first attempt) 1, G. Titherly 2, Miss V. Titherly 3, Miss S. Tonkin 4, Miss A. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Breed 6. B. Stepney 7, H. Goldsmith 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. M. C. Chapman) ~ retirement.

HAWLEY, HANTS. — On Dec. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Gilder 1, Margaret Berndt (first of Major) 2, Valerie Bone (first of Major) 3, Josephine R. Williamson 4, Elizabeth K. Leach 5, D. Jennings 6, K. Williamson 7, A. D. Leach (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. K. Dodd (cond.) 1, R. Crocker 2, R. Newman 3, P. G. Taylor 4, Mrs. M. Furness (first quarter) 5, P. Furness 6. For ringers' service by the local band. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor on muddle six: C. Taylor 1, B. Doe 2, R. Newman 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Furness 5, G. Dodd 6, P. Taylor (first of Minor as cond.) 7, R. Sutton 8.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Bosworth-Smith 1, C. Bainnam 2, C. T. Collins 3, S. G. Pick 4, J. P. Burton 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON. — At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Dec. 17th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Eleanor M. Hough 1, E. J. Adams 2, Doreen A. Deverell 3, Gwendoline G. Meyer 4, A. Turner 5, C. J. N. Dalton 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, F. Akers 8. For the candlelight carol service.

KILNDOWN, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge and Kent): F. Pattenden 1, Jane Foster 2, M. R. T. Lambert 3, R. E. Lambert 4, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, R. T. Lambert 6. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pattenden.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd Bob): J. N. Lindon 1, Miss P. Fearn 2, R. Aldington 3, S. W. Barton 4, R. W. Pipe 5, E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, M. A. Jones 8. For Matins.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Bryony P. Moorby 1, Anthea S. Bruce (first of Pl. Bob) 2, J. P. Hull 3, Lesley A Hawes 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, I. F. Taylor 6, J J Bailey 7, M. J. Green 8, B. J. Stone (first of Royal as cond.) 9, A. J. Brown 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. For Evensong and as a 13th birthday compliment to ringer of third.

LONDON, E.C. — At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on Dec. 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss D. E. Colgate 1, P. W. Cave 2, M. H. O'Callaghan 3, P. J. Spice 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, K. Rider 6, E. J. Ladd 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, D. P. Smith 9, T. Lewis 10. For Evensong.

LONGPARISH, HANTS. — On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (57 methods): J. R. N Lebon 1, A. J. Mason 2, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, R. H. Youdale 5, H. R. Jacobs 6. First in 57 methods for all.

LYMPNE, KENT. — On Dec 17th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): A. Neilson 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, B. Butcher 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Taylor 6 For Evensong.

NORTH BARROW, SOM. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Osborn 1, K. E. Laver 2, D. Beaufoy (cond.) 3, F. L. Andrews 4, H. F. Creed 5.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Ann Harris 1, Caroline Stewart 2, R. N. Bagshaw 3, P. N. Mackley 4, B. S Payne 5, D. R. McLean 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Nichols 8. First Bob Triples 1, 2, 3, 4, 6. Rung prior to Nottingham University Carol Service; also as a farewell to Ann Harris.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. Sadler (first in method) 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, A. House 3, T. Sharpe 4, B. Sadler 5, P. Sadler 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. For Evensong.

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BLADON. — To Brian and Lesley on December 20th, 1967, a son, Peter, a brother for Helen. 3014

KIRK.— To Jean (née Endall) and Maurice, at 12, The Ringway, Queniborough, a daughter, Elizabeth Mary, born December 15th, 1967. Weight 8 lbs. 3003

PERSONAL

"Ringing Worlds" have been returned marked "Unknown" in respect of the following: Miss Frances Chapman, of 24, Kiln Lane, St. Helens, Lancs; Mr. G. Taylor, 17, Lawford Gate, Bristol 2; P. R. Daws, Campanological Society, Radley College, Abingdon.

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YORKSHIRE RINGING FESTIVAL

Leeds — June 22nd, 1968

Please book the date.

Details later. 3032

MISCELLANEOUS

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Subscriptions (ten shillings for each representative) are now due for 1968, and I shall be glad if treasurers of affiliated Societies will remit them to me as soon as passible. VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Secretary, 45, Westercroft Lane, Halifax, Yorkshire.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS. — No ringing until further notice. (Bells being removed.)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

40th Anniversary Dinner and Dance

Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford

Friday, February 9th, 7 for 7.30.

Tickets at 32s. 6d. from P. G. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot. S.A.E., please. 2903

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—St. John the Baptist's practice night has been changed from All visitors most welcome. 3033

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, in Jesus College (price 30s.). Ringing in Oxford from 12 noon. All inquiries to Miss Frances Miller, St. Hugh's College, Oxford. 3002

RINGERS and CONDUCTORS required for July peal tour, suggest Salisbury/Winchester area. Doubles to Surprise Major, possibly Royal; subject to sufficient support, arrangements made as requested. If successful, could become annual. Replies as soon as possible, please, stating ringing and conducting capabilities and preferences, also whether would prefer to take own car or hire mini-bus, to C. J. Easton, Faculty of Theology, King's College, Strand, London, W.C.2. 3025

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting at Brushford (6 bells) on Saturday, January 6th, at 6 p.m. 2997

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael-with-St. Paul (Broad Street) (8), Saturday, January 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Evening ringing will be announced at the meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road. Larkhall, Bath.—Alan F. Lee, Sec. 2968

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Bedford, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Martin's Hall. Names must be sent to Mrs. M. Cowley. 40, Palmerston Street, Bedford. 2985

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Heanor (8), Saturday, January 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Farnsworth, 5, Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbyshire.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 2971

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at the Church of St. Mary, Kingswinford, Saturday, January 6th. Ringing 3 to 4.15. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available again 6 to 7.30. All names for tea to R. Edwards, 4, Silver Avenue, High Acres, Kingswinford. 3005

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, January 6th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, in good time, please. 2986

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual general meeting at Ely on Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. 2949

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting, Braintree, January 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Miss J. Quilter, 93, South Street, Braintree. Black Notley (5) open in evening. 2962

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—A.G.M. at Hitchin, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All members are asked to attend to elect the new secretary, and, please, either telephone or send your names for tea to A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin. Tel. 3612. —C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 2948

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Brenchley (8), Saturday, January 6th. Bells 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss C. A. Sone, 6, Falmouth Place, Five Oak Green, Tonbridge.—R. W. H. H 2954

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — A.G.M., St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8), January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6 till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S Jessop, 8, Northiam Road, Eastbourne.—R. Earl, Dis. Sec. 2981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Monthly meeting at All Saints', Wigan (10) on Saturday, January 6th, 2.30 p.m. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. Wigan Branch. 3008

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—There will be a meeting at Hanley on Saturday, January 6th Bells (10) from 4 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Annual meeting in St. Martin's Hall, Birmingham, on January 6th, at 4.30 p.m. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) at 3 p.m. and at St. Martin's (12) after the meeting 3006

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on Saturday, January 6th, 2.30 p.m. and Cathedral in the evening.—A. King, Hon. Sec. 2999

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.— District general meeting at St. Mary's, Southampton, January 6th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.30 in the Chantry Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton, SO2 3QR. Telephone number Southampton 69589.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting, Stanton Harcourt (6), Monday, January 8th, 7.30 p.m. 3000

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Northern Branch.—Surprise Major practice at Dereham, Friday, January 12th, 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—G. P. Adams. 3023

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. H. Baber, Woodside, Chewton Mendip.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3027

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Monthly meeting, Cottingham (8), January 13th. Bells 3–8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. I. Booth, 15, Hallgate, Cottingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—A.G.M at Weaverham (6) on Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to W. Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue. Special method: Belton Special Alliance, 36.14—12—36, 14—14.56. l.h. 135264.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Branch meeteing, Christleton, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Astle, 2, Ivy Cottages, Christleton, near Chester, by January 11th. 3034

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Dronfield (8), Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. D. Peers, 42, Lea Road, Dronfield, Sheffield, S18 6 SD. Tel. Dronfield 3848. 2984

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.— Annual general meeting at Barking, January 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to A. W. Beard, 159, Clements Road, East Ham, E.6. 2982

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Annual meeting, Pencombe, January 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 11th. 3010

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling on Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, 65, Norman Road, West Malling 2978

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Petham (6), Saturday, January 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Petts, Hunt's Farm, Hoggs Lane, Petham, Canterbury, by Thursday previous.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Kendal on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. —T. F. Metcalfe. 3016

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Branch annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Leyland, Saturday, January 13th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. Walmsley, 19, Grasmere Avenue, Farington, Leyland, by Wednesday, 10th.—L. Walmsley. 3015

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Annual Branch meeting at St. James', East Crompton, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea (plus 3s. deposit), please, to Mr. D. Kelly, 19, Hawk Cottages, Shaw, Oldham, by Wednesday, 10th.—G. Cheetham, Branch Sec. 2983

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — A.G.M. at Syston (8), Saturday, January 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Rickaby, 1044, Melton Road, Syston, by Wednesday, January 10th. All welcome 3024

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Annual general meeting, Spalding, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs. 2941

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Metheringham, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous. Note change of tower — G. R. P 3007

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Abergavenny, January 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m Names for tea, please, to Mr G. Lewis, Homeleigh, Park Crescent, Abergavenny, Mon. 2938

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thatcham, Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Butler, 26, Barfield Road, Thatcham, Newbury, Berks. 3030

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Branch annual meeting at Daventry, Saturday, January 13th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road West, Daventry, by Monday previous. — F. W. Hancock. 2998

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Cattistock, January 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 2994

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Ringing meeting at Rougham (6) on Saturday, January 13th Bells from 2.30. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The choir will be in attendance and the church will be heated. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Wright, Maltings Close, Welnetham Road, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, by Wednesday, January 10th. All welcome. 2821

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Committee meeting at 5, The Burges, Coventry, at 7.45 p.m. on Monday, January 15th. — J. L. Garner-Hayward.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting in St. Peter's Hall. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Shrub End bells also available 3.15–4.15 and 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to F. H. Erith, Hon. Sec., Vinces Farm, Ardleigh. 3029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Annual meeting, January 20th. Cathedral bells 3–4.30 p.m. and evening. Tea in Refectory, Stag Hill, 4.30. Service 5.45. Meeting (Refectory) 6.30 Names for tea to Mrs. D. Tubbs, 133a, Worplesdon Road, Guildford (Tel. 60809), by Tuesday, 16th, please. 3004

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Mersham, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. Bayne, Little Wings, Bower Road, Mersham, Ashford, by Thursday, January 18th.—A. P. S. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Chatham, Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Osenton, 12, Formby Terrace, Halling, Rochester, by previous Wednesday, please. 3018

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Full meeting at Coseley, Saturday, January 20th. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, Bilston, Staffs, by January 18th latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2814

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—**Annual District meeting**, Reigate, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to me at 23, Woodlands Road. Redhill, by Wednesday, January 17th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 3021

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — General meeting at Goole on January 20th. General Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Hall. The meeting will vote on the proposed addition to the rules of the offices of composition secretary and report editor. Bells: North Cave (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m.: Carlton (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m.: Thorne (8) 12–1 p.m. and 6.30–8.30 p.m.; Howden (8) 2–3.45 p.m.; Goole (8) 2–4 p.m. and after business. Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road. Goole, by Wednesday, January 17th.—W. F. Moreton. Gen. Sec. 2977

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LATE NOTICES

BIRTHS

ANDERSON.—To Janice and John, a son, Mark Duncan, on December 14th, 1957, at Solihull Hospital, a brother for Elizabeth. 3042

BLOOMFIELD.—On December 26th, 1967, at 19. Ferndown Close, Kingsweston, Bristol, to Frank and Gwen, the gift of a daughter (Judith Nicola), a sister for David and Richard. 3039

MARRIAGE

ASLETT—KNIGHT.—On Saturday, December 30th, 1967, at St. Mary's Church, Weekley, Northants, by Rev. N. C. Murray, Hilary Knight, of Geddington, Northants, to Peter Aslett, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire. 3051

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CAPORN.—The address of Rupert Caporn is now 1, Pinelands, 12, Beechwood Avenue, Weybridge, Surrey. Phone No. Weybridge 45884. 3038

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM. — Twelve-bell practice, Wednesday, January 10th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting at Chobham on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify Miss P. Hill, 15, Bowling Green Road, Burrow Hill, Chobham, Woking, by previous Wednesday. 3036

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Wem (8), Saturday, January 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. May, Bridgfield House, Wem, Salop, by Wednesday, January 10th. 3041

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Methods for the day: Minor. Barnsley, Major, Double Norwich. Names for tea to Mr. A. Dunn-Birch, 3, Spring Lane, Carlton, Barnsley. Tel. Royston 535. Tea 4s. 6d. per head. It is imperative that **ALL** members attend. 3043

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch. — Practice meeting, Timberscombe (8), Saturday, January 13th, 7 p.m.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 3050

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Annual meeting, Biggleswade (8), Saturday, January 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Come and support your District. 3046

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Saturday, January 13th, at Harlow Common (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 3047

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Buckfastleigh on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Also Dean Prior (6) after 6.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting and election of officers, in the Town Hall, 5 p.m. Tea by reservation only. Names to Mr. A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh, by Tuesday, Jan 9th.—R. F. Shepperd, Branch Sec. 3045

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 13th, Hertford St. Andrew's (8), 1 to 2 p.m.; Ware (8), 2 to 3; Broxbourne, 3 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names to me by Friday, 12th, at 55, North Road, Hertford. Regret, no names no tea.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 3052

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting, Liverpool Parish Church. Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. E. White, Mildmay, Blackburne Place, Liverpool, 8.—M. E. D. 3044

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual meeting, Bingham, on Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 3049

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division — Practice meeting at Felpham on Saturday, January 13th. Ringing at Pagham (5) 2.30 to 3.30, Aldwick (4) 3.30 to 4.30. Tea at Felpham Church Hall at 4.45. Evensong (choral) at 6 o'clock. Ringing at Felpham (6) in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 3035

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting. The 40th annual general meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Barton Stacey (6), Longparish (6), St. Mary Bourne (6) bells available from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Whitchurch (8) bells available from 2 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Whitchurch (8) available afterwards until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. W. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitchurch, Hants, **by not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th.** 3048

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—**Annual General Meeting**, Saturday, Jan 20th. Ringing details later. Tea, St. Martin's, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 3053

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Service 5.30. Evening ringing 6 to 8 p.m Special methods: Erin Triples and Gainsborough Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3045

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN P. WRIGHT

The death occurred on December 11th of Mr. John Porter Wright, captain of the ringers at North Wheatley, Notts. He was 75 and had been in poor health for some little itme.

He had first rung at this tower in the early 1920's. In 1926 ringing was stopped as the tower became unsafe. Thirty years later it was resumed and, as captain, J. P. Wright steadily built up a reliable band of Sunday service ringers.

The local band rang the bells half-muffled for the funeral, and on the following Sunday a peal in four methods was rung by six ringers from nearby East Retford. His loss will be felt very greatly. H. P.

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death on December 30th of Mr. Edwin G. Buck, of Baldock, who was president of the Herts County Association in 1957 and Northern District Secretary for 13 years.

QUARTER PEALS

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): R. T. Irish 1, Mrs. L. Plummer (first "inside") 2, J. M. Moss (first "inside") 3, J. T Sawyer 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6, R. Partridge 7, G. Baxter 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON. — At the Cathedral Church of SS Saviour and Mary Overie, on Dec. 17th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Rosemary J. Cotton 1, R. L. Jones 2, R Jean Henderson 3, R. J. Cooles 4, J R. Pratt 5 A R. Millidge 6, D. C. Brookes 7, A. E. Bagworth 8, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 9, B. J. Bull 10. Rung prior to the Advent ordination.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX. — At Christ Church, on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Fox (first on a working bell) 1 D. Willcocks (first "inside") 2, W. C. G Wainwright 3, R. Amos 4, S. G. Peck (cond.) 5, C. Martin 6. Rung for the annual children's toy service.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Rosemary Myers (first Minor) 1, Rosemary Snawdon (first Minor) 2, K. Bellew 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, S. Bendle 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS. — On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Haseldine 1, B. Eglesfield 2, R. Vickers 3, M. G. Hooton 4, D. Coxhill 5, W. A. Yates 6 G. Holland (cond.) 7, R. Haseldine 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 5, 8 A farewell to the Very Rev. C. L. G. Hutchings, who was inducted to the parish of Britwell-cum-Sotwell the previous day.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): I. S. Campbell (first quarter) 1, A. R. Peake (cond.) 2, Anita D. O'Brien 3, R. Fry 4, Rev. R. G. Bryant 5, H. A. Austin 6 For Evensong.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. T. Smith 1, Kathleen Fuller 2, H. Falkner 3, D. R. Fuller 4, W. R. Damer (cond.) 5, R. Damer 6. A tribute to Mr. S. Round, verger, for his 80th birthday.

WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Gamble 1, P. D. Chapman 2, T. Coles 3, Miss B. Shaw 4, E. Holman 5, D. A. Wright 6, C. G. Wright (comp. and cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8. For Confirmation and also as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Emily Paine 1, Janis Hensley 2, Betsy Proctor 3, Sarah Irwin 4, Marjorie Batchelor 5, A. Applewhite 6, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 7, G. Dirksen 8. First quarter 1, 2, 5, 6.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Clive Kessell (first quarter) 1, Penny Miller 2, Janet Thornton 3, D. Crossland 4, P. Else (cond.) 5, W. Ratcliffe 6. For Evensong and to mark the engagement of Penny Miller and Clive Kessell.

WINCHESTER, HANTS. — At St. Mary's College Chapel, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Latham 1, A. J. Pawson 2, R. W. T. Slack (first "inside") 3, J. R. N. Lebon 4, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. J. Mason 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

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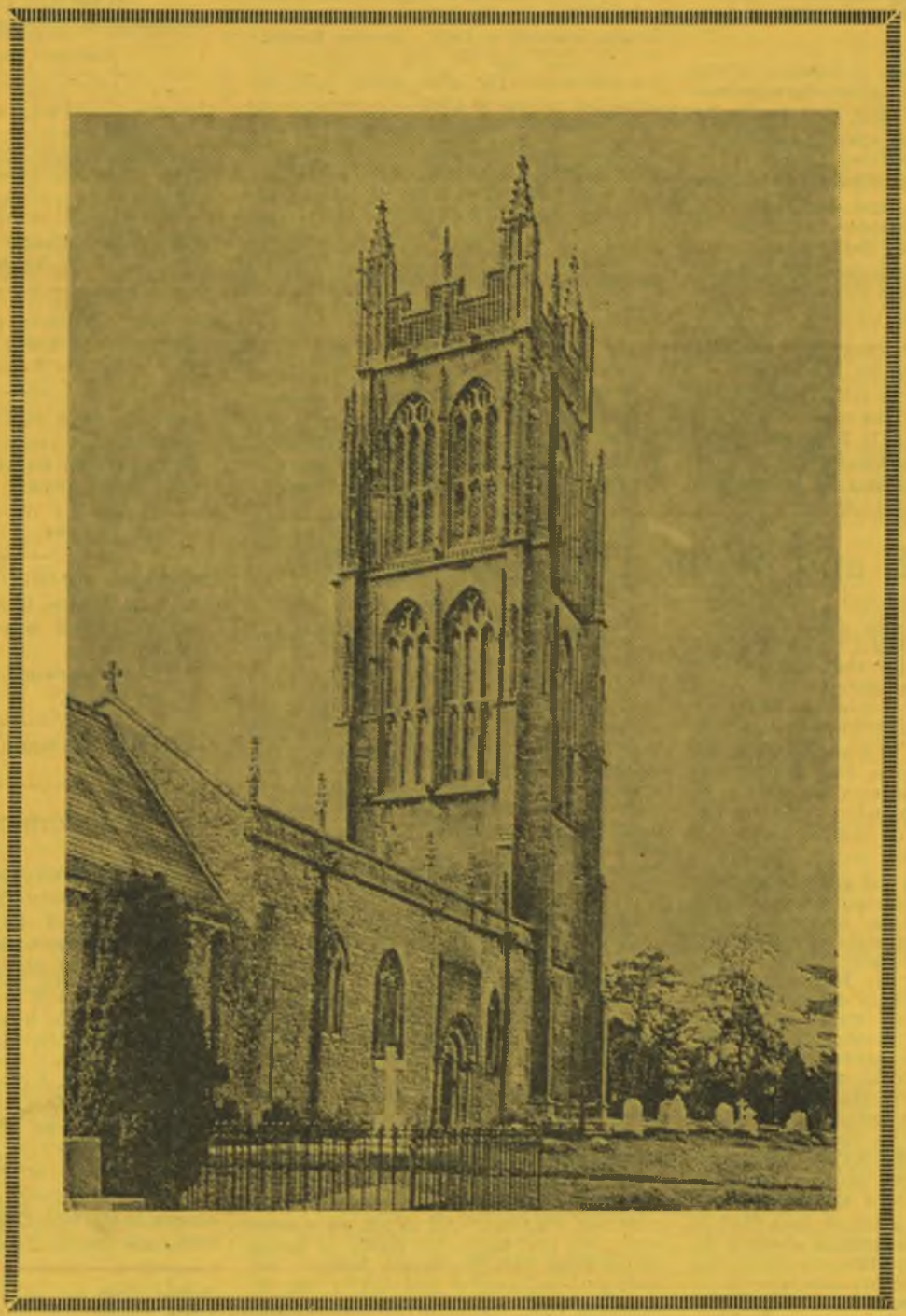
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ST. MARY MAGDALENE, CHEWTON MENDIP

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary Magdalene, Chewton Mendip

ONE of the finest and most famous Somerset church towers graces the front page of this issue. Chewton Mendip stands at the head of the Chew Valley and the top of its 126ft. church tower may be seen for many miles around, announcing the presence of the small village which clusters beneath. The church contains work of all the main periods from Saxon to Jacobean times and the present Perpendicular tower dates from the 15th century, being ascribed to the Carthusian monks who were renowned as builders.

It falls into the group of Somerset towers which have all the part above the nave roof treated alike, in this case as two similar stages with the bell openings (Somerset tracery) repeated blank in the stage below. Other examples are at Glastonbury, Leigh-on-Mendip, Ilminster, and the grandest of all at St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton (3 similar stages). Built of Doulting stone, the tower features set-back buttresses capped by pinnacles and is crowned with pierced battlements and four corner turrets.

However grand the tower, it is the bells therein which claim the admiration of ringers, and there can be few happier blends of sight and sound. The original six bells were by Pennington (1627), Bilbie (1725) and Mears (1825), with the tenor inscription defaced. All were recast into the present ring of 8 (tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D) by John Taylor in 1913. Arguments will never settle which is the finest octave in the country, but these bells will always be one of the contenders for that honour, as the many who have rung them will testify. A rise in peal here produces a truly glorious sound.

Such bells are, of course, popular with peal ringers and 51 peals have been rung before 1967, with 34 of these since 1946. The first was Stedman Triples in 1914, then a break for the Great War, and Grandsire Triples followed in 1919. Another Stedman was in 1922 and the first of Major was Superlative in 1926, after which there was about one a year to 1938. Currently about three a year are rung (and one lost!).

The most popular method for peals is Double Norwich with 9; then Stedman (8), Cambridge (7) and Yorkshire (7), Grandsire (5), Plain Bob (4) and Bristol (4), Spliced Surprise in 4, 8 and 25 methods and one each of London, Rutland, Superlative and Oxford Bob Triples. It is pleasing to note that the more musical methods are appreciated here.

The present incumbent, the Rev. Alan Clarkson, was taught to ring whilst curate at Wrington, and he and the tower captain, Mr. Herbert Baber, welcome many outing parties each year. It is hoped that those who enjoy these bells in this fine tower may be able to do so for many years to come.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan in 1967

THE year started as usual with the January batch of branch annual meetings and little change in officers, although Crewkerne branch had earlier elected a new secretary to replace Tom Locke after 21 years' service. The same branch had an enjoyable dinner at Ilminster in February.

Peal ringers got off to a good start in the early months with 26 in two months and then activities were reduced for Lent as is customary (if not mandatory). On Easter Monday the Association met in and around Yeovil for its A.G.M.

At this meeting the retiring officers were re-elected with the exception of General Secretary Gwilym Salmon, who had to bow to pressure of bank business after 10 years' service as treasurer and later secretary. This post was taken over by John Gilbert of Long Ashton. The main decisions of the meeting were to alter the date of the A.G.M. from Easter Monday, due to difficulty in arranging for catering, and to alter the rule on peal booking fees payable to "The Ringing World." The amount is unchanged but the proportion paid to the paper will in future be decided annually. For 1968, therefore, the A.G.M. will be on June 29th at Taunton, and peal booking fees will be 1s. per rope as formerly.

In April the tragic death of John Hall at Uphill, whilst giving instruction, shocked the whole of our fraternity. Other deaths during the year included three life members—S. G. Coles in May, Walter Starr in September, and Jack Pugsley, the last surviving founder-member, in November. May they rest in peace.

3,000 FREEMASONS AT WELLS

During July the Freemasons of England celebrated their 250th anniversary with a service in Wells Cathedral at which 3,000 were present. Also in that month the tower of Batheaston Church graced "The Ringing World" front page and the account of the rededication of the bells there gave useful information on ways of raising money for such projects. Camerton Parish Church raised money for its bells by means of a traction engine rally on a June weekend, which drew about 15,000 people.

In August the parish of Moorlynch celebrated 650 years since the induction of its first vicar, and a peal was rung as the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (and Association President) entered the parish on horseback leading a procession in medieval costume. Next month the Taunton branch decided to emulate the Chew, Frome and Bath branches in arranging a striking competition for 1968. October was a busy month with the tower at Long Sutton featured in "The Ringing World" and the first instructional course held by the Association at Barrington. Also a very successful dinner was held at Taunton.

At the end of November the branch A.G.M.s started all over again and so the cycle will continue. All in all, an average year. No peal tours, but plenty of outing parties came over the Severn Bridge. The local peal and quarter peal ringers kept up a steady output to "The Ringing World" columns and I wish them every success in 1968—if we'd got all the attempts the total would be double I'm sure!—J. H. G.

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COMMENT

BELLRINGING VERSUS HOMEWORK

Perhaps a better title is "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". One of the major contributions to apathetic attitudes in this day and age is that of bad timekeeping. When practice begins at half-past seven then it is not intended that people present themselves at 7.45, 8 or 8.15. When ringing is supposed to begin at 5.45 p.m. on Sundays it seems a waste of time — and rightly so—when the odd one or two wait for the rest of the team to arrive at 6 or 6.15.

Late working hours is something we all have to tolerate from time to time, but the problem of school homework is becoming more acute; this has been observed particularly by those who organise belfry activities. Understandably, young people plead innocence, pointing out that they are expected to work extra hours each day in order to gain necessary qualifications. From the writer's point of view he cannot **always** recognise the advantages of evening homework and its ever-increasing demands upon young people, when young minds are tired and less receptive and yearn for a complete change for an hour or two.

Education authorities agree that cultural activities be encouraged. Bellringing is one of the finest physical exercises one could wish for; furthermore it is a real mind-sharpener. It develops one's wits as well as an appreciation in a musical sense. But most school-teachers do not realise this, despite the fact that certain education authorities, in the introduction of campanological instruction at evening courses, are in fact recognising cultural assets of bellringing.

I cannot accept that it is difficult for young people to devote at least two-and-a-half hours to bellringing out of the 168 in which time they sleep, eat, attend school, play and do their homework. It merely requires a system. We must be sticklers for good timekeeping, and the winter months lend themselves particularly well in this way. The art demands best efforts all round, and progress and enjoyment in its circles can only be truly experienced by strict adherence to the "rules". In other words, taking bellringing and homework on the whole—fair's fair. T. A. B.

[From "Sentinel."

Clearing the Air over Progressive Lengths

RECORD PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—I am amazed that a letter from such a renowned ringer of record peals as Brian Woodruffe on the subject of the Central Council rulings for record peals (page 914) should contain so many inaccuracies. It is no good, Brian, believing the rulings to be such and such when, for the reasonable price of 2s. 6d. (post free) you can know them for certainty by obtaining a copy of the Central Council Handbook (see the advertisement on the back page of this paper).

(1) Let me correct the statement that I was the conductor of the 11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major rung at Edgbaston on November 25th last. This distinction belongs to one of the most brilliant conductors of the day, Roderick W. Pipe.

(2) According to the Central Council rules it was not necessary even to give notice of the attempts, let alone give the compositions for the 6,048 Lincolnshire S.M. or the 11,872 Glasgow S.M., as the preamble to the rules reads "That in the case of a peal rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes and upwards . . . ." The previous longest lengths in these methods were both under 6,720 changes.

(3) Even if it were necessary to give notice, the rule does not state specifically that the composition should not be published **before** the attempt. This is reasonable for methods where virtually the only bar to an attempt on the record is the problem of obtaining a longer composition (the London S.M. record has stood at 14,144 changes for 20 years for this very reason). In this case it would not be prudent to publish the figures for a longer length beforehand as an unscrupulous band might ring it before the official attempt, or if the official attempt failed a band could take the composition and ring it without seeking the permission of either the composer or the organiser(s) of the first official attempt. This presumably is the reason why no figures have been published for Simon Humphrey's 19,936 Yorkshire S.M. Surely it is the prerogative of a composer to ring the first peal of his own composition or to choose the circumstances in which it is first rung.

(4) I assume that it is by some mischance that no composition was published with Brian's own notice of an attempt for 24,120 Bob Royal "in hand," which appeared in the same issue as his letter complaining of the supposed non-observance of the record peal rules.

I applaud the arrangements for the Bob Royal whereby the church is to be open throughout the attempt. This is in full accord with the spirit of the rule for record peals "in hand," which says "every facility should be given to those interested to hear the ringing . . ." I agree with Brian that it would have been desirable for similar arrangements to have been made for the 20,160 Bob Minor "in hand" attempt arranged by Frank C. Price.

One other point comes to mind which you, sir, may care to consider. When damaging criticisms are levelled at specific persons it usually takes at least two to three weeks before a reply can be published, by which time the majority of your readers will have forgotten the detail of the criticism but will have remembered the general "smear" effect. Would you be willing to give opportunity for such a reply as this to be printed in the same issue and alongside the criticism? — Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSWORTH.

Note.—Regarding Para (4), the composition was received at the same time as the Notice, but too late to be inserted in the same issue. If the Notice was delayed there would have been an infringement of Central Council rules. It is not possible for the Editor to copy critical letters and circulate them to interested parties. —Ed.

REGULATIONS

Dear Sir,—Concerning peals rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes upwards, in the part of the Central Council's Handbook containing the Council's Decisions, Part D (Peal Ringing), section (i), sub-section (f), the relevant paragraphs are:

"(i) That not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' stating the tower, day and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung."

"(ii) That similar notice shall be sent to the secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the peal (which it is proposed to surpass) was rung."

"(iii) That the composition of the proposed peal shall be submitted to at least one competent person, other than the composer, for proof, and the figures shall be published in 'The Ringing World.'"

There is **not** a ruling requiring the composition to be published at least seven days prior to the attempt. Isn't it amazing, Mr. Woodruffe, what can be read into the regulations if a person has a mind to? I should also like to point out that the regulations can only apply to peals which have actually been rung! —Yours faithfully,

S. HUMPHREY.

London, S.W.

OBITUARY

MR. T. K. SEYMOUR

A ringer at Lane End Parish Church, Bucks, since the age of nine, Mr. Thomas Kenneth Seymour ("Ken") collapsed and died at Lane End Post Office at 6.15 a.m. on St. Thomas' Day (December 21st) while sorting the Christmas mail. He was 66.

His work for the Parish Church was exceptional. Starting as a choirboy, he was later bass soloist in the choir, hon. secretary of the P.C.C. and, in his last years, sacristan, being content to work quietly behind the scenes. In ringing he was an able conductor, having conducted many quarters, but had only rung two peals. For many years he was secretary and treasurer of the local band.

His father was the village carpenter and Ken started work helping his father in his trade. Later he was the village postman and clerk to the Parish Council. In the village he will be sadly missed.

The Requiem and burial were at Lane End on December 28th. The Oxford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. W. Birmingham. For the service there was half-muffled ringing; later a peal of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles was attempted by the local band, which had to be called round after 12 extents through a shift course. A quarter peal in the same methods was then rung.

MR. C. W. RIDGWAY

The ringers of St. Nicholas', Worth, Sussex, were shocked to hear of the passing of one of their members, Mr. C. W. Ridgway, who died suddenly at his home on Christmas Eve. He had been a ringer for 53 years, starting at the age of 12 at Abbots Langley, Herts, where he was born. He came to Worth from the London area, where he was in the Metropolitan Police Force.

Mr. Ridgway was an invaluable member of the team and will be greatly missed. The sympathy of the other ringers goes to Mrs. Ridgway. T. J. L.

MISS HILDA M. MILLS

We regret to record the death in Northfield Hospital, Aldershot, on Boxing Day, of Miss Hilda M. Mills, aged 74. She had been in hospital on and off for the past three and a half years.

Miss Mills will be remembered for the devoted service she gave to the Ladies' Guild as national secretary for many years. She and her sister, the late Miss Bertha Mills, started ringing at Aldershot during the first world war. Throughout her life she took a keen interest in the Exercise and in her younger days rang several peals with the late Mr. George Gibert. A teacher by profession, Miss Mills was for 46 years a member of the staff of The Bourne Infants' School, Farnham.

The funeral service was at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, on New Year's Day, the service being conducted by the Rev. T. H. Dart (Vicar). There was half-muffled ringing before and after the service. Cremation followed at Aldershot Crematorium.

THE CRAFT OF BELL FOUNDING

By H. M. HOWARD, M.A.
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From a lecture given to the Institute of Musical Instrument Technology

(Continued from page 5)

The bell, when cast, is roughly about a tone sharp of its final pitch and, after testing it with tuning forks or electrical devices to find out its musical condition, the tuner decides how much metal is to be cut off and from where it is to be removed; the object, of course, being to bring all the five tones into proper relationship and down to the required relative pitch. In order to do this, the bell is clamped mouth upwards on a big revolving base-plate, and a tool which can follow the contour of the inside surface in a plane radial to the bell comes in contact with the bell which then cuts the metal off itself as it revolves. Between each cut the bell is unclamped and re-tested and new cuts decided on, at first heavy, but finally becoming mere shavings, till the work is done. Bells of all sizes from a few pounds in weight to over 20 tons can be tuned, the only difference of course being the speed of the operation.

Experience in matching old bells from contemporary records of their condition has shown that once tuned, little or no measurable alteration of the tone or tune of a bell takes place. The quality of old bells does, however, suggest that bells become more mellow with time.

HANGING

The bell being now cast and tuned is ready to be hung for whatever purpose it is required. There are three main ways in which a bell may be used—to ring, to swing or to chime. The proper position for a bell in a tower depends upon the purpose for which it is to be used. It has been found by experience that when a stationary bell is struck the maximum sound travels outwards and downwards at an angle of approximately 45° from the lip. Hence it will be seen that chiming bells should be hung high in the tower in order that the sound may have clear egress through the windows. Ringing bells, on the other hand, because they throw their sound outwards and upwards, must be hung lower than chiming bells so that the sound may not beat down through the louvres on to the immediate neighbourhood but be deflected out to further distances. A roof lantern or openings in a spire are ideal for this purpose.

RINGING BELLS

By this is meant bells hung for change-ringing, an art peculiar to the English-speaking world and so characteristic of England that it is known as "The Ringing Isle." The bell moves alternately backwards and forwards through the whole 360° and is checked and pulled off by the ringer at whatever moment in the change he wishes to do so. The bell, which is hung well out, i.e., with the axis of suspension near the top of the bell, is hung from a timber, iron or steel headstock. Bells are sometimes still suspended from the headstock by the canon, but more usually by four suspension bolts through the headstock and the top of the bell, which in modern bells is flat. The fifth suspension bolt in the centre also holds the independent crown staple from which the clapper is suspended. To the headstock are fixed, on the one side, the wheel, and, on the other, the ash stay. The latter, when the bell is "up," engages with an ash "slider" pivoted at one side of the bell pit and given limited movement in a slot on the other side. This stay enables the bell to be "set" just over the point of balance in the mouth-upwards position, from which the ringers can immediately start off in full peal. Being also the easiest part of the action to replace it is purposely made the weakest so that in the event of too vigorous a pull it breaks and prevents damage to more important fittings. The rope which is attached to the centre upright of the wheel passes through a "garter" hole in the soling and so over the wheel and down to the ringing room over pulleys and guides. At "hand-stroke," when the ringer's hands are on the coloured woollen sally, the rope only goes a short way round the wheel, but at "back-stroke" practically right round, hence the sally is then high.

CHANGE RINGING

Space does not permit a long description of change-ringing. Suffice it to say here that these systems of mathematical combinations which began to be invented in the 17th century consist basically in the movement of any given bell from place to place in the ring by single steps according to a known pattern, and whatever course one bell follows all the others do the same but at a different time. This principle applies only to the "inside" bells of the ring because in some systems, referred to as "odd bell methods," the tenor, which is the largest bell of the ring, is rung "behind," i.e., last, throughout. In other systems known as "even bell methods" the tenor is "turned in," that is to say, it follows the same course as the other "inside" bells. The treble at the other end may in some methods ring as the inside bells and in others follow its own characteristic course. Various devices such as two bells changing places are used to prevent the changes coming back into plain rounds, i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., so as to obtain the full extent of the changes possible or required in a given composition. A peal of 5,040 changes on 8 bells such as Grandsire Triples (the full extent of 7 bells with the tenor behind) takes approximately three hours to ring for an average weight of bells. The full extent on 12 bells known as Maximus amounts to 479,001,600 changes and this would taken 37 years 355 days' continuous ringing! The extent of Bob Major, 40,320 changes, has, however, been achieved and gives some idea of the skill and endurance of which bell ringers are capable.

Bell frames are made of timber, cast-iron or welded steel and considerable controversy exists as to which is best. Timber is now at a disadvantage because of the difficulty of procuring it, especially seasoned material, and contrary to what is often believed has no effect upon the tone since the bell is in any case insulated from its hangings by non-metallic material. Many people prefer cast-iron because of its better resistance to corrosion than steel, but with the improved means of steel protection now available the versatility of welded fabrication has attractions. The main supporting beams are now nearly always rolled steel joists.

SWINGING BELLS

It is hard to say which produces the finer bell music—a heavy tuned ring of bells or several perfectly tuned swinging bells striking in harmony with one another. This method is ideal, musically, for bells weighing several tons or more, quite apart from the mechanical aspects of the question. The "surge" and the slight variation in pitch due to the sweep of a beam of sound past the listener as the bell moves produces a magnificent effect; an effect, of course, also present with a change-ringing bell. The chief characteristic of this method of hanging is that the bell is "tucked" up a long way into a heavy counter-balancing headstock so that its axis of rotation is near its centre of gravity, the clapper being similarly treated. The result is a slow-motion effect with the clapper rising up and hitting the upper side of the bell (as it should always do) and falling away to let the bell vibrate freely. Change-ringing naturally is not possible with this type of hanging, and in fact the bell does not usually swing more than frame-high. Mechanically, of course, the lateral thrust is much less than with the ringing bell. Frequently with this type of hanging a chain passes over the wheel and round a sprocket attached to the shaft of an electric motor which provides the motive force and is in its turn controlled by an automatic switch. This form of bell music is sometimes combined with that of a chime or carillon; improvised melody on the stationary bells being fitted into the rhythm of the swinging ones hung lower in the same tower.

CHIMES AND CARILLONS

The third way of hanging a bell, which also largely applies to clock bells, is that of the Chime or Carillon. Generally speaking, a chime or carillon is the same thing, the only difference is in the number of bells, any number of two chromatic octaves or more being considered a carillon. The bells, in this case, are fixed stationarily in a frame and chimed by an internal clapper or, often in the case of clock bells, by an external hammer, but the former is to be preferred because gravity here assists a quick return of the clapper. The wires from the clappers, by a system of cranks and rollers, are connected to the wooden keys of a clavier upon which a trained carillonneur may perform with great virtuosity, the wires from the bigger bells being also connected, in tandem, to pedals similar to those of an organ console.

On a chime where the musical scope is not so great, the speed of action on the clavier may be sacrificed in favour of a longer stroke giving a somewhat fuller tone.

An alternative to hand action is the use of the electro-pneumatic system working a second clapper striking on the opposite side of the bell. The wires are connected to pistons acted upon by compressed air and the inflow valves to the cylinders are controlled by electro-magnets. These in turn are controlled by electrical impulses from the contacts of an ivory keyboard or from contact between a "comb" and pegs on a metal drum similar to a large musical box. This may be set into motion automatically by a clock system and so play tunes at certain arranged hours of the day. The electro-pneumatic system has not the delicacy of touch of the hand action, but is, on the other hand, essential for playing in noisy cities and on very heavy bells.

All these installations, after erection for test in the shop, are stripped for delivery to the site by the various modern means of transport, usually road in this country. I mention this point to contrast the practice of some of the old founders who, because roads were so bad and bells so heavy, would build a furnace and cast the bells in the churchyard, using, of course, local timber for the frame.

BELL MUSIC

The music of ringing and slow-swinging bells has its own character and charm and the following remarks apply more especially to chimes and carillons. Tuned bells are normally minor in key and so melodies in a minor key, such as "God rest you merry, gentlemen," always sound more harmonious on bells than those in the major. In fact, the minor third is apt to give rise to the impression that the bells are out of tune when played in the major. Owing to the individual complexity of bells, simple tunes can sound almost as effective as complicated ones, and for the same reason a contrapuntal form is more suited to bell music than chords unless the latter are very carefully chosen.

(Concluded)

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By ROGER BALDWIN

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WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS. — On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Vera Brook 1, W. Green 2, Margaret Donovan 3, J. Smalley 4, A. King 5, J. M. Brook (cond.) 6. For Christmas and as an 81st birthday compliment to W. Green (Jan. 8th).

WHO'S WHO OF HANDBELL TEAMS

Prepared by "Reverberations", the Journal of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain

Ashover Handbell Ringers. — Fifty-six bells made by Taylor's, of Loughborough, purchased towards the end of the last century. During the last five years 33 bells have been reconditioned. No regular use from 1918 until 1962 when used for carols and musical events. Now rung from ordinary sheet music.

Ashton-under-Lyne and District Handbell Ringers.—Founded Christmas Eve, 1966; 7 ringers, 2 apprentices; bells 2½ octaves by Mears and Welch. Practice: after church bellringing practice on Thursdays and after ringing for Evensong on Sundays. Only three of the team had rung tunes on handbells before team was formed. All are tower bell ringers.

Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School Handbell Ringers.—Formed in 1958 using ten handbells belonging to St. Luke's Church, Heywood. In 1960 a set of two diatonic octaves (17 bells) bought for use of team by the school's Parents' Association. Suitable music acquired especially from Mr. Tom Ogden. Played in public on some 50 occasions. Method of ringing: individual copies of music showing only the notes rung from each copy and picking up off a table when required. At least over 50 pupils have been taught, never more than ten being with the team at any one time.

St. Paul's Handbell Ringers, Bury.—The bells (52 in the set) found in the church had not been used for about 40 years. In 1962 completely renovated by Mears and Stainbank at a cost of £145. Arrange all music; prefer to play modern pieces, i.e., current musical, pop and marches.

Charnwood Handbell Ringers. — About three years ago five members of a family availed themselves of an evening course at a Leicester further education centre. Sixteen bells acquired, now increased to 25 and able to ring in three different keys. Playing done from numbers adapted from music with four "in hand" except with larger bells. Music library 200 light and classical music, hymns and carols. All members live in the Charnwood Forest area of Leicestershire, hence the name.

The Crosthwaite Handbell Ringers.—Present set 37 bells—three chromatic octaves by Mears, the largest being 22 C. Up to 1934 the bells were only used at Christmas when the ringers toured the countryside playing carols. Since then were used for local concerts. After the Second World War the Crosthwaite Handbell Ringers were formed and have given over 50 wireless broadcasts and three on television. Have entertained weekly during the past three years during the season at a W.T.A. guest house, giving great pleasure to hundreds of people.

Most tunes take six ringers and a piano is used. All the music is transposed into numbers; the top note is called No. 1. Leader since 1934, J. W. Brownrigg.

Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers. — First formed at this village near Sheffield about 1905 with a second-hand set cast by Shaw, of Bradford. The group later had 53 bells and joined in handbell ringing contests then popular in the North of England.

In 1925 a set of five full octaves was purchased from Mears and Stainbank for just under £200. These bells had seen nearly 40 years of good service when they were returned to Mears and Stainbank for a complete overhaul. Present set 163 bells.

Present method of playing requires ten ringers standing round a table some 13 by 6½ feet with the bells laid out on mattresses. Music is scored in normal music notation but written in the treble clef. It is broken down into three parts — bass, tenor and treble. Usual arrangement, three ringers bass, three tenor and four treble.

Hope Baptist Church, Ebden Bridge.—About five years ago the Minister, Rev. D. Irome, bought 12 diatonic handbells and got a team together. Three years ago he left and G. H. Bungay took over and bought a set of 39 bells (J. Taylor's). Present team six ladies, two boys, two girls and can play hymns and simple pieces such as folk songs. Thought to be the only Baptist handbell ringers in the country.

Higher Walton Handbell Ringers.—Handbell ringing had been practised in the village for many years but from 1914 until December, 1961, the bells had been neglected and hung in a cupboard in the school cellar. All the leathers had perished and the bells could not be rung. The Mears set purchased in 1907 consisted of five octaves with three octaves as duplicates and two octaves as triplicates, 123 bells in all. The cost was £66 10s.

The present team started to repair bells in 1961 and received a lot of encouragement from meeting the Oldham Moorside team. Most of the company are tower bell ringers.

The Hunshelf Ringers.—This team comes from Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, but all are ex-Hunshelf Secondary Modern School pupils. The average age of team, 13½ years. Only ringing since February, 1967. Use about 40 of their 66 bells, most of which were cast by Shaw, of Bradford, some 80-odd years ago. During the last two years three new bells have been cast by John Taylor and the whole set repaired and restored to a ringable state by the Loughborough Foundry in July–August, 1967.

The team ring in a straight line with ringers of No. 1 and No. 12/13 standing at the two edges. The "music" is pinned on a board which stands about 3 to 4 feet from the table. The "music" is a letter, number and colour system.

Kingsbury Parish Church Handbell Ringers.—First started in 1952 by Messrs. G. H., D. K. and W. G. Lane with 18 second-hand handbells reconditioned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. That Christmas visits were made to various farms, where carols were sung by the church choir accompanied by handbells. The money raised was given towards the cost of a new treble tower bell. After the new treble was installed in 1959, handbell ringing continued and £53 of the bell fund was used in 1961 to purchase eight new handbells, thus completing two chromatic octaves in F sharp, size 18, plus one bell at the higher end of the scale. The present group consists of four people.

The method of ringing is four in hand and, contrary to most four in hand teams, the top bells are struck down and the bottom bells struck across inwards. Music is written in the form of numbers, the basic tune being played on a diatonic 12 with the highest note of the 12 being No. 1.

The activities of the group are mainly confined to money-raising ventures which help to augment the church bell fund, now standing at £2,300. This money is to be used to recast and rehang the church bells in a new frame lower down the tower and to add two more bells to complete the octave.

Launton Handbell Ringers.—Founded by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who was taught handbell ringing by the late Mr. R. White, of Appleton. He bought his first bells—a set of 12 by Henry Bond I—in 1925 and formed a small team. By 1951 the collection of bells had increased to 54 and that year their first sound broadcast was given and first television in 1954. Since that time the team has travelled widely and given recitals in many English cathedrals, town halls and similar places. The bells are Mr. Sharpe's property and now number 207. Bells are from the following founders: W. Cor, R. Cor, R. and W. Cor, R. Wells I, R. Wells II, R. and J. Wells, J. Bridgman, H Bond (Westwell), H. Bond (Burford), H. Bond II, T. Bond, E. Hemins, N. B(londel), T. Lester, T. Mears I, G. Mears, Mears and Stainbank, J. Taylor and Co., Gillett and Johnston, F. White, R. White, W. Dunn, J. Platt, G. Welch, G. Stockham, H. Symondson, P. Symondson, J. Warner, J. Rudden, W. Blews, Blews and Sons, J. Barwell, J. K(ingston), J. Shaw, O. Cor. Mr. Sharpe tuned the bells to form the set and made the clappers and leatherwork. They always ring four in hand and at a normal recital use 72 bells.

The music is scored in bell notation in the mediæval mode. Traditional and modern music is rung, classical composers' works rearranged, but recitals are chiefly English traditional folk songs and carols.

(To be continued)

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Letters to the Editor

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Once again I take the opportunity of congratulating the Christmas morning ringers on what I thought was a splendid combination of change-ringing

Transmission was perfect and the striking second ton none. I should always agree what a wonderful opening for Christmas Day. I always look forward to the next time.

Wishing you and the "Ringing World" all prosperity and good luck in the coming year.—Yours truly,

R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

OLD HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—Similar to Mr. J. Smith's and Mr. Frank R. Barnett's letters (page 932), I, too, have a set of ten handbells, size 17 in A. Two of these have the letters R.W. (probably Robert Wells) and one has W.R. inside. Is this a mistake in the mould or another founder?

They are not "turned up," i.e. rough cast "inside," so must be old. I shall be pleased if anyone can tell me their age.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

CITY'S UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent interesting correspondence regarding the bells of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, it would be of great value to have information regarding the other unringable bells in the City of London. St. Magnus the Martyr's bells are not yet rehung, but does anyone know when they were last rung? How about the bells of St. Sepulchre's and St. Katherine Cree's?—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR H. COOMBS.

East Dulwich.

"MINI RINGERS"

Dear Sir,—It is ridiculous to suggest that meeting organisers should adjust the tail-ends to suit short ringers (i.e., 5ft. people—"R.W.". p. 933). When Miss Sparshott and Mr. Ebsworth realised that their ropes were too short at the tail-end they should have asked the conductor to stand and then lengthened their own ropes (unless, of course, they were unable to perform this very difficult task). I would venture to suggest that instead of wasting time writing to the "R.W". they should have been making a portable box each, to prevent a recurrence of the incident.—Yours sincerely.

DAVID P. LEWORTHY.

Minster, Sheppey.

MERSHAM BELL RESTORATION

Dear Sir,—Recently you published an informative and well-written article about Mersham Church, by Nicholas Davies. It is highly unlikely that the restoration would have been undertaken had it not been for the initiative of Mr. Henry Parkes, who, being a native of the village, desired to see the bells in ringing order.

He dismantled the bells in his own time and arranged their transport to Whitechapel. When the new frame and bells were ready for installation he, in his own time again, fitted the new frame and hung the bells. Mention should also be made of Mr. Arthur Lewry, who gave up his holiday to assist, as the promised local help did not materialise when the actual job started. I feel that efforts of this kind should be given full public recognition.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.

FIRST WAR MEMORIES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from Mr. T. E. Sone on page 932 of "The Ringing World." I wonder if his records include a quarter peal of Bob Major rung on handbells in the tower of St. John's Church, Blackpool, on July 23rd, 1918, by: Pte. L. W. Jacques 1–2, Pte. A. E. Austin 3–4, Pte. H. R. Pasmore (cond) 5–6, Pte T. E. Sone 7–8. First quarter peal by 1–2 and 7–8 and first "inside" by 3–4.

On July 25th I was transferred to Chepstow, Monmouth, and here I met and used to ring with F. W. Dale, from Hessle, Yorks, and G. W. Peverell, from Bishop Auckland.

On October 26th, 1918, there was a ringing meeting at Chepstow, and here I met J. W. Jones, secretary to the Monmouthshire Association, and Joe E. Sykes, from Yorkshire.

I should like to send my greetings to any of those ringers still surviving.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. AUSTIN.

Newmarket.

COMPANOLOGY ON THE CAMPUS?

Dear Sir,—From recent North Staffs peal reports, no doubt we shall shortly be hearing of an "in hand" peal at B.P.O. Central (Engineering) Training School.

Unfortunately, being a "seat of science," those dedicated to the arts are not always well received there. For example, the Scot who paraded—with the Pipes—on a dormitory roof some 15 years ago. (Does anyone know his fate?) One hopes that handbell ringers—pursuing a nice blend of art and science—will be accorded a kindlier reception!

Successful performances would, of course, be commemorated by suitable wall plaques in the club bar. Although many of the existing exhibits have obviously been composed with real feeling, they are (or certainly were) on the "lighter side." A dignified peal board here and there would strike a nice balance.

One recalls clearly the "dedicated men" who were so engrossed in their course that they covered the table tops with circuit diagrams—drawn in beer! This, coupled with the recent remarks attributed to Dr. P. J. Perry, of Christchurch, conjures up a vision of "blue lines" in beer on the Yarnfield tables. Happy hunting!

Best wishes from a former B.P.O. engineer—now a senior technician in N.Z. Post Office.—Yours sincerely,

W. T. LACK.

Auckland, N.Z.

A 1963 PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—With regret I must withdraw the peal of 5,088 London Surprise Major rung at Wincanton, Somerset, on August 17th, 1963, for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, since I have now found it to be false. The composition, a one-part by Stephen Ivin, was incorrectly transcribed by me and is, of course, true in its published form. I must offer my apologies to the members of the band, to Mr. Trevor Cross who arranged the peal, and to all those who keep records of peals rung.—Yours sincerely,

NEIL BENNETT.

Ashton-under-Lyne.

"RINGING MADE A FARCE"

Dear Sir, — The issue of "The Ringing World" dated December 1st, 1967, boldly announces an article entitled "The Day's Programme—17 Towers in Leicestershire."

I wonder what is to be gained by "ringing" in such a ridiculous number of towers in one day? I estimate (and in some instances know) that taking into account the distance covered between each tower and the number visited (I won't say "rung" at)—not more than 15 minutes, on average, could have been spent in each.

The important point, and the one that has prompted me to put "pen to paper," is that after being given permission to ring, these people do no more than criticise the bells in front of the Ringing Master or person who has taken the trouble to meet them and, not content with this, go one further and pass comment in "The Ringing World."

This is regarded generally as discourteous, but if we must criticise let us be right about it. Who in their right mind would call the bells at Syston a "superb octave"? With all due respect to the Syston ringers (and I think they will agree), the bells at Syston are among the poorest eights in the county. Possibly these Rutland people thought that they were a superb octave because the only other eight-bell tower that they visited was at King's Norton (men's bells) and made a poor exhibition on them. This could have been avoided if they had taken the trouble to oil the bearings—after all, early 18th century fittings do need some attention from time to time!

I could make a suggestion, Rutland ringers—come to Leicestershire again—but not for 17 towers—try six or eight, and towers such as Wigston South, Wigston Magna, Claybrooke Parva, Hinckley, Market Bosworth, Shepshed, Sileby, Bottesford and a host of other "superb" Taylor octaves. If a local ringer meets you, ask him to ring with you, ring well, thank him for allowing you to ring, leave a good impression. But don't criticise his village bells. — Yours faithfully,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leics.

REPORT A GUIDE TO OTHER RINGERS

Dear Sir,—In her letter about outing reports, Judy Cox shows that she is suffering from a very common fault among ringers—that of regarding the bells in her own tower as being beyond reproach as regards tone and "go."

I am sure that most ringers who go on outings fairly regularly will agree with me that the majority of bells are of a rather poor tone. However, when one visits a tower, no matter how poisonous the bells may sound, invariably the local ringers will tell you that they are "one of the best rings in the area." Surely when reporting an outing the descriptions of the bells should be both objective and impartial, to act as a guide to other ringers who may wish to tour in the same area. To do otherwise is rather like saying "I went to a performance of Beethoven's Choral Symphony last night and the conductor told me it was one of the best performances he had ever heard."

I suggest that all ringers try to be more objective and critical about bells, especially in their own towers, and not automatically regard them as being beyond reproach in all ways.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. B.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Kent Replies to the Critics

CORRECT PROCEDURE

Dear Sir,—I would like to partly support the letters by Anthea Sparshott and Paul Ebsworth ("Ringing World," page 933).

I know that all Canterbury District members must feel very depressed. I had the misfortune of going to the ringing at their annual District meeting in our Mother Cathedral at Canterbury and I have never before in my life been so disgusted with the standard of ringing—it was appalling. The Ringing Master had no control whatsoever over the proceedings.

I would like, however, to ask the North East Kent ringers and University ringers if they have any complaints about Kent ringing to come along to Rochester on Easter Monday, 1968, to the Association's annual general meeting and fire as many questions as they like to the Association's officers, and we will try to help and answer any queries they may have about Kent ringing. "The Ringing World" is not the place for such complaints.

So please do not keep writing to "The Ringing World" with your complaints. Kent is not the only county with ringing difficulties, and the committee is fully aware of the problems and is making every effort to improve the standard of Sunday service ringing and of meetings throughout the county.

In my opinion the standard of ringing in Kent, with some exceptions I have already mentioned, is far higher and more advanced than any other territorial Association with which I have rung.

I would respectfully remind those visitors to Kent who know all there is to know about Kent ringing that the Kent County Association is not the name given to a public building, it is the name of well over a thousand ringers who have feelings and have worked very hard for our Association, and we do not like all this adverse publicity, which for the most part is totally unfounded and given by a handful of visitors to our county.—Yours sincerely,

TONY LEWIS.

Chislehurst, Kent.

FACTS

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest your correspondent's letter "Conditions in Kent" ("R.W.", page 931). His statement is quite correct; there has not been a meeting in the East Kent area since October 21st. As the Ashford District has been specifically mentioned in the letter, I report on its activities, etc.

There has been a net increase in membership of 23 during the year, and over the past ten years membership has increased from 180 to 304. Of the 41 towers in the District with five or more bells, 36 of them are in union with the Association and 30 of these ring regularly for Sunday service.

Eight meetings were held during the year and one ringing school (with the Canterbury District). The average attendance at service and tea was 52, an increase of nine of the previous year. Nine meetings have already been arranged for 1968. Thirty-six combined practices were arranged in the District between April and October and in nearly all cases were well attended. At least six Surprise practices were also organised. Both types of practice will continue in 1968

Seven members rang their first peal and two members conducted their first peal. The bells of Ashford and Wittersham were pealed after rehanging by bands from within the District. A new band of 14 ringers has been instructed for Mersham where the bells were recently rehung. The District has contributed over £34 to tower restorations this year.

These critical correspondents are at college or university in Canterbury and are only in the county for about three-quarters of the year for three or four years. It can hardly be expected that the Districts alter their organisation and the interests of members to suit these "birds of passage". If the content of their letters is indicative of their general behaviour then it is small wonder that they have difficulty in finding peal ringers in Kent.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN P. S. BERRY,
Hon. District Secretary,
Ashford District, K.C.A.

RINGING IN THE WEST COUNTRY DURING 1967

ONCE again another year has gone by, and the West Country, particularly Devon, has had its fair share of ringing. One of the more important events during the past year has been the holding of the annual general meeting of the Devon Guild in entirely new territory, this being at Buckfast Abbey, and one could not have failed to be impressed by the service which was held in the Abbey Church, all the congregation of ringers being accommodated in the chancel instead of the nave. From a peal ringing point of view, all the bookings for peals here have been taken for the next three years, but it is perhaps a coincidence that none of the peal attempts for 1967 were successful.

Another of the main features of the year was the successful peal ringing tour which was held in the early autumn, when, out of twelve attempts, eight were successful. Aubrey Bennett was responsible for the arrangements, and the tourists were in the charge of Mr. Mr. Alan Ainsworth, of Birmingham, who was a very able substitute for Mr. George Fearn.

Outings have again been popular, and tours by visiting ringers from outside the county have included one organised by Mr. J. R. Norris, of Crawley, and another by Mr. F W. Housden, of Shalford, the Devon Guild treasurer, Group Captain Read, of Galmpton, being responsible for the arrangements in the latter case. Five successful tours have also been arranged by Mr. Bennett, one of these including a visit to the neighbouring county of Somerset. These tours have been very beneficial to the younger members of the ringing fraternity.

Touching on a note of sadness, the Devon Guild suffered a severe loss last Easter by the death of Mr. Tom Myers, of Plymouth, one of the most outstanding ringers in the county and a very close friend of the writer. A. L. B.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Double (seven methods, 7 6. 8 covering): J. R. Hobbs 1, R. L Coles 2, Kay Whittiker 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, I. P. Cox 5, Hilary Jacobs (first quarter) 6, I. H. Thompson 7, Valerie Thompson (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

MEMORIES — HIS FIRST PRACTICE WAS 60 YEARS AGO

I remember when Granny was dying for a cup of tea the first thing every morning. There was difficulty with sticks and paper to get a fire. If the wind was the wrong way it was right for the back to back house, where the rent was also three shillings a week. The electric kettle came later for the grandchildren. I remember when all the bells did all the work of one method and the arrival of Norman and his 23 methods was not forecast. I remember when attending my first practices, 60 years ago at the village church, not to be surprised if someone was earlier. He would be one of the few clerical ringers of the time who had walked 14 miles and the same distance to walk back. I remember a few weeks ago an education authority refused a petrol allowance for a girl to drive to school in her own car.

I remember the first time ten men rang the clock round. It was at Loughborough, not at the foundry but at the church. The peal was 18,027 of Stedman Caters. Two Pyes and a Cheeseman in the band did not help to provide nourishment. I remember when men rang men's bells and ladies and children were not seen in the belfries. Every Saturday one man "put the fat down." and it ran out of plain and badly-worn bearings on Sunday morning. Evening ringing was navvies' work. Some readers may need to be told that the lubricant known as fat was lard

The infants' school was conveniently situated between two villages. With two miles to go they played, laughed and ran in safety. Death on the road was coming for their grandchildren, not for them. I remember the admiration of all in those early days for peals of London Surprise Major on handbells. One who took part in these was not at all pleased when Arthur Morris tapped a peal in this method.

One night we had a visitor. He had travelled by train in his working clothes. His photograph is in "Morris," page 545. Those who can turn to this page will see the gentleman wearing his silk hat and frock coat and that is how he attended our practice. Few ringers now living rang with him and fewer still will ever see his like again. Dress and dignity have deteriorated and we can see on television every day that Cabinet Ministers no longer raise their hats to ladies.

I remember seeing the first aeroplane on its on its way from London to Manchester. The object of the flight was to win £10,000, not to kill 10,000 people. That was to come later for the grandchildren

I remember the only ringer to win the Victoria Cross was a fellow member of my belfry. I remember my Vicar refused permission for lady recruits. He objected in principle when I tried to keep names out of my request. He objected to two sisters when I was compelled to divulge names. So we waited for a change of Vicar. The curate did not share the Vicar's objection, he married one of them.

I remember when the five-day week was unheard of and travelling to distant towers was impossible. The song of the workers was "eight hours' work, eight hours' play, eight hours' sleep and eight bob a day." There were no shorter hours, they all had 60 minutes.

I shall be a little late reporting on this week's peal outing. It still takes a little longer to get back from the moon.

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DOUBLES SPLICING

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. A. Lewis's letters. I have produced the following notes for publication in "The Ringing World." Whilst not attempting to be a comprehensive study on Doubles splicing, it covers enough to enable a band to ring a peal in a large number of methods/variations, and it covers all the methods of splicing used by our band as we progressed from 42 to 180 methods/variations.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE A. DAWSON.

West Norwood, S.E.

"SPLICED" DOUBLES

(1) TWIN HUNT METHODS

Plain Leads:

Grandsire	Antelope	"Wollaton"	"Newark"
54321	45321	54321	45321
53412	43512	53412	43512
35142	34152	35142	34152
31524	31425	31524	31425
13254	13245	13254	13245
12345	12345	12345	12345
21354	21354	21345	21345
23145	23154	23145	23154
32415	32514	32415	32514
34251	35241	34251	35241

Bobs:

Grandsire	Antelope	"All Saints"	"Pinks"
25341	24351	24351	25341
23514	23415	23415	23514
32154	32145	32145	32154
31245	31245	31254	31254
13254	13254	13254	13254
12345	12345	12345	12345
21354	21354	21345	21345
23145	23154	23154	23145
32415	32514	32514	32415
34251	35241	35241	34251

Singles:

Works in 4–5 are as at equivalent bob, but 2nds and four blows in thirds are made.

Each single is a "lead-splicer" with the other three singles, i.e from a given coursing order, the same rows occur between half-leads. This gives rise to the simplest form of splicing in Grandsire type methods, i.e. using two different singles in the standard extent, 60 changes apart. In the SBSP x three extents, it is possible to use all four singles—obtaining a "four spliced" extent. This particular type of extent is of dubious value as four singles are used with three plain leads.

Variations of each plain course method may be obtained by using a different bob in a standard extent. These are all true provided that only one type of bob is used per extent. Any single may be used in each extent. Thus 16 different variations are possible for each plain lead type — each of the four bobs with each of the singles in turn.

"Three-spliced" extents of a simple type may be obtained by using three different plain courses in one extent. This idea is based on the well-known spliced Triples extent by John Segar, where the method rung depends upon the bell in the hunt. However, where bobs are called every lead in the Triples, a normal (i.e. standard) extent is used in the Doubles. For example, using the third bell as observation bell with Grandsire bobs and singles:

12345—ring Grandsire (2 in hunt). A bob is called at the first lead, bringing the 4ths into the hunt—so change the method to "Wollaton" for the next plain lead. A bob at the next lead brings 5 into the hunt, so for the next plain lead ring Antelope. A single at the next lead puts four into the hunt, so "Wollaton" is called again. A bob at the next lead then puts 2 into the hunt, so ring Grandsire at the plain lead . . . and so on. This will give a true 120 whatever bob is used, provided again that only one bob type is used per extent.

(2) METHODS WITH ONE HUNT

(a) Individual plain course methods.

For every four-lead plain course method in the Central Council Doubles Collection of the A and B grouping there are two closely related three-lead plain course methods. These have either 1:2 places or 3:4 places at the half-lead. Each of these methods is a "two-lead" splicer with the four-lead method, i.e. with two fixed bells, unaffected by the change of the method substitution of the three-lead plain course method gives a true extent. A typical easy extent using both slow-course methods is given below:

120 SPLICED PLAIN BOB, CANDLESBY S.C. AND BOXFORD BOB DOUBLES

2345 Candlesby S.C.	3452 Plain
2534 Plain	– 3425 Plain
5423 Boxford	4532 Boxford
4253 Plain	5342 Plain
– 4235 Plain	3254 Candlesby S.C.
2543 Plain	– 2345
5324 Plain	

With six changes of method.

An example without the use of bobs is:

120 SPLICED WINCHENDON PLACE, THORNBOROUGH S.C. AND HADDISCOE.

2345 Thornborough	4352 Winchendon
2534 Winchendon	3245 Thornborough
5423 Haddiscoe	3524 Haddiscoe
4253 Thornborough	5234 Winchendon
4325 Winchendon	2453 Thornborough
3542 Haddiscoe	2345
5432 Haddiscoe	

With ten changes of method.

(b) Variations.

The use of Grandsire singles as a bob for Plain Bob is well known, the variation being called April Day. As we have seen earlier, Grandsire, Antelope, etc., singles are lead-splicers, so the use of three different singles gives a three variations in one extent. This system works for all A and B group methods.

COMPOSITIONS

5,184 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAXIMUS
(Ilkeston Variation)
By G. E. SYMONDS

23456	M	30X	W	H
53624	1	x	1	2
53246	1	x		2
42356	2	x		

Twice repeated, 6th extent Home.

5,184 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAXIMUS
(Ilkeston Variation)
By G. E. SYMONDS

23456	M	30X	W	H
26354	1	x	2	
24653	1	x	2	
24536	1	x		2

Twice repeated.

This peal is suitable for handbells, as treble and 2nd are coursing throughout except when the latter is in the Slow.

The three Oxfords are called when the treble is in 3–4 down; at the first 8th and 10th, at the second tenor and 11th, at the third 9th and 7th, make 3rds place and up.

EXETER.—At St. Mark's Church, on Dec. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Stefan Nutt (first quarter 1. M. S Turner (first on working bell) 2. G. P. Smerdon 3. G H. Baldam 4, J. N. Longridge (Ringing Master and cond.) 5. C. L. George (secretary) 6. By St. Luke's College Society to mark the first anniversary of its foundation.

SOLUTION TO "URANGWOT"

The time in minutes 192 has the factors 3×2^6. The only numbers not exceeding 8 to be made up from these factors are 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8. There is also one available with any of these numbers to give a product equal to that from two other numbers of this set. Thus the combinations possible are:—

(i) 1 x 6 and 2 x 3. (ii) 1 x 8 and 2 x 4.
(iii) 2 x 6 and 3 x 4. (iv) 3 x 8 and 4 x 6.

Joe and Charlie did not ring the treble as that was rung by a lady each time and 2 x 6 and 3 x 8 have more than one ringer between them so the acceptable pairs for Joe and Charlie are those in heavier type. Only three peals were involved and there are four possible combinations of three from four. However, the stipulation that the conductor rang the same bell throughout and on one occasion rang between Joe and Charlie necessitates the inclusion of (iv) for the conductor to ring 5. Joe's deafness would put him on 4 rather than 6. Since Joe and Charlie did not ring the same bell twice it is found that there are two acceptable combinations out of the four possible.

	Solution I			Solution II		
Number of methods	8	24	32	8	16	32
Bob's bell ..	5	5	5	5	5	5
Joe's bell ..	4	2	3	4	3	2
Charlie's bell	6	4	2	6	4	3

Most entrants submitted one of the solutions and only three gave both. The prize is awarded to J. F. Roebuck, 12, Rothwell Close, Ormskirk, Lancs, who did this and also mentioned the assumption that had to be made that all rings were hung clockwise.

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HALF PEAL

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 27th, 2,688 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, H. E. Wells 3, R. A Partridge 4, M. Bishop 5, J. P. Blond 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, W. L. Gilks 8. Rung following failure of a Double Norwich peal attempt.

ALVESTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Bridges 1, Mrs. J. Beasley 2, M. Reed 3, P. Robson 4, A. V. Carter (cond.) 5, B. Reed 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss A. L. Day 1, Mrs. D. A. Day 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, W. Clamp 4, J. L. Day 5, K. J. Panter 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Stedman 1, Elizabeth Gibbs (first "inside") 2, Geraldine Piper 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, Diana Hayns 5, T. Skilton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

AWRE, GLOS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 St. Martin's Doubles: G. Band (first quarter as cond.) 1, R. Philpott 2, M. Rice 3, J. Long 4, R Day 5, D. Townsend 6. First in method for all. A compliment to Kathryn Lloyd and Geoffrey Beech on their engagement.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Dec. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Vivienne Smith 1, A. J. Garbett 2, R. J. Edden 3, P. A. Lock 4, G. J. Roberts 5, R. F. Shepperd 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Simmonds 8. First of Major 1, 2, 5, 6. For the engagement of the treble ringer to Mr. Peter Kay, of Cheltenham.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Lonsdale 1, Barbara Shaw 2, Jane Fransella 3, Christine Morton 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, D. Knewstub 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's): Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, L. A. England 3, F. J. White 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, W. A. Prescott 6. First of Spliced Doubles by all and on the bells. Rung prior to Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,385 Stedman Caters: R. Talbot 1, Christine Foster 2, M. Foster 3, Jean Kimber 4, Juliet Stoy 5, J. Cook 6, D. Spittle 7, S. Kimber 8, M. Chilcott 9, F. Darby (cond.) 10 The annual quarter peal rung for Christmas.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. J. Perrin 1, R. T. Falder 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. C. Worthington 4, P. J. Crane 5, R. Spicer 6, M. R. Worthington 7, A. E. Jones 8. First of Plain Bob Triples for all the band. For Christmas.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Marshall 1, Violet Relf 2, J. E. Spree 3, E. Clifton 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. Rung for service of nine lessons.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Miss D. Smith 1, J. Beasley 2, S. Bell (cond.) 3, K. Clipsom 4, M. Hawkins 5. For midnight Communion.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—At the Abbey Church, on Dec. 16th, 1,349 Stedman Caters: Ruth E. Havard 1, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, Patricia Rogers 3, K. J. Darvill 4, A. H. Smith 5, R. H. Youdale 6, P. K. Williamson 7, C. H. Rogers 8, S. C. Walters 9, A. Scholfield 10. A peal attempt shortened due to the indisposition of one of the band.

CANFORD, DORSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Willcock (first quarter) 1, I. A. A. Hodgson (first quarter) 2, M. A. C. Frewer 3, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. G Heath 6. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Sue M. Corry 2, T. G. Bleathman 3, C. F. Longridge 4, M. J. Corry 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6.

CASTLE BROMWICH, WARWS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alice Rhodes 1, Anne Deebank (first "inside") 2, Catherine Tiequet 3, Lynda Deebank 4, H. Fitter 5, F. W. Bailey (cond.) 6.

CASTLE CARY, SOM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. M. Edwards 1, W. Higdon 2, A. Higdon (cond.) 3, J. Nicholls 4, Mrs. L. Sherrell 5, F. Mills 6, W. Sherrell 7, A. Lawrence 8. Rung for Matins.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (middle six): R. H. Candy 1, Heather Cranshaw 2, Barbara Gibson 3, J. T. Cousins 4, B. N. Butler 5, R. Weeks 6, A. J. Leeves (cond.) 7, M. A. Legg 8. First of Minor 1, 2, 3. For Christmas.

QUARTER PEALS

DUNKERTON, SOM.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Barratt 1, S. C. Davis (cond. 5½ extents) 2, L. Veal 3, S. Milverton 4, V. Bowering (cond. 5 extents; first "inside") 5, A. F. Butt 6. For the carol service.

DURWESTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Sue M. Corry 2, C. F. Longridge 3, M. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. For the Durweston carol service.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of Holy Trinity, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Slyfield 1, Jill M. May 2, P. J. Privett 3, Judith M. Collins 4, C. Hill 5, D. J. Tubbs 6, D. A. May (cond.) 7, J. Collier 8.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. Jenny Sudds (first quarter) 1, N. F. Bellamy 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, P. G. Hickey 4, M. V. White 5, R. D. Hodges 6. Rung by pupils and a member of the staff of Ledbury Grammar School immediately after the annual carol service held in the school which adjoins the churchyard.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods/variations): Valerie C. Allen 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, A. P. Smith 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell 6. Most methods/variations by all the band. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,320 Daffodil Doubles: D. Stephens 1, H. Miles 2, A. P. Smith (cond.) 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, F. M. Bowers 5, A. Ruth Aston 6. First in the variation for all the band. A 23rd birthday compliment to Malcolm Bowers.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Adelaide L. Day 1, Mrs. Dorothy A. Day 2, W. Clamp 3, R. H. Cook 4, J. L. Day 5, O. Homewood 6, R. E. Manton 7, J. W. Day 8. For Evensong on Christmas Eve, also a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Harry Cooke, chairman of the Melton District and vice-president of the Leicester Guild.

MORTLAKE, LONDON, S.W.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Freeman (first on working bell) 1, Jennifer Nockolds (first "inside") 2, Angela Wells 3, C. Stevenson (cond.) 4, A. Bentley 5, Deborah Blow (first attempt) 6. For the Christmas tree service.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Birks (first quarter) 1, T. Smith (cond.) 2, Jane Wyatt (first "inside") 3, I. Ross 4, P. Lucas 5, J. Scar 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to Miss Christine Birks (14).

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Wendy Roberts (first Triples) 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey (first "inside" of Triples) 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Sansom (cond.) 7, A. Reeves 8. For Holy Communion.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wood 1, J. Seward 2, D. Petts 3, C. W. J. Beeching (cond.) 4, H. Seward (first "inside") 5, D. Sara 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods/var.): H. Steward 1, J. Steward 2, P. Grace 3, D. Petts 4, C. W. J. Beeching (cond.) 5, D. Sara 6. First in six methods 1, 2, 3, 6. For the Patronal Festival and as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev E. C. Turner) who is retiring. Also on Christmas Day 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Woods 1, J. Squirrell 2, J. Seward 3, P. Grace 4, C. W. J. Beeching (cond.) 5, D. Petts 6. First of Minor "inside" 2, 3, 4. First of Minor on the bells by the Sunday service band.

PORTISHEAD, SOM.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Gale 1, A. J. Gould 2, R. Dale (first quarter) 3, D. J. Gale (first of Triples "inside") 4, R. G. Gale 5, Cecil Bishop 6, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, Dennis Hill 8. For the Festival of Christmas.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Sanders 1, A. Locke 2, E. H. Langley 3, Miss A. H. Ince (first of Triples as cond.) 4, W. R. Curtis 5, J. George 6, R. Hart (first of Triples) 7, R. Curnow 8. For Christmas Festival and for 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. E. S. Seymour, a ringer at this church for 53 years.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Starkey 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, Miss M. Starkey 3, Howard Meek 4, A. A. Paton 5, Harold Meek 6. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the 6th, married Dec. 21st.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Dec. 15th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bridgeman 1, H. Gummer 2, C. Mayell 3, S. Cottle 4, J. Twiney (cond.) 5, L. Tucker 6. Rung half-muffled following the interment of Frederick Barns, aged 73, a ringer at this church for over 50 years, whose death followed being involved in a road accident.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Urban (first attempt) 1, Alison Macfarlane 2, R. J. Lewis 3, P. J. Fells (cond.) 4, P. T. Dale 5, A. Malyan 6. For Mauns. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Norman Ridyard, churchwarden, who died the previous Monday.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. L. Richmond (first of Major) 1, J. Simcox 2, R Barnes 3, D. McCormick (cond.) 4, S. Anderton 5, J. Hodgson (first of Major) 6, A. Gardner 7, C. Crosthwaite 8.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. P. Hill 1, L. Lovett (cond.) 2, J. Preston 3, F. W. Faulkner 4, M. E. White 5, D. G. Radley (first quarter) 6. Rung fully-muffled on the day of the funeral of the Rev. Phillip C. Lindsay, Rector of Seagrave. The band consisted of half Sileby, half Seagrave ringers.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey (first "inside" in five methods) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Bedfordshire teenagers rang a peal at Caxton, Cambs, on December 26th, conducted by Christopher A. Hardy (aged 15).

"Change ringing is far more English than cricket," from a Smethwick ringer who enjoys our journal

When Miss Sue Rance rang her first quarter at Easthampstead on December 10th her father conducted and her mother rang with her.

The ringer of the third in the peal at Woolavington, Somerset (page 899) should read Alan G. Kent, and not as printed.

Announced this week is the first quarter of Triples by Urchfont, Wilts, ringers. They express their thanks to the conductor, Mr. R. J. Purnell, who came to their tower to conduct the performance.

Two ladies received our congratulations on ringing their 100th peal—Miss Beryl E. Cawser, of Lichfield, and Mrs. T. Felicity Ashford, who has helped forward our art at Keele University and that part of the country.

Two Cambridge youths—Stuart Brown and Paul Bergdahl—have gone to Bristol. Their departure is a great loss to Great St. Mary's.

Four young ladies from St. Mary's, Whittlesey, who appeared on television in the latter part of 1966, have left for college.

The handbell peal at Audlem, Cheshire, on December 21st was rung on part of a set of 20 bells which were presented to Audlem ringers in November, 1867. It is believed that this was the first peal on the bells.

Radio Leicester had its own "Christmas Bells" programme on Christmas evening. Bells were heard from St. John the Divine's, Leicester, Humberstone, Melton Mowbray, Earl Shilton, Thurnby and Leicester Cathedral.

Past and present ringers of Wollaton, Notts, held their annual dinner at the Commodore, Nottingham, on December 23rd. An excellent meal was followed by lively tunes played on handbells, a source of pleasure both to participants and onlookers.

To the Lancashire Association goes another record—the greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to an "all the work" peal. This was 5,040 Spliced Surprise Royal in ten methods rung at Worsley on December 17th, with Mr. Neil Bennett as conductor. Congratulations!

Owing to a leg injury Mr. Cyril Griffiths was unable to take part in the peal to celebrate Mrs. Eyre's 80th birthday at Appleby Magna, Leicestershire, on December 16th. The Branch wish him a speedy recovery and thank Mrs. E. M. Key for standing in at short notice.

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DALTON-IN-FURNESS MARK 40th ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Furness and Lake District Branch met at Dalton-in-Furness on December 16th to ring a peal of Bob Royal to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of the ring of ten, which were cast by Taylor's, of Loughborough. Two well-known members of the Branch—Messrs. J. E. Burles and Nicholas M. Newby—took part in both the peal and the dedication ceremony in 1927

Following the peal the band adjourned to the Cavendish Arms for tea, where they were joined by Canon H. W. Mycroft, Vicar, and Canon M. D Grieve, of Urswick, who was curate at Dalton at the time the bells were installed. The peal was the 43rd on the bells.

PRE-REFORMATION BELL CRACKED AT DRAYTON

Less than a year after being augmented to a ring of six, Drayton's 6 cwt. 3 qr. tenor cracked through the sound bow while the local band were plain hunting for midnight service on Christmas Eve. This bell is a pre-Reformation casting by Brasyer, of Norwich, and was the only bell from the original ring of three, the others having been recast.

This is a great tragedy to the parish, as £370 is still needed to pay for the original scheme. The Bell Committee are now faced with an additional charge of around £250 for recasting this bell. Until such time as this money can be raised Drayton will have to be a five-bell tower.

RINGING IN DURBAN

It is 12½ years since a quarter was rung at Durban, South Africa, and that at St. Paul's Church on December 26th was the first on the bells. With the exception of G. D. Armitage, the band comprised local ringers. St. Paul's has an enthusiastic band, who practise on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5.30 p.m. and Sunday ringing at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Visitors should contact Mr. Cyril Chambers at 1, Lucas House, 30, Commercial Road, Durban, very near St. Paul's Church (Tel. 62722) during office hours, or afterwards at 71, Garmouth Avenue Bluff. There is also ringing at St. Mary's, Durban, which is mostly Grandsire Doubles and call changes.

A GOOD FIRST YEAR

The peal at Easthampstead (a lovely little light eight) enabled David Brown, of Langley, Slough, to conduct his first peal. A week previous he reached his 15th birthday and he rang his first peal just over a year ago. Already he has scored 20 peals and these include a number of Surprise Major methods and one of Surprise Royal. David learned his change ringing at Slough, and his instructor, Mr. William Birmingham, is very proud of David's achievements.

RAISED £4,486 FOR THE BLIND

An example of public appreciation of handbell music is provided by Mr. Arthur H. Coombs, leader of the Dulwich handbell ringers. This was the 21st Christmas they had toured Dulwich streets collecting for the Greater London Fund for the Blind. This year they made their greatest ever collection of £380, bringing their total over the years to £4,486.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE T. R. DENNIS

The latest development in regard to a memorial to the late T. A. Dennis is the establishment of an Ely Diocesan Association Centre, states "The Sentinel."

On September 30th a committee of eight was formed to consider the nature of the memorial. Mr. Dennis' ashes are interred in Longstanton Churchyard, and it was agreed that Messrs. W. Ridgman and H. S. Peacock should approach the Rector of Longstanton regarding a plaque being placed in this church. At a later meeting it was reported that both the diocesan chancellors and the incumbent were not in favour of allowing a plaque. A stone, however, is to be erected in Longstanton Churchyard, and it is hoped later to explore the possibility of placing a plaque in the ringing chamber of St. Andrew's Church, Cambridge.

With regard to establishing a Diocesan Centre, two or three possibilities were explored. One was that of using a disused church at Cambridge, said to be without seating accommodation, light and heat, which was regarded as quite unsuitable for the purpose. Mr. T. A Bevis said he had approached the Dean of Ely and explained the difficulties to him. He inquired whether a suitable room might be available attached to the Cathedral or in the precincts. The Dean replied that requests of this nature from a Diocesan Association would "obviously receive very favourable consideration from the Chapter."

One or two members were doubtful as to what use the Centre would be to the Association and even commented that it might be a liability. Others said that a Centre could be used for centralised committee meetings. It would accommodate the Association's records, documents, literature, etc., and would be open at certain times to those wishing to inspect the same.

A favourable reply has since been received from the Dean and it was hoped to inspect the premises on January 6th.

DEWSBURY'S YOUNG RINGERS

When 12-year-old Ruth Richardson conducted her first quarter at Dewsbury on December 23rd two of her friends—Avis Thompson (aged 11 years) and John Ineson (aged 10)—rang their first quarters. This young band at Dewsbury has been nurtured by Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley, and the president of the Yorkshire Association and Mrs. Bottomley rang with Ruth in the "major" triumph of her ringing career.

"THE SENTINEL"

Mr. Trevor A. Bevis has produced another good number of "The Sentinel," the journal of the Ely Diocesan Association. The coloured picture on the cover is of a three-bell tower, at Grafham, in a 13th century steeple of unusual design.

The bells are all old. The treble carries a Watts shield, the second is believed to be the work of Dawe (1381–1418) or his successor, and the tenor (39 ins. diameter) is by Newcombe, inscribed "St. Katerina."

"The Sentinel" announces that Houghton (Hunts) bells are to be augmented to six and retuned and rehung. The original treble is thought to have been cast by Newcombe, of Leicester. The other bells are dated 1626. Mr. H. S. Peacock is training a team in readiness.

A 50th ANNIVERSARY

On Boxing Day, 1917, Mr. Frederick J. Cullum, senior, and his son walked through the snow from Erith to Crayford for "young Fred's" first peal, one of Grandsire Triples, to which he rang the fifth. The 50th anniversary was appropriately celebrated this Boxing Day by a peal of Cambridge at Crayford, to which "young Fred" again rang the fifth, and at his request the peal was called by the grandson of the conductor of the 1917 peal. One of the other two survivors, Percy Spice, of Bromley, also took part in the anniversary peal, along with a number of other friends of many years' standing and one young man to bring the average age down from 60 to 55!

Fred has now rung 855 peals, 379 on his own bells at St. John's, Erith (a record for one tower) and 121 at Crayford. We congratulate him on 50 years of peal-ringing and look forward to another celebration in ten years' time.

E. A. B.

NOWELL FROM FAWLEY

Fawley's (Hants) selection for the midnight service on December 24th was "Nowell Doubles," which they discovered in the Dodd-Jones collection, and though very irregular they were determined to attempt it. Extents were rung at the four Thursday practice nights preceding Christmas. On December 24th the band assembled at 10.30 p.m. and after 43 minutes of well-struck ringing were successful "We believe this may be the first quarter in the method since it appeared in 'The Ringing World,'" writes Mr. Derek C. Jackson, "and we are now looking forward to April 1st and May 1st as other occasions for a little variety."

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

The highlight of the Southampton University dinner on December 3rd was the announcement by the Master of the engagement of Heather Walters and Chris Kippin. Heather, who is a past secretary of the Guild, graduated last summer.

The day commenced with ringing at Twyford in the morning and continuing after lunch at North Stoneham, Bitterne Park, and finally at St. Mary's, Southampton. The ringing catered for all tastes from rounds to London.

The venue this year was the Drummond Arms at Hythe. The president, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, was in the chair and he kept the proceedings going at a lively pace in a very entertaining manner. After the loyal toast, the vice-Master Roger Price, proposed the toast of "The Church" and the Rev. Colin Rudd, assistant curate at North Stoneham, replied. The secretary, Miss Susan Davis, then proposed the toast to the visitors, and the brother of the vice-Master, Mr. John Price, replied on behalf of the visitors.

The Master started his report for the past year by announcing Heather and Chris's engagement, and the company rose and drank a toast to the happy couple. A report of the activities of the Guild in the last 12 months followed, including a report of the summer tour in Devon. Finally the Master thanked everyone for coming, and especially Canon Felstead, Rev. C. Rudd and John Price for such entertaining speeches. The rest of the evening was spent in the usual manner.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
TOTTENHAM, London. —At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 1,120 London, 800 Watford, 640 each of Cambridge, Cassiobury and Rutland, 320 each of Glasgow and Yorkshire, 256 Bristol and 160 each of Pudsey and Superlative, with 153 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

John Weaver .. .. .. Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Andrew J. Slade 2	David E. House 6
Ian L. Dear 3	Colin G. Wright 7
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 4	Alan R. Patterson .. .. Tenor

Arranged by A. R. Peake. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTON ZOYLAND. Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Edwin Dibble .. .. .. Treble	Robert C. Woodward .. 4
Alan G. Kent 2	Cecil T. Clarke 5
Graham Nabb 3	Michael J. Stone .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Stone.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

FITZHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods variations, being 12 extents Rev. Canterbury, 11 Clifford's Pleasure, four Plain Bob, three April day and one 240 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Mervyn Aston Arscott .. Treble	†Leslie H. Arscott 4
Adrian F. Arscott (age 14) 2	Raymond F. Arscott .. 5
Marian J. Beale 3	††Mervyn Roy Arscott .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal. † 14th peal together. ‡ First on the tenor.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Heather Juliet, to Nigel and Mrs. Maggs

NAILSEA, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents in five methods: London, Wells, Cambridge, Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 45 lb

*Robert Perry .. .. .. Treble	Michael J. Horseman .. 4
†Roy W. Rice 2	John Brain 5
†Alan Perry 3	†John H. Gilbert .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Minor. † First of five Surprise Minor.

RADSTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*Hugh Vennell .. .. .. Treble	Richard C. Taylor 4
*Leonard A. England .. 2	Gwilym G. Salmon .. 5
George W. Massey 3	†David G. Massey .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor and first as conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CAXTON Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Peter S. Abbott (17) .. Treble	†Peter Clarke (18) 4
David G. Carr (19) .. 2	‡Chris R. Hardy (15) .. 5
*Ian P. Sawford (16) .. 3	Chris D. Corby (17) .. Tenor

Conducted by Chris R. Hardy.
* First peal "inside." † First peal at first attempt. ‡ First peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt 2 qr. 23 lb.

Madeleine McCallion .. Treble	Paul J. Atkins 6
Caroline Stewart 2	*Harold Dowler 7
Norman Sherratt 3	Raymond J. Ballard .. 8
Gerald Parsons 4	David J. Midgley 9
*T. Felicity Ashford .. 5	Roy Worrall .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* 100th peal. First as conductor on ten bells.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

R. John Burrell .. .. Treble	Frank R. Morton 4
David Allman 2	Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 5
John R. Scott 3	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 11 240's and 20 extents (10 callings).
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

R. John Burrell .. .. Treble	†Leon A. Perry 4
Frank R. Morton 2	*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 5
*John R. Scott 3	William H. Watkin .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † 50th peal rung with the ringers of 2 and 5. Quickest peal on the bells.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

John R. Scott .. .. .. Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
Frank R. Morton 2	David Allman 5
*Stephen P. Newton 3	James S. Baker .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal "inside." The treble ringer has now "circled the tower." Quickest peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

*Roger I. Kendrick .. .. Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
†Beryl E. Cawser 2	Peter C. Randall 6
Alfred Ballard 3	Rupert A. Clarke 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	B. Stedman Payne .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 50th peal. † 100th peal. First in the method by all the band.

WELLESBOURNE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

*John Ariss .. .. .. Treble	Laurence Mackie 4
Clare F. Dolphin 2	Ernest J. Gower 5
Caroline Mackie 3	Peter H. Mackie .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter H. Mackie.
* First peal at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
FAIRFIELD, Buxton. Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Alex Richardson .. .. Treble	Timothy Wylie 5
*Ann M. Smith 2	*Robert M. Chambers .. 6
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3	Ronald H. Bullen 7
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 4	James H. Pailing .. .. Tenor

Composed by Patrick I. Chapman. Conducted by James H. Pailing.
* First peal in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
ARDLEIGH. Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Heather M. McArthur .. Treble	Michael J. Howes 5
Alan R. Andrews 2	Leslie N. Melton 6
Philip G. Erith 3	Cecil W. Pipe 7
Felix H. Erith 4	Adrian G. Semken .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.

NORTH WEALD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

Jane R. Fransella .. .. Treble	John P. Ottaway 4
Mary G. Wilkinson 2	Christopher W. Ottaway .. 5
Barbara Shaw 3	Dennis Ellisdon .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., Dec. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

Derek J. Carr	Treble	Raymond J. C. Hulme	6
Peter Tombs	2	Anthony R. Peake	7
Michael D. Penney	3	Michael J. Stanley	8
Rev. Royston G. Bryant	4	Brian Bladon	9
W. Bertram Kynaston	5	Peter V. Spackman	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Sutton, a ringer at this church, who died after a long illness on December 11th, 1967.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Fri., Dec. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Derek J. Carr	6
Bruce Wakefield	3	*Anthony R. Peake	7
Richard J. Danby	4	Maurice A. New	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 350th peal First peal in the method.

Rung to herald the Christmas Festival and as a welcome to Peter Bladon, born December 20th, 1967.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.

ELLAND, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues. Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt in F.

*Ruby Mortimer	Treble	Paul Birkett	5
*S Mary Pollard	2	John Hartley	6
*A. Jean Pollard	3	Arthur Rogers	7
Albert W. Bond	4	Vivian Nutton	Tenor

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung for Christmas by the local band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*Anthony R. Smith	Treble	†Howard E. J. Smith	5
Andrew W. R. Wilby	2	Anthony R. Canlis	6
Frederick W. Ellis	3	John E. Ewer	7
Bernard E. Mathews	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise on the bells.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Walter Ayre	Treble	†Augustin V. Good	5
Brian M. Barker	2	‡Francis M. Byrne	6
*Peter W Harper	3	§Keith Sheppard	7
Reginald E. J. Sheppard	4	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Cambridge. † 300th peal. ‡ First of Surprise Major "inside." § First of Surprise Major.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Robert W. Hinde	5
Monty W. Gilbert	2	Cyril S. Jarrett	6
David S. Osenton	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Simon A. Wigg	4	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Dec 26, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Jennifer Quaife	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Ernest J. Ladd	2	D Paul Smith	6
†Richard C. Stevens	3	Ian H. Oram	7
John W. Smith	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by D. Paul Smith.

* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Percy J. Spice	Treble	Frederick J. Cullum	5
Edwin A. Barnett	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Lucile M. Corby	4	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by T B Worsley. Conducted by E. A. Barnett.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of Frederick J. Cullum's first peal, rung on the same bell, conducted by the late E. Barnett, sen.

ERITH Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Peter S. Muchlinski	2	Malcolm Barden	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	John W. Smith	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

CHELSFIELD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
*Phyllis R. Chidwick	2	D Paul Smith	5
Ian H. Oram	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

Rung on the Feast of St. Stephen.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues, Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Malcolm Hitchcock	Treble	Graham M. Wood	4
*Joan A. Hayward	2	†James M. Clarke	5
John B. Keeler	3	Nicholas J. Chesson	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.

* 25th peal. † First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E flat.

Vernon Forshaw	Treble	Frank Birkett	6
Nicholas M. Newby, sen.	2	Kevin M. Price	7
James E. Burles	3	William Wall	8
Thomas W. Turner	4	John Bagnall	9
Jeffrey T. Turner	5	Thomas W. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by J Armiger Trollope. Conducted by William Wall.

Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of the ring of ten.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun. Dec 17. 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In ten methods, comprising 720 each of Cambridge, London (No. 3), Wembley and Yorkshire, and 360 each of Haslemere, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Pudsey, Superlative (No. 2) and Rutland, with 125 changes of method and all the work of the methods for each bell

Maryl R. Fielden	Treble	Neil Bennett	6
Richard S. Starkie	2	Derek Butterworth	7
Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	John H. Fielden	8
Richard J. Parker	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	9
Basil Jones	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

This is the greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to an "all the work" peal. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

David C. Walker	Treble	Christopher M. Movley	5
Margaret F. Booth	2	Neil Bennett	6
*John Jessup	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
John A. Booth	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., Dec. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Joseph Thornley	Treble	Keith Lister	5
Bernard Moss	2	John Illingworth	6
*Neil Burnett	3	†James E. Andrews	7
James Cunliff	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal "inside." † Has now "circled the tower."

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar and Rural Dean, Canon P. A. Wrigley, in appreciation of his generosity to all ringers.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St John the Evangelist
On Wed., Dec 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

Sydney G. Osborne	Treble	Roy Jolley	5
Jane Reynolds	2	R Keith Lister	6
James E. Andrews	3	John Ashcroft	7
Neil T. E. Burnett	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by T B. Worsley. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, and two of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*Graham K. Austin	Treble	*Geoffrey C. Sparling	4
*Susan D. Cowan	2	†H. Lyndon Hatfield	5
Thomas W. Hesketh	3	Keith J. Walpole	Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal in five methods. † 25th peal.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Austin—December 19th.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Martin Green	Treble	*Philip A. Mason	5
Monica M. Jelley	2	John M. Jelley	6
*Dorothy Mason	3	Roland H. Cook	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	†R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 350th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Harry Cook, a vice-president of the Guild.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Beryl E. Cawser	Treble	*Anthony J. Cox	5
Rupert A. Clarke	2	*Peter C. Randall	6
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	*Norman W. Attaway	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Tydfil.
On Sat.. Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 15 lb.

Susan Harber	Treble	*Christopher Ricketts	5
Donald G. Clift	2	Ellis N. Thomas	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Y. Green. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* 25th peal. First in the method on the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARLINGTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Sara K. D. Woolley	Treble	Albert C. Wenban	5
Monica Blagrove	2	Ronald J. Snack	6
Margaret Wenban	3	Anthony K. Fortin	7
David C. Brown	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Middlesex County Association.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Malcolm Loveday	Treble	Norman V. Harding	5
Monica Blagrove	2	Robert Wiggins	6
Margaret Wenban	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Albert C. Wenban	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the Festival of the Nativity.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt.

John R. Smith	Treble	Roy E. Cullington	4
Ann E. Fellows	2	N. John A. Pumphrey	5
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	*Derick W. Pardon	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Smith.
* 50th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Fri., Dec. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Harry W. Badger	Treble	William Birmingham	5
David C. Brown	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Peter J. Heritage	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band. Alan R. Pink's 100th different Surprise Major method to a peal.
Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Charles Coles, captain at this tower, and to mark his retirement from the Oxford University Press.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 12 lb.

William Birmingham	Treble	†Brian J. Read	5
Sydney M. Bailey	2	*J. D. Christopher Finch	6
Walter G. Knight	3	David C. Brown	7
*Susan E. M. Davies	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David C. Brown.
* First peal of Major "inside." † First on eight bells. First as conductor (aged 15 years).

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 13 methods St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College Bob, Rosehill, Radley and Hanney College Court Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Jonathan R. Rowson	Treble	James R. White	4
Anne M. Carpenter	2	A. Keith P. Poole	5
*Douglas C. Henderson	3	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal "inside."

ARDINGTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 13 methods: Carlisle Surprise, St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall College Bob, Rosehill, Hanney and Radley College Court Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall Court Bob, Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Melvyn J. Hiller	Treble	Jonathan R. Rowson	4
Michael C. E. Hodge	2	A. Keith P. Poole	5
Catherine A. Salter	3	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST HENDRED Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods: Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob. Tenor 22 cwt.

Christopher I. Rowson ..	Treble	A. Keith P Poole	4
Catherine A. Salter	2	John C. Baldwin	5
Jonathan R. Rowson ..	3	James R. White	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RAUNDS, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KEYSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb

Christopher C. Stokes ..	Treble	John E. Skerritt	5
Raymond A. Vickers ..	2	George W. Holland	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Richard F B. Speed	7
Patrick I. Chapman ..	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method.

KEYSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
b—58—16—12—36, 14—14, 38—12—38

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Dec. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 32 methods, being 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Bristol, Cambridge, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddenham, Cray, Dublin, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Elford, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

David J. Marshall	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Alan A. Paul	2	Richard F. B. Speed ..	6
Barrie Hendry	3	Roger W. Smith	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Arranged by John R. Mayne.
Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Most methods rung to a peal of Major by all the band and for the Guild.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
J Martin Thorley	2	David J. Marshall	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Christopher C. Stokes ..	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Rung as a compliment to Paddy and Martin Thorley on the birth of a daughter.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Richard F. B. Speed ..	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

ROTHWELL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Mary R Coleman ..	Treble	Barry R. Care	5
Sheila J. Staley	2	*Edward C. Buckby	6
Richard J. Cowley	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
*Kevan J. Chapman ..	4	Murray A. Coleman ..	Tenor

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal in the method.

UPPINGHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in E.

Ronald Russell	Treble	J Charles Hudson	5
Roger N. Scholes	2	J. Martin Thorley	6
Christopher N. Stephenson	3	John H. Bluff	7
Stephen B. Bell	4	Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor

Arranged by R. D. Bailey. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung as a farewell to the Thorley and Woolley families, who are leaving the Rutland Branch.

ST. MARTIN S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM—At the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Mark Androlia	Treble	Christopher Rogers	5
Maurice G. Ingram	2	James Insley	6
John R. Insley	3	James W. Belshaw	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard J. Tibbetts.

ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Maurice G. Ingram ..	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	John R. Insley	6
Anna K. Sadowska	3	James Insley	7
Paul McEvilly	4	John McDonald	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by John McDonald.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
BATTLE, Sussex.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., Dec 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

Thomas M. Barlow	Treble	*Ian V. J. Smith	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson ..	6
Joan Beresford	3	James A. D. Woolford ..	7
Alan R. Baldock	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., Nov. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents Single Oxford, two extents St. Clement's, two extents Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Charles J. Copp	Treble	F. William Midwinter ..	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	*Derek J. Tysoe	5
Grace Burchnall	3	William L Exton	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* Has now "circled the tower."

NORTH WHEATLEY, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Christine M. Wright ..	Treble	Harry Poyner	4
†Keith Hilton	2	Linda M. Wilkinson ..	5
Paul N. Mounsey	3	John A. Coates	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal including Treble Bob. † First in four methods.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Basil Evans, Rector of this parish 1956 to 1963 and hon vice-president of the Southwell Diocesan Guild (died December 9th, 1967, aged 72) and John Porter Wright captain of the North Wheatley band 1920 to 1926 and 1956 to 1967 (died December 11th, 1967, aged 75).
Rung by the band of St Swithun's, East Retford.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven varied extents Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Katherine Burchnall ..	Treble	Sidney Carnall	4
Benjamin Day	2	David R. Chambers	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, the ringer of the second kindly making up.

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., Dec 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising seven extents in 20 methods: (1) Oxford, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel and Sandal Treble Bob (2) St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood and Neasden Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, (4) College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Norwich Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Christine L. J. Mills ..	Treble	William L. Exton	4
*Linda M. Wilkinson ..	2	†John A. Coates	5
*Harry Poyner	3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
* Most Minor methods to a peal. † Most methods to a peal.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
APPLEBY MAGNA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Gordon Griffiths	Treble	John A. Roden	4
E. Marion Key	2	Charles F. W. Eyre	5
Gillian Griffiths	3	Barnabas G. Key	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G Key.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Eyre, mother of the ringer of the fifth, who was 80 the previous day.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TUNSTALL, Staffordshire —At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Raymond J. Ballard	Treble	Charles A. S. Webb	5
*Caroline Stewart	2	*David J. Midgley	6
Norman Sherratt	3	Harold Dowler	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Paul J. Atkins	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Fastest peal on the bells.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Caroline Stewart	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard	5
Norman Sherratt	2	David J. Midgley	6
Madeleine McCallion	3	Dennis Latham	7
Harold Dowler	4	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., Dec. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Derek Slater	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Ian Wickens	2	David D. Smith	6
†John Norris	3	John Howard	7
†Irene Marshall	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by George Francis.

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

ITCHINGFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 22 individual plain course methods, being 28 spliced extents in the following methods: Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Slapton, Rugby, Merton, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Longford, Thornborough, Hascombe, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Itchingfield, Oakley, Chipstead, four extents of Plain Bob, six of Reverse Canterbury and four of Grandsire. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

James D. Nelson	Treble	David D. Smith	3
Derek Slater	2	John Howard	5
George Francis	Tenor		

Conducted by George Francis.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
PROBUS, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace.
On Sat., Dec 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Derek A. Trethewey	Treble	Arthur F. Burley	5
*F. Malcolm Bowers	2	Rev. A. S. Roberts	6
Graham F. Dunstan	3	Alan Carveth	7
Anthony Locke	4	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Composed by J. Howlett. Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* First peal of Major.

Rung as a compliment to Heather Walters and Robert C. Kippin on their engagement, and to Mary Pascoe on her 21st birthday.

ST. AUSTELL, Cornwall.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Alan Carveth	Treble	Graham F. Dunstan	5
Valerie C. Allen	2	J. Paul Coad	6
Douglas Burnett	3	Anthony J. Davidson	7
D. Roy Bould	4	Robert A. Southwood	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by E. C. L. P. and Co. Ltd.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
ARELEY KINGS, Stourport, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew
On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris' 240 and 40 extents with ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

*Bernard Everard	Treble	Peter J. Brown	4
A. Bryan Ellsmore	2	Michael J. Fellows	5
Robert Edwards	3	*Michael Pugh	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung for St Thomas' Day

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Susan Mitchell	Treble	*Bert Sutton	5
Anne P. Leigh	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
Iris Lemare	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal in the method.

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Geoffrey N. Goodall	Treble	John J. L. Gilbert	5
Mrs. D. A. Chapman	2	Dennis A. Chapman	6
John E. Turley	3	Neil Donovan	7
Mrs. G. N. Goodall	4	Ian M Holland	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Ian M. Holland.

Rung on the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cardwell, who were married at this church, where Mr. Cardwell has been a ringer since the bells were installed in 1920.

KIPPAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Double Reverse and Plain, (5) Cambridge S., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

R. Anne Johnson	Treble	*David S. Johnson	4
Ian G. Campbell	2	Trevor Tarbatt	5
Christopher A. Moxon	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* 100th peal. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE ABINGDON SCHOOL SOCIETY.
ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At Northcourt Lodge, Oxford Road.
On Mon., Dec. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Jonathan R. Rowson	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4
		*A. Keith P. Poole	5–6

* First peal on handbells.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At Northcourt Lodge, Oxford Road.
On Sun., Dec. 24, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In eight methods in seven different extents, with no —65's at back-stroke: Plain and Double Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College Bob, Rosehill, Hanney and Radley College Court Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*Jonathan R. Rowson	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4
		*A. Keith P. Poole	5–6

* Most methods to a handbell peal.

Rosehill: x1456x36x36. l.e. 12.
Hanney: x1456x36.12.36. l.e. 12.
Radley: x1456x1236x36. l.e. 12.

These three rung to a peal of Minor for the first time.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1967, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 20 in E.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	*John R. Scott	3–4
		Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6

* 50th peal this year First peal "in hand" for all.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Dec. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1–2	John M. Jelley	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	Alfred Ballard	7–8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

QUARTER PEALS

THREE QUARTER PEALS
BOXING DAY, 1967

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—Plain Bob Major: W. H. Johnson 1, Mrs. M. Town 2, Jennifer Dunning (first Major) 3, G. W. Johnson (first Major) 4, E. Hudson 5 P. Town 6, A. G. Dalton 7, D. Town (first Major as cond.) 8.

KIRBY WISKE, YORKS. — Plain Bob Minor: P. Town 1, A. G. Dalton 2, Jennifer Dunning 3, G. W. Johnson (first Minor "inside") 4 A. Bashforth 5, W. H. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. Ronald F Davies, instituted on Dec. 23rd to Otterington, which has no bells.

WHIXLEY, YORKS.—Stedman, Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: D. Town (cond.) 1, Jennifer Dunning (first Doubles) 2, G. W. Johnson (first Doubles) 3, A. Bashforth 4, W. H. Johnson 5, H. Osborne (first quarter) 6.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Evans 1, G. E. Kerley 2, D. Evans 3, J. Clatworthy 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5, P. J. Bagshaw 6, D. G. Kerley (cond.) 7, L. R. Scott 8.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Fiona Lee (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, E. Ashby 3, R. Clouston 4, A. Wootton 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, J. Southey 8. To welcome the Rev. K. H. Hart as vicar.

BARRINGTON, SOM.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Drayton 1, A. Rowswell 2, F. Welch (cond.) 3, R. Dean 4, R. Welch 5, K. Welch 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Alfred Bond, churchwarden and captain of this tower for 45 years, interred earlier this day.

BRAUNSTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: Carol Hedges 1, L. Whewall 2, Joan Cheney 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, A. Rigby 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert, on Christmas Eve: 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, D. Cox 4, E. Pannell 5, T. M. Cox 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, F. Hodgson 8. For Evensong.

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Dec. 26th, at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Felicity Booysen 1, H. Wilson 2, C. Chambers (cond.) 3, N. Ashmore 4, G. D. Armitage (first outside U.K., cond.) 5, J. T. Maeder 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4. First as conductors. First on the bells and first in Durban for 12½ years. For Christmas.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. — At the Church of St. Saviour, on Dec. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: R. W. R. Percy 1, Ann Harris (first in method) 2, Janet Percy 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, T. M. Barlow 5, D. C. Brookes 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, A. R. Baldock 8. 25th together 3 and 8. For Christmas.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bdb Minor: Sue Rance (first quarter) 1, Joan A. Rance 2, F. C. Price 3, S. G. Scott 4, J. L. Claughton 5, A. J. N. Rance (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Rance 1, G. N. Scott (first "inside") 2, F. C. Price 3, Joan A. Rance 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. For Christmas and a birthday compliment to the 5th.

GAMLINGAY, CAMBS. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. S. Pierce 1, Alison J. Baker (first quarter) 2, R. D. Brain (first of Minor "inside") 3, J. P. Sawford 4, P. Clarke (first as cond.) 5, C. R. Hardy 6.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Morgan 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, W. Harper 3, H. Meek 4, J. Higgins 5, Harold Meek 6. For service, and as a tribute to the Vicar, Rev. R. G. Williams, and Mrs. Williams.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bainbridge 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, S. Waters 3, Jane Foster 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, M. Carter 6, B. J. Howard (cond.) 7, J. M. C. Lysons 8. For Confirmation Service, at which the treble ringer was a candidate.

HARDWICKE, GLOS. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Page 1, Miss P. Buckland 2, N. Amphlett 3, D. Tomlins 4, P. Screen (cond.) 5, G. Whalley 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, and for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnett, Malvern.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. — On Dec. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, F. Hoad 2, Janice Flight (first quarter "inside") 3, Audrey Hopkins 4, V. Tipton 5, R. Hayden 6, J. Aley 7, W. Aley (cond.) 8. For Confirmation Service; also a 74th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Evensong and as a farewell to Rev. H. Macgreagor-Pearson. This is the first time Stedman has been rung with all Hutton Guild members.

ILTON, SOM. — On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Horsey 1, Barbara Dean (first "inside") 2, S Welch (first "inside") 3, R. Dean (cond.) 4, R. Welch 5, B. Spiller 6. Rung after the school Nativity play.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. E. B. Reed 1, Carol Thompson 2, Lesley Moore 3, A. C. Walker (cond.) 4, H. P. Thompson 5, Isabelle Appleton (first quarter) 6. Rung prior to service of nine lessons.

NAZEING, ESSEX. — On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Holness 1, B. Burton 2, R. Seymour 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, W. Aley 5, G. Blake 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Wood; also Walter Jaikens, chorister at this church, interred this day.

OXFORD.—At the City Church of St. Martin and All Saints, on Dec. 10th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: N. I. Allnatt 1, A. R. Pink (cond.) 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, Miss V. C. A. Rodrigues 4, R. A. Vere Hodge (first in method) 5, P. J. Heritage 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, P. A. Brand 8. For the Oxfam carol service.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, R. W. Yates 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, E. Barrs 5, A. Thatcher 6. For Christmas.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): M. Webster 1, Margaret Jenner (first quarter) 2, Jane Osenton 3, O. Webster 4, J. Hemsley (first as cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. P. Thomas 7, A. Grant 8. First quarter by a local band here for over 15 years.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Rona Eagle (first quarter) 1, A. E. York 2, June Reed 3, Mary Coleman 4, S. Hawkins 5, M. A. Coleman 6.

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET. — On Dec. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. C. Sawtell 1, T. A. Hiller 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M J. Hiller 4. Rung by a band from Bradpole.

SMARDEN, KENT. — On Dec. 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Clifton 1, Violet Relf 2, J. E. Spree 3, R. Swift 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

SPETISBURY, DORSET. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Faith Riley 1, C. F. Longridge 2, A. Nunn 3, D. Wilson 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5.

STAPLEGROVE, SOM. — On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Thorne 1, Monica Thorne 2, A. H. Reed (cond.) 3, M. Arscott 4, F. Treble 5, J. Brewer 6. For the engagement of the 2nd ringer to Stewart Allbut.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Danby (first quarter) 1, T. W. Thirkell 2, Miss G. Ducker 3, Miss M. Stephenson 4, Miss L. Sherwood (first as cond.) 5, R. Ducker 6.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. D. Lanyon 1, J. Thorogood 2, R. W. Yates 3, P. J. Lankaster 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 4. First quarter on the bells by a Stowe band.

WEXFORD, EIRE.—At the Church of the Immaculate Conception, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles: T. H. Wilson 1, Gillian Lewis 2, C. J. Reede (cond.) 3, L. H. Taylor 4, P. W. Brown 5, J. J. Reynolds 6. Rung on the front six for the opening of the Festival of Opera.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Annual general meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (both towers) 2.30. Service, St. Michael's, 4.30 Tea, Church Cottage, 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, January 23rd, please. 3098

LATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY. — Correction: The ringing time at St. John's, Cardiff, is now 11.45 a.m.–12.45 and not 10 a.m.–12, as in announcement. 3059

COVENTRY GUILD. — Chilvers Coton, January 20th. For tea phone Mrs. Beamish, Nuneaton 3296. 3017

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BUTTERWORTH.—As from January 7th, the address of Judith and Derek Butterworth will be 13, Wood Green, Stopley, Luton, Beds. 3103

FIELDEN.—The address of John and Maryl is now: Ashmor, High Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby, Warks. Phone Crick 344. 3107

MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, January 20th

Aldgate (time next week).
Clerkenwell (8) 3.45–4.45
Tea at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields 5.15, followed by meeting.
Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 3109

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 17th, at Church House Restaurant. Details later.—C. P. S. 3110

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Practice at Timberscombe (8 bells) on Saturday, January 13th, at 6 p.m.—R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 3115

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Milverton (8) on Saturday, January 20th. Bells 7 p.m. —A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 3113

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Annual meeting, Crewe, January 20th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 17th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3099

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District. — Annual general meeting, Ilkeston (8), Saturday, January 20th, 3 p.m. Ringing until 4 p.m., when business meeting will be held. Own tea arrangements (much regretted). Bells available until 8 p.m.—W. Barwell, Dis. Sec. 3114

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (6) 3–4.15. Service, St. Peter's, Wisbech, 4.30. Tea 5., following by meeting. St. Peter's bells (10) after meeting.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3102

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. —Evening meeting at South Cerney (6) on Saturday, January 20th, 5.30 to 7 p.m. and Elkstone (5) 7.15 to 8.45 p.m.—J. Pearse, Dis. Sec. 3104

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Brent Pelham on Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. at Anstey. Service 4.30 at Brent Pelham, followed by tea and business meeting. N.B.—The District secretary will not be seeking re-election. Ringing in the evening at Great Hormead. Names for tea to D. H. Kingston, Dis. Sec., 33, Proctors Way, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. 3101

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on January 20th at 6 p.m. 3106

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch. — Annual meeting, Chacombe, Saturday, January 20th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby, by Tuesday.. 3108

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch. — Branch annual general meeting, Calne, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. L. Buckeridge, The Grip House, Market Hill, Calne. 9105

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

EVENDEN. — To Janet and George on December 21st, 1967, a son, Christopher Michael. 3061

PARDOE. — To Diane (née Telfer) and Stephen, of 22, Bayswater Road, Newcastle upon Tyne 2, a son, Mark Nicholas, on Sunday, December 24th, 1967. 3063

ENGAGEMENT

FAULKES — ASHWORTH. — The engagement is announced between Dill Faulkes, of Hinckley, Leics, and Helen Ashworth, of Hampton, Middlesex. 3055

DEATHS

BENNETT. — Alfred Fredrick, of College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon, died suddenly at home on December 22nd, 1967, aged 67 years. 3058

SEYMOUR.—On St. Thomas's Day (December 21st), 1967, suddenly, at Lane End Post Office, Thomas Kenneth Seymour, aged 66, ringer at Lane End since age of nine. Funeral December 28th at Lane End. 3062

PERSONAL

CULL. — Congratulations to Wendy Cull, who attains her 21st birthday on January 14th. From M., D., M., V. and G. 2992

"Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones."—Proverbs xvi, 24.

HANDBELLS WANTED

RECENTLY-FORMED tune-ringing group wish to improve upon existing small set. Any information, please, of secondhand bells, any condition.—D. K. Lane, Main Road, Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset. 3065

PUBLICATIONS

CAMPANOLOGY BOOKS.—List from A. Burton-Garbett, 35, The Green, Morden, Surrey. 3057

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MISCELLANEOUS

ADVANCE NOTICE

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting, Stowmarket, April 20th. Striking competition, Ashbocking, May 4th. 3074

MISCELLANEOUS

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Subscriptions (ten shillings for each representative) are now due for 1968, and I shall be glad if treasurers of affiliated Societies will remit them to me as soon as possible. VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Secretary, 45, Westercroft Lane, Halifax, Yorkshire.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—With effect from January 1st, 1968, the peals secretary of the Essex Association is P. G. Brown, 32, Falmouth Road, Chelmsford, Essex, to whom all correspondence and peal fees (now 1s. a rope) should now be sent.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec. 3097

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, in Jesus College (price 30s.). Ringing in Oxford from 12 noon. All inquiries to Miss Frances Miller, St. Hugh's College, Oxford. 3002

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Dinner on Saturday, January 20th at Queen's Hotel, Cardiff.

Ringing at:

St. Mary's, Whitchurch (6)	9.30–11.00
St. John's, Cardiff (10) ..	10.00–12.00
Sully (6)	11.30–12.30
St. Augustine's, Penarth (8)	12.00– 1.00
St. John's, Llanblethian (6)	2.00– 3.00
Holy Cross, Cowbridge (8)	2.30– 3.30
Llandaff Cathedral (10) ..	3.30– 5.30

Tickets (24s.) from Miss S. Harber, 12, Ely Road, Llandaff.

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Methods for the day: Minor Barnsley, Major, Double Norwich. Names for tea to Mr. A. Dunn-Birch, 3, Spring Lane, Carlton, Barnsley. Tel. Royston 535. Tea 4s. 6d. per head. It is imperative that ALL members attend. 3043

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. H. Baber, Woodside, Chewton Mendip.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3027

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Annual meeting, Biggleswade (8), Saturday, January 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Come and support your District. 3046

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Branch meeteing, Christleton, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Astle, 2, Ivy Cottages, Christleton, near Chester. 3034

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's (12), Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas available in nearby cafes. Short meeting Savage Chapel 6 p.m. Bells afterwards till 9 p.m. 3072

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Dronfield (8), Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. D. Peers, 42, Lea Road, Dronfield, Sheffield, S18 6 SD. Tel. Dronfield 3848. 2984

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Central District. — Meeting, Gateshead, Saturday, January 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Thow, 32, Raby Street, Gateshead 8. 3068

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Cambridge, Saturday, January 13th. Bells: St. Bene't's (6) 3 p.m., St. Andrew's (8) 8 p.m. Service, St. Michael's Chapel, Trinity Street, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Michael's Hall, 5 p.m. St. Mary's (12) 7 p.m.–8 p.m., St. Andrew's (8) 7 p.m.–9 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3056

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.—Annual general meeting at Barking, January 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to A. W. Beard, 159, Clements Road, East Ham, E.6. 2982

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Saturday, January 13th, at Harlow Common (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 3047

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Rodbourne Cheney on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and evening ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Thursday. 3067

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting at Chobham on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify Miss P. Hill, 15, Bowling Green Road, Burrow Hill, Chobham, Woking. 3036

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Annual meeting, Pencombe, January 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 3010

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 13th, Hertford St. Andrew's (8), 1 to 2 p.m.; Ware (8), 2 to 3; Broxbourne, 3 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names to me at 55, North Road, Hertford. Regret, no names no tea.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 3052

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling on Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, 65, Norman Road, West Malling. 2978

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — A.G.M., Shepshed (8), Saturday, January 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, Charnwood Road. Names for tea to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed. 3060

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Metheringham, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln. Note change of tower.—G. R. P. 3007

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Nomination meeting. Saturday, January 13th, St. Mary's, Church Road, Barnes, S.W., 3–4.30; All Saints' Fulham, S.W., next Putney Bridge. 6 p.m. Business after ringing. Own tea.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 3083

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thatcham. Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 30. Names for tea to W. Butler, 26, Barfield Road, Thatcham. Newbury. Berks. 3030

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Winter meeting, Saturday, Jan 13th. Ringing, Bodicote (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Ringing, Bloxham (8) 7 p.m. 3079

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice at Englefield on January 13th. Bells available 7–9 p.m. 3040

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual meeting, Bingham, on Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 3049

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Ringing meeting at Rougham (6) on Saturday, January 13th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The choir will be in attendance and the church will be heated. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Wright, Maltings Close, Welnetham Road, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. All welcome. 2821

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division — Practice meeting at Felpham on Saturday, January 13th. Ringing at Pagham (5) 2.30 to 3.30, Aldwick (4) 3.30 to 4.30. Tea at Felpham Church Hall at 4.45. Evensong (choral) at 6 o'clock. Ringing at Felpham (6) in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham. Chichester, Sussex. 3035

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — A practice meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine (6) on January 17th at 7.30 p.m. Plain Hunt to elementary Minor, C. Moxon as Ringing Master.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 3089

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting, Cranford, Friday, Jan. 19th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. District committee meeting will follow in vestry, to which each tower in the District is required to send one representative.—C. H. Rogers. 3076

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Street (8), Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeteing. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, January 16th.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 3069

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Clevedon, Saturday, January 20th. Bells available: All Saints' (5) 5 p.m.–6.30 p.m., St. John's (5) 6.30–8 p.m.—D G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Committee meeting at 5, The Burges, Coventry, at 7.45 p.m. on Monday, January 15th. — J. L. Garner-Hayward.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting at Huntingdon, Saturday, January 20th. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 2.30–3.45, All Saints', Huntingdon (6) 3.45–4.15. Service. All Saints', 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3093

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting in St. Peter's Hall. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Shrub End bells also available 3.15–4.15 and 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to F. H. Erith, Hon Sec., Vines Farm Ardleigh 3029

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stroud (10), Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. No service. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in ringing chamber 6 p.m.—P. Screen, Branch Sec. 3080

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Annual meeting, January 20th. Cathedral bells 3–4.30 p.m. and evening. Tea in Refectory, Stag Hill, 4.30. Service 5.45. Meeting (Refectory) 6.30 Names for tea to Mrs. D. Tubbs, 133a, Worplesdon Road, Guildford (Tel. 60809), by Tuesday, 16th, please. 3004

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District.—Annual meeting at Ross on January 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 3088

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, Hatfield (10), Saturday, January 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Special method: London Royal. Names for tea to Miss A Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3001

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Mersham, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. Bayne, Little Wings, Bower Road, Mersham, Ashford, by Thursday, January 18th.—A. P. S. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Chatham, Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Osenton, 12, Formby Terrace, Halling, Rochester, by previous Wednesday, please. 3018

LADIES' GUILD. — North Western District.—Annual meeting at Manchester Town Hall, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Meeting 4 p.m.—C. Andrew, Sec. 3087

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Annual meeting at Manchester Town Hall, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Tea (own arrangements) 5–6 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing until 9 p.m.—C. Andrew, Sec. 3086

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Service 5.30. Evening ringing 6 to 8 p.m Special methods: Erin Triples and Gainsborough Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— N. and E. District.—You are cordially invited to a meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the New Hall. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 3090

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, January 20th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed. 3070

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Full meeting at Coseley, Saturday, January 20th. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, Bilston, Staffs, by January 18th latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—**Annual District meeting**, Reigate, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to me at 23, Woodlands Road, Redhill, by Wednesday, January 17th.—K. G Game, Dis Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Practice meeting at St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec. 3075

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Annual meeting at Petersfield on Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting follows. Bells available afterwards until 8.30. Numbers for tea to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton S03 6FE (Tel. Locksheath 2404), by 15th, please. 3064

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, January 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. Phone Stour. 4747. 3054

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — General meeting at Goole on January 20th. General Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Hall. The meeting will vote on the proposed addition to the rules of the offices of composition secretary and report editor. Bells: North Cave (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Carlton (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Thorne (8) 12–1 p.m. and 6.30–8.30 p.m.; Howden (8) 2–3.45 p.m.; Goole (8) 2–4 p.m. and after business. Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, by Wednesday, January 17th.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 2977

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (10 from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at 5. Names, please, to Mr. Basil Hulatt, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton, by the 25th. 3091

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Annual District meeting at Farnham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall (off The Hart), followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Turner, 6, Babbs Mead Cottages, West Street, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday, please.—Mrs. B R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 3092

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Deptford, on January 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 24th. 3095

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.— Annual District meeting, January 27th, at St. Mary's, Brecon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Bells during evening; gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Michael Thomas, 46, Uplands, Brecon. (Tea 2s. 6d. each.) 3085

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, before Jan. 25th, please.—C. A. H.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells: Hounslow (8), 3–4 p.m.: Heston (8), 3.15–4.45 and after meeting. Tea and business in Heston Church Hall (next to church) 4.45 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 3077

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., Burton Latimer, January 27th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Miss S. Staley, 14, West Avenue, by Tuesday, previous. All welcome. 3071

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, South Croydon, Jan 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. St. John's bells in evening. Names for tea to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, London, S.E.25, by Monday, Jan. 22nd. 3081

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Evening practice meeting, Gargrave (8), 6–8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27th. Methods: Kent, Stedman, Plain Bob and call-changes.—Maurice Thurmott. 3082

QUARTER PEALS

ALFORD, LINCS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles (six 240s Morris' arrangement): R. Willoughby 1, K. Ketteringham 2, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 3, S. H. Sutton 4, J. I Smith (cond.) 5, H. Pike 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Spliced Rutland, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Braunstone, Biddenden and Wye Surprise Major: F. A. Staveley 1, Anne P Leigh 2, E. Dalingwater 3, H. Wagstaff 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, J. Whittam 6, J. McCluskey 7, F. J. Jackson 8. For Midnight Mass.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (17 methods): Gillian M. Greene 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, R. D. Smith 4, Rev. J. H Greene 5, D. O. Haslam 6.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Lankaster (first Minor) 1, R. W. Yates 2, R. A. Vickers 3, G. W. Holland 4, J. Thorogood (first Minor) 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung on the 11th birthday of Richard W. Yates.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, C Kortwright (cond.) 3, L. Derrick 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6.

RODMERSHAM, KENT. — On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss P. Tomsett 1, Mrs. L. Mitchell 2, R. Bushell (cond.) 3, J. Clarke 4, G. Wood 5, F. Dadson 6. (Rung for the engagement of Miss L. Tomsett and Mr. J. Sayers.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. Bee (first Minor) 1, Kathleen Fox 2, G. A. Dixon 3, W S. Smith 4, A. C. A. Hopkins (first Minor "inside") 5, C. V. Cade (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Eleanor Craft, many years church councillor and sacristan, interred this day.

THERE'S FASCINATION IN RESEARCH

By P. AMOS

THERE'S fascination in research, whether it be of bells, of dead or dying villages, disappeared churches, castles and fortified manor houses, monasteries, old wells, or even modes of living by past generations. I suppose I shall "tread on someone's corns" when I state that it makes myself and many more sick to hear some of the present day youth say they are bored at having nothing to do, when the world is full of opportunities for those who take the trouble to look around.

I am just on the last lap of writing a book (if I can get a publisher!) upon a village of Northants which has now disappeared (except for three derelict, much-vandalised cottages) with a history which has fascinated hundreds dating from before William the Conqueror.

COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED

Norman invaders landed at Faxton, which in 1068 was given the name Fexton, changed by the early 13th century. Portions of a late 11th century church were incorporated in the one which completely disappeared in 1959 and was built in 1208, dedicated to St. Denys. It was closed to worship in 1940, remained intact (though vandalised) up to 1953, when the roof, with the 15th century double-bell gable and bells, was taken down.

Its ancient font was preserved and given to a church in Kettering. Its two bells, said to be some of the very first cast by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, in 1703, were actually recasts of two earlier bells of the 15th century (the same period as their gable) by Henry Jordon, as is one of the five neighbouring bells at Old (or Wold as it used to be and is still called by some who don't like the official Ordnance map name).

And ¼-mile distant, belonging to the disappeared Faxton, is a fortified house (Shortwood Lodge), built at the time of the Lancastrian–Yorkist battles; its central octagonal tower used by Charles I to direct Royalists quartered in Faxton ready for the battle of Naseby in 1645, where Charles was taken prisoner to nearby Holdenby House, the seat of Col. Lowther, still standing. The two bells (of 24″ and 21″ respectively, the latter cracked for many years) were by 1956 melted into one for Stanwick, although an erroneous story has gone around "that they went to South Africa".

During 1951 and 1953 I managed to take a number of photos of the old church from both outside and inside which, together with others of old cottages, a priest house and loaned photos I had copy-negatived—among them old wells, parts of an old manor which disappeared by 1785, almshouses which were standing intact in World War I but had gone by 1933, village personnel and other pictures—**in all a collection of 32,** none of which can now ever be replaced.

DEAD VILLAGES

Faxton is today a vanished village, like Wythmail which once stood some 3½ miles to the east of it, near Orlingbury, and which was wiped out by the Black Death of Edward III's reign—only one cottage tells where Wythmail stood! Other dead villages are Wigsthorpe, Elkington and Thorpe Underwood, to name a few. Soon, Claycoton will be going the way of Faxton: its Church of St. Andrew (with three bells) still stands, but closed—a pitiful sight! Newton near Kettering is similar.

At Furtho, near Stony Stratford (just inside Northants) the last time I visited it it had pigs roaming about its churchyard, among the graves of former vicars as recent as 1913. This almost vanished village is on the doorstep of what is being planned to become a new city after the name of Milton Keynes.

Not far from rapidly developing Daventry is another, Wolfhamcote, whose church the "Friends of Friendless Churches" are trying to save and may one day again be needed if Daventry keeps expanding for Birmingham's overspill. It has a tower with one bell of 12 cwt., dated 1641, by James Keene. There was another of 1780 by Pack and Chapman which a few years ago was stolen.

STOLEN BELLS

There is much I could write about stolen bells if space here permitted. However, one story I will tell, and that is of a fifth bell stolen from Church Brampton in 1856. This church (on a bank) had its tenor bell loaded on to a horse-drawn dray in the night, leaving the present minor four. The bells had become unsafe and by 1867 had to be rehung in a new frame for five; but the empty pit will certainly never take a new tenor the dimensions of the stolen one — a new treble to make a minor five is about as much as space in this frame will permit if and whenever the will and enthusiasm of some rector sees fit, instead of **excuses** as at present.

In Bedfordshire (at Chellington) is another almost dead village I am making researches into, and in South Leicestershire are several.

Not far from Chellington (at Harrold) was once a monastery of considerable fame. And in the centre of Northampton (near the round Church of the Holy Sepulchre) a site is being cleared of old houses where a famous monastery of the Grey Friars once stood — two old wells believed to be 800 years old were uncovered during clearance.

Roman underground passageways—from which it is said that Thomas-à-Becket escaped in 1164 from Henry II—are under the centre of Northampton, which had a castle from 1084 till 1878, to which Becket was brought. Six years later (1170) he was murdered on the altar steps of Canterbury Cathedral.

It is sometimes said that ringers are only interested in pulling bells, but works by the late Ernest Morris and many others associated with the art prove this not to be altogether true.

The late J. Armiger Trollope did much by way of research; the art is much the richer for their investigations and time spent.

A RINGER'S STORY — BUBB BLABS

I'M a skivvy for a bell ringer.

He's a nice chap really — rings at St. Martin's in the Bull Ring, Birmingham. And me—well—I'm a sucker for anything, and when he pops his head round the office door and says: "Geoff, the clapper broke on the tenth last night. Want to come down to see if we can do anything about it?", I'm there like a shot, knowing full well that three-quarters of my lunch hour will be spent clambering up stone staircases constructed with pygmies in mind, mauling my body through inches of dirt and dust on to framework, and that when I've finished, my shirt will not be quite as white as it was when I left the office.

It isn't always like that though. As I said, he's a nice chap, really, although he is a bell ringer, and the other night he invited me to St. Martin's to see the "business end" of bell ringing, just for a change. It was a pleasant experience, but knowing nothing about the technicalities of the art I felt more out of place than an Arab in Israel. I was scared to death, too. I sat at a table in the middle of the ringing room and it seemed to move. "It's the tower moving, that's all." **That's all!** I sat waiting for the damn thing to fall down—on ME!

To be serious though, I was received royally. I was allowed to sit, watch and listen to several touches (I'm told that that is what they are called) before being taken into the tower proper to see the bells turning. I now know how the Hunchback of Notre Dame must have felt—well, partly. A little later I was shown peal record books dating back to 1755, when the St. Martin's Youths rang Bob Major at St. Philip's. I was fascinated by the several entries, one actually recording mistakes! Bell ringers making mistakes and admitting them! It read: "26th June, 1803, Bob Major at St. Peter's, Aston. The sixth was at Home 9 times Wrong and 9 times Right without a bob being called or explained." Sounded like very dirty work indeed at St. Peter's in 1803.

I also saw the personal diary of the egocentric Mr. James George—bell ringer to end all bell ringers I would think. In it there was a letter dated 1947 (when he was about 85 years old) from him to a Mr. Shepherd at Exeter Cathedral, refusing assistance to ring the 72 cwt. tenor when Mr. Shepherd had apparently demanded that this bell should not be rung without at least three people being on the rope. Mick McManus would have had to look to his laurels had Mr. George decided to take up wrestling.

Even skivvies get a mention sometimes—though perhaps a little "obscurely". When Alan Ainsworth (incidentally, he's the bell ringing friend) wrote up the record peal at Edgbaston Old Church, published in "The Ringing World" on December 1st, he said, amongst other things, that in an attempt to reduce the sound level additional shuttering was placed on the louvres. I suppose that can be classed as a theoretical mention, because it was me who stood for about three-quarters of an hour on the framework in the draughty tower at Edgbaston Old Church on a damp November day measuring up.

Mere mortals must be thankful for small mentions.

GEOFF. BUBB.

QUARTER PEALS

CHART SUTTON, KENT. — On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight (50th quarter this year) 1, P. Richardson 2, H. Deacon 3, G. Grant 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

DEWSBURY, YORKS. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ruth Richardson (first as cond.) 1, Avis Thompson 2, J. Ineson 3, Jeanne E. Bottomley 4, E. Betts 5, V. Bottomley 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. First quarter 2, 3.

ECCLESTON, LANCS. — On Dec. 16th, 1,272 Spliced T.B. Minor (Capel, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars, Oxford and Kent): A. Gardner 1, Jane Reynolds 2, C. Watson 3, R. Barnes 4, C. Crosthwaite (cond.) 5, D. McCormick 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Richard J. Parker.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Nowell Doubles: D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Catherine A. Roberts 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, R. Allinson 5, Susan V. Banks 6. For midnight service.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. A. Coleman (cond.) 1, J. G. Mitchell 2, C. N. Stephenson 3, W. J. A. Lewis 4, J. Mitchell 5.

HARTING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. Smith (first quarter) 1, L. Tremeer 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, A. Reeves 4, K. Tipper 5, V. Walder 6. First quarter with local ringers included, i.e., treble and tenor.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Green 1, N. Hough 2, Mrs. C. J. Jones 3, A. Hough 4, C. J. Jones (cond.) 5, N. W. Davies 6. For Christmas Festival.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,280 Treble Bob (Ilkeston variation): Elisabeth Ottaway 1, Christine Neville 2, Glynis Perry 3, D. Riley 4, D. E. Cobb 5, F. W. Tomlin 6, C. W. Ottaway 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,380 Doubles (five methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. Butcher 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For midnight service.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Butterworth 1, R. Pettit (first quarter of Cambridge) 2, J. S. Dear 3, A. R. Agg 4, C. M. Orme 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Warinton (first quarter) 1, J. P. Ladd 2, C. Matthews 3, P. V. Feast (first quarter) 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. Tanner (first quarter) 6.

PLUCKLEY, KENT. — On Dec. 21st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Violet Relf 1, J. E. Spree 2, R. Lucas (first of Cambridge) 3, E. Clifton 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four methods): A. Watts 1, Miss H. Jones 2, K. Harvey 3, A. Keen 4, F. Read (cond.) 5, L. Foote 6. For Evensong.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, R. Fowler 2, Miss B. Lovell 3, R. Chapman 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, D. A. Hammond 6.

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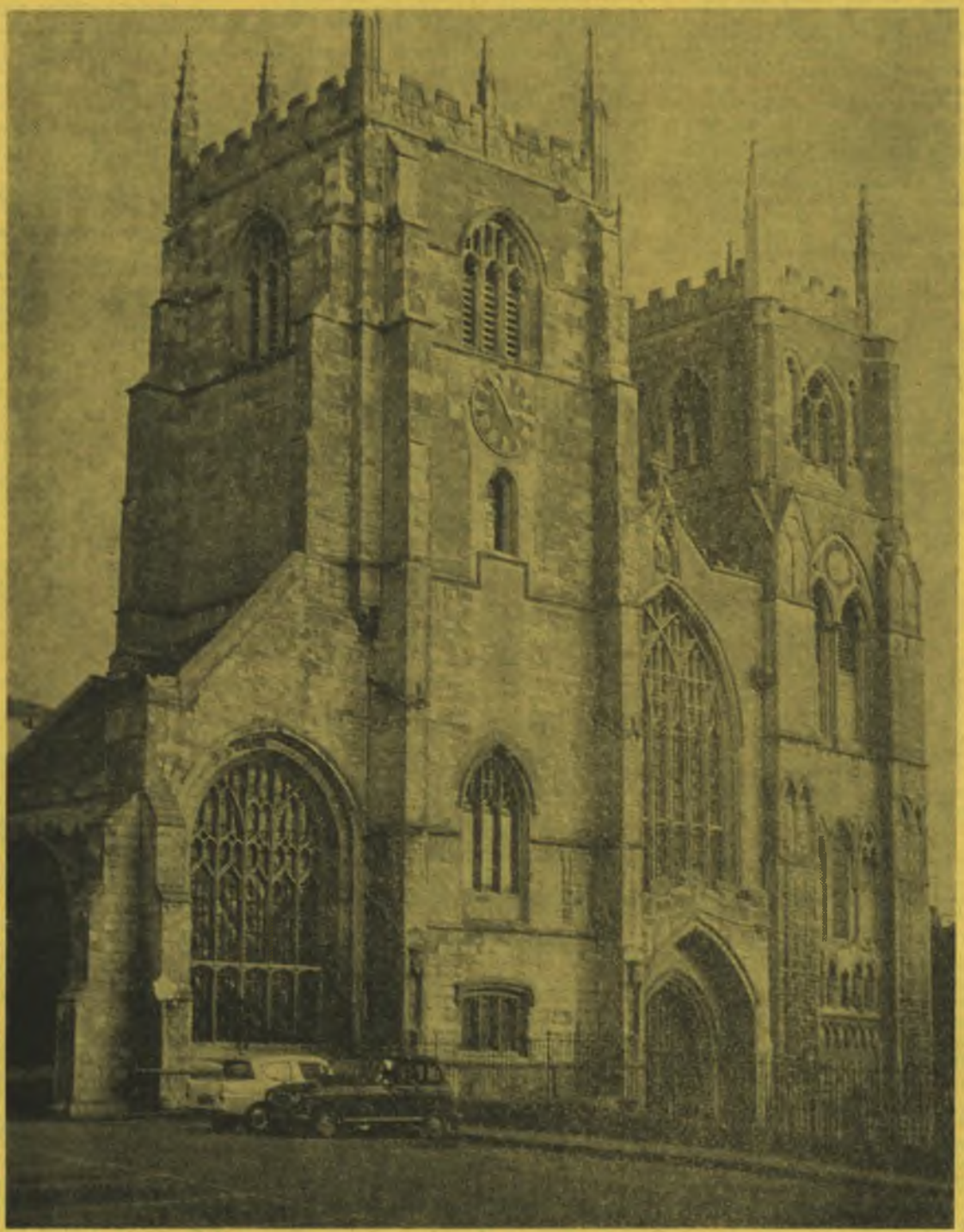
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St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Margaret's, King's Lynn

By ROLAND NEWSON

Rich in history, historical buildings and associations, now fast becoming a "Newcomers" town, King's Lynn stands in a largely isolated corner of Norfolk, a county scarcely surpassed anywhere for its wealth of beautiful churches.

The Tudor Guildhall, where King John's Cup can be viewed, looks across the "Saturday Market Place" to the stately and dignified church of St. Margaret.

Part of an ancient Benedictine Priory, and founded in 1119 by Bishop Losinga, it houses two of the finest examples of 14th century brasses.

Some records show that there was a ring of 5 bells—date uncertain—of 10, 14, 18, 22 and 28 cwt., and tradition has it that these were housed in the smaller of the twin towers. In "Church Bells of Norfolk," by John L'Estrange, we find the name "Margaret" given to the "great" bell, "which could be heard full 10 miles distant." Also the news that "the biggest and least of these was purposely broken," but from the churchwardens' account for 1673 is the item:

"The said Churchwardens are Drs. to ye p'ticular amount of the Two Great Bells, vigt. the Bell Margaret £7-12-0, and Bell Thomas £2-17-6,"

although the year 1663 was the year of the recasting into a "ring of eight." Other items from St. Margaret's account books:

"By expenses of Ringers upon opening St. Margaret's Bells—£9-6-8.

"By Insurance of Bells £7-8-6."

These items appear when these bells were recast into a new ring of eight by Lester and Pack in 1766, with a tenor of just on 30 cwt. and with a diameter of 55½ins. in the key of C (is this still "the Margaret"?).

The beautiful tone of this bell makes it a worthy tenor for the present ring, which was made into ten by the addition of two "Jubilee" trebles in 1887, which hang in the north-west tower today. Inscriptions and weights as follows:

Treble—Albert. This bell was given by me, Emma Rodwell Burkitt, in honour of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, June 20th, 1887. B. Dale, Vicar; William Burkitt, Charles Ayre, Churchwardens; Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. (Weight, 6 cwt. 1 qtr. 19 lbs.)

Second—Victoria. This bell was given by me, William Burkitt, Mayor, in honour of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. (Names of Vicar, Churchwardens and Founders as on the treble.) (Weight, 7, 2, 23.)

Third—Peace and good neighbourhood. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 8, 2, 3.)

Fourth—Musick is medicine to the mind. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 8, 2, 14.)

Fifth—Our voices shall with joyful sound, make hills and valleys eccho round. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 9, 2, 0.)

Sixth—Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 12, 2, 2.)

Seventh—Honour both to God and king. Our voices shall in consort ring. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 14, 3, 1.)

Eight—Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess.
Recast. E. G. A. Winter, Vicar; W. Burkitt, C. M. Ayre, Churchwardens. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1893. (Weight, 17, 0, 10.)

Ninth—Richard Marshall and Charles Crusoe, Churchwardens. Thos. Osborn, Founder, Downham, Norfolk, 1800. (Weight, 20, 3, 10.)

Tenor—John Mather Leet, Ch: warden. Lester and Pack, of London, Fecit, 1766. (Weight, 29, 2, 9.)

The three oldest peal boards in the belfry record peals in 1740, 1770 and 1796. Records show that there was a very active "state of affairs" up to around 1926, after which a period of comparative inactivity appears to have prevailed till 1952, when the bells were rehung, with the back eight on self-aligning ball-bearings—but unfortunately still retaining the old "1766" headstocks.

The last 15 years have been once again "quite lively" and have seen St. Margaret's contributing to the peal columns with quite regular frequency, and the tower peal book, started when the bells were rehung, records some 39 peals to date.

Photograph by R. Newson.

Norwich Diocesan Association's 90 Years of Ringing

By CANON GILBERT THURLOW

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers has just completed 90 years of active life. It was founded on April 4th, 1877. Its inaugural meeting was held at Norwich on September 24th that year, when ringing took place in eight of the city churches. Alas! ringing is possible in only five of these today.

Ringing had been expertly carried on here many years before this.

The "Norwich Scholars" were traditionally founded in the early years of the 17th century, and there are many references to ringing in the city court books.

In 1716 the Scholars anticipated the Welfare State by organising a benefit society among themselves.

On May 2nd, 1715, they rang at Mancroft the first peal of 5,040 changes ever achieved and on November 17th, 1835, they achieved at St. Andrew's a far greater feat—the first peal of London Surprise, quite the most difficult method in general use even today.

But this activity was largely in the secular sphere. For 200 years the puritanical dislike of associating "fun" with faith had driven ringers to find their fellowship in the pub, rather than in church.

Then in the 19th century the Oxford Movement led the Church to recover herself. Ringing recovered its vocation as the proclamation of the Gospel and in each diocese a diocesan ringers' association was founded with this in mind.

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Guildford Handbell Record Unbeaten

NORBURY ATTEMPT ONE COURSE SHORT

24,120 Plain Bob Royal on Handbells at Norbury, Cheshire, on December 23rd, 1967.

The tradition of attempting a long peal at or around Christmas time in the Manchester area was maintained in 1967. This was the sixth time a peal has been attempted, the successes of past years being:—

1961: 16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Worsley.

1962: 15,904 Plain Bob Major on handbells, Marple.

1963: 13,320 Plain Bob Royal on handbells, Marple, and 21,600 Spliced Treble Bob Major, Loughborough.

1965: 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major, Accrington.

1966: 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus on handbells, Marple.

This year it was decided to try and ring 24,120 Plain Bob Royal on handbells with a view to capturing the following records:

(i) The longest handbell peal (19,738 Stedman Caters at Guildford in 9 hours and 32 minutes on August 31st, 1912);

(ii) The longest peal on ten bells (21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 12 hours and 25 minutes on April 22nd, 1922);

(iii) The longest peal of Royal (16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Worsley in 11 hours and 14 minutes on December 23rd, 1961).

The composition was chosen so as to beat in time as well as changes the 12 hours and 25 minutes of the Appleton peal. Assuming a normal peal time of 2 hours and 36 minutes, a 24,120 would have taken 12 hours and 29 minutes to ring. However, this was not to be, as will be explained below.

The ringers met at 8.20 a.m. outside Norbury Church together with the two umpires. Two of the ringers had brought their own chairs and several cushions, hoping thereby to ease the aching backs that were to come.

Once installed in the belfry and the size of handbells decided upon (15 in C), a few rounds were rung before the attempt got under way at 8.42 a.m. The first course was a little unsteady but the ringing soon settled down and a good standard of striking was achieved and maintained. The first part, 42 courses in the backstroke home, was rung in four hours, and the second part, 42 courses in the tittums plus a turning course, was completed in a little over eight hours. 15,300 had now been rung and the 15,840 Plain Bob Royal record of 1953 was in sight. This was passed after 8 hours and 23 minutes, 213 minutes longer than the Bournemouth ringers took though their handbells were smaller in size (11 in G).

The third part of the composition, 24 courses in the backstroke home, was almost half rung when one of the band stated that he was mentally tired and asked for the peal to be called round. The ringing in the past hour had been faster than previously and so it was slowed down in an effort to help. In the circumstances the conductor decided to carry on until the last course of the part, when a decision would be made whether to continue or bring the bells round.

All went well until the 108th course, when a slight hesitation caused a mistake at the Middle position. The bells were quickly righted but the mistake was the one blemish in what had been until then a peal of a high standard. Accordingly it was felt that the Stedman Caters handbell record should not be passed, and the Before in the last course of the part was omitted and a single Home called, thus bringing the bells round at 19,260 changes, one course short of the record. It was an unfortunate end to the attempt, but it was an attempt which brought home to the band just how formidable is the handbell record set by Alfred Pulling in 1912.

No plans have been made as yet for another attempt and it is expected that should another attempt on the handbell record be made, a change of method will also be made, either to Stedman Caters or Treble Bob Royal.

The band would like to express their thanks to the umpires—Alan Scholfield and Christine Andrew—for checking all the calls, coursing orders and course ends, and to the Vicar and tower captain at Norbury for making the church and belfry available for the attempt.

What next? is the inevitable question. Various suggestions were made afterwards, including a raising of the Surprise record of 21,600 Bristol. 20,000 London Surprise Royal or 10,000-odd Triples. B. J. W.

WINTRY CONDITIONS AT GORLESTON A.G.M.

Despite very wintry conditions, 35 members attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Branch held at Gorleston-on-Sea on December 9th.

Officers elected for 1968 were: Chairman, Rev. P. N. Bond; secretary, Mr. N. P. J. Cossey; Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Pickup; standing committee, Mr. T. J. Brock and Mr. A. E. Crowe; Branch committee, Miss M. Kindred Messrs. A. H. Roberts, J. W. Forder, J. B. Gorrod and S. F. High.

The president of the Association (Mr. F. N. Golden) thanked the Branch officers for serving the Branch well and paid tribute to its work during the year.

Meeting dates for 1968 were arranged for February 17th (Haddiscoe), May 18th, October 5th and December 7th (Branch annual).

The following new ringing members were elected: Mrs. R. F. Deal (Acle) Mr J. Webb (Rollesby), Mr. M. Davies and Mr. P. Gorrod (Carlton Colville), Mr. B. Barber (Norton Subcourse) was elected to life membership.

The chairman thanked the Rector of Gorleston, the Rev. A. S. Clemens, for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the organist and the ladies for the excellent tea served.

Next practice meeting, Great Yarmouth, January 27th. N. C.

BEAMINSTER REACH £4,000 TARGET

The Lord Bishop of Salisbury (the Rt. Rev. J. E. Fison) performed the ceremony of rehallowing the Thomas Bilbie bells of St. Mary's, Beaminster, Dorset, in the presence of a congregation of almost 500 on December 17th. The bells had been tuned and turned by John Taylor and Co. and provided with a steel frame to replace the old oak frame. Bilbie cast the eight in a weaving shed adjoining the church in 1764.

It was an inspiring service with good singing led by the parish choir, under the leadership of Mr. Pannell. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. V. Galloway) and the lesson read by the captain of the ringers (Mr. J. T. Barrett). The bell anthem was sung by the choir and the dedication of the bells took place beneath the tower.

At the conclusion of the hallowing the Bishop handed the rope to the Vicar, saying: "Receive these bells that have been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto thee as the minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory."

Rounds were then rung by J. P. Fidler (representative of Loughborough Foundry) 1, Mrs. Edna Pannell 2, Janet Atbey 3, Gerald Pidgeon 4, A. T. Meech 5, A. Winters 6, W. C. Poole 7, W. Glyde (Bridport) 8.

The Bishop based his address on the inscription on the 23 cwt. tenor: "I to the church the living call and to the grave do summon all." He said the bell would do its stuff but would the living not only hear it but also come? "You can transform Beaminster and the surrounding country if you hear the bells and do what they are trying to tell you to do. . . . God grant that we may live up to the call of the bells in Beaminster. This evening is a time for rejoicing at what has been achieved by combined effort. Now the bells are back they will ring."

After the service the Bishop joined the Beaminster ringers, members of the P.C.C. and of the rehanging fund committee for light refreshments at The Greenwood Tree. The bells were rung until 8.45 p.m. by visitors from the Salisbury and Bath and Wells Guilds.

The band desire to congratulate Arthur Fidler and Eric Fowler on a job well done. The "go" of the bells is excellent and all that's needed now are two new trebles to fill the gaps in the frame! The target of £4,000 was reached on December 30th, so all are very well satisfied.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Central District of the Ladies' Guild held their last meeting of the Old Year at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on December 30th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening, arranged to suit all tastes, included an all-ladies course of Cambridge.

A happy gathering of old friends and new enjoyed a sumptuous spread provided by some members of the committee, supplemented by Peter's tea. The Supporters' Club members very kindly washed up while the ladies held their business meeting, during which Miss Lesley Hawes, of Kingston upon Thames, and Miss Monica Coningsby, of Melburn, were welcomed to membership. The annual District meeting will be held on March 30th.

Rumour has it that three members of long standing, who all bear the same name, have made a New Year resolution to grow a bit, since one of them almost became airborne.

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EIGHT LITTLE BEAUTIES

By STANLEY G. SCOTT

IT was 9 p.m. and the last practice before Christmas had ended. The band stood in groups around the ringing chamber, chatting as they donned their coats.

A raised voice carried to me as I hitched up the five-minute bell . . . "If you're willing then I'll finish it!" . . . Interested, I joined the group by the seventh and learned that the last £10 of the Easthampstead Bell Fund was being paid. Ken and John were writing their cheques.

I crossed to the notice board and wrote "Bell Fund Closed," heavily underlining the last word across our progress chart.

This, to me, was the hour of success, the final reckoning of a long, arduous but worthwhile job.

With an hour to celebrate, the band dispersed, briefly to meet again in the Green Man, where, reminiscing over the past two years, the memories came back in chronological disorder, each remembering his or her own particular highlight of the affair, and which I shall attempt to assemble in the order of events.

John's final payment was ironically apt as it was he who started it all by ringing the tenor and unwittingly shearing the gudgeon, putting an end to an era of good progress on the old unmelodious six.

NEW SCHEME

In this bar the scheme was born after that eventful practice and our ideas were later put to the entire band and it was duly voted to attempt to obtain permission to recast the six instead of a repair to the tenor—a recast plus two trebles, as it eventually turned out.

Eight spanking, bright little beauties!

At the start, high-pressure enthusiasm was frustrated by a slow pace in getting things moving. Estimates, letters to and fro, P.C.C. meetings, Frank "putting it over," Branch meetings, Guild meetings, more estimates, visits by foundry heads, sketches, measurements, faculties, permissions . . . and a policy.

A committee was formed within the band to follow the agreed undertaking by the Easthampstead ringers to take down the old six bells and deliver them to London. To collect frame parts and make up the frame (oak) for two additional bells, to alter the stairway to the roof, necessary to accommodate the octave, to collect the new ring and provide labour, assisting the hanging and fitting of same.

For the sum of nearly £1,100 the six bells were to be recast into eight and the necessary fittings, bearings, etc., to be supplied.

SCEPTICAL P.C.C.

Of this sum the P.C.C. agreed to pay £125 (estimated cost to have the damaged tenor repaired) and the remainder to be found by the Easthampstead ringers outside the parish so as not to compete with funds to be raised for a new church hall.

So with an enthusiastic Rector, full co-operation from the foundry and agreement from, at first, a sceptical P.C.C., we started work.

The unimportant little things as well as the milestones in those busy months stand out in retrospect.

The cold and the sweat, hot coffee late at night on a scaffold board in a belfry strewn with gear, tackle, beams, spanners and pigeon feathers. Shifting steel gantries and heavy deals, dangling bells and dropping nuts, moving over a frame half empty of its bells, four hours of suspended labour getting the old tenor from its pit where it had crashed awkwardly.

Sleeping well at nights, three or four times a week and Saturdays. Grimy and tired, snatching a quick one before closing.

Joan's unusual make-up of bell smudge collected in her hauling up, fetching, carrying, passing and holding role, an often colder part of the work, while the rest of the team, Frank (without whom I am sure we would never have got through), John and myself, hoisted and swung the bells, stripping them naked before lowering to the whirling harshness of the chain tackle as each pit was emptied.

Via digger-shovel and builder's lorry the bells were delivered to Whitechapel and then the wait for casting.

Ringing practice during this period continued through the hospitality of Binfield, Warfield and other neighbouring towers, to whose bands we were indebted.

MINIMUS CONTEST

In our spare time away from the tower we wrote letters to ringers, towers, industrial companies, corporations—any organisation that could help our financial problem. Jumble sales, whist drives, collections at meetings (as at the "Great Minimus Contest," Pamber Priory)—the process of obtaining nearly £900 was working. Everyone was pulling together, the less able-bodied members of the band making every effort to bring in the "lolly"—even to making and selling rhubarb and fig jam (Medical Guild please note!). And all the time a steady response came from Frank's appeal.

It was this outside response from ringers which kept us looking forward and renewed our enthusiasm for the work ahead.

Action again. The frame parts arrived and we were aloft in the night as the alterations to the frame and roof stairs were made. A huge clean-up and then another clean-up—a contract secured to clean, scrape and repaint the steel bell frame at Warfield and another £50 in the fund.

THE CASTING

Guild and Branch grants helped to lessen the deficit. The Barron Trust was unfortunately barren, but the steady sympathetic flow of donations from ringers everywhere proved to be the backbone of the fund.

The casting of the new octave (tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C) proved a delight to witness, and later that day a ring with the foundrymen and a night on the town. A memorable day also not entirely deficient of bell smudge!

A lapse in our labouring passed all too quickly as the effect of working long hours was beginning to be felt.

The arrival of Harry Parkes, however, got us back into trim. More evenings in the tower, days on end for Frank, an occasional quick call to the Green Man and tales of other towers from "you know who" of Washington repute.

Visions of Harry in the pits with his huge tightening-up spanner, grunting and sweating with effort between utterances of "That'll hold it!" The precise way the bells slipped on to their bearings and the belfry populated again—a good sight.

The final adjustments and a hurried goodbye to Harry, off to Tonbridge, and another deadline.

The dedication service followed and the meeting together of many old friends and new, of famous names and personalities in the Exercise and the day shadowed only by the absence of Canon Thurlow, who was attending another similar function.

The first peal was scored and then back to the grind of finding funds, and this the hardest struggle. Back also to the business of ringing in a tower of our own, to teaching and progress.

The ship's bell in the Green Man rang for "time" and I realised then that it was all over, the moment we had all longed for had arrived, and I remember with pleasure the team work it was my privilege to be connected with, and this, together with enthusiasm, spelled "eight little beauties" at Easthampstead.

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GROVES. — The address of Valerie and Bernard is now: 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green, Marple, Cheshire. Tel. 061–427 4044. 3163

MISCELLANEOUS

DON'T FORGET
THE HILLINGDON SUPPER
Golden Lion, Hillingdon Circus
February 9th, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
Please contact M. W. Seymour, 26, The Larches, Hillingdon, Middx, UX 36309, before February 1st. 3161

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS
Annual Reunion
The Barbecue Restaurant and Club, Spring Gardens, Buxton, Derbyshire, on Sat., February 10th, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
Bar until 1 a.m.
Tickets (22s.) from Denis Mottershead, 8, Hawthorn Walk, Wilmslow, Cheshire, before January 31st. Please enclose s.a.e. for details of ringing arrangements.
B. and B.: The Sandringham 23s.
The Portland 30s.
R. Kingsley Mason, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—**Correction Notice.**—Evening meeting at North Cerney (6) 5.30 to 7 p.m. and Elkstone (5) 7.15 to 8.45 p.m. on Saturday, January 20th. — J. Pearse, Dis. Sec. 3160

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—**January 20th correction.**—For Aldgate read Bishopsgate, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. 3109

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, January 27th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 3168

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Next meeting, Stone, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Tuesday, January 23rd. 3158

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield, by Wednesday previous, please.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 3169

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. and 6–8 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names to me as soon as possible, please.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. Tel. Hailsham 3515. 3159

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH Guild.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual general meeting, Carisbrooke, January 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Anne M. Guy, The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 3164

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Practice at St. John the Baptist's on January 29th for A.G.M. is cancelled. Ringing as usual on February 5th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Castor, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday previous. 3166

The Fine Example of Edwin G. Buck

"The good that men do . . ." that saying will surely be proved false now that Eddie is with us no more. Edwin G. Buck, Baldock born and bred, 50 years of age, passed away on Saturday, December 30th. He was a model and example to all on how a life should be lived.

A true Christian, who regularly worshipped at St. Mary's, Baldock, from boyhood until the last time on Christmas Day morning, he served his church as bellringer, as P.C.C. member, and at decanal conferences, at bazaars, fetes and jumble sales and whenever help was needed to clear the cobwebs in church or belfry. He enjoyed life to the full but never to excess. He could tell and take a joke. His interests ranged from matchbox-top collecting to football and cricket, but none gave him more pleasure than his interest in bell ringing and the whole of the ringing world.

He rang at Baldock for 34 years and was captain of the band for 19 years until he had to give up ringing owing to ill-health nearly two years ago. He raised a band after the war from four to eighteen, whose capabilities were always catered for twice each Sunday and on practice nights. In the tower he held the reins firmly on the eager up-and-coming youngsters and influenced the older members diplomatically. He was hard with the sloppy handler and tender towards the lady member with blistered hands. He made all visitors welcome when they came, the call change ringer from Suffolk, the past master of the College Youths, who was surprised to find some "fair old Bristol" being rung. He was as happy with the jarring handstroke leads of the treble ringer who was ringing a first peal of Minor to the (as he remembered it) spine-tingling sensation of Stedman Caters in the Tittums with an expert band.

He will be remembered most, perhaps, for the outings he loved to arrange to the "beauties" of Kent or the Herts County Association annual meeting, or one of his early ones one Christmas, when he took his youngsters on a cycle trip in pouring rain to the surrounding villages to make sure the bells were rung that Christmas—even a ring rung dead he rang that day. He was given immense pleasure in the last months of his illness at home by having some of the Sunday morning quarter peals, rung when his band was at its height, played back off tape by one of his visiting friends. He was honoured by his Association for all his work and being Northern District secretary by being made president in 1957, and also again on January 5th at a service at St. Mary's before his cremation, by so many of his friends and associates coming to pay their last respects to a fine man. A course of Bob Major was rung in church with his own handbells. It was so very easy to travel along with him, but some are already finding it so hard to follow after him. Our sympathy goes out to his widow and two sons, whose loss is greater even than that of the ringing world. He carried his cross so well, which was made that much heavier by the active life he led.

Well rung, Eddie! J. S. D.

HIS 134 PEALS

Doubles: Grandsire 2.

Minor: Plain Bob 11, St. Clement's, two to seven methods 18 (conducted 4).

Surprise Minor: Cambridge 4 (1), seven methods 2.

Triples Grandsire 7 (1), Plain Bob 2, Stedman.

Plain Major: Plain Bob 12 (1), Double Norwich Court Bob 6, St. Clement's.

Treble Bob: Kent 3, Oxford, Granta variation.

Surprise Major: Cambridge 9, Yorkshire 6, Bristol 5, Rutland 5, Superlative 3, London 3, one each of Aspenden, Belgrave, Birstall, Carlton, Cassiobury, Crediton, Eastcote, Huntingdon, Ipswich, Kelshall, Lapal, Lincolnshire, Maulden, New Cambridge, New Gloucester, Montgomery, Norton, Painswick, Pudsey, Quinton, Rochester, Shoreditch, Wembley, Wymondham, Xavia, Xenia, five-spliced.

Caters: Stedman 2.

Royal: Little Bob, Cambridge Surprise.

MR. J. H. BEALE

From the age of 12, when he was taught to ring by the late Arthur Aldham, of Barwell, Mr. Joseph Harry Beale had been a member of the Wolvey (near Hinckley) band—a period of 54 years.

He emulated his father both as a ringer and as churchwarden, an office which he held until his death.

At the funeral service four members of the Coventry Guild, to which he belonged, rang a course of Grandsire Triples, and those taking part were Mr and Mrs. Arthur Beamish, Frank Perrins and Hubert Summers.

The loyalty which Joe had towards his church was of the quality which is becoming very rare and a lot of people will mourn the loss of a good man. T. C. B.

MR. S. WALTER

The death has occurred recently in a Canterbury hospital of Mr. Sidney Walter, of Wickhambreaux. Mr. Walter, who was 84, had been a ringer since the turn of the century, having learnt at his parish church, and was in the inaugural peal when the bells were rehung in 1906 He had been a churchwarden for many years and was the first person in the village to hold a driving licence!

He had been a member of the Kent County Association since 1907, and became a member of the Canterbury Cathedral band in 1945, and was elected its president in 1962, being still in office at his death.

He saw service in Africa and France during the 1914–18 war and used to amuse the cathedral ringers when, with the late Jack Unwin, they used to greet each other in Swahili! Until recent years he was a regular attender at meetings and rarely missed a ring at the Cathedral and would, even when in his seventies, cycle the six miles each way to be present when his car was out of action. He was held in high esteem by all his fellow ringers and many of his old friends will miss him greatly.

Mr. Walter was cremated privately, but a memorial service is to be arranged at a later date at Wickhambreaux, of which due notice will be given, when it is hoped that many of his friends will be present to pay their respects to a most lovable fellow ringer. B. J. L.

MR. T. H. RADFORD

It came as a great shock to his many friends in the East Derbyshire and West Nottingham Association area to hear of the sudden death in hospital of Mr. Thomas H. Radford on December 10th at the age of 58.

A native of Tibshelf, he had given many years of service as a ringer to this tower and was captain of the ringers for at least 12 years. He was a prominent member of the East Derbyshire and West Nottingham Association and served for several years as hon. secretary and Central Council representative. He was also a vice-president of the Association. He will be greatly missed, especially by those whom he had recently taught to ring.

Several ringers from the area bade him farewell by ringing half-muffled touches on the bells at Tibshelf at the funeral service on December 15th and also before Evensong on the following Sunday.

On December 31st a half-muffled peal was rung to his memory on the bells he knew so well by members of the Association. We thank God for his life's work and remember with gratitude the friendship we had the good fortune to share with him. May he rest in peace.

B. A. R.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. L. Gullick 1, S. J. Gullick 2, A. C. Harris 3, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 4, M. D. Trigg 5, A. R. Agg 6, J. S. Dear 7, W. F. Todd 8. Half-muffled as a farewell to the old year, and in memory of Edwin G. Buck.

MISS M. M. RAVEN — DAUGHTER OF BELL HISTORIAN

On December 30th Miss Margaret Milville Raven died at a Bungay, Suffolk, nursing home at the age of 91. The funeral was at Fressingfield, Suffolk, on January 4th.

She was the younger daughter of the late Dr. J. J. Raven, D.D., master of Bungay Grammar School and of Great Yarmouth, and Vicar of Fressingfield from 1885.

About 1870, while at Yarmouth, Dr. Raven published his "Church Bells of Cambridgeshire," and while at Fressingfield his "Church Bells of Suffolk" was published in 1890. He began collecting information for this latter work while his father was curate at Mildenhall, Suffolk. He made his first notes on August 28th, 1848, and the last ones on August 28th, 1890—exactly 42 years later.

Margaret Raven lived in Fressingfield until about 12 years ago, at first going to St. Barnabas', Southwold, Suffolk, then on to Bungay. She was a typical Victorian lady—most pleasant in conversation and manner generally.

She once told me of an experience which would have alarmed anyone, to say nothing of a lady living on her own. It was at her Fressingfield house and the middle of the night. She was awakened by much noise downstairs—flaps, bangs, bumps and rattles. Many would have stayed in bed with but one eye above the sheet, hoping for the best, but Miss Raven went down to investigate and found that an owl had come down the chimney and was fluttering about the room knocking ornaments from the mantelpiece and rattling pictures against the walls. She let the bird out of the window and set about clearing up the wreckage and soot.

I was living at Eye, Suffolk, when I last spoke to her. She asked me where my house was and I told her that it was at the foot of the Castle Mound. This mound rises steeply on all sides to about 50 feet. She said that the previous year (when she must have been in her late 70's) she had a mind to see the view from the top of the mound and was shown the way to go. She went on: "My word! What a path! But after much slipping and sliding, holding on to bushes and twigs, I pulled myself to the top. But then I had to get down, which was much worse. So I turned up my skirts and slid down on my bottom."

It is significant that two days after she died the present Vicar of Fressingfield died in a Scole, Norfolk, nursing home, aged 79. He was the Rev. Bernard Thursby Pitts, and had been in charge of Fressingfield for 32 years. He was buried in Fressingfield Churchyard an hour before Miss Raven. And so the old world rolls on!

CLAUDE RUSH.

SELBY ABBEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Perry (first quarter) 1, Jenny Simons (first "inside" Bob Minor) 2, T. H. Foster 3, D. R. Swann 4, C. M. Brown 5, D. J. Swann (first as cond.) 6. Traditional half-muffled ringing for old year.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, Sara Cornock 2, F. Garland 3, T. Witts (cond.) 4, T. Pritchard 5, T. Ashby 6, R. Cornock 7 Alec Howell 8. Rung half-muffled for Holy Innocents' Day.

Letters to the Editor

MORE STRAIGHT WORDS TO LEICESTER

Dear Sir, — With reference to the letter "Straight Words to Leicester Guild" signed "Ringing Master" and published in the issue of December 8th, a number of people have asked me if I was the writer. I have informed all such inquirers I was not. If I am sufficiently moved to write to a journal I do not propose to lurk behind a nom-de-plume. I have a name and am not afraid to use it.

May I say, however, that I strongly endorse the major portion of the contents of the said letter, possibly excepting the point about learners needing to learn to ring on all numbers of bells. This is grandly idealistic, but for the most part highly impracticable.

I would like to underline two points made in the letter. Firstly, that concerning the basic object—"To promote ringing for divine service," and secondly, letting petty arguments and disagreements be forgotten. Regarding the latter, I would think that among professing Christians (which we are—aren't we?) such malign circumstances should not be allowed to arise. Perhaps this is being grandly idealistic, too, humans being as they are.

A genuine spirit of Christian fellowship must prevail among ringers if we are to do our job properly Fortunately, a great deal of this does exist, but more is needed still.

As we all know, there are a few ringers who ring purely for pleasure and self-aggrandisement. These may indeed be good ringers and give much thought to accuracy of striking, etc., but little or none to the real purpose for which church bells are rung. This, of course, is quite undesirable but, as I wrote in a previous letter on this subject, I believe these ringers to be (happily) in the minority.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD D. HIGHES
Secretary, Leicester District.

Mr. J. J. Pawley also writes that the comments are addressed to a small minority. "I have been a member of the Leicester Guild for 20 years and I ring for most services and practice nights and I am sure the majority of members do the same."

CONTROVERSY

Dear Sir,—Having followed with considerable interest the series of letters on bellringing in Kent, I feel bound to reply to Mr. J. Hedgcock's letter ("Ringing World", page 931).

Although I am very interested in ringing, I have never held a bell rope in my life nor, for that matter, been inside a tower, but I was under the impression that bellringing was in some way connected with churches, and churches with Christianity. On reading Mr. J. Hedgcock's letter I find no trace of Christian thinking whatsoever.

The discussion concerning who rang what is purely academic. What is disturbing is the arrogance of the writer whose letter shows a parochial prejudice which on a broader scale is known as nationalism.

Mr Hedgcock writes from Christ Church College, which is a teachers' training college. I hope he does not impart such personal bias to his future teaching.

From his remarks on peal ringing one can only assume that he prefers to ring peals and has very little time for anything else. Perhaps his pique is a result of his not being able to form a band, and one does not have to look far for the reason.—Yours faithfully,

B. PAY.

Dover, Kent.

CALL-CHANGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—An apology and an observation on Mr G. Beavis' letter in the December 29th issue. May I, a "method" ringer deep in "call-change" country, apologise on behalf of all my call-change friends for his treatment in Plymouth? This is a very isolated case I can assure you, Mr. Beavis. May I recommend your chairman to come to N. Devon next year, where in any call-change tower he will receive a cordial and most friendly welcome. It has been my privilege many times to ring with two of the top teams in the competition world, namely West Down and Swimbridge. At each tower the welcome and invitation to ring have been spontaneous; this would apply to all ringers whatever the standard of their ringing.

Which brings me to my observation. Having rung peals for 23 years does not qualify a ringer as being a good striker in call-change ringing. Peal ringing is **not** the yardstick for good striking. To these men the quality of any ringer's striking is judged by his performance on the end of a rope during the 60 on thirds, **not** by the number of peals he has rung and conducted.

Do not run away with the idea that call-change ringing to the vastly experienced method ringer is a simple exercise requiring little concentration; it is **not**, repeat **not**. To adapt oneself to the "cartwheel" rhythm takes a great deal of practice. To achieve the exceptionally high standard of such teams as West Down, Swimbridge and Down St. Mary takes months, perhaps years, of dedicated practice by six fanatically keen ringers who live for good striking. Also, each ringer sticks to one bell. This is essential in competition ringing, except for two notable exceptions, that is, Both Mervyn Phillips, of West Down, and Jack Toose, of Swimbridge, started on the back-end; now they both ring treble to an outstanding degree of accuracy, yet each man has his individual style in pitch, rise and lower.

Do send your chairman to N. Devon this year, Mr. Beavis—he will be made most welcome I can assure you.—Yours, etc.,

DEREK JEWELL.

Combe Martin.

EASTHAMPSTEAD'S "TEN LITTLE BEAUTIES"

Dear Sir,—In connection with my article on the Easthampstead Bell Fund I would like to add that should any band have similar aims I would advise that some experience and absolute stringent safety precautions are essential to such a project.

Safety coupled with insurance was my most urgent demand while working in the tower and I cannot stress the importance of this too much.

I have mentioned the names of those concerned manually with Easthampstead's effort but those who are nameless are nevertheless appreciated as contributing an essential part of the whole.

On behalf of the band I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to Messrs Mears and Stainbank and every donor to our fund, whether their contribution was in cash or kind, large or small, and without whose support and trust we could never have achieved our target.—Yours etc.,

STANLEY G. SCOTT,
Tower Captain,
Easthampstead, Berks.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Dear Sir, — I am delighted to see that at last someone has questioned the principles behind Westminster Abbey ringing Perhaps it is understandable that touring ringers are not allowed to ring there, but it is unforgivable not to permit Sunday service ringing.

There has been a Guild of ringers at the Abbey since its foundation. They were granted a charter to ring the "great bells" by Henry III in 1254, for one hundred shillings per annum This is probably the first example of professional ringing!

If the Dean has any doubts as to the function of ringing a letter from an officer of the Central Council might dispel them. If this is not sufficient a letter to the highest Abbey authority, the Queen, might help. As to the closed shop principle, restriction of ringing to the two senior ringing Societies would ensure ringing of a high standard at this national showpiece.

The rather sad history of professional ringing in a closed shop on special occasions must be changed in the interest of the Exercise's aims, and I feel the Central Council holds the remedy.—Yours faithfully,

D. BARTON.

Pulborough, Sussex.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Frank Tonge, of Longparish, questions the arrangements for ringing at Westminster Abbey and suggests that these are different from any other part of the country. I venture to suggest they are not entirely; it is simply another case of the ringing fraternity being badly represented.

I, personally, do not mind if I never ring at the Abbey and am content if the bells are rung on all proper occasions and a high standard of striking is maintained. There are, however, weaknesses in the present system. I understand from a reliable source that on the occasion of a memorial service to three murdered policemen the Dean invited police ringers to officiate in the belfry. This invitation was later withdrawn and, at the time, I wondered why. The police ringers were relegated to St. Margaret's to pay their tribute on behalf of their colleagues but the newspapers reported that the bells of the Abbey were rung by policemen!

What can we do about this situation generally? No ringer can deny there are advantages because it is good public relations for what ringing takes place to be faultless. The "firing" which is often part of visiting bands' activity should not be tolerated at the Abbey. One answer would be regular open times under proper supervision, not the "catch hold free for all" type. But, regretfully, I feel this would never be a success. So let us tolerate the injustice except when we are really let down. If the Dean receives enough letters on the subject perhaps he may feel there is sufficient justification to make arrangements for more flexible representation at the Abbey. —Yours faithfully,

K. TABER.

South Croydon.

ROPE LENGTHS AT MEETINGS

Dear Sir.—The letter on page 933 of the December 22nd issue reminded me of an incident in the early 1930's when attending a ringing practice at Lyme Regis. A travelling circus was visiting the town, and one of its very small people armed himself with an orange box from the greengrocer's. We assisted him on to the top and he turned the tenor in to Bob Minor!

I think boxes are the only answer to rope lengths to suit tall and short.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH T. BARRETT.

Beaminster, Dorset.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

SHORT ROPES AT KENT MEETING

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter from Anthea Sparshott and Paul Ebsworth concerning rope lengths at meetings, I would like to state that the tower referred to in the letter was not Milton Regis, although the name was not mentioned. The ringers at Milton are all young, and with only myself over 5ft. 2in. (the height mentioned in the letter). Although our ringing is by no means first-class, it is not "grotty."

I would have assumed that any ringer capable of ringing Cambridge Minor should be capable of lengthening the tail-end of the rope.

Knowing the experienced ringers present, I am sure they would have altered any rope had they been asked. To my knowledge the ropes were altered to help other ringers during the meeting

Surely the criterion is "If in doubt, ask."—Yours sincerely,

G. WOOD.

Milton Regis.

NEWBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with interest Mr. A. Whittle's letter recalling the time when he was head gardener here in the Newbury district during the 1930's.

I must correct him in saying that Newbury's bells are a fine eight by "Rudhall." The back eight are a complete ring cast by James Wells of Aldbourne, Wilts Two trebles cast by Mears and Stainbank were added in 1936 and now make a very modest ring of ten.—Yours sincerely,

REG W REX.

Thatcham, Newbury.

CLOSING HOUR OF MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—As secretary and captain of the Wonersh tower, I feel that I owe Mr. Uphill and his companions an apology if they felt that they had been rebuffed and left in the cold churchyard It certainly was a cold and foggy night, which was the reason for the meeting closing down so early.

I had to leave at 6.45 p.m. to pick up my wife and go into Guildford to visit a friend in hospital Before leaving I left the key with one of our members to lock up as soon as everybody had gone. It seems that the tower was empty at about 7 p.m. so that it was locked and the meeting closed.

Might I suggest that in future Mr. Uphill notifies the secretary in charge of meetings if he intends to visit a tower, so that he may not again be disappointed? I shall be pleased to make arrangements for him to ring at Wonersh at some future date. — Yours sincerely,

WALTER E. ENTICKNAP.

Wonersh.

5,040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
(Two Methods)

By Alan F. Scholfield

23456	M	W	H
63542	—	2	—
53246	—		3
42635	—	—	3
34625		—	3
23645		—	3

Twice repeated.

Each course called R. Y. R.

Contains 3,360 Rutland and 1,680 Yorkshire with 84 changes of method.

As rung on handbells at Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Marple, on January 4th, 1968.

PEAL RECORDS FOR 1967

We are planning to publish, as in previous years, individual peal totals for 1967. This list is being prepared by Mr. David A. Burt, assisted by his wife, of 49, Ambleside Road, Kingsway, Bath. For the purpose of checking, ringers are asked to submit their totals (tower and hand), and also the number conducted, to him.

No 1967 peals received after the end of this month can be included in this record or that of the Peals Analysis Committee.

While Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have enjoyed the work they feel they have not the time available to continue the recordings for 1968. They will be pleased to give particulars to anyone interested.

DOWN UNDER

Melbourne Cathedral ringers were ringing on New Year's Eve from 6 p.m. until 1 p.m. with a few breaks during service.

The Grandsire Cinques rung half-muffled while the people were arriving for the memorial service for Australia's Prime Minister in Melbourne Cathedral made an effective background to the broadcast. In Great Britain the tenor note from tolling was heard only.

The marriage took place on January 6th of Mary Cowling and David Heyes, two Melbourne Cathedral ringers, at Caulfield, where Mary's father is Vicar. She rang in a handbelli peal conducted by the Rev. Malcolm Melville during Great Adventure II.

Spending the New Year in Perth are Jack and Gwen Roper. On January 6th they were joined by Helen Henderson.

Jenny Lees and Helen Henderson plan to come to England, probably at the end of July. Some Sydney ringers are also hoping to make the journey

From Bendigo we hear that Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin had John's parents from Woking with them for Christmas. Pam Warren, formerly of Guildford, also joined them.

DIED IN BELFRY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The sudden passing of Mr. John Lindsey, of Folkingham, Lincolnshire, at the age of 74, on December 24th, came as a great shock to the local band. Although he had been in somewhat failing health for some time, he still maintained his interest and rang regularly for Sunday services. The customary Christmas Eve ringing at St. Andrew's Church, Folkingham, was in progress, in which Mr. Lindsey was taking part, when he collapsed and died.

Jack, as he was best known, first learned to ring at Folkingham (where he was born and lived all his life) in 1912. He served through the 1914–18 war and saw service in France, where he was badly wounded by shrapnel. After being in hospital for many months he eventually returned home and, resuming his previous employment, returned to the belfry. He rang his first and only peal when he was in his 70th year to mark his 50 years' service as a Sunday service ringer, two other members of the local band sharing the same honour.

The funeral service on December 30th was largely attended and was conducted by the Rector, Canon F. R. Money, M.A., assisted by the Rev. R. Worsdall (curate, and a ringer). The Rector, in a tribute, mentioned Mr. Lindsey's long and faithful service as a service ringer to St. Andrew's Church. After the service the six bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect by the local band assisted by other ringers and concluded with a 720 of Plain Bob. Sympathy is extended to the widow and daughter, Miss Ivy Lindsey, who is a member of the local band.

C. T. H. B.

SWANWICK, DERBYS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, D. A. Hanbury 2, D. J. Walters 3, B. Dye 4, K. A. Taylor 5, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 6. Rung immediately after midnight to welcome the New Year, and also in memoriam Tom H. Radford, of Tibshelf.

WELLOW, SOM.—On Dec. 27th, 1,272 Beverley Surprise Minor: R. L. Coles 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, A. F. Lee 3, A. Swatton 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First of Beverley for all.

BATH BRANCH'S RECORD MEMBERSHIP

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held at St. Michael with St. Paul's on January 6th. Ringing took place on the octave prior to the fully choral service, at which the Rector (the Rev. C. Holden) officiated. A record number of 92 ringers sat down to the always enjoyable tea at the Church Hall.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Mr. George Hawkins. Members stood to the memory of two staunch members who had passed away during 1967—Mr. Walter Starr (Swainswick) and Mr. Sidney King (Corston), both of whom had been tower captains for a number of years.

The secretary and treasurer (Alan Lee) reported with pleasure that the membership of the Branch had now reached a record height of 196, a rise of 26 on the previous year. Another encouraging feature was the increase in the number of towers now ringing regularly on a Sunday. Marksbury had now rejoined the Association with an enthusiastic band. The meetings held had all been successful with an average attendance of nearly 50. Batheaston bells have been restored and augmented to eight, also major repairs to the towers at Upper Weston and Dunkerton—all this work has been completed.

Instruction classes have been held at Bathampton, Wellow, Freshford and Upper Weston. All these towers are now ringing regularly both on a Sunday and practice nights. Methods rung are increasing in variety and quarter peals have been scored up to Beverley Surprise. Peals rung in the Branch have increased by five to 17 and have been spread evenly throughout the Branch.

Owing to the illness of the chairman, the Rev. Francis Pollard, he was not seeking re-election, so the following were elected to serve during 1968: Chairman, George Hawkins (St. Michael with St. Paul's); vice-chairmen, Leslie Taylor (Corston) and the Rev. C. Holden (St. Michael with St. Paul's); secretary and treasurer, Alan Lee (Twerton); Ringing Masters, John Owen (Abbey) and Harold Parfree (Corston). Eighteen new members were elected—six from Keynsham, three each from Bathwick and Marksbury and two each from Corston, Bathford and Dunkerton.

It is hoped to hold meetings at Marksbury, Bathwick, Batheaston, with the annual at St. Michael with St. Paul's and the Corporate Communion at Keynsham.

Among the visitors were the Frome Branch secretary (Ted Chivers) and the Axbridge secretary (Miss Marjorie Legg) and ringers from Chilcompton, Bristol (St. Philip's), Clifton, Cam, Worle, Compton Bishop and Newport (Mon.).

A. F. L.

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HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

SOME OF THE TEAMS

(Continued from page 21)

St. Cuthbert's, Kirkby-in-Furness, Handbell Ringers. Started as a family team by N. M. Newby. In 1954 the team took part in a television top town contest for Ulverston against Stockton-on-Tees. In 1962 the Newbys moved to St. Cuthbert's, Kirkby-in-Furness and all the family became ringers.

Mr. Newby has also trained a team of the "Over 60 Club" who entertain at other clubs and ring carols at their own annual carol service, and this was done for the third time last month.

Liss Handbell Ringers started in 1966 by carolling around the village at Christmas to collect money for the old folks. The band consists of seven people—Mr. Tom Boules (captain), Mr. B. S. Gambrill and five young members. The repertoire consists of tunes and carols and a start has been made with musical notation (previously untimed numeric notation). The 25 bells (two octaves) by Mears (c. 1900) are the property of Mr. Bowles.

Norbury Handbell Ringers. — The team was in existence before the 1914–18 war, the set of bells (about 60) being privately owned by James Fernley, and practices were held at his home. Public performances continued until the early 1930s, when James Fernley, jun., took over the team. In 1937 the present set (166 bells) was purchased from a church at Elland, Yorks, for £25. Practically all the bells were green with mould but were soon restored to a reasonable condition.

The team disbanded at the outbreak of war in 1939 and did not resume until 1946. In 1949 the bells were sent to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for overhaul at a cost of £110. Another overhaul at the Whitechapel Foundry took place in April, 1967, when 140 bells were retuned and polished at a cost of just over £350. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have put the replacement value of the bells at £1,587 10s.

On October 8th, 1966, the first handbell ringers' rally was held at the team's headquarters. In the past, similar gatherings had taken place, but these were competitive, whereas the one held at Hazel Grove was to endeavour to create more interest in the ancient art of tune ringing on handbells.

St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, Oldham, Handbell Ringers. — The founder of the church and provider of the bells was Mr. Thomas Mellowdue, and Mrs. Mellowdue bought a set of handbells for the sole use of the Moorside Handbell Ringers. The handbells eventually went to the Bull Head Inn. It became known that some men rang for morning service at the church and then would go straight up to the Bull for handbells (and drinks). Quite often they would stay there until it was time to ring for evening service again. The vicar's warden then was Mr. J. H. Dunkerley, and his wife, the daughter of the founder of the church, did not like this. Eventually she and her husband paid over a sum of money for the bells and a deed was drawn up that the handbells belonged to Moorside Church thereafter.

There are 4¼ octaves and 18 duplicates, mainly by Mears with a few by Shaw (73 altogether). They have given good service and pleasure to various bands for about 90 years and been used to entertain on many occasions. Most of the music is by the late William Gordon, of Stockport, and is suitable for five to eight ringers. Practices are held in the school on Friday nights from September until about Whitsun. Visitors and old friends are always welcome, writes Ivan Kay.



THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. William Hartley, of Stockport.

"It was a proud moment for me when I was asked to become the chairman of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain," said Mr. William Hartley, of 29, Hurdsfield Road, Great Moor, Stockport. The occasion was the second rally of handbell ringers—over 200 of them, with friends, attended at Ashton-under-Lyne on October 7th, 1967, when it was unanimously agreed to form an organisation to help to stimulate interest in tune ringing on handbells.

Born in Stockport on May 11th, 1919, Mr. Hartley had always been attached to Norbury Parish Church, Hazel Grove, where his parents were active members of the P.C.C. For 54 years his father was a tower ringer, but "Bill" Hartley, to his father's disgust and disappointment, never followed in his footsteps.

HIS MAIN HOBBY

In 1938 the Norbury Handbell Ringers purchased a large set of handbells, and as more ringers were needed he was invited to join the team. Although he had had no musical training, except five years as a choirboy, he decided to "have a go" and eventually got the bug. This has been his main hobby ever since.

Called up in 1939, Mr. Hartley served in the Royal Artillery until 1942, when he was sent to East Africa to help form the 1st East African Field Regiment, R.E. He travelled far—Madagascar, India and Burma—with the East African Army, and remained with them until December, 1945. He was demobilised in 1946 and the same year was married at Calne, Wilts, his wife being a staff sergeant in the A.T.S. A peal for the wedding was rung at Hazel Grove, composed by his cousin, Ernest Bennett. Their only son was born in 1948 and he is now at Sheffield University studying metallurgy.

LONG SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN

The Norbury Handbell Ringers were reformed in 1946 and at the general meeting in 1948 Mr. Hartley was elected chairman, an office he has held, apart for one year, ever since. A close liaison has been formed with the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, and Dr. Robert Hieber, a past president of the Guild, is a personal friend. He also corresponded frequently with the late Mrs. Alice Shurcliff.

The idea of a national organisation of handbell ringers was the outcome of a rally in October, 1966. Mr. Tom Ogden, of the Moorside Handbell Ringers, asked him to organise this rally. Commented Mr. Hartley: "I said that I would try, thinking that I would only get a mild ripple of enthusiasm, and was most surprised when 13 teams applied to attend the first rally which I had arranged to be held at Norbury School, Hazel Grove, on October 8th, 1966."

Ordsall Handbell Ringers.—The Ordsall set of 29 bells was cast by Taylor's, probably in 1896. A quite enthusiastic team was formed and invested in many of the music sheets published by William Gordon. In 1914 most of the band went into the Forces. The bells and music were given to the verger, who put them in a box under his bed. Only one of the original band is alive today and he is still an active tower ringer despite the fact that he is in his 89th year. Between the wars the only ringing done on the bells was a little change-ringing on the middle octave.

A few years after the Second World War the old verger died and the bells and music were discovered in their box by the captain and vice-captain of the present team. They set about restoring the valuable music and renovating the bells. After much work and even more patience, the team learned to ring most of the tunes on the music. Their first engagement was at an Ordsall garden party in 1950, and since then they have travelled all around Retford and district.

St. Mary's Ringers, Sileby.—Some years ago some handbells in poor condition were given to St. Mary's Church. They were used for tune ringing until enough money was raised to have them completely overhauled. Later there was an amalgamation with the ringers in the next church, who had bells in tune for Sileby's. Concert arrangements were frequent and it was decided to name the team St. Mary's Ringers.

There are 12 regular ringers with 48 bells. Ringing is "four in hand" from a system of numbers. Money is being raised to purchase more bells to improve the range and repertoire. One rule is that all ringers in the handbell team must be able to ring church bells. This year there has been a recording and interviews with the newly-formed Leicester B.B.C.

Silverdale Handbell Ringers. — Founded in 1906 by Dr. Colyer, the first conductor, with ten members and only eight bells. Now the team has 52 bells by J. Taylor, with 12 members. The conductor is Mr. Tom Bolton who has been with the team over 40 years. Under him the team has given four broadcasts on sound radio. In 1949 the team purchased an old pavilion and converted it into their headquarters. Practices are held every Monday during winter months.

In June, 1966, the team was invited to ring for H.R.H. Princess Alexandra at a Lancaster University garden party. (Silverdale is on the shores of Morecambe Bay.)

(To be continued)

[Full details in "Reverberations," from J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs, price 1s.; annual subscription 2s. 6d.]

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Dec 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret McBride 1, Angela McBride 2, A. J. Moy 3, P. G. W. Newstead 4, A. G. Wigmore 5, W. B. Duncan 6, S. High 7, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the service of nine lessons and carols.

HANNINGTON, WILTS. — On Christmas Day, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. Sturmey (first quarter) 1, A. Hedges 2, R. Peckham 3, D. Vowles (first as cond.) 4, B. Bladon 5, H. Hedges 6.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. J. Whiting 1, J. F. W. Allen 2, P. S. Abbott 3, R. F. Baker 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. For the Christmas Festival.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Cassidy 1, J. Pilgrim 2, P. Bedford 3, S. High 4, T. Brock 5, A. Knights 6, S. Bedford 7, V. Bedford (cond.) 8.

LONDON. — At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,300 St. Clement's College Bob Caters: Rev. J. E. F. Tredennick (first of Caters) 1, Elsie K. Hart 2, Ruth M. Foreman 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. G. Knight 6, G. H. Austin 7, B. G. Watson 8, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 9, T. J. Lock 10. First of Caters in the method by all.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Davis 1, G. Hawkins 2, B. Tither 3, John Davis (cond.) 4, J. Davis 5, W. Lewis 6. For carol service.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. George Jesmond, on Dec. 30th, 1,872 Plain Bob Major: May Graham 1, Jean Berriman 2, J. Pardoe 3, Joy Askew 4, R. Askew 5, C. Monson 6, A. Craddock (cond.) 7, R. Yeates 8. A peal attempt called round. Rung as a compliment to Mark Nicholas Pardoe, born December 24th, 1967.

PORTBURY, SOM.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Cynthia Gee (first quarter) 1, Janine Blanch 2, Helen Kirkpatrick 3, Suzanne Withers 4, V. H. James 5, W. Willans (cond.) 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Williamson 1, Mrs. E. Cheal 2, F. J. Cheal 3, N. Humphries 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Game, of Rainham.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Massam 1, Valerie M. Gill 2, G. Ward 3, R. Brown 4, A. Newbould 5, G. Cox 6, I. North (cond.) 7, E. Spencer 8. Rung with the compliments of the band to Ian North and Patricia Lockwood on their engagement.

TRULL, SOM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Grigg (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Baker 2, T. Bellhouse (first "inside") 3, B. Vine 4, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 5, E. J. Baker 6. For morning service.

WARSOP, NOTTS. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: M. Bennett 1, Iris Cooke 2, G. Challans 3, F. Cooke 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, D. Whetton 6. Rung for Evensong and in memoriam Thomas H. Radford.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,320 Minor (Cambridge Little Bob, Plain): D. Witchell 1, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 2, E. C. Buckby 3, C. N. Stephenson 4, R. J. Cowley 5, J. G. Mitchell 6. For the wedding of Hilary Knight and Peter Aslett.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Cambridge S. and Plain Bob Minor: R. K. Lister 1, J. Cunliffe 2, N. T. E. Burnett 3, R. Jolley 4, G. Fothergill 5, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 6. By the local band.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 7, 6, 8 covers): Janet Yeates (13, first on working bell) 1, R. A. Stone 2, Sandra Pearce 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, C. Hawkins 6, F. W. Sherfield 7, R. L. Ventham 8. Rung for old year; also a compliment to F. W. Sherfield on the birth of a grand-daughter.

Crossword No. 7 — Solution

The winner of Crossword No. 7 was Miss Elsie Lankester, of 27, Dewsbury Road, Willesden, N.W.10, who has been awarded the prize of 10s. Solution:—

Across.—4, Triplets. 8, Parody. 9, Men-of-war. 10, Pull it up. 11, Issues. 12, Newcomer. 13, Annalist. 16, Entrance. 19, Neutrals. 21, Trials. 23, Alsatian. 24, Birstall. 25, Envied. 26, Chancery.

Down.—1, Matured. 2, Collector. 3, System. 4, Temperamentally. 5, Inn signs. 6, Lifts. 7, Teasers. 14, Lucrative. 15, One's name. 17, Norwich. 18, Bloater. 20, Unseen. 22, Arson.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Blackburn Branch

There was much variety on the agenda for the annual meeting of the Blackburn Branch at Clitheroe on January 6th. The business meeting was preceded by ringing at Downham and Clitheroe and a pie and peas tea.

Mr F Reynolds, the general secretary of the Association, took the chair for the election of officers Mr. Pilkington was elected Ringing Master for a further two years and Mr. R. Leigh as bell adviser.

A proposal that the voting age should be over 18 was regarded as impracticable as the majority of those present were under that age. The Branch trip to North Wales, now being organised, was discussed at length and also an amendment to the Branch Rule 3, that grants be allowed from Branch funds for augmentations and sound control.

There were hearty congratulations to the band who had been ringing in the record length of Glasgow at Accrington, with one exception—a Branch member who participated when he should have been attending a Branch meeting that day!

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. and varied from rounds to Spliced Major and Surprise.

A. J. H.

Guildford Guild 40th Anniversary

The Guildford Diocesan Guild was founded on December 31st, 1927, and Guildford itself was not forgotten during the anniversary weekend.

On the eve of the anniversary, December 30th, a good peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at St. Nicolas' containing several "firsts". The peal attempt for Sunday, December 31st, was at Holy Trinity, Stedman Triples being the method. The peal commenced at 8.45 p.m. and was unfortunately lost after 35 minutes; it was then too late to make a second attempt.

It is hoped that as many quarter peals and peals as possible will be attempted within the next few weeks to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Guild.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The A.G.M. was held on January 6th at Hitchin. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and Yorkshire and Stedman were achieved before the service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar. A buffet tea followed in the Church House.

The Vicar took the chair at the meeting, and at his suggestion members stood in silence in memory of Mr. E. G. Buck, who passed away the week before. The District report and the "R.W." representative's report followed. In his report, Mr. C. M. Orme, the retiring secretary, said that he was sad to leave the District and wished he could have left it in a stronger position.

Recommendations for Association officers were approved and Mr. A. R. Agg explained the reason for proposing Dr. D. L. Gullick as Association president. Mr. J. S. Dear, seconding, reminded the younger members that although no longer so active with peal ringing, Dr. Gullick had given much to the Association in former years.

Mrs. Agg was elected as the new District secretary, resigning as Association peal secretary to be able to do so. Mr. M. D. Trigg was elected to the general committee and Mr. J. S. Dear was elected to the District committe. Other District officers were elected en bloc. The election of new members followed. Those elected were: Miss M. Barker, Miss R. Roden and R. Weedon (Sandon), Miss P. Brown (Baldock), R. Kirkpatrick (Stevenage), Miss C. Forgan, M. Marsden and W. Gentle (Hitchin).

Under "any other business" Mr. C. M. Orme reminded us that the county A.G.M. was in our District and asked for added support. A collection was taken for a wreath at Mr. Buck's funeral. The Ringing Master, Mr. M. D. Trigg, then challenged every tower in the District to ring at least one quarter this year, and offered assistance to weaker towers. Mr. Agg proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Orme for their admirable job done as District officers for two years.

Ringing resumed at 6.30 with Double Norwich, Bristol, London, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Stedman achieved.

M. R. W.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Addington, Surrey, rang 50 quarters on their bells during 1967.

Mr. Walter Ayre has now completed 60 years as a ringer.

Barry Arnold is the first local ringer at Peckleton, Leics, to ring a quarter for many years.

Dr. C. A. Lewis, who arranged the annual quarter peal to open the Wexford Music Festival, was unable to ring and his place was taken by Jim Reynolds, of John's Lane, Dublin. At the first attempt a rope broke during the sixth 120.

Mr. Richard Speed, of 88, High Street, Hillmorton, Rugby, asks for the composition of C. Middleton's used in the peal of Apsley Surprise Major on page 86. He states that if it was the well-known composition of Cambridge then the peal is faise.

Due to entertaining the blind folk of the Beccles District with handbell ringing the same evening, none of the local company was able to stand in the traditional anniversary peal at Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, on December 12th, but they are grateful to the band who celebrated that memorable day with a peal in seven methods ("R.W.", December 29th, page 954).

With regard to the complaint of unfriendliness towards visitors in a belfry (see Belfry Gossip, page 897), Mr. John W. Owen, tower Master of Bath Abbey and 50 years a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, asks us to state that a complaint respecting unfriendliness was unjustified if applied to Bath Abbey ringers.

We regret that the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Macclesfield in our last issue was a duplicate.

At the annual meeting of All Saints', West Bromwich, ringers the company was entertained by Mr. T. A. Cotterill (the churchwarden) and his wife. The former is a brother of Mr. J. R. Cotterill.

Capel, Surrey, commemorated the 40th anniversary of the first peal for the Guildford Diocesan Guild by a quarter on New Year's Day. The peal was rung in this tower, conducted by the father of the ringer of the third (R. G. Tullett).

The band who rang the peal at Mildenhall (Wilts) on December 30th is believed to be the youngest to ring a peal for the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Congratulations to the two "first pealers," in particular 13-year-old Ann Toomer, of Chisledon, who had not previously rang a touch of more than 500 changes.

The Lincoln Cathedral company visited York Minster for a peal of Stedman Cinques on December 30th. The band had a late change when Mr. A. Leslie Pask had to withdraw owing to illness, and Mr. Richard Inglis, who worked at Lincoln Cathedral until he went to University, stood in his place. The company thank Miss M. Wilkinson for welcome cups of tea brought into the belfry at the end of the peal.

The Great Glenn handbell ringers collected £154 at Christmas, which will be sent to various charities.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

OUR THANKS TO BERNARD GROVES

If seven-year cycles are significant, then the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association has reached a significant point in losing Bernard Groves to his native Cheshire. Appreciations are seldom given other than posthumously. As posthumous thanks are no good to the recipient, we at least would like to record our appreciation of Bernard.

When he arrived in Maidstone, about seven years ago, we needed a conductor able to ring peals other than those we were lucky enough to be invited to take part in. He filled this breach and helped us to achieve undreamed heights. At the same time he displayed an outstanding example of enthusiasm, which gave him the same obvious pleasure to ring with beginners as to ring with experts. During his stay with us he has gone from strength to strength and carried others with him. The last few months have seen some notable achievements, but considering the full seven years we feel very few individuals have made such a wide impact on ringing as Bernard has done in this District.

He is unassuming about his prowess but is sufficiently aware of it to instil complete confidence, which we have never had demonstrated to be misplaced. A Kentish wife will maintain his connections with the county, but we will miss the continued presence of an ideal ringer. However, there is young blood in the District; Bernard has encouraged us to independence and would be delighted to see new heights gained. Thank you, Bernard, from both of us particularly, and also from the Maidstone District.

MARTIN L. HOWE.
MONTY W. GILBERT.

A SUGGESTION TO COPY

For some years now it has been the practice of Hathern Parish Church, Loughborough, to bring the ringers into the services of the Church whenever possible. Such an occasion was the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Christmas.

A normal peal was rung before the service and in the middle of the service the tower door was opened, the choir sang "The Manger Throne" ("Like silver bells," etc.), but before the first verse the ringers pealed the octave six times. Also between each verse (1367, 2468 or variations) and completed the carol with the octave six times. We have used the bell carol "Ding Dong Merrily" on other occasions. This service draws a very large congregation and I know the practice is greatly appreciated by ringers and worshippers. Have other churches done this or would they like to copy our custom?—C. R. Bull, Rector.

NEW BAND TRAINING AT SALTBURN

With the assistance of the curate, the Rev. David Moore, Mr. Peter Sothern is training about half a dozen young people at Saltburn Parish Church. In eight weeks they have progressed as far as simple call changes and hope to venture on to Bob Minor shortly. This would be facilitated if old friends of this pleasant ring of eight (tenor 23 cwt.) would help at the Monday practices from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

On April 1st the new county borough of Teesside comes into being and on the night of March 31st/April 1st it is hoped to ring out the old and ring in the new. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mr. Sothern at 2, Kirkleatham Lane, Redcar.

MR. HERBERT W. KNIGHT HONOURED

A very pleasant ceremony took place at Wrington on January 6th, when a peal board was dedicated to mark 60 years' ringing in the Branch by Mr. Herbert W. Knight, who recently retired as Branch Ringing Master.

The peal board, attractively designed and painted by local craftsmen, was on display in church, and the dedication was performed during a shortened Association service by the Rector, the Rev. J. Vine. The previous incumbent, Rev. B. Leigh, spoke in tribute to Mr. Knight's help and unfailing courtesy during his time in the parish; he always felt that the tower was in good hands whilst Mr. Knight was in charge. The harmony between the ringers in the tower was due to the example he set, and his insistence on ringing being first for service and second for pleasure.

Tea was served to the company at the nearby church hall by Mrs. H. Kingcott and her helpers, and Mr. Knight made a short speech of thanks to all who had contributed to the occasion, which had given him such pleasure. J. B.

FABIAN STEDMAN COMPETITION

The Fabian Stedman competition is now closed. Some 27 entries have been received and these are being studied by the assessors. It is hoped to hold a meeting of the assessors in February and then a statement on the competition will be made. Until that meeting none of the entries will be published.

ELLAND'S ACHIEVEMENT

The Boxing Day peal at Elland, Yorkshire, for the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild was the first by the local band since Boxing Day, 1929, when a peal of Kent Minor was rung on the front six. The conductor was Vivian Nutton, who has figured in many Cambridge University peals. A word of praise is given to the three ladies making their first attempt for a peal.

FOURTH EDITION OF "DOVE'S"

Mr. R. H. Dove intended in his article (on page 930) to write Lahore and not Madras. He had recently been doing some research on Madras bells and this probably inadvertently caused this slip of the pen.

Regarding the preparation of his fourth edition, Mr. Dove hopes to be in a position to send the MSS to Mr. Biggers in a fortnight's time.

BREAK IN TRADITION

Because of complaints from people living on a new estate, March, Cambs, ringers decided not to ring at midnight on New Year's Eve. The "silent" bells made a front page story for "The Cambridgeshire Times".

Every year since 1803, when the bells were installed, excepting war years, the Old Year has been rung out and the New Year heralded in. Mr. Don Gipson, landlord of the Seven Stars public house, which stands within the shadow of the church, said: "I was bitterly disappointed and my customers shocked that they did not hear the bells."

A former captain for 40 years and a ringer at March for 60 years, Mr. John Moore, of the Almshouses, commented: "Practically everybody looks forward to it and I am disgusted. If I had known I would have gone up and had a go." And he's 83!

Summing up the situation, Mr. Trevor A. Bevis, secretary of the March ringers, stated that several enquiries had been made as to why the bells were not rung and it would appear that more want to hear them than not.

A HAMPSHIRE AUGMENTATION

Hampshire has another six. The four 18th century bells from the Aldbourne, Wilts, foundry at the Church of All Saints, Upper Clatford, Hants, have been augmented with two of the bells from the derelict 17th century ring of five in St. Laurence's Church, Winchester. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor.

Mr. Derek C. Jackson, of Totton, received permission to attempt a quarter peal on the bells on December 23rd. He found a ground-floor ring of six in the vestry, partly curtained off from the rest of the church. On raising the bells it became obvious that there was only a wooden floor between the bells and the ringing chamber. The bells filled the church with an excessive volume of noise.

A quarter of 1,320 Doubles in 22 methods was successfullly brought round by J. S. Hopwood 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, T. Matcham 3, L. D Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. Hartless 6.

According to the Rector, that was the second quarter to be rung on the bells and that a band was under instruction from nearby Andover.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who hung the bells on October 20th, 1967, provide the following details:—

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp. New bell.

2.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F. From St. Laurence's, Winchester.

3.—4 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D. From St. Laurence's, Winchester.

4.—4 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp. From Upper Clatford.

5.—6 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in B. From Upper Clatford.

Tenor.—9 cwt. 16 lb. in A. From St. Laurence's, Winchester.

All Saints', Tooting Graveney.—A light six is to be dedicated here, probably in March. They were cast out of some of the metal of the former bells of St. Michael's, Star Street, Paddington. A band is being trained by the Rev. Tony Clayton.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE

The eight bells were taken down in the first week in the New Year and are to be recast and hung in a new frame.

GRANTLEY HALL COURSE

The continuity in organisation, lecturers and, to a certain extent, in students has enabled progressive experiments to be made in developing an ideal week-end ringing course at the above Centre.

Two important features of this year's course have been an increase in the time devoted to practical sessions on tower bells and handbells and the introduction of a tutorial session parallel with each lecture period. Students thus had a choice of an advanced topic, elementary topic or tutorial during each lecture period. The tutorials enabled instruction to be given individually or in small groups in topics not covered in the formal lectures and to enable students to obtain further instruction or practice in a topic already dealt with or to preserve continuity in view of the alternative lectures.

The three lecturers—Mr. J. H. Fielden, Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. N. Chaddock—were thus kept fully occupied, but the enthusiasm and progress of the students made the effort really worthwhile. Once again the course was fully booked and it is hoped to hold another in about a year's time. N. C.

RECORD HANDBELL PEAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—In the belfry of St. Thomas' Church.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 10 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 19,620 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C

Alan McFall 1–2	Neil Bennett 5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3–4	Gerald Moorhouse 7–8
Robert B. Smith 9–10	

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

The greatest number of changes rung to a peal of Royal and the longest peal in time to be rung on handbells.

CHRISTMAS WEEK-END IN NORTHANTS & BEDFORDSHIRE

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HASELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

A Patrick Cannon .. .. Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Bridget Bates 2	David J. Marshall 6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Roger W. Smith 4	Barrie Hendry .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 10.) Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Barrie Hendry .. .. .. Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
*Bridget Bates 2	Alan A. Paul 6
David J. Marshall 3	Alan J. Frost 7
*Christopher C. Stokes .. 4	†A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal in the method. † 125th peal in the method (conducted 45, in 113 towers).

KEMPSTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Dec 28, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

*Bridget Bates .. .. .. Treble	*Christopher C. Stokes .. 5
†A. Patrick Cannon 2	David J. Marshall 6
Roger W. Smith 3	Barrie Hendry 7
Alan A. Paul 4	Alan J. Frost .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal in the method. † 850th tower for a peal.

WELFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Bridget Bates .. .. .. Treble	*Roger W. Smith 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
David J. Marshall 4	Barrie Hendry .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* 200th peal.

FLORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Alan A. Paul .. .. .. Treble	Roger W. Smith 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Barrie Hendry 3	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Alan J. Frost .. .. .. Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 6
Roger W. Smith 2	David J. Marshall 7
Barry E. Saunders 3	Alan A. Paul 8
Graham C. Paul 4	A Patrick Cannon 9
Patrick I. Chapman 5	Bryan Pattison .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Alan A. Paul.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WALLINGFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Moor.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt

William Hibbert .. .. Treble	John H. Napper 5
Frederick C. White 2	Brian R. White 6
John W. T. Hibbert 3	Francis A. White 7
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 4	Edwin W. Drewitt .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

*Victor Savage .. .. Treble	*David McKay 6
Eric Naylor 2	†Philip H. D. Jones 7
Ronald G. Beck 3	*John Brain 8
††Adrian P. Beck 4	Gwilym Salmon 9
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5	Edward J. Chivers .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Burford. Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal. ‡ 25th peal. First on ten as conductor. Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

EAST COKER, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt.

*Michael Dobson .. .. Treble	††Walter S. Rice 5
††Roy W. Rice 2	†Sidney G. Smith 6
§Geoffrey Hebden 3	George Prescott 7
Marjorie Legg 4	†John Baker .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. § First of Triples "inside."

ASH PRIORS Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods, viz.: 17 extents Plain Bob and one 240 and 23 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Arthur H. Reed .. .. Treble	Francis J. Morris 4
James E. Brewer 2	Keith E. Beale 5
*Rodney A. C. Cross .. 3	Albert W. Knight .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Rodney A. C. Cross.

MARSTON BIGOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt.

*Barbara Carr .. .. .. Treble	*Paul Wareham 4
George Wareham 2	Ernest E. Bray 5
David T. H. Robertson .. 3	Percy Bray .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ernest E. Bray.

* First peal.

HINTON ST. GEORGE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Mnutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E.

Joseph T. Barrett .. .. Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy 4
Raymond P. Selway 2	Albert W. Dyer 5
Trevor E. Marks 3	William E. Turner .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHEDDINGTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Fri. Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*E. Mary Farr .. .. .. Treble	Alan J. Frost 4
M. Ann Houghton 2	Edward W. Houghton .. 5
Henry B. Whitney 3	Kenneth E. Jackson .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.

* First peal, first attempt. First of Cambridge Surprise Minor for all the band except the conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Derek F. Yates 2	Alan F. Scholfield 6
Michael J. Platt 3	Frank Osbaldiston 7
Basil Jones 4	J. Barry Pickup .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Rosemary Eccleston, late of the Poynton band, and Peter Weimer, of Zurich, married this day at Bramhall, Cheshire.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

David Allman	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
A. Doreen Edwards	2	*John R. Scott	5
*Leon A. Perry	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 50th peal together.
Believed to be the quickest peal of Minor on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr 20 lb. in F.

Shirley E. Ruddlesden	Treble	Paul S. Reading	5
Doris M. Randall	2	John K. Foot	6
Robert W. Sherriff	3	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	7
John F. Thorne	4	Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

ALLESLEY, Coventry, Warks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, containing 1,312 London, 1,280 Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Clare F. Dolphin	Treble	L. Michael Callow	5
Ian D. Thompson	2	Ian C. Maycock	6
Peter C. Randall	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.

SNITTERFIELD, Warks.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) London, (2) Durham, (3) Beverley, (4) Ipswich, (5) York, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Christopher J. Royal	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Alan H. Bridges	5
Anthony J. Cox	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall Bob. (2) Plain Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (5) Plain, Double and St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

Shirley E. Jones	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	4
Caroline Mackie	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Peter H. Mackie	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall and Peter C. Randall.
(3½ extents each.)

WILLOUGHBY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods: Two of Cambridge Surprise, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*Robert W. Sherriff	Treble	John F. Thorne	4
Geoffrey W. Randall	2	Peter H. Mackie	5
Alan H. Bridges	3	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* 50th peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral of All Saints.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F flat.

Gordon A. Halls	Treble	Harold Taylor	6
Richard Wilcox	2	Clive Thrower	7
Joseph C Woolley	3	George H. Roobottom	8
Malcolm P. Phipps	4	John K. Smith	9
Edward Mould	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Edgar Shepherd. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSN.

TIBSHELF, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent of Plain Bob, two extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Oxford T.B. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Arthur S. Smithson	Treble	Wilfred Riley	4
Thelma E. Staples	2	Eric J. Sterland	5
*Barry Dye	3	Brynley A. Richards	Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.

* First peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Thomas H. Radford, who was captain at this tower for many years.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Adrian G. Semkin	Treble	Alan Andrews	5
Heather McCarthy	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Jennifer Andrews	3	Walter Arnold	7
Neil V. Avis	4	*Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Composed by J W. Barker. Conducted by Peter G. Pitt.

* First peal of Major as conductor.

HORNCHURCH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Sidney J. Penfold	Treble	John W. Stephenson	5
J Michael Lakin	2	John McDonald	6
Frank V. Gant	3	Colin E. Wright	7
Frederick G. Richardson	4	Charles E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Colin E. Wright.
Rung by the service band for the Festival of Christmas.

HORKESLEY, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods/variations, viz.: One 120 each Stedman, Union Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Shipway's, Grandsire and April Day, six 120's each St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb in G.

*Stephen D. Humphrey	Treble	†Brian A. Lord	3
Neil V. Avis	2	David E. Culham	4
		Michael J. Warren	Tenor

Conducted by Brian A. Lord.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Most Doubles methods to a peal by all and for the Essex Association.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Alan D. Elsmore	Treble	†Robert M. Ashman	6
Michael J. Uphill	2	*Jeremy R. Pratt	7
Beryl R. Simpson	3	*Michael J. Church	8
*Peter J. Munday	4	Malcolm M. Powell	9
Stanley G. Ponting	5	Alan E. Bagworth	Tenor

Composed by D. R. Carlisle. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Surprise Royal "inside." First of Surprise Royal as conductor.
Rung on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Guild. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 DOUBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Frederick W. Ellis	Treble	Peter T. Dale	6
Donald G. Clift	2	Harold V. Frost	7
Eric Edmondson	3	John E. Ewer	8
Bertram C. Johnson	4	Michael D. Frost	9
Anthony R. Carter	5	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by George W. Debenham. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Association

BROXBOURNE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

A Trevor Hawkins	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
Peter T. Dale	2	Anthony R. Carter	6
Stephen P. Darvill	3	John E. Ewer	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
REDBOURN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
*C. Valerie Mills	2	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	5
*George A. Reading	3	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of London. First peal on London on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. E. M. J. Motley, and Mrs. Motley, who are retiring to Suffolk.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Robert A. Swift	Treble	*Colin J. E. Wyld	5
Frederick G. Huckstepp	2	Anthony H. Smith	6
Edward F. P. Bryant	3	Robert Swift	7
*Nicholas J. Davies	4	*John C. Clark	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled to mark the passing of the Old Year.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Joan Beresford	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
*Jane M. Foster	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edward F. P. Bryant	3	Frank J. Matthews	7
*Peter M. Wilkinson	4	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of 6-Spliced Surprise Major.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Bolton Branch)
WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Neil T. E. Burnett	Treble	John Illingworth	5
James Cunliffe	2	R. Keith Lister	6
†James E. Andrews	3	Sydney G. Osborne	7
Roy Jolley	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal during 1967.
Rung for the first birthday of Martin Peter Fothergill, son of the conductor, and the sixth birthday of Christopher Cunliffe, son of the ringer of the second.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

*Elizabeth Metcalfe	Treble	†Alan Metters	5
†Nicholas M. Newby	2	Kevin Price	6
†John Bagnall	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	7
†William Wall	4	*Robert Moore	Tenor

Composed by W. Hubbard. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples in the method.

LANCASTER.—At the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in B.

*†W. Stephen Walker	Treble	*David Bradshaw	4
James E. Burles	2	Kevin M. Price	5
Stanley Anderton	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe (3½ extents) and Kevin M. Price (3½ extents).
* First peal in two methods. † First of Minor. Rung on the front six

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Roger Leigh	Treble	Raymond D. Helliwell	4
*Christine Broadley	2	Michael Bell	5
John P. Partington	3	Anthony J. Helliwell	Tenor

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal attempt (aged 13).

MILNTHORPE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

*Doreen Maclean	Treble	G. Alan Metters	4
Nicholas M. Newby	2	Thomas F. Metcalfe	5
W. John Hughes	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHESTERFIELD, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Monica M. Jelley	Treble	*Philip A. Mason	6
*Dorothy Mason	2	John M. Jelley	7
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Roland H. Cook	8
Martin Green	4	Martin C. Faulkes	9
R. Brian Mills	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal on ten bells.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	D John Hunt	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	John M. Jelley	6
Martin Green	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	7
John Bramley	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Rutland Surprise Major on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel J. Haines, of Leicester.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
YORK.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 59 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

John Walden	Treble	Raymond F. Smith	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Michael W. Crowder	8
John Freeman	3	Richard A. G. Inglis	9
Harold F. Gibson	4	Peter A. Sharp	10
A. Robin Heppenstall	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	11
Walter Tomlinson	6	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

Trevor N. J. Bailey	Treble	*Geoffrey Spencer	4
Frederick T. Carford	2	*Anthony D. Walker	5
Richard A. Hunt	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung in honour of the Nativity.

WELTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Aidan C. A. Hopkins	Treble	Walter S. Smith	4
Charles V. Cade	2	John M. Blaikie	5
*Kathleen Fox	3	G Angus Dixon	Tenor

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the Christmas Festival.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWPORT, Mon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Patrick J. Bird	Treble	*Christopher Ricketts	7
Ruth E. Havard	2	Roger G. Havard	8
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	3	Alan Tubb	9
Jacqueline S. King	4	Edgar T. Skipsey	10
Charles P. Quartley	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	11
Tudor P. Edwards	6	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by C W Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung with best wishes to Dr. Edwin Morris, who retired as Archbishop of Wales the following day.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RICKMANSWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Susan Harber	Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon	6
Ruth E. Havard	2	Gareth Jones	7
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	3	David J. Llewellyn	8
David Bishop	4	Ellis N. Thomas	9
Tudor P. Edwards	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
First peal in the method in Wales (including Monmouthshire).

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

J. Arthur Hoare	Treble	William H. Harford	6
Thomas Yeomans	2	M. Jack Pryor	7
*John Prytherch	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	8
*Paul A. Williams	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	9
David L. Phillips	5	William T. Petty	Tenor

Composed by William Willson Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Caters. Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Thomas Yeomans	Treble	David L. Phillips	5
David J. Hughes	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
Reuben S. Clench	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
*Brian S. B. Kear	4	†Spencer G. A. Kear	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal. † First of Stedman.

BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Dec 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 12 methods/variations, viz.: (1) April Day, (2) Clifford's Pleasure, (3–4) Stedman, (5–8) Rev. Canterbury, (9–12) Winchendon, (13–16) St. Nicholas, (17–18) St. Remigius, (19–26) Plain Bob, (27–31) St. Martin, (32–33) St. Osmund, (34–37) St. Simon, (38–42) Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*E. John Evans	Treble	Paul J. Bagshaw	4
D. Geoffrey Kerley	2	*James Clatworthy	5
Rhian N. Bagshaw	3	†Laurence C. Hanney	Tenor

Conducted by Rhian N Bagshaw.
* First peal on six bells. † First peal. Most methods to a peal for all.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Leslie N. Melton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL of 5009 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

S. Clarke Walters	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	Kenneth J. Darvill	7
Stephen P. Darvill	3	Harold W. Rogers	8
R. Mark Damerell	4	*Christopher H. Rogers	9
Vivian Nutton	5	Douglas M. Boniface	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* 150th peal
Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Patricia Rogers on the following day.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of: Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 4½ cwt.

Peter N. Mackley	Treble	Leslie F. Bailey	4
Henry Tooke	2	Richard A J. Bower	5
Frank C. J. Arnold	3	Paul Cattermole	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All. Angels.
On Sat., Dec 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. Frank W. Phillippo	Treble	Wilfred G. Saunders	4
Henry Tooke	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
H. William Barrett	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WEXHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

David C. Brown	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
David P. Hilling	2	William Birmingham	7
Frederick R. Scott	3	Noel J. Diserens	8
Helen M. Diserens	4	John Hill	9
Alan R. Patterson	5	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal in the method.
WEXHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
—70—18—1250—36—14—50—16—70—18—90. 2nds l.e.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Phillip R. Davis	Treble	Hugh M. Johnson	5
Diana Reeves	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Robert A. Reeves	3	Paul R. Davis	7
Mark W. Sayers	4	Michael W. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
First peal in the method by all the band except for the ringer of the sixth.

GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Dec 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PURBECK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*William Birmingham	Treble	*Robert H. Newton	5
*David C. Brown	2	*Ronald K. Russ	6
*Alan R. Pink	3	†Anthony K. Fortin	7
*Sara K. D. Woolley	4	*Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."
Rung for the Feast of St. Thomas the Martyr.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec 16, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Bernard Branston	Treble	Len Brighton	5
Gilbert Cowlin	2	Alf Waller	6
Tom Bush	3	Geoff Davis	7
*Frank Sismey	4	Roy W. Spencer	Tenor

Composed by S. Howlett. Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Ridley and C. Parker.

EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1,440 Yorkshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

William A. Yates	Treble	*Barry R. Care	5
Charles E. Truman	2	George W. Holland	6
James Linnell	3	*Barry R. Eglesfield	7
William J. Chester	4	George E. Green	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by George E. Green.
* First peal of spliced.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants.—At the Church of St Laurence.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb in F.

Jacqueline A. Downing	Treble	*David Fox	4
*Veronica Leleux	2	George F Roome	5
Anne Henman	3	Allan R. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.
* First peal.
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
YARDLEY, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Comprising 200 Little Bob and 4,800 Plain.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony Ager .. .. .. Treble	Stephen W. Barton 5
Rev. David Sansum 2	Richard J. W. Tibbetts .. 6
David Main 3	Maurice F. Edwards 7
A Harold Fitter 4	James W. Belshaw .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

KNOWLE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

*Patricia A. Lattimer .. Treble	Timothy N. Kedge 4
†Simon S. Barratt 2	Geoffrey M. Cox 5
†Helen J. Lattimer 3	†Ian Sawden .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey M. Cox.
* First peal. † First peal, first attempt. First peal as conductor. First of Doubles by all the band and on the bells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
MILDENHALL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb. in A sharp.

*Timothy R. Jones (13) .. Treble	Rev. Roger Keeley 4
*Ann Toomer (13) 2	Colin D. Wilkins 5
†Heather L. Jones 3	Allan G. Keen .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Allan G Keen.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minor. First as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(and the Society of Sherwood Youths)
BULWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

George A. Dawson .. Treble	John R. Pratchett 5
Peter R. Humphrey 2	Christopher P. Starbuck .. 6
Peter J. Church 3	Richard A. G. Inglis .. 7
Michael Poppleston 4	Simon Humphrey .. .. Tenor

Arranged by S. Humphrey. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
The Wollaton Dinner Day peal.
Rung as a compliment to Peter Church and Carole Mason upon their engagement. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising seven extents in 46 methods: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham Surprise, Burslem and Waltham Delight. (2) Skipton, Knutsford, Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Bourne and Hull Surprise, (3) Vale Royal, St. Werburgh's, Crowland, Combermere, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight, (4) Braintree, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (5) Marple, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight, (6) Morning Star, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, (7) Oxford, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel and Sandal Treble Bob.

Peter A. Slight .. .. .. Treble	William L. Exton 4
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Brian M. Buswell 3	R. Brian Mills .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
First peal in 46 Minor methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
DISEWORTH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*David J. G. Fryer .. Treble	†W. Arthur Fletcher .. 4
*Anthony C. Saffell 2	‡Peter J. Staniforth 5
*Robert Corah 3	*Peter E. Hayes .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First of Doubles. The conductor has now rung in peals from Grandsire Doubles to Cinques.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BETCHWORTH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*Angela C. Hughes .. .. Treble	Christopher W. Daws .. 5
†Felicity Hamilton 2	Terence T. Jones 6
Adrienne Gibson 3	‡Peter J. Munday 7
Geoffrey W Stevens .. 4	Roy D. Mills .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First of Cambridge.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Christopher F. Mew .. Treble	*Rev. Michael Hart 5
Michael J Bangham .. 2	*Brian J. Bull 6
Alison M. Mann 3	Stephen P. Darvill 7
*Julie S. Armstrong 4	Michael J Uphill .. .. Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
Rung as compliments to Christine Cobb and Barry Mann prior to their 21st birthdays on January 1st and 4th respectively.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HAILSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Derek Slater .. .. .. Treble	Malcolm Barden 5
Martin L. Howe 2	Peter S. Muchlinski 6
John A. Howard 3	Colin A. Tester 7
Simon A. B. Wigg 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

SLAUGHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

Reginald V. Johnson .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
*Christopher B. Fynes .. 2	George Francis 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
David D. Smith 4	W. Leslie Weller .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Reginald V. Johnson .. Treble	Bernard E. Matthews .. 5
Christopher B. Fynes .. 2	Tom Page 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
David D. Smith 4	George Francis .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band.

BECKLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob and three of Plain Bob Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Wendy B. Everest .. .. Treble	*John R. Norris 4
Angela M. Wright 2	Roger E. Peckham 5
Robert J. Fuller 3	Alan R. Baldock .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* 25th peal for the Association.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Alan E. Kersey .. .. Treble	Keith Sansom 5
*Julia M. Piggott 2	Roy Collins 6
Lesley J. Read 3	Rex J. Corke 7
Kenneth A. Tipper .. 4	Clive Chennell-White .. Tenor

* First peal Conducted by Rex J. Corke.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary & All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*Peter J. Brown .. .. Treble	Michael J. Fellows 6
*M. Irene Ellsmore 2	*A. Bryan Ellsmore 7
†Arthur C. Berry 3	*Robert Edwards 8
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. 9
James Attwood, jun. .. 5	†Martin D. Fellows .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 50th peal together.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Morley P. Tobin .. .. Treble	Martin Powell 5
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	Robert Edwards 6
Joseph Warr 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	Martin D. Fellows .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Netherton, the Rev. R. C. Stevens, A.K.C., upon his appointment as an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*John Durham	Treble	Roderick J. Lees	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Yvonne Edwards	3	A. Bryan Ellsmore	7
Robert Edwards	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Stephanie Buckley and Michael J. Fellows.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*Bernard Everard	Treble	Clifford Skidmore	5
Michael J. Fellows	2	Roderick J. Lees	6
Martin D. Fellows	3	A. Bryan Ellsmore	7
†John Durham	4	Robert Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Joseph J. Parker. Arranged by James E. Groves.
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

W. Eric Critchley	Treble	*David Nicholls	7
*Anne P. Leigh	2	John Weaver	8
Neil Donovan	3	C. Barrie Dove	9
Ronald Ducker	4	Alan E. Hartley	10
Dennis A. Chapman	5	Stuart Armeson	11
Ian G. Campbell	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by James Motts. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal on 12 bells.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Fred Bennett	Treble	Michael Johnson	6
Patricia Lockwood	2	Irvin Slack	7
Margaret White	3	Eric Robinson	8
Alan Clifton	4	Ian North	9
David S. Lockwood	5	Rodney Stephenson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian North.
Rung half-muffled in memory of C. Michael Stephenson, former ringer at the above church.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C.

Richard E. Price	Treble	Malcolm P. Phipps	6
*Roger A. Smith	2	George S. Lee	7
Frederick J. Jackson	3	Ian G. Campbell	8
*Roger Harper	4	†Neil Donovan	9
Clive Longdon	5	David Nichols	Tenor

Arranged by S. Armeson. Conducted by David Nichols.
* First peal on 10 bells † 175th peal.

RIPON, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Wilfrid.
On Sat., Dec 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

*Anne P. Leigh	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	6
Stephen R. Munday	2	C. Barrie Dove	7
Patricia Lockwood	3	Vernon Bottomley	8
Jeanne E. Bottomley	4	Frederick A. Munday	9
Ian North	5	Alan E. Hartley	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Donald M. M. Bartlett, M.A., Canon Emeritus of Ripon Cathedral, formerly Archdeacon of Leeds; Archdeacon of Richmond and Canon Residentiary of Ripon; ordained priest on December 21st, 1897.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons	5
Alan Newbould	2	John Potts	6
H. David Holland	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
*John Weaver	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 50th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

BURSTWITH, Yorks.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Alan Newbould	Treble	*†H. David Holland	5
*Pauline Holland	2	John Potts	6
*Christopher M. Tuckett	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
*John Weaver	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Association.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, parents-in-law of the ringer of the 7th.

FELKIRK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 27 methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Wavertree College, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Frodsham and Windermere, (2) Cambridge S., (3) Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Hereward, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge and Primrose S., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A

Trevor Tarbatt	Treble	*David S. Johnson	4
*Ronald Ducker	2	*Ian G. Campbell	5
Harold Chant	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in 27 methods.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Chant.

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Neil Donovan	Treble	*David Nichols	5
Cyril Rusby	2	Stuart Armeson	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Frederick J. Jackson	7
Stephen W. Banton	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal of Rutland.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MELBOURNE, Australia.—In the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral.
On Sun., Oct. 15, 1967, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise, (3) Walsingham, Cromer, Lammas and Steventon Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court, (4) London Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Hereward Bob and Double Court, (5) College, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Bob and Single Court, (6) Double Bob and Reverse Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Anne Doggett	1-2	Robin G. Turner (cond.)	3-4
		Helen Henderson	5-6

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 11, Sanderson Road.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

Colin Monson	1-2	Andrew G. Craddock	5-6
Malcolm E. Johnson	3-4	Stephen C. Wells	7-8

Composed by G. Dodds (12-part). Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.
On Sun., Dec. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Christopher Ottaway	1-2	Rodney A. Yeates	3-4
		Andrew G. Craddock (cond.)	5-6

* First peal "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR
Being seven differently spliced extents of Single Oxford Bob, Single Court Bob and Windsor Single Bob (II), with 210 changes of method.
Tenor size 18 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4
		Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6

First peal of three-spliced by all.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Mary E. Flecknoe and Melvyn J. Price.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

*Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4
		Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6

* 50th peal. First peal of Minor in the method by all.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for the late Sidney Walter will take place at Wickhambreaux, near Canterbury, on Saturday, January 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Opportunity to ring after service. 3150

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

POWELL.—The address of Roger W. Powell is now: 236B, Finchley Road, Hampstead, London N.W.3. Telephone: 01-435 8899.

STILWELL.—As from January 25th the address of Len Stilwell will be: 13, Green Lane, Windsor. Phone 62963. 3149

WISHART.—The address of Peter Wishart is now: 2, Eridge Road, Hunters Hill, Guisborough, Yorkshire. Sorry, no phone as yet. 3146

ZOBEL. — The Bristol address of Mike Zobel is now: 5, Imperial Road, Cotham, Bristol 6. 3147

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Annual Dinner will be held on January 27th, 1968. Tickets (price 25s.) available from P. J. Bird, 17, Counterpool Road, Kingswood, Bristol. Please send names and s.a.e. 3116

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire. — Correction. — St. John the Baptist's practice night has been changed from Wednesday to Friday at 7.30 p.m. All visitors most welcome. , 3033

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Wirral Branch

20th ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE
Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton.
February 10th, 1968, 5.30 till midnight.
Tickets (27/6 each) now available. 3122

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
40th Anniversary Dinner and Dance
Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford
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Tickets at 32s. 6d. from P. G. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot. S.A.E., please. 2903

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, January 20th

Aldgate (time next week).
Clerkenwell (8) 3.45–4.45
Tea at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields 5.15, followed by meeting.
Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 3109

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD
Annual Dinner
at the Roslyn Court Hotel on Feb. 10th. Towers include: Killamarsh (6), Eckington (8), Dore (8), Walkley (6), Ranmoor (10) St. Marie's (8). Peals by arrangement. Details and tickets (22s.) from C. Patey, 6, Woofindin Avenue, Sheffield 11, by February 2nd, please. 3112

MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting, Cranford, Friday, Jan. 19th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. District committee meeting will follow in vestry, to which each tower in the District is required to send one representative.—C. H. Rogers. 3076

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Eastham, January 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. **Tea free.** Please notify Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 3123

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Committee meeting at 5, The Burges, Coventry, at 7.45 p.m. —J. L. Garner-Hayward.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District. — Annual meeting, Fairfield, January 20th, 3 p.m. For teas, please advise Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 3120

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting at Huntingdon, Saturday, January 20th. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 2.30–3.45, All Saints', Huntingdon (6) 3.45–4.15. Service, All Saints', 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) and St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3093

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (6) 3–4.15. Service, St. Peter's, Wisbech, 4.30. Tea 5., following by meeting. St. Peter's bells (10) after meeting.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3102

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting in St. Peter's Hall. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Shrub End bells also available 3.15–4.15 and 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to F. H. Erith, Hon. Sec., Vinces Farm, Ardleigh. 3029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Annual meeting, January 20th. Cathedral bells 3–4.30 p.m. and evening. Tea in Refectory, Stag Hill, 4.30. Service 5.45. Meeting (Refectory) 6.30 Names for tea to Mrs. D. Tubbs, 133a, Worplesdon Road, Guildford (Tel. 60809), please. 3004

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District.—Annual meeting at Ross on January 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 3088

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, Hatfield (10), Saturday, January 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Special method: London Royal. Names for tea to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3001

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Brent Pelham on Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. at Anstey. Service 4.30 at Brent Pelham, followed by tea and business meeting. N.B.—The District secretary will not be seeking re-election. Ringing in the evening at Great Hormead. Names for tea to D. H. Kingston, Dis. Sec., 33, Proctors Way, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. 3101

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Chatham, Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Osenton, 12, Formby Terrace, Halling, Rochester, please.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting at Kibworth, Saturday, January 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Mr. Guy Slater's. —L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3118

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—You are cordially invited to a meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the New Hall. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 3090

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Annual general meeting at Higham Ferrers, Saturday, January 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. D. Deighton, 64, Northampton Road, Higham Ferrers, Northampton. 3119

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Chilton Foliat on Saturday, January 20th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts. 3117

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, January 20th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 3070

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec. 3075

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, January 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. Phone Stour. 4747. 3054

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening meeting at Marshfield on January 23rd. Bells (8) available 7 till 9 p.m. 3143

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Next meeting to be held at Winchcombe (6) on Wednesday, January 24th, from 7.30 until 9. Bells have just been rehung clockwise. 3157

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Clement's (6), Ipswich, Friday, January 26th, 7 p.m.—W. Lockwood, Sec. 3154

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Wincanton (8), January 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Carlton Horethorne, Dorset. 3121

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Kewstoke, January 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea for those who send their names to W. Hart, Rock House, Kewstoke Road, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare.—M. Legg. 3153

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Stockton, Saturday, January 27th. Btlls (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton. 3152

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting to be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 3142

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall (off The Hart), followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Turner, 6, Babbs Mead Cottages, West Street, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday, please.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 3092

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 27th. Cathedral bells (10) 3 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All Saints' bells after meeting. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford, by Wednesday, 24th. 3141

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual District meeting, Hemel Hempstead, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3155

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Deptford, on January 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 24th 3095

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, January 27th, at St. Mary's, Brecon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Bells during evening; gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Michael Thomas, 46, Uplands, Brecon. (Tea 2s. 6d each.) 3085

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Birstall on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. David North, 269, Healey Lane, Batley, by previous Thursday. 3156

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Earl Shilton, Saturday, January 27th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 3084

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—A.G.M. at Melton (10), Saturday, January 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Day, 109, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray, by previous Wednesday. 3136

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, before Jan. 25th, please.—C. A. H.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Agnus Street, Grantham, Lincs, by Monday, January 22nd.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3134

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells: Hounslow (8), 3–4 p.m.; Heston (8), 3.15–4.45 and after meeting. Tea and business in Heston Church Hall (next to church) 4.45 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 3077

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (12) from 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—N. C. 3125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, January 27th. Branch Committee meeting at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, at 3 p.m. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., Burton Latimer, January 27th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Miss S. Staley, 14, West Avenue, by Tuesday previous. All welcome.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A.G.M. at St. Giles', Northampton, Saturday, January 27th. Service 4.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Holy Sepulchre 2–3 p.m., St. Giles' 3–4.15 p.m., All Saints' after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. A. Eldridge, 242, Towcester Road, Northampton, by previous Wednesday, please.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting at Nassington, 27th instant. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough, by 23rd instant. 3148

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, January 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Thomas' 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 23rd. 3138

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M. at Rayleigh, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea. 3151

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual general meeting, January 27th. Bells: Babworth, West Retford, in afternoon; Ordsall and Babworth in evening. Service at East Retford 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (Ebsworth Hall, 5 p.m.), to Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Wednesday, 24th. 3020

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Stradbroke (10)) on Saturday, January 27th. Bells from 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk, by Wednesday previous.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, South Croydon, Jan 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. St. John's bells in evening. Names for tea to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, London, S.E.25, by Monday, Jan. 22nd. 3081

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Method ringing practice at Lelant on Saturday, January 27th, from 2.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 3124

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual general meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (both towers) 2.30. Service, St. Michael's, 4.30 Tea, Church Cottage, 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, January 23rd, please. 3098

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Evening practice meeting, Gargrave (8), 6–8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27th. Methods: Kent, Stedman, Plain Bob and call-changes.—Maurice Thurmott. 3082

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner and dance at the Albion Restaurant, Derby, on Saturday, February 3rd. Ringing at the Cathedral 5.45–6.45 p.m. Tickets (price 22s.) available from C. A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Plympton, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Choral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Plympton St. Maurice (8) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone: Plymouth 36891) by Monday, January 29th. 3073

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Freiston (6) on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Butterwick bells (6) after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, by January 29th. 3140

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at New Buckenham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. G. Saunders, King Street, New Buckenham, Norwich, NOR 04X, by Wednesday, January 31st.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3144

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch, February 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15. It is hoped that Sopley bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea essential to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth.—L. F. Cobb. 3139

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and SELBY SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Howden, Saturday, February 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, by previous Wednesday.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3130

QUARTER PEALS AT MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Aslett (first quarter) 1, H. Rossell 2, Mary Cowling 3, R. Turner 4, M. Scowen 5, R. Bampton 6, Helen Henderson (cond.) 7, G. Stewart 8.

On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bolton 1, Mary Cowling 2, R. Turner 3, A. Fisher 4, M. Scowen 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6, J. Roper 7, D. Heyes 8.

On Nov. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Heyes (first Surprise) 1, Mary Cowling 2, M. Scowen (first Surprise) 3, Helen Henderson 4, R. Turner 5, A. Bolton (cond.) 6.

On Dec 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Heyes 1, R. Turner 2, Barbara Beeson 3, M. Scowen 4, B. Potts (first Major on tower bells) 5, A. Bolton (cond.) 6, J Roper 7, H. Rossell 8.

DATE TOUCHES

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM. — On Dec. 31st, 1967 Stedman Triples, by J. Topp: M. Legg 1, R. Rice 2, W. Rice 3, P. England 4, D. Gay 5, S. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, P. Gardner 8.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM. — On Jan. 1st, 1968 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 1, Susan E. Smith 2, A. Ager 3, A. H. Fitter 4, D. Main 5, Rev. D. Sansum 6, M. F. Edwards 7, J. R. Insley 8. First date touch by all, and on the bells.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Bourne and Annable's London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Carol Cousins 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Rayfield 1, Penny Cocks (first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For Evensong. 50th quarter on the bells in 1967, entirely by the Sunday service band.

The following quarters were also rung: Westminster S. Minor and Ipswich and Cambridge S. Minor (Dec. 24th); Primrose S. Minor (Christmas Day), and Kent and St. Clement's B. Minor (Dec. 27th).

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Spencer 1, G. Davis 2, W. Smith 3, Ann Smith 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): Patricia Stocken 1, G. Young (first quarter) 2, J. Hill 3, L. Smith 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, K. Tyler 6. To celebrate the 24th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Young, of Redmarley.

AUSTREY, WARWS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary E. White 1, N. White 2, J. P. Burton 3, M. J. Mulvey 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Devrell 1, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, A. Adams 5, A. Swatton 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Steele 1, M. A. Jones 2, I. Morgan 3, D. Morgan 4, D. Robinson 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. A. Jones 1, P. Jones 2, Mrs. R. Henman 3, D. Morgan 4, I. Morgan 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. For Christmastide.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOM. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, R. Colman 2, R. Cross 3, F. Pike 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Pearce 1, M. Daniels 2, P. D. Thomas 3, J. Winram 4, C. W. Pipe 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6. For carol service.

BROUGHTON, HANTS. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Jackson 1, L. D. Smith 2, R. Roberts 3, E. Banks 4, T. Matcham 5, J. Hartless (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

CALVERLEY, YORKS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. C. Driver (first quarter) 1, S. R. Munday 2, Mrs. J. M. Dawson 3, R. A. Appleby 4, D. Thorp 5, R. Waddington 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, F. A. Munday 8. Rung on the golden wedding day of Mr and Mrs. Wilfred Lee.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Gibbs 1, Hannah Penfold 2, R. G. Tullett 3, T. Skilton (cond.) 4, J. V. A. Stedman (first Minor "inside") 5, J. L. Hayns 6. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peal rung for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which was rung at this tower, conducted by the father of the ringer of the third.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Homans 1, Julia M. Reardon 2, Jane E. Parker (first quarter) 3, A. Morgan 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, R. Woodyatt 6.

QUARTER PEALS

COLLINGHAM, YORKS. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hague 1, A. C. Banton (cond.) 2, Lynne I. Clowe 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, S. P. D. Burnett 5, B. J. Seymour (first attempt) 6. Rung, after meeting short for a peal attempt, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thorley on the birth of a daughter.

CROFTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): C. Holmes 1, Gail Cater 2, Charlotte Bennett 3, R. Cater 4, C. S. Naylor 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

ENFORD, WILTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dark (first quarter) 1, B. Young 2, I. Behan 3, R. Wilson 4, P. Bushell (cond.) 5, G. Dark 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Harry Benger, Enford's oldest inhabitant, for many years captain of the local band and a regular ringer until well over 80.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: T. Skilton 1, G. W. Stevens (first of Royal) 2, W. Parrott 3, J. C. Davidge 4, J. F. Oakshott (first "inside" and of Royal) 5, D. Oakshott 6, Jill P. Oakshott 7, K. Burgess (first of Royal) 8, W. F. Oatway 9, P. J. Munday (cond., 50th quarter) 10. For Epsom Choral Society's carol service.

GLASTONBURY, SOM.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, J. Kingsnorth (first of Minor) 3, B. R. Palmer 4, L. A. England 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. A compliment to Monica Hancock and Michael Rose on the occasion of their marriage at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, this day.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia A. Bedford 1, E. A. Potter 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, Jacqueline M. Cullwick 4, D. A. Bedford 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Olive M. Robertson, many years chorister and devoted servant of the Church; died Christmas Day, 1967.

KEYMER, SUSSEX. — On Christmas Day, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Stone (first quarter) 1, G. Harniess 2, C. Robinson 3, Wendy B. Everest 4, R. E. Peckham (cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. For carol service.

KING'S LANGLEY, BUCKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob: Gillian Barker (first quarter, age 12) 1, P. Brentnall 2, B. M. Barker 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. W. Harper 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire: T. Wright 1, S. J. Smith 2, C. Hagger 3, C. Meakes 4, R. Hazell (cond.) 5, W. Avery 6. Rung half-muffled for Ken Seymour, interred this day.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gladys D. Northway 1, Susan V. Banks (first of Triples) 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, R. H. Roberts (first of Triples) 4, L. D. Smith 5, T. Matcham (first of method "inside") 6, R. Allinson (first as cond. in method) 7, L. V. Smith (first of Triples) 8.

OXFORD. — On Christmas Eve, at the Cathedral, 1,475 Spliced Cinques (133 Erin, 550 Grandsire, 792 Stedman): W. F. Judge (cond.) 1, E. R. Venn 2, P. T. Heritage 3, G. McIlone 4, W. C. Porter 5, P. Walker 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, B. R. White 8, E. J. Smith 9, N. I. Allnatt 10, F. A. White 11, P. H. Tocock 12.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Wells 1, C. M. Sturgess (first as cond.) 2, J. W. Lawrence 3, R. A. Gilliver 4, K. P. Gilliver 5, B. Arnold (first quarter) 6. For carol service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Cowlin 1, W. Smith 2, Ann Smith 3, B. Branston 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Evensong Also at the Church of St. John, on Dec. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pamela Blackith 1, J. E. David 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, J. C. Meads 4, F. T. Boyall 5, W. R. Barker 6, G. S. Bush 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For evening service.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. G. Game (cond.) 1, Sandra Goodship 2, Angela Hughes (first in method) 3, Carol Martin (first in method) 4, A. Streeter 5, A. T. Shelton 6, T. T. Jones 7, C. W. Daws 8, Joan Hanning (cover) 10. For carol service. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Knipe 1, Angela Hughes 2, Joan Hanning 3, Carol Martin 4, A. Streeter 5, T. T. Jones 6, K. G. Game (cond.) 7, A. T. Shelton 8. Rung for the 18th birthday of Carol Martin.

ROMSEY, HANTS. — On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: T. Matcham 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, W. R. Gilks (first in method) 5, J. Hartless 6, R. Allinson (cond.) 7, P. S. Gale 8.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Bee 1, A. C. A. Hopkins 2, W. S. Smith 3, H. J. Radley 4, C. V. Cade (cond.) 5, R. W. Herring 6. Half-muffled in memory of Annie Cupit, aged 94 (oldest inhabitant), who died December 29th.

SHEFFIELD. — On Christmas Day, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Lilleker 1, J. Guest 2, L. E. Boam 3, W. Holland 4, B. Holland 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6.

SPETISBURY, DORSET. — On Christmas Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. F. Longridge 1–2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3–4, Rev. R. N. Longridge (first quarter "in hand") 5–6. First all-family quarter.

STOKE-next-GUILDFORD, SURREY. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Harrison 1, Mrs. M. Lodge 2, Patricia Sankey 3, D. Debenham (cond.) 4, W. Savill 5, J. Stacey 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. G. Pearce 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. H. Bowden 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, H. Trewin 7, F. Pearce 8. For the 80th birthday of the father of second and tenor ringers. He was a one-time ringer at this church.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Westwood 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, Heather Travers (first "inside" Minor) 3, F. Bird 4, D. Kingston 5, T. Camp 6. For morning service.

THURLASTON, LEICS. — On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce Pickering 1, J. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Tooby 3, G. Pickering 4, M. Millard 5, L. Pickering 6. By Sunday service band.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. V. Collison 1, Lynn Warner 2, Margaret A. Large 3, C. Bassett (first quarter) 4, R. D. Divall 5, R. A. Large 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, J. E. Warner 8. For Evensong.

UPTON, WIRRAL, CHESHIRE. — On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Wendy Jones (first quarter) 1, D. Peers 2, C. B. Pemberton 3, A. Wilkinson 4, T. E. Howarth (first as cond.) 5. First single quarter on the bells. Rung to herald 1968, the centenary year of the church and bells.

URCHFONT, WILTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cook 1, G. Heath 2, Jennifer Alexander 3, G. Eves 4, W. Alexander 5, J. Burry 6, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 7, W. Cook 8. First of Triples for all except the conductor.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Court Triples: Frances Brown 1, Judith Robertson 2, Mary Elmes 3, P. R. Keough 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, V. J. Baker 8. First in method by all.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Francis 1, E. R. Rapley 2, D. Slater 3, R. Smith 4, N. Carter 5, J. Smith 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, T. Latham 8. For Evensong. First of Stedman for 4 and 5.

WHITWICK, LEICS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Wright (first quarter) 1, D. Waldrum 2, F. Chambers 3, J. A. Lord 4, C. Lord 5, J. W. Rawson 6, R. D. Hughes (first as cond.) 7, R. Beniston 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. C. Case 1, Margaret A. Wilson 2, T. E. Roberts 3, A. Hazeldine 4, R. Hazeldine 5, D. Burbidge 6, C. E. Truman 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First of Major 4, 5. For Evensong.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Daniels 1, M. Vantom 2, S. Smith 3, P. Richardson 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, P. Staples 6. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. T. Hillis 1, P. Staples 2, R. J. Carlton 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, C. Sharp 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss E. M. Garner.

WINSLOW, BUCKS. — On Christmas morning, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, I. Charlton 2, F. Gibbard 3, H. France 4, M. Jamieson 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, H. Wood 7, G. Edmans 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. C. Mitchelmore 1, J. Longridge 2, J. H. Glanvill 3, G. E. Mudge 4, F. D. Mack 5, P. Daniel 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, G. T. West 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 4. For Patronal Festival Mass, celebrated by the Bishop of Crediton.

WOODBURY, DEVON. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gooding 1, F. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, D. A. Wills 4, F. D. Mack 5, G. T. West 6, J. H. Glanvill (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8. For Evensong.

WOLVERTON, HANTS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: B. P. Murdoch 1, D. Cane 2, D. Murdoch 3, P. D. Cane (first "inside") 4, P. Murdoch (cond.) 5, W. Verney (first quarter) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper.

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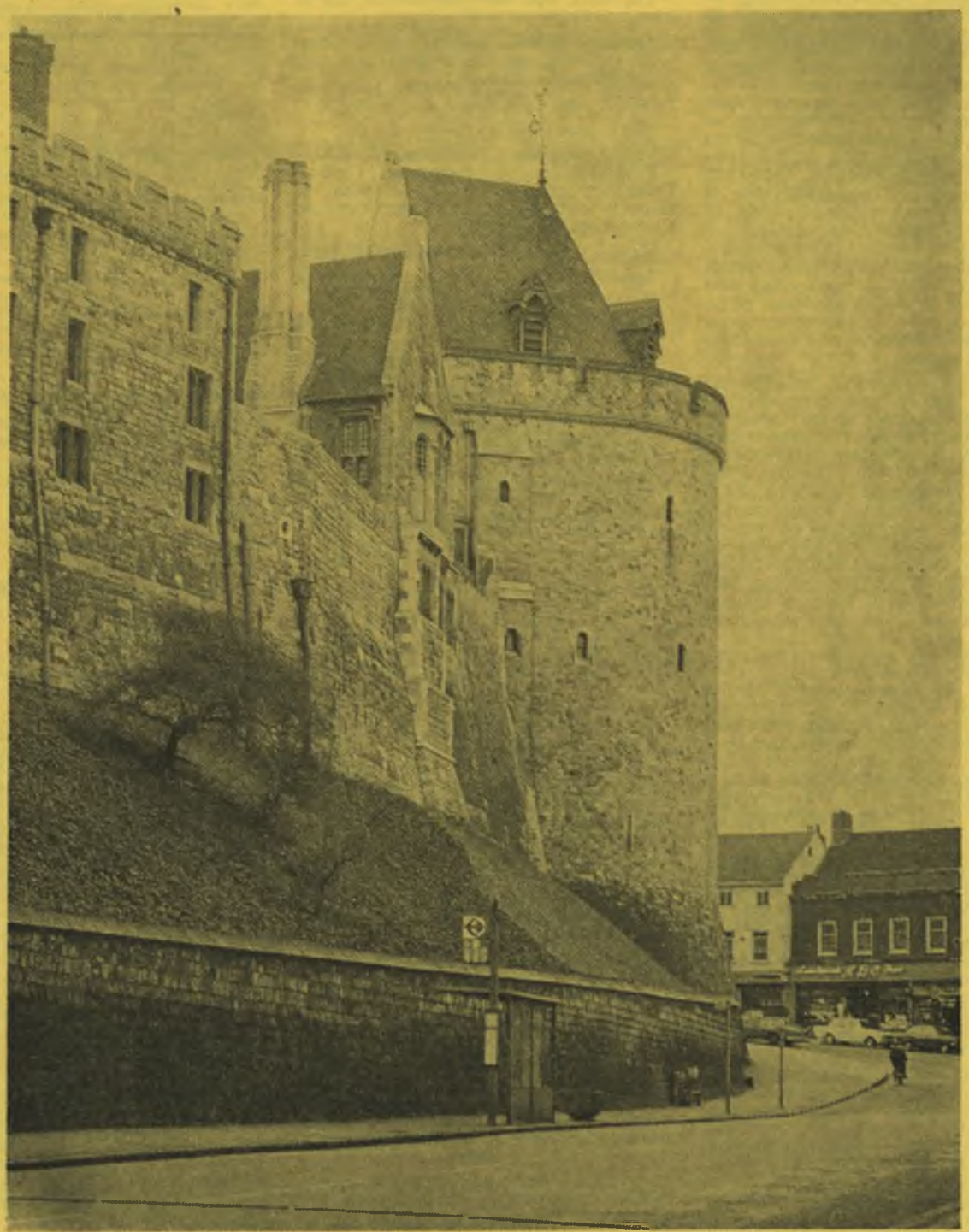
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ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle

By KENNETH BUCKINGHAM

HER Majesty's Free Chapel of St. George rises within the walls of Windsor Castle, residence of kings and queens of England, a magnificent example of the Perpendicular style of architecture; but its bells are hung in the Curfew Tower, which is very plain by comparison and was completed in 1230 as part of the outer defences.

It is interesting to note that neither the present chapel nor its predecessor, built by Henry III, included a tower suitable for bells within its structure, and the bells have hung throughout their 700 years' history in detached towers. The first was built to the King's order, dated 20th August, 1243, which concluded ". . . and a stone turret at the front of the same chapel in which may be hung three or four bells." This was followed on 11th February, 1249–1250, by a writ issued to Edward Fitz Odo of Westminster "That he cause to be made by Master John de Seynt, of the metal which remained from the great bell of Westminster, four bells to be put in the chapel of the Castle of Windsor, namely two like those which are in the King's chapel of St. Stephen, Westminster, and another two according as the subprior of Westminster shall tell him for the King."

The tower was in need of repair by the end of the century, and eventually the foundation of the Order of the Garter by Edward III in 1348 led to improvements to the chapel, including the building of a new bell tower in 1359–60. This was a fine square tower surmounted by a spire which served its purpose well for over a century until the bells were transferred to the Clewer Tower in 1478/9. The old bell tower became the residence of the Governor of the Military Knights and may still be seen in the middle of a line of military knights' residences facing the south side of the chapel.

DOMED CUPOLA

The bells had become a ring of five named Aston, George, John, Mary and Jesu by the time of their transfer, and they were hung in a bell cage surmounted by a domed cupola rising above the level of the ramparts. The tenor was recast by Richard Eldridge in 1598 but in 1612 John Wallis, a well-known bellfounder of Salisbury, recast all the bells, together with a large clock bell, to make a ring of six. Three still remain, the present 4th, 6th and 7th, but he had trouble with the tenor which was recast five times before being sold to defray College debts. Nine years later, in 1623, they bought another tenor which was evidently second-hand for it is dated 1614. Although cast by John Wallis, this is clearly not the original tenor for the plain lettering and English inscription are quite different from the special ornate letters and Latin inscriptions used in 1612.

In 1650, during the occupation of the Castle by Cromwell's army, the bells were augmented to eight by recasting the treble and the addition of two smaller bells. The work was carried out by William Whitmore, an itinerant bellfounder, who was in the district casting bells at Langley Marish in 1649, and two of his bells, the 2nd and 3rd, remain to this day. Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry, recast Whitmore's treble in 1741 and also the fifth by Wallis in 1745; but the fifth was recast again in 1898 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, when they rehung all the bells with new headstocks, bearings, clappers, wheels and pulleys. This was the last major work on the bells, although the tenor was rehung in roller bearings in 1922 and the rest of the bells in 1948.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

The bells, with their inscriptions, are as follows:—

Treble.—THOMAS LESTER OF LONDON MADE ME FEBRUARY THE 20 1741.

Second.—1650 W. WHITMORE MADE ME. INCIPE DVLCE CEQVAR.

Third.—1650 W W.

Fourth.—VENITE EXVLTEMVS IW 1612.

Fifth.—MEARS ET STAINBANK LONDINI FECERUNT. On waist: IN HONORE S: GEORGII MARTIRIS ET S: EDVARDI REGIS AC CONFESSARIS A.D. 1898.

Sixth.—VOX DEI GLORIOSA EST IW 1615.

Seventh.—NOS AVRIBVS NOBIS VOS CORDIBVS DEO SONATE IW 1612.

Tenor.—SEARAE THE LORD WITH FERE IW 1614.

The only bell of known weight is the 5th which is 12 cwt. 22 lb., while the tenor, with a diameter of 52 inches, tuned to D, is approximately 26 cwt.

The bells are chimed by means of an Ellacombe apparatus for the daily services by a steeplekeeper who until recently lived within the tower. They are also rung on certain special occasions throughout the year, mainly royal birthdays, by eight ringers appointed by the Dean and Chapter of St. George's.

On the first floor there is a clock by John Davis, of Windsor, dated 1689, which chimes the quarters and hours on the bells, together with the tune "St. David's" every three hours at 3, 6, 9 and 12 night and day.

NINE PEALS

Only nine peals have been rung on these bells, the first being on 21st February, 1748, 5,040 Union Trebles, and the next on 10th April, 1787, a 5,040 Grandsire Triples by the College Youths, with two men on the 7th and two on the tenor! The Cumberland Youths rang Holt's "Original" on 24th October, 1891, and the last six peals have been rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, namely:—

6th May, 1935.—5,056 Plain Bob Major: Conducted by E. S. T. Farr—for the Silver Jubilee of King George V.

8th June, 1956.—5,040 Grandsire Triples: Conducted by N. V. Harding—for Victory Day.

9th May, 1951.—5,040 Grandsire Triples: Conducted by L. Stilwell—for the Installation of King Frederick of Denmark as a Knight of the Garter and for the Festival of Britain.

19th February, 1960.—5,040 Grandsire Triples: Conducted by F. T. Blagrove—for the birth of Prince Andrew.

3rd November, 1961.—5,040 Grandsire Triples: Conducted by E. S. T. Farr—for the birth of Viscount Linley.

11th March, 1964.—5,040 Grandsire Triples: Conducted by F. T. Blagrove—for the birth of Prince Edward.

The Curfew Tower itself is a massive stone structure shaped like the letter D with the flat side towards the chapel and walls 13 feet thick at the base. It had been used as a storehouse and prison until 1478–9, when the bells were transferred thereto, but since then the interior has altered little. There is a stone-vaulted basement and on the ground floor a ringing chamber surrounded by rooms previously occupied by the steeplekeeper but which are now the offices of the Friends of St. George's. The first floor contains the clock mechanism, also an old cannon aimed at Windsor Bridge, and the bells hang in their frame in the storey above that.

The exterior received an extensive face-lift in the late 19th century, when the houses backing on to it from the town were removed. The walls were then completely refaced and a new roof added, styled on the Tour de la Peyre at Carcassonne in Southern France. Thus it remains to this day, an impressive home for the bells of St. George's Chapel, looking out across the town and the River Thames.

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGING

Dear Sir,—We were delighted to see Mr. Tonge reopen the debate on the disgraceful and scandalous "closed shop" attitude at Westminster Abbey. This issue needs to be fought with vigour until victory is won. If the Exercise is prepared to sit back and accept the status quo, or passively to adopt a defeatist attitude to this situation, this anachronism will never be swept away. The frequency with which the Westminster Abbey attitude towards ringing crops up everywhere in conversations between bellringers proves that it is a running sore needing urgent treatment.

It has always seemed to us a cowardly way out for the Abbey ringers to lay the blame completely upon the Abbey authorities. We are sure that no church bellringer worthy of the name would tolerate such a narrow-minded and selfish attitude in his own belfry, but would make a ceaseless agitation for its removal and would call in the support of all ringing organisations whose weight could be added to the fight.

We wonder how much effort the Abbey ringers themselves have put into making the authorities aware of how out-of-step with present-day ringing they are, and with what disdain and disgust they and their ringers are held for perpetuating this belfry "closed shop." There must be very many able diplomats on the Central Council who could have resolved this problem had their counsel or intervention been invited—that is, of course, if the Abbey ringers had really desired it!

The Abbey is not only a national shrine to which ringers as well as other people are drawn, but also a church, where services of worship are regularly held, and one would think that here of all places the bells should be rung frequently and regularly, and that if the "resident" band is incapable of ringing twice on Sundays and for all the major Church festivals, then competent bands from elsewhere should be not only allowed but invited to assist with the maintenance of a regular (not a casual) ringing programme.

The reply given to Mr. Tonge that if the bells were rung at other than the prescribed times the "people near the Abbey would wonder why," is the most ludicrous statement we have read for a long time. If a regular ringing programme were arranged then people would no longer "wonder why" any more than they would wonder why St. Margaret's bells were being rung. The author of the reply sent to Mr. Tonge must surely be the laughing stock of ringers everywhere.

Even the Roman Catholic Curia, as reactionary a body as one can find anywhere, is changing with the times. The Anglican authorities at Westminster Abbey are a hundred years behind the times—if it is they who are responsible for this antiquated, obstinate and selfish attitude'!—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM,
St Mary's, Slough.
S. M. BAILEY,
All Saints', High Wycombe.
DOREEN HAGUE,
St Michael's, Bray, Berks.
G. W. LIMMER,
St. Peter's, Burnham.
J. KELLY,
St. Giles', Chalfont St. Giles.
JOHN E. NORSWORTHY,
St Michael's, Bray, Berks.

17s. 6d. A ROPE

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the letter by Mr. Frank Tonge re the ridiculous, pathetic and childish closed shop that operates at Westminster Abbey.

The late Bill Hewitt once told me that he and others did their utmost to get the Abbey bells rung alternately with St. Margaret's. This was at the time of the restoration in 1919, but two people made it their business to veto this and the present "tradition" grew up.

The crux of the matter, of course, is the paying of ringing fees; no one is going to climb the endless steps and ring these very indifferent bells unless it is for 17s. 6d. a rope, and, Mr. Editor, I submit that 17s. 6d. a rope is the sole reason for the closed shop.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK HANSARD.

London, N.18.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS NEW SECRETARY

The annual general meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on December 30th. There was a good attendance and methods rung ranged from rounds to Surprise Royal. Tea was kindly arranged by Mrs. Foskett and helpers.

At the commencement of the business meeting members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. F. A. Salter, a past Master.

The secretary (Mrs. Foskett) reported a good year. the membership passing the 100 mark. She expressed the meeting's thanks to Mr. G. A. Dawson for renovating the Society's set of handbells. The secretary regretted that due to ill-health she would be unable to continue in office.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. J. A. Dawson; Master-elect, Mr. D. Whetton; secretary, Mr. D. Stainsby; treasurer, Mr. W. Nichols; steward, Mr. R. Inglis.

The dates for meetings for 1968 are March 30th, June 29th, August 31st, November 30th and December 28th (A.G.M.).

The following were elected honorary life members: Miss I. Thompson, Mr. W. Nichols, Mr. E. C. Shepherd and Mr. C. W. Towers.

The secretary and treasurer were asked to investigate the ownership of the Doubleday Crofts Manuscripts which were thought to be the property of the Society. Mr. E. Hutchby reported that W. Doubleday Crofts' grave was falling into disrepair and it was agreed that this matter should also be investigated.

Mr. S. Fossey proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those involved in making the meeting a success. D. S.

LONGER, BUT NOT PROGRESSIVE LENGTH

The record length of 11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major rung at Edgbaston on November 25th has been surpassed by 12,096 rung at Accrington on January 6th.

In view of the conditions of the Central Council governing progressive lengths not having been complied with, no claim is made for this to be so recorded. The organisers have asked for it to be recorded as a "long length." The ringers are content with the knowledge that what Birmingham has achieved in regard to Glasgow Surprise Major has been "unofficially" surpassed by Lancashire.

12,096 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

By PETER BORDER
Arranged by RICHARD J. PARKER

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763452							S	
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(532467)								—
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573462						—		
(234567)								2
342567			—					

Repeat twice.
Rung at Accrington on January 6th, 1968.

RECORD PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter printed in "The Ringing World", of December 15th, 1967, written by Brian J. Woodruffe, it appears that several points have been raised requiring some elucidation.

(i) B. J. W. quotes from my notification letter (re 20,160 of Plain Bob Minor) that I "specifically request that no attempt be made to enquire about the progress of the peal". It is a pity that he has not quoted me accurately and completely, for had he done so the reasons would have become obvious why this request was made.

(ii) B. J. W. states:—

(a) "Why such **hide-away** measures?" —May I make it perfectly clear that there were no such measures and none intended.

(b) "The attempt should have taken place in a building where ringers could come and go at will . . ." — Whilst there seems some merit in this statement it was considered that such a record attempt justified the most suitable and comfortable environment—there is no such building (or belfry) locally available—and further that compliance with the quote would not be conducive to our best ringing. However, having come to the decision of "where" and "why", I invited an observer from both the University of London and Winchester and Portsmouth Guilds to be present. (Those Guilds claim the two current handbell peal records that we were striving to exceed.)

(c) "What would A. H. Pulling have said to such **secrecy**."—I consider it untimely to B. J. W. to have been so discourteously presumptuous as to have made this remark of that much-respected ringer.

It appears that a further and more deep-rooted suggestion has been inferred by B. J. W.—that of the credibility of all handbell peal ringing in private places. If this be so then I consider he ought to be more trusting in his fellow ringers (I personally invite Brian to come and ring a handbell peal with us in Berkshire.)

In conclusion I would state that I had, previous to my giving notice in conformity with the rules, discussed the issue of this attempt (i.e., notification and composition) with both Wilfrid G. Wilson and Frank T. Blagrove. It would seem that these rules need some reform in both clarity and modernisation; if so, let us hope that consideration be given to this end at the next session of the Central Council.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK C. PRICE.

Countersigned S. SARGEANT
K. R. DAVENPORT
S. G. SCOTT
A. J. N. RANCE
J. L. CLAUGHTON
Umpires.

Crowthorne, Berks.

PLAIN BOB MINOR WITHOUT SINGLES

Dear Sir,—I am sure the whole Exercise are looking for the answer to Mr. F. Hector Bennett's request in "Belfry Gossip" ("Ringing World," page 935) for the composition of Mr. Frank Blagrove's peal of Plain Bob Minor at Dorney, Bucks ("Ringing World," page 882). This was of seven different extents, each obtained **without singles.**

Has Mr. Blagrove found a way to reverse the coursing order of a pair of bells in Plain Bob Minor to obtain the extent, by some new means?

Come on, Frank, don't keep me in suspense! —Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. ACRES.

Chigwell, Essex

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Stephenson 1, June Sinfield 2, R. J. Rowley 3, R. J. Scott 4, F. J. Cook 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a wedding compliment to Peter and Hilary Aslett.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR CATTELL

Many will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Arthur Cattell, of Leicester, at the age of 65, after a long illness. Over 50 years ago he joined the choir of All Saints', Leicester, and not long afterwards took up ringing. His whole life was spent in the furtherance of Christian activities. During the years that ringing was not possible at All Saints' he rang at the neighbouring Church of St. Margaret, but always nipped out smartly to attend service at his own church. His personal drive in 1946 enabled the tower of All Saints' to be repaired and the bells rehung. About this time he was made Vicar's warden.

A builder all his life, his last five years were spent as foreman on the new "do-it-yourself" church at Stocking Farm, Leicester, organising voluntary labour. This is one of the few modern church buildings having a tower ready to receive a small ring of six bells. The church was consecrated in the presence of H.R.H Princess Margaret a year ago. Mr. Cattell's ashes have now been placed in the church's Garden of Remembrance.

MR. E. WILCOX

One of the oldest members of the Midland Counties Guild, which he joined in 1905, has died at Nuthall, Notts. He was Mr. E. Wilcox, aged 84, who died on January 5th. For many years he was a member of the Nuthall band.

MR. J. E. FIELDING

A former bellringer at Christ Church, Friezland, Mr. John E. Fielding, died on January 2nd, aged 64 years. He was taught to ring at Friezland and spent many years with their contest team. He had also been very active in the church life at St. John the Baptist's, Roughtown, where he had served as churchwarden for 15 years.

More recently Mr. Fielding had to cease his ringing activities due to ill-health, although he was still closely connected with his own team at Roughtown.

A quarter peal of 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at the Sunday evening memorial service at Roughtown on January 7th by A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. D. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6.

MR. LESLIE WARNER

A ringer at Cranleigh Parish Church since the age of 15, Mr. Leslie Warner suffered a heart attack on Tuesday, January 10th, and died the next morning at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford.

He was a chorister at the parish church for several years and a ringer for just over 50 years. He had not rung many peals but was a conscientious service ringer, always punctual for practices and service ringing. He had taught many young boys and girls to ring, from handling a bell to ringing the simpler methods.

Being a skilled carpenter, after the bells had been recast in 1951 he fixed an extra ceiling in the ringing room and filled the space between with soundproofing material. He also made a new stairway up to the bell chamber and designed and made many peal boards. This he did at no cost to the church: to him it was a labour of love.

It may interest some ringers to know that Cranleigh was famous for its oak and, before iron frames were used, Messrs. Holden and Sons, the predecessors of his employers, made bell frames of this material and sent them all over the country.

The funeral service took place at Cranleigh Parish Church on Monday, January 15th, at 2.30 p.m. E. R. W.

MR. W. THORNLEY, SEN.

We have received news of the death on November 25th, 1967, of Mr. W. Thornley, sen., at his home, 159, Brookhill Street, Stapleford, Notts. He was elected to the Midland Counties Guild in 1924 and later joined the Southwell Guild. Little is known of his ringing career. He was always at Stapleford Church on Sundays and as far back as 1944 he had rung over 100 peals. S. A.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE FIRST TEN YEARS

Ten years ago the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association made an experiment in introducing a social meeting at Chester-le-Street. The original date chosen was January 18th, 1958, but this had to be changed to January 4th because of a prior booking of the Church Institute. The function was held on January 4th but before January 18th severe gales damaged the newly-restored spire and caused ringing to be suspended. Perhaps this was a good augury!

After the initial experiment as a combined District meeting the function was elevated to full Association status. It has continued at Chester-le-Street throughout the ten years, contending with very inclement weather on some occasions and a bus strike on another, and the latest gathering on January 6th, 1968, achieved a new record with almost all the 90 places set for tea occupied—and the correct number of names was received beforehand!

Ringing was available from 2 to 5 p.m. and concluded with a competition in striking between the three reorganised districts. The judges, from the Northern and Central Districts, showed that all was fair by awarding the prize to the Southern District. They had no hesitation in doing this as the Southern's course of Grandsire Triples was free from any serious blemish.

After tea the Rector led prayers to introduce carol singing, conducted by Ken Cheeseman, and then there followed a programme of dancing and games. Music for dancing was arranged by Ian Wintrip, Fred Hodgson provided another puzzle with his tape-recorder and Denis Bayles tried to provided one or two new twists to the games which have proved popular in past years.

All too soon it was time for the ladies to brew up again so that what remained from tea could be consumed for supper before the party dispersed. The reputation of the ladies of Chester-le-Street was sustained by their latest efforts, and these were duly acknowledged by Bill Tyson in an omnibus vote of thanks to them and all who had contributed to the success of the evening. D. A. B.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Ringers from a wide area attended the annual general meeting of the North East Branch of the Devon Guild at Tiverton on January 6th. The service in St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. S. Nye), and the Guild president (Preb. J. H. B. Andrews) was present.

Reporting on the past year, Mr. G. W. Hollis (secretary-treasurer) said that membership had fallen a little, but financially the Branch was holding its own and had £66 in the bank.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Preb. G. Hodgson; Ringing Master, W. H. Ware; secretary-treasurer, G. W. Hollis; committee, the officers and H. Ransom, F. Down and P. Cook.

Ringing included good touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob Major and Stedman. Tea was served by lady members and wives of members of the local band.

Next quarterly meeting: Bampton (provisional).

DEVIZES BRANCH RECEIVE TROPHY

The official acceptance of a trophy presented to the Branch by the Ringing Masters for an annual striking competition took place at the annual general meeting of the Devizes Branch held at Westbury on June 6th.

Features of the service conducted by the Rev. G. W. Lighton were a reading by Mr. E. C. Shepherd and handbell ringing by a combined Warminster and North Bradley band. The lesson was read by Hugh Lawrence, of Dauntsey's School. Sixty-five ringers were present representing 21 towers. An excellent tea followed, provided by the All Saints' ringers and their ladies.

Mr. C F. Andrews (Branch chairman) presided at the meeting, with Mr. Graham Davies as secretary. The company stood in silent tribute to the late Mr. D. Hughes, of Bromham.

The accounts show a healthy credit balance, due to the hard-working efforts of Mr. G. Davis, who in his secretary's report was hard on those of the advanced ringers who did not, in his opinion, help the learners enough at meetings.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. C. F. Andrews; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Davis; hon. auditor, Mr. B. Carter; vice-chairman, Mr. A. T. Weeks; Ringing Masters, Mr. R. Purnell (Melksham), Mr. E. Norris and Mr. N. G. Knee (Warminster). Power was given to co-opt. Messrs. E J. Hitchins, L. E. Hitchins and F. S. Slatford to the Branch Committee. Nineteen new members were elected.

Methods of getting instruction to the learners more easily were discussed, and it was agreed to let the Branch Committee discuss this and report to the next quarterly meeting. A standard charge for teas at meetings was fixed at 2s. 6d., with half-price for juniors under nine years old.

Ringing followed under the guidance of Mr. R. Purnell. The large number of young ringers present augurs well for the future.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT

While 1967 was not a good year for the East Grinstead and District Guild, as no peals had been rung, a happy spirit pervaded at the Guild's annual dinner at Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on January 9th.

Mr. B. E. Jeffery, the chairman, presided, and the toast of "The Church" was submitted by Mr. P. R. Everest, to which the president, the Rev. J. R. Missin, replied. Mr. R. W. H. Hayes, who was recently elected secretary of the Tonbridge District, Kent County Association, proposed "The Guild" and the chairman replied. Mr. Jeffery pointed out that 1967 had been a bad year for the Guild, with attendances falling off at meetings. This year's annual general meeting would be at Edenbridge. "The Visitors" was a toast on the call of Mr. A. R. Large, and Mr. P. A. Corby replied.

The entertainment opened brightly with dancing routines by the local Amateur Musical Society. Mr. C. A. Osbon did a Hertfordshire monologue, which was much enjoyed, and Mr. G. Fry did a slapstick Kentish monologue. Songs from Gilbert and Sullivan's operas were sung by Mr. R. A. Large, and C. A. Osbon joined him for the "Gendarme's Song." The entertainment finished with the "can-can." performed by the "L.A.M.P.S." R. J. E.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern Division had a very successful Christmas party at Balcombe on January 6th instead of the usual meeting. About 60 members enjoyed games and entertainment organised by the Ringing Master, Mr. George Francis. Buffet refreshments were served and our thanks go to Mr. Fred Roberts and his helpers at Balcombe for all the work they put in on our behalf. The lucky programmes and raffles were drawn for at 9.45 p.m., after which we sang "Auld Lang Syne" and departed our various ways for home in the snow. J. O.

THE SOCIETY OF RAVING RINGERS

Friday, January 5th, saw car-loads of ringers heading towards Worcester for the annual re-union of the above Society Ringing had been arranged at Powick for those who managed to arrive early enough before going on to the Talbot Hotel in Worcester.

Claines was the first tower on Saturday. Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were enjoyed on the light ten before moving on to Pershore Abbey, where the frightening ringing chamber cage was a little unnerving, resulting in unsettled ringing. The six at Kempsey were rung to a variety of methods before travelling back to Worcester for lunch. The afternoon was spent in the city, ringing at St. Swithun's, St. John's and All Saints'. A touch of 8-Spliced Surprise Major was rung at St. John's, while the tricky bells of All Saints' sounded out to Yorkshire Royal and Stedman Caters.

The organiser had asked the hotel to provide a dinner in the evening, and this they did. A large room was provided, complete with Christmas decorations, well away from the other guests. The social evening which followed included a film show of the last tour and the latest Ravers' song, sung by Ron Russ and accompanied by Roger Smith on the guitar.

The Society split up for service ringing on Sunday morning. Some went to Malvern Link and afterwards climbed the snow-covered Malvern Hills, whilst the rest went to Dodderhill and Droitwich. Originally only the latter tower had been included in the programme, but Paul Cattermole had extended an invitation to ring on the very good eight at Dodderhill. Lunch over, and the hotel was left behind as the Ravers headed for home via the two 6-bell towers of Welland and Ripple, and the octave at Upton-on-Severn, where the bells were put to good use for an hour befor Evensong.

The thanks of the Society go to all the incumbents and tower captains of the churches visited, as well as to the organiser, Peter Heriage, who arranged things so well.

E. A. V.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The 22nd annual general meeting of the Selby and District Society was held at Selby Abbey on January 6th. The president, the Rev. J. A. P. Kent, Vicar at the Abbey, officiated at the service

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the secretary, Mr. L. M. Woodhead, produced his annual report, which showed a paid-up membership of 104, and a healthy balance in the bank for this "non-profit-making learners' Society."

The Vicar of Selby Abbey was re-elected president, Mr. H. Walker (York Minster) chairman, and Mr. L. M. Woodhead (Goole) secretary-treasurer.

The retiring Ringing Master, Mr. R. Warford, having married and moved out of the district, did not seek re-election; Mr. A. Sheppard (Sherburn-in-Elmet) was elected to that office.

The committee for 1968 is Miss M. E. Wilkinson (York Minster), Mr. T. H. Foster (Selby Abbey) and Mr. G. F. Terry (Hemingbrough).

Mr. W. F. Moreton (Wakefield Cathedral), general secretary of the Yorkshire Association and a regular visitor to the Society's meetings, proposed the composite vote of thanks, which included everyone who had contributed in any way to "make the day."

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 37



DAVID C. BROWN
(Oxford Diocesan Guild)

A quiet, unassuming young ringer, who has just passed his 15th birthday, has been earning the respect of the members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He is David Christopher Brown, of Langley, in the Borough of Slough, who has recently conducted his first peal.

His entry into our art was somewhat unusual. With his father, he was looking round St. Mary's Church, Langley, and stopped to read the notices in the porch. The clock-winder arrived and invited them into the belfry to witness the clock being wound. He saw the ropes, but nothing of the bells. An invitation was given him to return that evening and see the ringers at practice. He was fascinated by what he saw and accepted a further invitation to try his hand the next week He was then about 11 years of age, but as he had joined an isolated call change band he knew nothing of the existence of such an art as change ringing.

Having safely negotiated the "11-plus" obstacle he found himself at Slough Boys' Grammar School in the same Form as a young ringer from Slough Parish Church. This boy's elder brother was also in the same school and wearing his Oxford Guild badge. David asked what was the significance of this and the younger brother explained, at the same time remarking that he also rang at Slough Parish Church. David then put in an appearance at Slough belfry and asked if he, too, could be taught change ringing.

From that moment he never looked back. He "saw the light" very quickly and in a matter of weeks had overtaken his two school friends. He began change ringing at the beginning of 1966, and by September 4th had rung his first quarter, Plain Bob Major "inside." October 8th found him ringing his first peal at Burnham, also Plain Bob Major "inside." He demonstrated at once what a good striker and safe ringer he is. He rang one other peal in 1966, the treble to a peal of Plain Bob on the heavy eight at Bray. In 1967 he really "went to town," scoring 20 peals, including his first as conductor. His list includes six peals only on the treble, viz.: Quornden Surprise Major, nine Major methods, Plain Bob Major (2), St. Clement's Triples and Wexham Surprise Royal. He has rung "inside" to the following peals:—

Minor: Cambridge (the eight extents), seven methods, Plain Bob (no singles).

Triples: Grandsire.

Major: Plain Bob 2 (conducted 1), New Cambridge Surprise, Cambridge Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise, Fordcombe Surprise, Stand Surprise, Jedburgh Surprise, Purbeck Surprise, Kent Treble Bob.

Royal: Yorkshire Surprise.

David has rung in 165 towers. Of these, his favourite is the lovely little light eight at Easthampstead, Berks, where he called his first peal. He says he has so far no favourite method, but he greatly enjoyed a course of Treble Twelve at Buckfast Abbey. The performance which gave him most satisfaction was piloting a band of "rabbits" through a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Langley for the Flower Festival opening service. His only ringing ambition at the moment is to ring a peal in his own tower. This may be difficult to achieve. Although told that it would take three hours, the Vicar stopped the last attempt, after having given his consent to a peal for the wedding of one of his ringers—because he had had a telephone and a personal complaint! No attempts have been allowed since. We hope young David can break the spell. With all the spade-work he has done at Langley he deserves to be granted this wish.

David says he would like to acknowledge the debt he owes to Mr. William Birmingham, of Slough, for, as he says, "putting me on the road to being a ringer, and for getting me into all my early peals.'" He wishes also to thank Messrs. Alan Pink and Frank Blagrove for including him in their peal bands.

Outside the tower David's interests are music, reading, and writing out the blue line of new methods published in "The Ringing World." He has been playing the piano for four years and is now about to sit his Grade 5 examination.

David has an older sister, Rosamund, who is learning ringing. She took up the art with a view to getting her Girl Guides ringers' badge, but had to push this ambition aside until she had won the distinction of becoming a Queen's Guide. She has now resumed serious ringing and is mastering the basic methods on six and eight bells.

The writer would like to add his personal tribute to David Brown for the many hours each week he devotes to helping with the teaching of young ringers at Slough and Dorney, and to David's modest and most unassuming character.

"PALUDIAN."

BELL RINGING AT MARKET WEIGHTON

The newly-formed School Handbell Tune Ringing Team made their debut by playing Christmas carols at two functions at the County Seconday School recently.

A team of ringers from the County Secondary School rang Market Weighton Parish Church bells prior to the school's carol service there on Friday, December 22nd. Ringers taking part were Mrs. L. Gaukroger, Mr. N. Thwaites, Mr. N. Chaddock, Janet Martin, John Jobley and Roy Gibson.

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Letters to the Editor

MR. JOHN WILLIS

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Willis liked records to be correct as far as possible, I would like to put right one small error in paragraph 3 of "P. A. C.'s" excellent contribution on page 912.

John Willis did, in fact, take part in at least two peals after his return to Kent. Both were rung in my old tower, St. Martin's, Cheriton, Folkestone. I also took part, and the second one, I believe, was rung for my benefit.

On May 10th, 1947, he trebled to a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples conducted by Charles Turner. On January 3rd, 1948, he rang the fifth to a peal of 5,184 Kent Treble Bob Major (my "first" in this method), conducted by Reginald A. Reed.

I do recall that he had some physical disability, which made it inadvisable for him to stand for long periods, but he agreed to take part in these peals as they were being rung on the very light eight at Cheriton. I have a feeling that there was a second peal of Kent around this time but I cannot now trace it.

One of his last acts, as far as I personally am concerned, was when he gave a small farewell party to my wife and myself before we left Folkestone to come to Cambridge in April, 1966. We shall always treasure this memory of him, together with the beautifully written card in his writing which accompanied our wedding gift from the Folkestone ringers in 1949. — Yours sincerely,

WALTER C. CHANDLER.

Cambridge.

KENT—THE CRITIC CONCLUDES

Dear Sir,—In making my **final** reply to the letters about Kent, to comply with Mr. Lewis' request, I wish to make the following points.

I **believe** that for any improvement to take place in East Kent the Districts must be partitioned into easily worked units. This suggestion was rejected by a committee of Association members, and my letter was intended to make them take a much closer look at an apparently healthy state of affairs.

I do **not** expect Districts to change to suit me. I **do** expect them to change to better themselves, and **not** remain complacent. I have not been asked for any advice or to give any help, the latter being a facility offered at College practices before and since my arrival with method ringing up to London. I have, however, met with abuse from **some** Ashford District ringers. The difficulty in finding peal ringers is, as I have said before, lack of capable people, and not as one of the aforementioned people would have others believe.

Mr. Lewis classes me as a visitor. As a **resident member** of the Kent County Association, spending more than three-quarters of my year here, that is a matter of opinion. The Ashford District secretary is presumptuous in concluding that I am a "bird of passing."

Unfortunately I am unable to accept Mr. Lewis' invitation to go to Rochester as I have prior engagements. I do look forward to meeting him to discuss the matter further, as I am sure he can act sensibly about the problem.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES HEDGCOCK.

Canterbury.

P.S.—My correspondence is now closed.—J. H.

TAPERING STEEL WASHERS

Dear Sir,—Reading that most excellent article by "Ty Tennit" in the recent editions of "R.W." I was most interested in "Tackling odd-struck bells", not knowing until now that this was possible. However, as an engineer, I feel, although I may be wrong, that a leather washer would not be a very long-lasting article. May I therefore offer a few hints on tapering a steel washer, for the benefit of those not "in the know" but wishing to tackle this problem?

Having obtained the required size of washers first of all file two flats as in Fig. 1: this allows the washer to be held in a vice without it tending to turn over. Then, holding the washer in a vice as in Fig. 2, it may be filed down to the required taper.

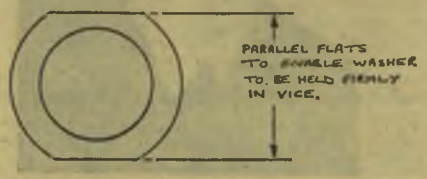


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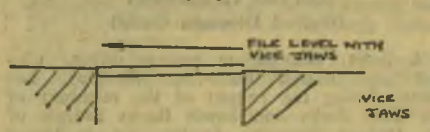


FIG. 2.

Hoping this may be a useful addition to "Ty Tennit's" steeplekeeping. — Yours faithfully,

PAUL EBSWORTH.

INSTRUCTIONAL PAMPHLET

Dear Sir,—When I received the proof indicating that you were preparing to publish a report of my talk to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies at Normanton last April it seemed to me that it might be worthwhile to obtain some reprints in pamphlet form.

A year or two ago the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, as part of its educational programme, started an Education Fund which might finance modest publications, and the Ringing Master and I thought that this opportunity might be taken to make a trial. I ordered a hundred copies which were supplied for £4 and several of these have already been sold at sixpence to our own members. If anyone else is interested in acquiring these reprints I shall be pleased to supply at this same price of sixpence per copy plus threepence for postage (this would cover postage up to about six copies).

The subject matter appeared in two instalments in "The Ringing World", December 1st and 8th, pp. 887 and 907. I hope this trial may be of interest and perhaps encourage other people to make reprints available, thereby increasing the literature of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

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Chester-le-Street,
Co. Durham.

GRANDISON AND A STORY

Dear Sir,—Geoff Bubb in his "Ringer's Story" is somewhat confusing regarding dates. Grandison at Exeter Cathedral was recast by Taylor in 1902 and I rang it single-handed on dedication day that same year. My Dad and Rev. G. F. Coleridge rang it to a peal of Grandsire Caters also in 1902. My Uncle Edwin was the last of the ringing Shepherds in Exeter; he died in 1946, so he would not have received a 1947 letter from James George. Mr. Bubb is very much out of his reckoning when he says Mr. George was about 85 in 1947, but I make it 94, seeing he was born in 1853 and died in 1951—much too late in life to tackle a bell of 72½ cwt. for a peal.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

RUTLAND RINGERS' TOUR

Dear Sir,—When I wrote my previous letter regarding the Rutland Ringers' tour of Leicestershire, I endeavoured to voice my protests in a reasonably mild form, and I think I succeeded. Although I expected Mr. A. C. B. to reply to my letter, I had hoped that I would not feel obliged to write a further one myself. However, I do. Incidentally, although Mr. A. C. B apparently knows me well enough to refer to me as plain "Judy Cox", I have no idea at all who he is and would be pleased if he could enlighten me.

On reading Mr. A. C. B.'s latest letter, I now find that he has progressed from writing disparaging remarks about our bells to disparaging remarks about me! Let me hasten to assure Mr A. C. B. that to the best of my knowledge I suffer from no "common faults", including that of regarding the bells at my home tower irreproachable. Does the gentleman really think that I can have rung at Humberstone four times a week for 12 years without being fully aware of the shortcomings of the bells. I, too, Mr. A. C. B., go on ringing outings, and have certainly visited enough churches to know that our heavy six could hardly be rated as the pride and joy of the county. This was not my point in writing originally. I wrote to bring attention to what I still consider to be a lapse in good manners and not to necessarily disagree with the comments contained in the article.

Did my letter really give the impression that it was merely a fit of feminine pique because someone had dared to criticise "my" bells? Surely not! Giving Mr. A. C. B. the benefit of the doubt it is possible that he really did misunderstand the meaning of my letter, but I cannot help but wonder if he did not really choose to in order to excuse himself from my criticism.—Yours faithfully,

JUDY A. M. COX.

Humberstone, Leics.

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Having had some small part in the arrangement of the Christmas Day broadcast, I was pleased to read that it had given pleasure to Mr. R. H. Mansell ("R.W.", Jan. 12th, p. 22).

However, I am sure that there will be many who will disagree with the opening sentence of his second paragraph: "Transmission was **perfect** and the striking **second to none**" (the emphasis is mine. These are the very highest standards and are not descriptions to be applied lightly. I doubt whether such terms have ever been merited by a whole Christmas Day broadcast.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

(Continued from page 44)

Skipton Parish Church Handbell Ringers.—The handbells were purchased in 1890 by the Skipton Church Institute, and Mr. Lockwood, of Leeds, was engaged as tutor. The bells, a second-hand set, were cast by Shaw, of Bradford. Nine more bells were purchased in 1893 to make up the present full medium ring of 53 bells. All the members of the first team were still living 59 years later! A second team was started early in 1900 and it continued until the setback of the 1914–18 war. Every member was called into H.M. Service and every man gave his life.

The third team was started in 1924, the music used being that of Walham Gordon, of Stockport. It continued until the Second World War. In 1946 Mr. J. Wiseman started a team of boys but had to discontinue after 12 months. Six girls from the Girl Guides who could read music made a new team and wonderful progress. In 1949 they broadcast carols on the children's Northern programme from Manchester. This was very popular and resulted in enquiries from all over the British Isles. The bells were later reconditioned and another broadcast, with photograph in the "Radio Times", took place in 1962. The team was stretched to the limit with demands for their services and many concerts were given on behalf of the National Children's Homes. At this time they were ringing their best with such music as the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "The Blue Danube"

Stokesay Handbell Ringers.—Formed in little over a year, are a mixed team unable to read music, and thus the music is set to numbers. The original 12 handbells (size 15 in C) were purchased from Mears in 1829 by eight parishioners. After a successful jumble sale the bells were sent to Taylor's for overhaul and an additional seven bells purchased.

Thurlstone Handbell Ringers were formed in 1885, the bells being bought by public subscription. There have been five conductors—Messrs. Bellcliffe, F. Taylor, A. Jenkinson (guest conductor), T. Sykes and the present musical director, R. Proud.

Owing to National Service, etc., the ringers disbanded in 1950 and re-formed in 1962 and have never looked back. The junior team is progressing steadily under the watchful eye and patience of Mr. R. Proud. Perhaps the current team is not the best in the Society's long history but the team spirit is 100 per cent.

Warburton W.I. Handbell Ringers came into being in March, 1964, when the County Federation asked all institutes to present musical items at the group meeting. The eight church handbells were borrowed. Five volunteers met together, four as ringers and one as leader, and by trial and error managed to regulate tone and volume and performed at the meeting. Having only eight bells, music was limited.

Later, by kindness of the rector and captain of the belfry, 17 handbells were borrowed from Lymm Parish Church, with their music. Regular practices have been held since November, 1965, and the band have performed at various functions and have worked to raise money for a full set; but the waiting list is long. Perhaps some second-hand bells will be found before October, 1968, when their own will be ready. "We are greatly indebted to Lymm for their generosity."

Full details in "Reverberations" from J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. Price 1s.; annual subscription 2s. 6d.



MR. JOHN P. PARTINGTON
Secretary, Handbell Ringers of Great Britain)

THE first secretary of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, Mr. John P. Partington, comes of a ringing family. He started at St. Luke's, Heywood, Lancs, in 1952. His great-grandfather rang from the time the bells were installed in 1863 until he retired, after ringing 100 blows for the dying of the 19th century. Grandfather and father were ringers here for most of their lives, as also were numerous other relatives. The family has had continuous ringing at St. Luke's since 1963, and Mr. John P. Partington has been Ringing Master here since 1961.

From Rochdale Grammar School he went to the University of Leicester, where he not only obtained his degree in mathematics but founded the University of Leicester Guild in 1956, being its first secretary-treasurer. He teaches mathematics at Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School, having joined the staff of the school in 1958. The same year he founded the school handbell team. Over 50 pupils have been taught to ring and they have played in public on some 50 occasions. Since 1960 he has rung with the St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, handbell team.

With a flair for organisation, Mr. Partington has held various offices with the Lancashire Association. He was secretary of the Rochdale Branch from 1961 to 1964; ringing secretary of the Association since 1963; and a representative of the Association on the Central Council since 1964.

His peal total to the end of 1947 was 235 (conducted 3). Of these, 94 were Surprise Major (36 different plus splice to twelve methods) His peals have been rung in 62 different towers with 239 different ringers and 43 different conductors. He claims to have rung in every county in England and all ringable towers in Scotland and Ireland.

PURBECK YOUTHS INVADE DORSET

ANOTHER anniversary of the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths was celebrated in Wareham on New Year's Eve. The week-end got off to a good start with all at Wareham for the complex briefing session.

Friday morning we struck. Lyme Regis succumbed in a 2¼-hour encounter, even though our tenors got separated for a while, and Maiden Newton was taken by the other battalion in 2 hours and 38 minutes. Full of optimism and Cornish pasties, we advanced to Thorncombe where, although we outnumbered the bells by one, the latter won handsomely inside half-an-hour. The other platoon, being one short as a result, were not able to make an attempt at Piddlehinton.

The campaign continued on Saturday at Puddletown and Lytchett Matravers. A bump upstairs at the former caused confusion in the ranks, while at the latter a lack of generalship caused a retreat after 1¼ hours. "Matchbox" was promoted to the rank of conductor that afternoon but tried to defeat methods as well as bells and lost, but in a Minor skirmish scored a quarter of Kent. The main platoon meanwhile were finding their level at Wimborne St Giles, "Operation Lincolnshire" proving a comfortable success. Recreation for the troops was provided at the bowling alley in Bournemouth.

Sunday saw a 24-hour truce, with a visit to Poole in the morning, enabling George to chalk up his 200th tower of the year, and then a hasty chase to Kingston for a very rewarding afternoon.

We did find an old bell, about 3 cwt., and thus with a bit of luck Kingston bells will be in perfect order before long. Although the fifth has no clapper at present, ropes were put on the rest so that a quarter could be rung for Evensong. Cold was starting to penetrate, so a quick trip to a tea house in Corfe Castle was called for. Here by chance we ran into Mike Austin, of Waltham Abbey, and he joined us for a most enjoyable quarter on what must surely be the finest bells in Dorset.

The dinner followed. Lewis Cobb, that well-known plunger, who had come last the previous year, turned up first, to universal surprise, and the traditionally excellent meal was very much appreciated. The short speeches included a toast to the new A.S.P.Y. president, the Rev. H. Lloyd, Rector of Kingston.

Mick Shelton welcomed us at the New Inn where, with Lewis and Malcolm at the piano, we were in fine voice both before and after the New Year had been rung in.

Monday was a beautiful day, but the troops were in poor shape. At Wareham an excellent peal of Bob Major was rung, while Private Bellamy was recovering in the back of the mini-ambulance. Coffee and crumpets, and then homewards through the snow, leaving peace in the wake of a very enjoyable if only moderately successful invasion. The regiment would like to thank Mary for a masterly piece of organisation.

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ALDRIDGE, STAFFS. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Allery (first quarter) 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, N. White 3, J. P. Burton 4, M. J. Mulvey 5, S. Arrowsmith 6. For Evensong.

BARKING, ESSEX. — On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples. Mary Wilkinson 1, C. E. Wright 2, Joan Peacock 3, C. C. M. Pain 4, D. Sloman 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, C. Tarry 8. Rung to mark 21 years' association with this parish by the Bishop of Barking.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,272 Grandsire Minimus "in hand" G. I. Lucas 1-2, K. I. Lucas 3-4 First in method for both ringers. Also 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus—same band. To welcome Miss V. Bartley on her return from Rome

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Gibbins 1, T. E. Hiddins 3, W. R. Brabham 4, R C. Williams (first quarter) 5, R. J. Mayle 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. W. Davies 8. Rung for the visit of the Pentre ringers.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C Banks 1, K. Oliver (first "inside") 2, Miss M. Hill 3, J. Cooper 4, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 5 G F. Oliver 6. For morning service.

CAXTON, CAMBS. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. D. Corby 1, J. S. Walker 2, J. D. Tarrant (first "inside") 3, P. S. George 4, R. D. Bellamy 5 O. E. Bonham (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

DOWNE KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie L. Hayward 1, S. Gay 2, Wendy Wallace 3, A. H Long 4, M. A. Gay 5, R. A. Grant (first as cond.) 6.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W Hope 1, D. Pope (first in method) 2, T Bound (first in method) 3, F. R Harris 4, B. Giddings (first in method) 5, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 6.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK. — On Dec 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Peacock 1, J. Hollins 2, M. H. Whittell 3 A. J. Munnings 4, Rev. L. R. Pizzey (cond.) 5, R. L. K. Whittell 6.

GREAT PAXTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Higgins 1, T. R. Garrat 2, I. P. Lawford 3, P. S. Abbott 4, C. A. Corby (cond.) 5. Believed to be first quarter on the bells. For the Christmas Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Briggs 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, Miss J. N. Rawlings 3, M. M. Powell (cond.) 4, C. J. Tickner 5, Miss C. Carter 6 First quarter 1 3, 5, 6. For Midnight Mass.

HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W Maughan 1, R. Webster 2, Janet Payne 3, J. Pladdys (cond.) 4, H Short 5, E. Trundley (first "inside") 6, D. Blows 7 W. Maughan 8. For midnight Communion Also, at the Church of St. Oswald, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Payne 1, Mrs. W. Maughan 2, R. Webster 3, W. Maughan 4, H. Short 5 D. Blows 6, J. Pladdys (cond.) 7, J. Clouston 8. To ring in 1968.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Doubles (21 methods/variations): Susan M. Tonks 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, A. P. Smith (cond.) 3, H. Miles 4, F. M Bowers 5, Mrs. C. W E. H. Smith 6. Most methods/variations for all, and in the county, to a quarter peal. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Newborough Doubles: Susan M. Tonks 1 H. Miles 2, A. P Smith 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, A. Ruth Ashton 6. First in the variation on the bells and for all the band.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Mayers 1, J. Machell 2, D. Gebbett 3, Catherine Reed (cond.) 4, R. Grant 5, M. Rigby 6, D. Hollis 7, S. Rees 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Burrell (first quarter) 1, E. Wadey 2, H. Feist 3, W. Harrison 4, F. T. Godsmark (cond.) 5, G. Stoner 6.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Ellison 1, Kathleen Marriott 2, Sylvia Jones 3, R. J. Sharp 4, R. H. French 5, K. H. Fleming 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, C. D. Mann 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edwin G. Buck, of Baldock, Herts, and for the passing of the old year.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS. — On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. N. Welch 1, Jane Dando 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, D. M. Hughes 4, A. J. Mason 5, J. Huggins 6, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 7, D. G. Hatherley 8. First Grandsire Triples 1, 2, 3, 5, 6.

QUARTER PEALS

NEW MILLS, DERBYS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lilian Simpson 1, S. Hammond 2, Enid Hammond 3, S. G. R. Zobel 4, B. S. B. Kear 5, M. G. R. Zobel (cond.) 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W Clarke 1, Miss N. E. Kempsell 2, A Streeter 3, S. S. Lucas (first "inside") 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, T. T. Dumaresq 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Matthews (first quarter) 1, Anne Matthews (first "inside") 2, B. Lodge 3, J. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. For morning service.

ODELL, BEDS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. D. Piron (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Hartley (first "inside") 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, A. Norman (first "inside") 4, C. M. Orme 5, R. L. Piron (cond.) 6

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on Dec. 9th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Journeaux 1, C. Woodward 2, C. Coles 3, D. Woodward 4 B. Gray 5, C. Holloway (cond.) 6.

RUSHALL, STAFFS. — On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Diane White 1, J. Humphries 2, Rosemary E. White 3, J. Burton 4, N. White 5, P. R Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 31st-Jan 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kate O'Sullivan 1, Diane White 2, M. Mulvey 3, Rosemary White 4, F Shilvock 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. By the local band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 24th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: A. W. R. Wilby 1, K. J. Darvill 2, Julia A. Fellows 3, Katherine S. Hardy 4, M. D. Frost 5, A. R. Carter 6, R. F. Ewer 7, G. Ridgeway 8, G. Dodds 9, R. E. Hardy 10, G. Penney (cond.) 11, A. E. Ewer 12. First of Stedman Cinques 1, 4 8, 12. For the Christmas Festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 7th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: Julia Fellows 1, M. D. Frost (cond.) 2, Katherine Hardy 3, S. Taylor 4, R. E. Ewer 5 A. Carter 6, W. Little 7, R. E. Hardy 8, G. Penney 9, A. Ewer 10. In memory of Edwin G. Buck, of Baldock.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: 1. Whorlow 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, G. Firman 5, P. Stockwell 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. Fowles and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Pursey.

SHALSTONE, BUCKS. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, G. W. Holland 2, R. W Yates 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, R. A. Vickers 5 For Christmas.

SOLIHULL, WARWS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, R. J. Cann 2, Verona Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, V. Green 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, M. F. Edwards 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. Foreman 3, H. Fuller (cond.) 4, D. Boast 5, S. Flatman 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Fuller, of Thetford, and a birthday compliment to T. G. Boast.

STOCKBURY, KENT. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Bushell 1 Miss P. Tomsett 2, L. Mitchell (cond.) 3 G. Wood 4, F. Dadson 5. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Tomsett.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, Joan Horton 2, Katherine Davies 3, M. Davies (cond.) 4, A. J. Taylor 5 D. Nicholson 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. Rung as a 13th birthday compliment to ringer of 1, and a farewell to Katherine who is taking up nursing.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS. — On Jan 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R D. Holland 1, W. B. Dawson 2, R. Howard 3, H. Barsley 4, J. H. Taylor 5, J. P. Morriss (cond.) 6, A. E. Flatters 7, C. Stubley 8. Rung to welcome Martin John (born Jan. 4th), a son to Mary J. and Richard D. Holland and grandson to the conductor.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1 K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, M. Camp 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of Mr. Fred Warboys, a devoted servant of St. James'.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Jan 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B J Cann (first on eight) 1, Miss S. Sims 2, A. L. Bennett 3, D. R. Bould 4, G. E. Mudge 5, W. J. Harvey 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, S. G. French (first on eight) 8. A compliment to Miss S. Sims on her recent engagement.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob): A. R. Bridges 1, J Marjoram 2, S. Bedford 3, J. Pilgrim 4, V. Bedford 5, H. W Barrett (cond.) 6. Rung for the 10th anniversary of dedication and augmentation of the bells to six.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Coleman 1, S. Kirby (first quarter) 2, A. Botterell 3 J. S. Eastwood 4, S. Matthews 5, K. W. Knowles 6, D. J. Wilkes 7, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 8 Rung for the passing of the old year, and also a welcome to the Rev. J. W. Jackson as Vicar.

WEST AYTON, YORKS.—At 10, Hewley Drive, on New Year's Eve, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. E. Pickup (first "in hand") 1-2, C. J. Easton 3-4, M. J. Pickup (first as cond. "in hand") 5-6.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: N. Harding 1, P. Gagen 2, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 3, D. Gagen 4, J. Fox 5, H. Follen 6 Rung to mark the casting in 1767 by Lester and Pack of the six bells which formerly hung in this tower.

YORKTOWN, SURREY. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Bond (first of Minor) 1, A. M. Feist (first of Minor "inside") 2, R. Bath 3, Beryl R. Simpson 4, W. J. H. Parker 5, M. J. Church (cond.) 6 For midnight Mass.

BELFRY GOSSIP

All Saints', Tooting Graveney, is to have eight bells, not six, as was inadvertently mentioned last week.

What is the most Doubles methods rung to a peal in Wales? At St. Florence, Pembs, 50 methods were rung on January 6th. Is a claim to most methods correct?

The back six of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, will be heard at the beginning of the programme "Songs of Praise", to be televised at 6.50 p.m. on January 28th on B.B.C.-1.

Mr Walter F. Judge became a proud grandfather on January 9th. At St. Ebbe's, Oxford, he conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples in which two of his grandsons took part. Christopher P. Turner (12) rang his first peal, and his brother Martin (15) his first in the method.

Llandaff Cathedral Guild at its annual general meeting on January 2nd elected the following officers: Nevil James, captain; Stephen Fenwick, vice-captain; Miss Felicity Cooke, secretary (13, Rookwood Avenue, Llandaff); Nicholas Simon, trustee.

Dagenham, Essex, has a very keen body of youngsters. There were seven firsts in a quarter of Double Norwich rung in December, and five firsts in a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor this month. Only Mr. J. Armstrong, the conductor, had had previous experience of these methods to quarters and peals.

All Saints' Church, Hertford, is at the moment unsafe for ringing.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association is holding a dinner this year (September 28th), the first time in its 90 years' existence.

Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett wishes to make a correction to his article regarding "Ringing in Devon, 1967." One peal attempt was successful—Stedman Cinques at Bucklast Abbey, conducted by Mr. Frank Harris.

Correction.—The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Basingstoke (page 28) was rung at All Saints' Church, and not St. Michael's, as published. The name of the ringer of the sixth was Anthony R Carter. These errors are much regretted.

The Society of Raving Ringers decided to exclude Worcester Cathedral from their programme of ringing during their reunion at Worcester because of their lack of experience of 12-bell ringing. They hope the Cathedral ringers will not be disappointed.

Mr. J. R. Worrall's three visits to England in the last eight or nine years have been in and out quick! Appropriately a quarter of Stedman was arranged for him at Romsey Abbey on January 14th. Those assembling at Bristol for the U.B.S.C.R. dinner will easily recognise him. The same bearded Jack still rings well and still speaks English!!

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BELFRY GOSSIP

WASHINGTON BAND ATTEMPT GRANDSIRE CATERS PEAL

There was a reunion at Washington Cathedral on December 27th and 28th. Geoffrey Davies, Derek Sawyer, John Owen and Eric Roberts joined Richard S. Dirksen and some of the girls to attempt a quarter peal on open bells and a full peal (on closed bells) of Grandsire Caters. Both unfortunately were unsuccessful—the quarter at about the half-way point and the peal in the last half of the second part.

However, a very enjoyable time was spent with several touches of Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples on handbells and some excellent 10-bell ringing. All are looking forward to the next "get together" in the early summer and a tour in Eastern America (Kent, Groton and the new bells at Smith College).

Mr Dirksen concludes with his apologies to the unnamed ringer mentioned in the issue of December 1st. The slip-up arose through the Sunday practice being cancelled at the last minute.

LONG LENGTH OF MINOR CALLED OFF

The attempt by Mr. Frank C. Price's band to ring 20,160 Plain Bob Minor "in hand" at Crowthorne on December 16th was not successful.

Mr. Price writes: "The ringing was very good until the 14th extent, which was most unsettled. However, we continued well until the 22nd extent, when the striking began to deteriorate due to tiredness of one of the band, and I stopped the ringing after 5 hours and 8 minutes, with only six extents to go."

Mr. Price states that all being well a further attempt will be made in March/April.

IN AMERICA IN MAY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Price are going to U.S.A. on May 7th until May 28th, during which time they hope to ring with the Grotonians and also with the Whitechapel Guild, Washington. Perhaps the bells ordered for Smith's College, Northampton, will be installed and dedicated by then and they may be able to visit them.

HOST WAS NOT THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

The Lord Mayor of London did not entertain to dinner the ringers of Leighton Buzzard who rang a peal for his election as Lord Mayor. This excellent meal was paid for by two Leighton ringers—Bert Whitney and Bill Insley. Edgar Conquest was not ringing his first peal, as was stated in the report. His first peal was Grandsire Caters on November 24th, 1945, conducted by J. F. Arnold.

PROGRESS AT HANNINGTON

A few years ago the unringable five bells at Hannington, Wiltshire, were rehung and a local band formed to ring them. Two years ago, under the instruction of Brian Bladon, assisted by Anita D. O'Brien, a start was made on method ringing A gift from Mr. Hussey-Freke, of Hannington, enabled the five bells to be augmented to six, and with help the band soon progressed to Plain Bob Minor. The peal at Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire, on Friday, January 12th, was the last of four to enable the most advanced of the band to ring their first peal. Congratulations to the Hannington band and especially to the last of the first-pealers, 60-year-old Harold Hedges, the Hannington tower captain.

"IT'S FUN FINDING OUT"

Barry England is a little boy, just 11 years of age, who has been learning to ring at Chepstow for nearly a year.

He started at Chepstow Grammar School in September and for his first term's project could choose any environmental study. Barry chose "bells" and has produced during the term an excellent 40-page special study with an attractive cover. Included are chapters on bell founding, bell tuning, the "Evans" bell foundry at Chepstow, learning to ring a bell, method ringing (using Bob Minor to illustrate), descriptions of local churches and their bells, weights and inscriptions, also an interesting chapter called "Church Bells Peal for Many Things." He has described a bellringers meeting, has included his membership card and a drawing of his badge, also the collect for ringers and a ringers hymn. Throughout, his illustrations are good and interesting, including even a carillon, a Hindu temple bell and a cluster of bells used by Shinto priests in Japan!

He has also put in a copy of "The Ringing World," and his comment to go with this says: "The magazine on the opposite page is one which you can order each week; it tells you all about quarter peals"!

Barry was awarded 91 per cent. for his work, the highest mark in three forms. His teacher comments: "An excellent project; you have put a great deal of work, time and effort into this and your enthusiasm is obvious."

Barry borrowed many books from the public library, including Arthur Wright's "Church Bells of Monmouthshire." Time alone will tell if bellringing remains one of Barry's chief interests, but it has provided an impetus to hard work and he has discovered that it really is "fun finding out."

KINGSTON'S SPONSORED WALK

A sponsored walk from Kingston upon Thames to Cambridge in aid of the 99,000 shillings appeal for Kingston bells will be held on four days at Easter. Ringers participating will only have to cover approximately 15 miles per day. Entrants have to find someone who will sponsor them at 3d. or 6d. a mile. For details write to Miss Bryony Moorby, 133, Barnfield Avenue, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. There will be opportunities for ringing en route.

A NEW YEAR SOCIAL AT SOPLEY

The ringers of Sopley, Hants, were "at home" to about 20 members of the neighbouring towers of Christchurch Priory, Fordingbridge, Hordle and Ringwood, who were able to accept their invitation to a New Year Social Hour on January 2nd.

First of all there was ringing on the Sopley six, which ranged from call-changes to London Minor; the company then repaired to a cosy room at the Woolpack. Here Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young had prepared a delicious buffet supper, which was enjoyed by everyone in a warm atmosphere of good fellowship. Mr. F. E. Collins had thoughtfully brought along his handbells—perhaps the Grandsire Triples rung on them would not have impressed the experts but they added to the jollity of the occasion.

When the local captain, Mr. Bill Freeman, was invited by Mrs Young to cut a large Christmas cake, he took the opportunity to thank her and her husband and also churchwardens Harrison and Blandon (both of them ringers) for all their hard work and generosity which had made the evening possible. Mr. L. F. Cobb endorsed his remarks on behalf of the visitors.

A. V. D.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL GUILD

The resignation was received as Guild chairman of Mr. Albert York-Bramble "to make way for a younger member" at the 11th general meeting of Portsmouth Cathedral Guild on January 8th. His successor is Mr. Alan Hicks, a lecturer in mathematics at the local College of Education. Mr. York-Bramble remains a life vice-president of the Guild.

The president, the Very Rev. E. N. Porter-Goff, Provost of Portsmouth, in a tribute said that as founder chairman and founder of the Cathedral School of Ringing Mr York-Bramble had succeeded in resuscitating ringing at the Cathedral and in 1957 in bringing about the augmentation from eight to ten bells with rehanging. Neither of these achievements at the time appeared possible

The tower captain. Mr. A. A. J. Buswell, and the secretary/treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Jones, were warmly thanked for their services, mention being made of the decorating and equipping of the ringing chamber to make it one of the best in existence.

A supper, generously provided by Mrs. E. H. Jones, brought another successful gathering to a happy close.

AUSTRALIAN PEN-FRIEND WANTED

After reading Mr. Philip Gray's article on ringing in Sydney and Melbourne, a 17-year-old ringer 5 ft. 7½ in. tall, blonde hair and blue eyes asks for an Australian bellringer as a pen-friend, male or female, between the ages of 18 and 23.

She writes: "I have been ringing for only two years and know only six-bell methods. Other interests include handbell ringing, horse riding and a little sailing."

OUR "RINGING WORLD" 1968

YES, **everyone's**, yours, mine, the editor's, the editorial staff, "The Ringing World" Committee and everyone concerned (and a few that are not) with producing and trying to perfect it.

What then, 1968, and still 17 per cent of dissatisfied and disgruntled dissenters, after all that has been done for them to improve **our** "Ringing World"; what the devil do they want? One gets heartily sick and tired of their moanings.

Read the accusations on a recent front page, the writers want consigning to the waste paper baskets along with their accusations. Talk about "Fleet Street," and that is nothing to be proud of, there is hardly one decent national newspaper—including Sunday's—and if your Fleet Street ringer's opinion is unprintable—that proves this paragraph—let him keep it in "F.S.," we don't want it in our "Ringing World."

I am neither a peal-grabber nor great ringer, just a modest 24 or so, but that does not prevent me from loving and appreciating peal ringers, ordinary ringers, bellfounders, churches with bells and those without and our lovely cathedrals. (Have you seen and read "The Cathedrals of England." by Alec Clifton-Taylor (Thames and Hudson)?)

How the devil the Editor tolerates these dissatisfied disgruntled dictators I do not know: I consider he deserves both the "V.C." and "Order of Merit" **annually.**

One neither has to be a know-all nor a nitwit to appreciate all that has and is still being done to improve **our** "Ringing World," so if you are one of the above, stop your grumbling and grousing and let other people—rightly concerned—get on with their proper job.

OAD BAT-ER.

1967

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PURBECK YOUTHS' ANNIVERSARY WEEK-END

ALL PEALS FOR THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths)

LYME REGIS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Fri., Dec 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
George E. Bonham	2	John W. Blackwood ..	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

MAIDEN NEWTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Christine M. Rimmer ..	Treble	David Wilson	4
*Frances Brown	2	William T. Perrins	5
Michael J. Young	3	Timothy F. Collinh.. ..	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Dec 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*Mary E. Elmes	Treble	John W. Blackwood ..	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Christine M. Rimmer ..	3	Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	7
*Graham W. Elmes	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S A. Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* 25th peal together.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Mon.. Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Christine M. Rimmer ..	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	George E. Bonham	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
*Michael J. Young	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal on eight bells.

OTHER PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Sat.. Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

G. Richard King	Treble	Geoffrey R. Gardner ..	5
Sidney Hough	2	Denis Mottershead	6
Raymond Ballard	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
First peal in the method as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Gerald Cooper	Treble	Gerald Moorhouse	5
Ronald Andrew	2	Arthur E. Whiting	6
J. David Atkinson	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Herbert M. Heaton	4	Alan McFall	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to two Marple ringers—Shelagh M. Coyne and Michael Stokes—who were married at All Saints Church, Marple, earlier the same day.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Dec. 19. 1967. in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford and two of Bob Minor.
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

Colin M. Shaw	Treble	Joyce Chadwick	4
*Jennifer Brackenbury ..	2	Denis R. Carlisle	5
Nora Carlisle	3	John V. Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chidwick.
* First peal in six methods.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

George E. Thoday ..	Treble	John S. Walker	5
*Timothy W. Griffiths ..	2	Robert D. Bellamy	6
Christine M. Rimmer ..	3	George E. Bonham	7
*†Phillip S. George	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Major † First "inside."
Rung to mark the birth of a son, William, to Bill and Jo Betts, a brother for Gillian.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.
On Mon., Dec. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

*Jeremy D. Tarrant ..	Treble	Christopher D. Corby ..	4
Timothy W. Griffiths ..	2	George E. Bonham	5
Robert D. Bellamy	3	George F Thoday	Tenor

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

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
TARRINGTON, Herefords.—At the Church of SS. Philip & James.
On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 21-27. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Gillian Sims	Treble	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	4
Robert D. Hodges	2	Austin T. Wingate	5
Peter Hughes	3	Peter D. Sell	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

HOLMER, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Thurs., Dec. 21. 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, as follows: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge S. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Peter Hughes	Treble	John F. I. Turney	4
Peter D. Sell	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	Frank Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Reed.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Joyce and Andrew Gilg on the day of their wedding at this church.

STOKE LACY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G sharp.

*Rosemary Collins	Treble	Peter Hughes	4
Patrick G. Hickey	2	James Ward	5
E. Charles Biggs	3	S Barnaby Bell	Tenor

Conducted by S. Barnaby Bell.
* First peal. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung to mark the completion of 30 years' faithful service to this church as churchwarden by Mr. W. L. Arnett. Also a wedding compliment to Monica John and Anthony Williams.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRASTED, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	John Palmer	4
Janet E. Blake	2	Harold Evans	5
Maurice Thompson	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Fred Budgen on his marriage at this church on December 22nd, 1967.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb.

James W. Haw	Treble	Edgar Cole	5
Cecil Wade	2	Denis A. Frith	6
William A. Dale	3	Graham J. Colborne ..	7
David Baxter	4	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by John H. Bluff

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth R. Davenport	Treble	Susanne Sargeant	5
Frank C. Price	2	Jeffrey L. Claughton	6
	3	Stanley G. Scott	7
Joan A. Rance	4	Arthur J. N. Rance	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roland Biggs	Treble	Arthur Newton	5
Michael J. Best	2	Robert H. Newton	6
Joyce I. Cornwall	3	David A. Cornwall	7
Percy Newton	4	Arthur G. Payne	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. DAVID'S, Pembs.—At the Cathedral of St. David.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*Philip C. Rogers	Treble	Gareth H. Jones	5
Susan Harber	2	*Richard L. Underwood	6
*Katharine Maundrell	3	Ellis N. Thomas	7
†Derek H. Walters	4	Adrian C. Boorman	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. First on eight and of Surprise as conductor.
Rung with the bells open in memoriam David Herbert Lloyd, Archdeacon of St. David's.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

SOLIHULL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Alphege.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 39 lb. in E flat.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth	6
Muriel Reay	2	*Thomas J. Warner	7
Norman J. Goodman	3	Clifford A. Barron	8
Richard C. Ingram	4	Henry H. Fearn	9
Nigel Thomson	5	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby (C.C.C. No. 41.)
Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 38 lb. in A.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James Insley	5
Susan E. Smith	2	*John R. Insley	6
James W. Belshaw	3	David J. Purnell	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Composed by George E. Fearn.
* 100th peal for the Guild.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CORSLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Rosalind M. Payne	Treble	Frederick S. Slatford	4
*Philip G. Fry	2	Norman G. N. Knee	5
*Bernard R. Morton	3	Leslie E. J. Hawkins	Tenor

Conducted by Norman G. N. Knee.
* First peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*H. Lyndon Hatfield	Treble	†Simon Humphrey	7
Maryl R. Fielden	2	†Royston Blackler	8
*Susan D. Cowan	3	†George A. Dawson	9
David F. Moore	4	Jeffrey J. Fox	10
Richard S. Starkie	5	Philip J. Crossthwaite	11
†John R. Pratchett	6	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal on 12 bells. † Completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Julie Lethbridge on her 21st birthday and also on her engagement to Mr. Bruce Vietch.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of Newborough, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints' Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Kennington, four extents each of April Day, Seighford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb. in G sharp.

*Rosemary J. Willey	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
H. Geoffrey Wells	2	W Gordon Marsh	4
Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor		

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* First peal, first attempt.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Neil V. Avis	2	Roderick W Pipe	6
Michael J. Howes	3	Leslie G. Brett	7
George E. Thoday	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Leslie G. Brett	Treble	*Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
*Muriel R. Page	2	*Philip G. Erith	6
*Michael J. Howes	3	Howard W. Egglestone	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Roderick W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 9.) Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Clifford R. Lovett	2	*John Winram	6
Mrs. Michael J. Bew	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Michael J. Bew	4	Ernest G. Pearce	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of New London Pleasure, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	Treble	Roger L. K. Whittell	4
Martin H. Whittell	2	Robert J. Southgate	5
David J. Derrick	3	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.
Rung in the 150th anniversary year of this same peal, rung in this tower on January 1st, 1817, and as birthday compliments to Neville F. Whittell and Jennifer M. Andrews.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHICHESTER Sussex.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	Kenneth C. Knight	5
Barry J. Davis	2	Michael J. Wake	6
Frank H. Hicks	3	E. Winifred Keys	7
Andrew G. Stevens	4	Philip Stevens	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Stevens.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Dec. 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5216 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tessa Hollis	Treble	George S. Lee	5
Ruth Gordon	2	David Nichols	6
G. Alec Holroyd	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Roger Harper	4	Neil Donovan	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
Rung by the Sunday service band. Tenor 34½ cwt in C sharp

(The Beverley and District Society)
BIRSTWICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Dec. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

John R. Leary	Treble	Linda Sherwood	4
Maris C. Stephenson	2	*David Cook	5
Iris Piper	3	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Leary.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Huntington Guild of Bellringers)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Christopher Milner .. .. Treble	Simon P. D. Burnett .. 4
†Lynne I. Clowe 2	Susan E. Thompson 5
Susan Mitchell 3	A. Colin Banton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal. † First of Minor "inside."

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

David Atkinson 1–2	Gerald Moorhouse 5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3–4	Alan F. Scholfield 7–8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C

Alan F. Scholfield 1–2	Alan McFall 5–6
C Kenneth Lewis 3–4	Gerald Moorhouse 7–8

Robert B. Smith 9–10

Composed by James Shaw. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At 128, Leicester Road.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Plain Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tnor size 15 in C.

John Vernon 1–2	*Alfred Ballard 3–4

Michael Vernon (cond.) .. 5–6

* 950th peal

Rung as a compliment to Margaret Wilcox and Michael Orton on their engagement.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Sat. Nov. 18, 1967, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant 1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4

*Jeffrey L. Claughton .. 5–6

* First handbell peal.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 FULBECK BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant 1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4

Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5–6

First peal in the method by all the band.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Wed., Dec. 13, 1967, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant 1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4

Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5–6

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1967, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant 1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4

Stanley G. Scott 5–6

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant 1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4

Stanley G. Scott 5–6

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant 1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4

Jeffrey L. Claughton 5–6

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

*†Susanne Sargeant 1–2	†Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4

Jeffrey L. Claughton 5–6

* 25th peal. † 25th peal together.

TOWER BELL PEALS
1968

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
BARNET, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

George E. Bonham .. .. Treble	Timothy G. Pett 5
Robert E. J. Dennis 2	*David E. Rothera 6
Ian L. Dear 3	*George E. Thoday 7
Andrew J. Slade 4	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* 50th peal together.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
YEOVIL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Katharine J. Maundrell Treble	Roger J. Fox 6
*William T. Perrins 2	Harry J. Gaylard 7
Richard H. Youdale .. 3	Frederick G. Sandy 8
*John N. Longridge 4	Frederick E. Collins 9
Trevor E. Marks 5	Ronald N. Marlow .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

* First peal of Caters

Rung as a compliment to Richard Stevens and Elizabeth Timmins on their engagement.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 31 cwt. in D flat.

*Paul Wareham .. .. Treble	Philip H. D. Jones 5
Raymond E. J. Baker .. 2	David J. Orledge 6
†Michael G. Dodson .. 3	David G. Massey 7
David C. Hawkins 4	Hugh Vennell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples "inside." First of Triples as conductor.

SOMERTON, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents April Day and 15 each Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Thomas S. Bryant .. .. Treble	Desmond G. Mayell .. 4
Janet R. Crocker 2	Francis J. White 5
Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3	*John Hayter .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Francis J. White.

* First peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. O. Hayter, on his retirement.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Brenda P. Redfearn .. Treble	David Redfearn 5
*Basil L. S. Hulatt 2	Alfred E. Rushton 6
*Neil Garrard 3	*David W. Manton 7
George Hawkins 4	Robert R. Churchill .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alfred E. Rushton.

* First peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Spavins.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Rachel J. Sinden .. .. Treble	Geoffrey Green 5
James Hedgcock 2	Robert J. Warrilow 6
Christopher Jones 3	C. Kenneth Lewis 7
Michael Thomson 4	John Scott .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

GOOSTREY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

David Allman .. .. .. Treble	*William F. Gibbons .. 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	John R. Scott 5
A. Doreen Edwards 3	Frank R. Morton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal in five Minor methods. 100th peal as conductor. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Mon., Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	Treble	John F. Thorne	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Caroline Mackie	3	Peter H. Mackie	Tenor

Conducted by Peter H. Mackie.

HELMDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Tues., Jan. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall Bob, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*Caroline Mackie	Treble	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Peter H. Mackie	3	Robert W. Sherriff ..	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* Most Minor methods to a peal.

ARLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

Delphine E. L. Holman ..	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	4
Peter C. Randall	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	3	John F. Thorne	Tenor

Conducted by Robert W. Sherriff.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising 59 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck Bob, Childwall, London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Berwick, Hexham, Beverley, Surfleet and Primrose Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, College, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Pontefract, Donottar and Alderbourne Delight, (3) Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Carisbrooke and Wath Delight, (4) Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Newdigate Delight, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and King Edward Surprise, (6) Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick, Terling and Caithness Surprise, (7) Dronfield, Minehead, Retford, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, with 164 changes of method and a plain lead of each included.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Richard J. Danby	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	2	Anthony R Peake	5
Stephen F. Royal	3	Robert W. Sherriff	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
The greatest number of methods to a peal on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Miss Susan P Maule, of Southam, Warwickshire, who was leaving for Canada on January 7th.

RADWAY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat, Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: 30 extents of Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire.
Tenor 5 cwt. 26 lb.

*Philip L. Mackie	Treble	Caroline Mackie	3
Elizabeth B. Mackie ..	2	Lawrence Mackie	4
Peter H. Mackie	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter H. Mackie.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

Peter G. Pitt	Treble	Adrian G. Semken	5
Heather M. McArthur ..	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Jenifer Andrews	3	Michael J. Bew	7
Neville N. Whittell	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by Edwin Barnett, sen. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven extents as follows: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Court Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Heather M. McArthur ..	Treble	Peter G. Pitt	4
Adrian G. Semken	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Alfred E. Honeywood ..	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being 720 St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Donald L. Mills	Treble	Mrs. Leslie Mills	4
†David J Reeve	2	Leslie D. Mills	5
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale ..	3	Alan R. Elliott	Tenor

Conducted by Donald L. Miles.
* Has now "circled the tower" twice. † First peal in four methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

Judith M. Collins	Treble	Roy Collins	5
Jill M. May	2	Dudley P. Elsmore	6
Martin J. Kirk	3	*E. John Wells	7
John A. Collier	4	Douglas A. R. May ..	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First to ring a peal in every tower of the Farnham District.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 WHITEHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Clive W. Simpson	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	5
Brian J. Woodruffe	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3	Roger Baldwin	7
David E. Rothera	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

WHITEHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
34—58, 16—56—36—34—38, 14—56, 18 l.e. 18, 5237486.
6ths place bob.

NORTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., Jan 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

Jack S. Dear	Treble	Lionel Hughes	5
Philip Mehew	2	A. Rex Agg	6
Michael D. Trigg	3	C. Michael Orme	7
J. Stuart Hutton	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edwin G Buck.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Fri., Jan. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 2,160 changes of Grandsire and 1,400 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Harold Hedges	Treble	‡Anthony R. Peake	4
Brian Bladon	2	‡E. William Ford	5
†Anita D. O'Brien	3	Alan K. Hedges	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ 25th together.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Richard V. Fuller	5
*Judith M. Corby	2	Harold Evans	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Doris E. Colgate	7
*Philip J. Simmonds ..	4	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Judith M. Corby.
* First peal in the method
Rung as a farewell, on his retirement, to the Bishop of Tonbridge, who dedicated these bells in June, 1966.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

*Christopher J. Easton ..	Treble	*David Wilson	5
Richard A. J. Bower ..	2	*Peter G. Holden	6
*Maureen J. Carruthers ..	3	Timothy G Pett	7
*Graham W. Elmes	4	*John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal in the method.

LAMBERHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Bangor, Sleaford, Orsett, Pattiswick, Netherwood, Eastwood and Caithness.
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Simon A. B. Wigg	Treble	†Ian H. Oram	4
Margaret E. Fort	2	Tony Lewis	5
†Ralph Bird	3	Thomas Cullingworth ..	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 25th peal. † 300th peal together.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In three methods: (1 and 2) Surfleet, (3 and 4) Beverley, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

E. Ivan Parkin	Treble	Edwin G. Jenner	4
Malcolm Barden	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Martin L. Howe	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

LONG PEAL

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan 6, 1968 in 6 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 12096 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	5
Richard S. Starkie	2	Richard J. Parker	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	3	John H. Fielden	7
Cyril Crossthwaite	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Umpired by Christopher L. Watson. Composed by Peter Border.
Arranged and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
The longest peal of Glasgow yet rung.

ORTON, Westmorland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Miiutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Elizabeth Metcalfe ..	Treble	†Robert Moore	4
Joseph Whalley	2	Thomas F Metcalfe ..	5
*William Wall	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* 40th peal. † First peal of Minor "inside."
Rung for the New Year.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Jan. 5, 1968 in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Berwick and Hexham, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Chester and Munden, (6) Westminster and Allandale, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Cynthia Wells	Treble	*†K. Paul Gilliver	4
*†Christopher M. Sturgess	2	Brian L. Burrows	5
*Robin A. Gilliver	3	*Stephen C. Wells	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* First peal of Spliced and most methods to a peal. † 25th peal together. First of Spliced as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHBY-DE-LA-LAUNDE, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Hybold.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of Plain Bob, Grandsire, April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A sharp.

Alec L. Crawford	Treble	Charlie Baxter	3
Fredrick W. Pinchbeck ..	2	Richard A. Hunt	4
Edgar A. Cole		Tenor	

Conducted by Edgar A. Cole.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PORTHKERRY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Curig.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Wells, Beverley, Durham, Cambridge, London, York and Surfleet. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

Marion R. Bennett	Treble	Ellis N. Thomas	4
Christopher Ricketts	2	David J. Llewellyn	5
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

SULLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of London Surprise, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Plain Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt.

John Prytherch	Treble	Ellis N. Thomas	4
Christopher Ricketts	2	Peter S. Bennett	5
Michael Pilgrim	3	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat, Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Norman V. Harding ..	Treble	David Cubitt	5
Shelagh R. Collins	2	*Leslie F. Bailey	6
Douglas Burnett	3	Kevin S. Hohl	7
*Desmond P. Mortlock ..	4	Geoffrey H. Pullin	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* 25th peal together. Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BUCKLAND, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Harold W. Dunsden ..	Treble	Michael Bishop	5
James P. Blond	2	John H. Napper	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Harry E. Wells	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
Rung as a 55th birthday compliment to the conductor; his 1,150th peal, and 650th different tenor "turned in" to a peal.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968 in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 XENOPHON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Robert H. Newton	Treble	*George W. Massey	5
Alan R. Pink	2	*Sydney M. Bailey	6
*Christopher W. Woolley	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
*Brian W. Hall	4	*Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First in the method by the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

OLD WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Norman Summerhayes ..	Treble	*Michael J. Palmer	5
*Joyce A. Parsons	2	*Nigel Thomson	6
David E. Parsons	3	John Hill	7
*Alan D. Flood	4	Frank E. Darby	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Composed by David E. Parsons.
* First peal of Bristol.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Parsons.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Thurs., Jan 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E flat.

Patrick I. Chapman ..	Treble	Alan A. Paul	5
Kilby R. Holtom	2	Roger W. Smith	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	3	Barry E. Saunders	7
Hugh M. Johnson	4	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by David J. Marshall.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 50 methods, being: (1) Stedman, (2) St. Uny, (3) St. Nicholas, (4) Winchendon, (5) St. Giles, (6) St. Miles, (7) St. Simon, (8) St. Martin, (9) St. Albans, (10) St. Paul, (11) Evenlode, (12) Wychbold, (13) Oddington, (14) Wallflower, (15) Cherwell, (16) Dedworth, (17) Godshill, (18) Violet, (19) Reverse Canterbury, (20) Southrepps, (21) St. Columb, (22) St. David, (23) Clifford's, (24) Royston, (25) Little Aston, (26) Plain Bob, (27) Kennington, (28) Old, (29) Litchurch, (30) April Day, (31) May Day, (32) Seighford, (33) Antelope, St. Swithin, (34) St. Margaret, St. Valentine, (35) Harbury, Gresford, (36) Beckley, Isis, (37) St. Cross, Northleigh, (38) Grandsire, St. Helen, (39) Pink's, Ladbroke, (40) Bluebell, Daffodil, (41) Northrepps, (42) Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Rev. Russen W. Thomas	Treble	*Richard L. Underwood	4
Anthony R. Trickett	2	Philip C. Rogers	5
Simon P. Rogers	3	†Peter F. S. Kraus	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* 25th peal. † First peal. The treble ringer has now "circled" his own tower to peals and is the first to do so. Most methods to a peal by all the band except the conductor, for the Guild and in Wales.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	7
Muriel Reay	2	John R. Insley	8
*Susan E. Smith	3	Norman J. Goodman ..	9
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal on 12 bells. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	John R. Insley	7
Susan E. Smith	3	Roderick W. Pipe	8
James W Belshaw	4	George E. Fearn	9
James Insley	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30¼ cwt. in D flat.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	6
Ann E. Fellows	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Maurice F. Edwards ..	3	John A. Anderson	8
James W. Belshaw	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
John R. Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRESHWATER, Isle of Wight.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

David B. Ellery	Treble	*Jonathan R. Rowson ..	4
*Catherine A. Salter	2	A. Keith P. Poole	5
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Christopher I. Rowson ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal in the method.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968 in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's 10-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

*Paul N. Mounsey	Treble	‡Keith C. Vernon	5
*Doreen Metcalfe	2	James W. Raithby	6
Beryl N. Reed	3	Colin W. Reed	7
†Paul Raithby	4	Mary C. Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal of Triples † 25th peal. ‡ First peal.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968 in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Denis A. Frith	Treble	†Peter A. Slight	5
*Sheila M. Anthony	2	Derek Stainsby	6
Richard A. G. Inglis ..	3	David Stainsby	7
*Andrew L. B. King ..	4	Graham J. N. Colborne	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal.
Rung to congratulate Stephen Loach on completing 60 years as a ringer at this church. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp

ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Derek J. Tysoe	4
*Derick E. Kirton	2	F William Midwinter ..	5
Andrew L. B. King ..	3	Maurice W. Harrison ..	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
* First peal of Minor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

Ruth Woodman	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Peter S. Bedford	6
William J. Button	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
Michael J. Howes	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
Rung as birthday compliments to M. R Page, M. J. Howes and Trevor Brett, grandson of the conductor, remembering also Leslie C. Wightman.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,024 Bristol, 960 Yorkshire, 736 Cambridge, 384 Superlative and 320 Rutland, with 121 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Brian J. Bull	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
John R. Pratchett	2	Christopher H. Rogers ..	6
Alison M. Mann	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	*Christopher F. Mew ..	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal of six-spliced.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BRIERLEY HILL, Dudley, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

John Durham	Treble	Roderick J Lees	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Robert Edwards	7
Peter L. Bill	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	William Dixon	5
Gail Cater	2	David Lockwood	6
Robert Cater	3	Ian North	7
Allen Wear	4	Alan Clifton	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Clifton.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

*David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Alan F. Scholfield	7–8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At Lindum, 29, Hanley Road.
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*John S. Croft	1–2	Richard H. Youdale ..	5–6
Kenneth S. B. Croft ..	3–4	†William S. Croft	7–8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by William S. Croft.
* First eight-bell peal "in hand." † First on eight bells. First as conductor.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENTS

HOLDCROFT—RICHARDSON. — The engagement is announced between Ian Thomas, only son of the late Mr. T. Holdcroft and Mrs. E. Holdcroft, of Manchester, and Ruth Ann, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Richardson, of Folkestone. 6182

SMITH—HARRIS.—The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, of Battle, Sussex, and Ann, elder daughter of Mr. R. Harris, of Bexleyheath, Kent, and Mrs. Clark, of St. Leonard's, Sussex. 3177

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BUTTERWORTH.—The address of Mr. D. Butterworth is now: 13, Wood Green Road, Stopsley, Luton, Beds. 3179

GROVES. — The address of Valerie and Bernard Groves is now: 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green, Marple, Cheshire. Telephone number 061–427 4968. (Please note new telephone number.) 3194

THORLEY.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Thorley, Katharine, Penelope and Deborah is now: School House, Laxfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Telephones: Home, Ubbeston 354, and School, Ubbeston 344. 3171

PERSONAL

"Let integrity and uprighteousness preserve me; for I wait on thee."—Psalm xxv, 21.

Will Mr. D. C. Brooks kindly send his full address, as the Post Office have returned his copies. The number of his house, in addition to the flat number in The Drive, West Wimbledon, is required.

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHELSEA AND KENSINGTON

As from January 21st, ringing arrangements will be thus:—St. Luke's, Chelsea: Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; practice, Friday, 8 p.m. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington: Sunday, 6 p.m.; practice, Thursday, 8 p.m.—J. H. Lott. 3191

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Dates to note.—A.G.M. at Malmesbury, April 20th. Management Committee meeting, Gloucester, March 23rd. Association Dinner, Amberley, September 28th. One-day course at Chippenham, March 9th. Nominations for Central Council representatives for 1969–70–71, notices of motions for A.G.M., and recommendations from the Branches for chairman, Ringing Master, secretary, treasurer and peal secretary must be received by me on or before Saturday, March 9th, 1968. Anything received after that date will be returned to sender. Details of events later.—Charles Rouse, secretary. 3183

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—A practice will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, February 3rd, 7 to 9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 3187

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
40th Anniversary Dinner and Dance
Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford
Friday, February 9th, 7 for 7.30.

Tickets at 32s. 6d. from P. G. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot. S.A.E., please. 2903

HEREFORD COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Preliminary Notice of
A Week-end Course in Bellringing.
Fri., April 19th, to Sun., April 21st.
A few places are still available on the **Five-Day Course,** Tuesday, April 16th, to Sunday, April 21st.

Inquiries to W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield. 3181

DON'T FORGET
THE HILLINGDON SUPPER
Golden Lion, Hillingdon Circus
February 9th, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
Please contact M. W. Seymour, 26, The Larches, Hillingdon, Middx, UX 36309, before February 1st. 3161

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER
Saturday, February 3rd,
Church House, Westminster,
at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Ringing: St. Giles', Camberwell (10) 10.30–11.30; Lambeth (8) 11.45–12.45. Afternoon arrangements next week.

A few tickets remain (price 26s.), from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 3192

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual dinner will be held on February 24th Tickets (20s.) available from J. R. Coope, Derby Hall, North Mossley Hill Road, Liverpool 18. Please send names and s.a.e. 2989

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Please note! No ringing will take place at SS Philip and Jacob's (8) on January 27th. 3174

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD
Annual Dinner
at the Roslyn Court Hotel on Feb. 10th. Towers include: Killamarsh (6), Eckington (8), Dore (8), Walkley (6), Ranmoor (10) St. Marie's (8). Peals by arrangement. Details and tickets (22s.) from C. Patey, 6, Woofindin Avenue, Sheffield 11, by February 2nd, please. 3112

DEDICATION

NEWTOWN LINFORD, LEICS.—Bells are now rehung, with a sixth added. Dedication will take place at Evensong, February 11th, 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—J. Howitt, Tower Sec. 3180

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch. —Annual meeting, Wincanton (8), January 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Carlton Horethorne, Dorset. 3121

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, St. George's, Stockport, Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please inform Mrs. M. Smith, 223, Dialstone Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 3172

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Annual District meeting at Farnham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall (off The Hart), followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Turner, 6, Babbs Mead Cottages, West Street, Farnham, Surrey.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 3092

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western District. — Annual District meeting, Hemel Hempstead, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3155

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting at Brecon, January 27th. Bells: St. David's, Llanfaes (6) 2.30 p.m. to 3.40 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. each) and meeting. St. Mary's (8) during evening. Names, please, to Mr. Michael Thomas, 46, Uplands, Brecon. 3185

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Agnus Street, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3134

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells: Hounslow (8). 3–4 p.m.: Heston (8). 3.15–4.45 and after meeting. Tea and business in Heston Church Hall (next to church) 4.45 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 3077

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (12) from 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—N.C. 3125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, January 27th. Branch Committee meeting at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, at 3 p.m. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A.G.M at Rayleigh, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea. 3151

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield, please. — D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 3169

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Stradbroke (10)) on Saturday, January 27th. Bells from 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. and 6–8 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names to me as soon as possible, please.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. Tel. Hailsham 3515. 3159

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Crawley (8)) on Saturday, January 27th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Ringing in the evening. Names for tea, as early as possible, please, to me.—Mrs. Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec., 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. Tel. E. G. 23815. 3132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH Guild.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual general meeting, Carisbrooke, January 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Anne M. Guy, The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 3164

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Practice at St. John the Baptist's on January 29th for A.G.M. is cancelled. Ringing as usual on February 5th.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Catherine's, Drayton (8, 19 cwt.), February 3rd, 7–9 p.m. Also Branch dinner, King's Arms. Montacute, February 27th. 7.15 p.m. Tickets (13s. 6d.) limited. Please apply early to Mrs. M. M. Legget, Ridgeover House, Coker Hill, West Coker. West Coker 208.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner and dance at the Albion Restaurant, Derby, on Saturday, February 3rd. Ringing at the Cathedral 5.45–6.45 p.m. Tickets (price 22s.) available from C. A. Thrower. 51, Church Street, Spondon. Derby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Newburn on February 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. Taylor. 9. Beverley Terrace. Walbottle, Newcastle upon Tyne 5. 3129

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's. Plympton, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Choral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Plympton St. Maurice (8) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11. Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone: Plymouth 36891) by Monday, January 29th. 3073

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch —Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, February 3rd. Bells (St. Leonard's) from 3 p.m. until service at 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary's. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than February 1st. 3189

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford (10). February 3rd. 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Regret no service owing to redecoration of church. Names for tea to R. G. Bell, 131, Hammermill Lane. Tel. Watford 27936.—G. W. Seaman. Dis. Sec. 3184

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Monthly meeting to be held at Coppull (6) on Saturday, February 3rd, 3 p.m. All visitors welcome. Please make own tea arrangements.—D. Jones, Sec. 3162

TO THE DISAPPOINTED

We regret that those who sent in late Notices for this issue were disappointed. An unforseen development necessitated "The Ringing World" going to press on Friday, and the Editor was not warned of the change until the previous day. A courtesy notification to readers was, therefore, not possible.

We are assured that next week it will be possible to revert to the usual times and Notices received by first post on Monday will be accepted for publication.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Blaby, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. C. Law. 19, James Street, Blaby, Leicester, by Wednesday, January 31st.—Ron Hughes. 3066

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Freiston (6) on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Butterwick bells (6) after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, by January 29th. 3140

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Norton-in-the-Moors on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. L. Shenton, 35, Spragg House Lane, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 3193

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at New Buckenham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. G. Saunders. King Street. New Buckenham. Norwich, NOR 04X. by Wednesday, January 31st. —C. F. W Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3144

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Castor. February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m Names for tea to R. Daw, 97. Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday previous. 3166

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Beeston (8, just been rehung) on February 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr A. S. Haines, 4. Elm Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, by January 31st. — S. Adams. 3173

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch, February 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15. It is hoped that Sopley bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea **essential** to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth.—L F. Cobb. 3139

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, February 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Cathedral House, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jones. 15, Nettlecombe Avenue. Southsea. Portsmouth, by **previous Wednesday, please.** Evening ringing till 9 p.m. 3188

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Withyham, Saturday, February 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m., with evening ringing until 8 p.m. Please bring own tea: cups of tea will be provided in the Church Hall. 3178

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, February 10th. Ringing, meeting, social evening. Details later. Annual Dinner February 24th, tickets available.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 3190

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, St. Giles', Norwich, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, NOR 57N, by the 7th, please.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 3175

ANOTHER APPLETON ATTEMPT ..

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 24,119 Grandsire Caters on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Laurence's Church, Appleton, Berkshire, starting at 7 a.m., the composition being the one published on page 714 of "The Ringing World" of October 6th, 1967.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN R. WHITE.

Appleton, Berks.

PEAL RECORDS FOR 1967

We are planning to publish, as in previous years, individual peal totals for 1967. This list is being prepared by Mr. David A. Burt, assisted by his wife, of 49, Ambleside Road, Kingsway, Bath. For the purpose of checking, ringers are asked to submit their totals (tower and hand), and also the number conducted, to him.

No 1967 peals received after the end of this month can be included in this record or that of the Peals Analysis Committee.

While Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have enjoyed the work they feel they have not the time available to continue the recordings for 1968. They will be pleased to give particulars to anyone interested.

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QUARTER PEALS

BROMHAM, BEDS. — On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. L. Crisp 1, R. E. Fowler (first Bob Triples "inside") 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, R. Chapman 4, R. A. E. Dunn 5, C. M. Payne 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, D. A. Hammond 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Doubles (nine methods): J. Carey and J. M. Marsh 1, H. Carter and R. D Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh 3, Denise Loach and R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. A farewell to 1967.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Angela Quick 1, R. Williamson 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W Powell 4, M. Hiller 5, D. Ellery 6, F. G. Knight 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 5, 6. For the Epiphany.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob, St. Clement's): Diana White 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, Rosemary White 3, J. P. Burton 4, N. White 5 P. R. Johnson 6.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 St. David's Doubles: A. Johns 1, K. Maundrell 2, M. E. Lewis 3, Rev. R. W. Thomas 4, R. I. Underwood (cond.) 5, P. Kraus 6. First in method for all. Rung from midnight to welcome 1968.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: I. P Sawford 1, T. W. Griffiths 2, J. D. Tarrant 3, P. S. George 4, C. David Corby 5, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 6.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. E. Bell 1, D. Voss 2, C. J. Bell 3, E. G. Mould 4, S. Poole 5, D. R. Livsey 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. G. Exell 8. An 89th birthday compliment to W G. Symes, former ringer.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. L. Claughton 1, Joan A. Rance 2, Susanne O. Sargeant 3, Violet N. Castle 4, B. C. Castle 5. K. R. Davenport 6, A. J. Rance 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 6th 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Sale (first quarter) 1, J. C. Parker 2, A. F. Leleux 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, D. J. Edmonds (first as cond.) 5,

QUARTER PEALS

DATE TOUCH

LOCKING, SOM. — On Jan. 2nd, 1968 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, G. Prescott 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Dyer (first quarter) 1, E. Drewitt 2, B. R. White (cond.) 3, J. R. Mitty 4, N. H. Leslie 5, F. White 6, D. A. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White 9, H. White 10. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. H. C. Joyce, wife of a late rector.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pamela Stephens 1, W. Simmonds 2, Valerie Stephens (first of Major) 3, K. Fursdon 4, G. J. Roberts 5, R. F. Shepperd 6, D. J. Roberts (50th quarter, cond.) 7, P. A. Lock 8. Rung for the Feast of the Circumcision. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Stephens 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, P. A. Lock 4, G. J. Roberts 5, R. F. Shepperd 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. Rung for the wedding of Charlotte Anne Ashford and Douglas Peter Ferris.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, A. Swatton 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, B. Sarll 6.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 7th, at St. George's Church, 1,440 Doubles (seven methods): M. Griffiths 1, W. Willans (cond.) 2, Susan Moore 3, R. Moore 4, P. J. Devrell 5, R. Hillman 6. For Evensong.

CHILCOMPTON, SOM. — On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (seven methods): E. C. Wadman 1, J. Maggs 2, E. J. Chivers 3, R. G. Beck 4, A. P. Beck (cond.) 5, R. E. Beck 6.

CHIPSTABLE, SOM.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: E. Quick 1, S. Smith 2, F. Casley 3, H. Purchase 4, G. Sparkes 5, A. Gale 6. For the engagement of Miss Ruth Casley and Mr. Richard Purchase (both ringers).

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. L. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, Evelyn M. Hicks 2, Hilary A. Thick 3, M. I. Davey 4, Charlotte M. Harris 5, R. Osbon (cond.) 6, F. H. Hicks 7, D. J. Hoad 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Scott (first quarter) 1, Gillian Boyd 2, Jennifer Tyack 3, J. Draper 4, Rosemary Kemp 5, Renee Sturgess 6, J. Ball 7, A. Scott 8, A. Sturgess (cond) 9, F. Fagg 10. For Evensong. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer M. Tyack 1, J. G. Draper 2, R. K. Hawkins 3, S. A. Scott 4, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 5, J. Gunstone 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Scott 1, J. G. Draper 2, Jennifer M. Tyack 3, Gillian M. Boyd 4, J. Gunstone 5, R. K. Hawkins 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, S. A. Scott 8. For Evensong.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, H. Fuller 3, A. Foreman 4, D. Boast 5, S. Flatman 6. Cond. by 2, 4, 5. For carol service.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles: Miss P. Tomsett 1, G. Wood 2, R. Bushell (cond.) 3, M. Lacey 4, C. Mannerings 5, J. Green 6.

HECKFIELD, HANTS. — On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Christopher 1, R. Christine Hassell 2, R. B. Pike (cond.) 3, D. L. Wilcox 4, H. E. J. Smith 5.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK. — On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): A. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. King 3, F. Arnold 4, O. Claxton 5, D. Boast 6, H. Fuller (cond.) 7, S. Flatman 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Lee-Wolf.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Perry 1, H. J. Page 2, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 3, K. J. Jacobs 4, W. R. Gilkes 5, P. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of "Ted" Hewlett (aged 91), a ringer for 40 years at King's Somborne.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,250 Cambridge S. Minor: J. L. Claughton 1, M. C. Austin 2, R. D. Bellamy 3, G. E. Bonham 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, P. Mchew (cond.) 7, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 8. For carol service.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Celia McCarthur (12 yrs) 1, C. McCarthur (first "inside") 2, Gillian Wildney 3, Heather McCarthur 4, A. Semken 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Dec. 31st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Anne Cooke 1, Felicity Cooke 2, N. A. James 3, M. Pilgrim 4, J. B. Plumb 5, F. W. Corney 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8, D. S. Bishop 9, S. Fenwick 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. Rung by the Cathedral Guild before Evensong to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. F. W. Corney.

COMPETITION URANGWOT—II

"WELL, Tom," I said to a ringer friend of mine when I bumped into him the other day at the bus stop, "have you been on any of your tower snatches recently?" I guessed that he would rise to this bait and, sure enough, I received my lecture about the bad features of "snatching" and the merits of Tom's plan. Tom has quite strong opinions on this subject and his ideas are a little bit out of the ordinary to say the least. He is happiest with six-bell ringing and he likes to go to a six-bell tower and ring a 720 to "give the bells a fair trial." He insists on ringing the treble throughout, including the leading-up and the leading-down at the finish. Since he does the arranging and provides the transport in his Jaguar the others have to fit in with his ideas.

"Well, whatever you call it, have you been anywhere interesting lately?" "Yes, we've just visited St. Peter's, Gowell, and St. Paul's, Notsowell." It did not surprise me that he mentioned two towers for this was his usual arrangement—two towers on the Saturday afternoon when there was no District meeting. As I have said, Tom always rang the treble on these outings, but he insisted that no other ringer rang the same bell in both towers. "Usual arrangement? Just six of you in the party and you made the other five all swop round for the second tower?" "Correct," said Tom, "but this time I went a bit further and told them that they had to have two different neighbours in each case in the second tower." "Who did you have with you this time and which bells did they ring in each tower?" said I, fishing for my pen so that I could check whether he had managed it. "I'll name the ringers and you can puzzle it out for yourself," he replied with a twinkle in his eye.

"All right then. Name the 'inner six' or, rather, the five bells besides yourself."

"Alan, Bob, Chris, Denis and Ernie. There you are, in alphabetical order just to make it easy," smiled Tom. "Thank you very much indeed," I said, quoting the president of the Central Council, and went on to remark that he had one or two untidy handlers in his party on this occasion. Tom wholeheartedly agreed with this observation and explained that this had made things a little bit complicated. Alan is a particularly bad handler and I knew that Tom would not want to be next to him, so I was not surprised to learn that Alan had been kept off 2 and 6 in both towers and that he had landed beside Ernie in the second tower. I had visions of trouble if Bob and Chris were ringing beside each other, but Tom had seen that this situation did not arise in either tower. Tom happened to let slip that Denis, the one really good handler in the party, had been ringing on Bob's right in the first tower, but, try as I might, I could not extract any more details from him before his bus came. He left me with "Try it out at your next ringers' social—it might make a change!" He was grinning from the safety of the bus by then or I would have crowned him.

Still, I enjoyed working it out and you might like to try it yourself. After all, to solve it you don't need to have been to **Cambridge**! —Sorry, it must be infectious!

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MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Whittaker 1, Miss L. A. Ewan 2, J. O. Birdsall 3, M. F. Brook 4, A. B. Spivey 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to K. Green and a farewell to Alan Spivey who is leaving the area.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Bob Doubles (ending 11.52 p.m.): Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. Foreman 3, D. Boast 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, A. Driver 6. Half-muffled for the passing of 1967. Also after the tenor struck midnight, 1,260 Bob Doubles, open, to welcome 1968, finishing at 12.48 a.m.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Single Court and Plain Bob: D. Rose 1, C. Hancock 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. J. Rose 6. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. Ellen Hunt, Rougham's oldest inhabitant (96), interred this day in churchyard.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Wilce 1, Mrs. Brenda Dixon 2, G. Muncey 3, B. Whitworth 4, J. Clifton 5, R. Coley 6, L. Hall 7.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS. — On Dec. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor: F. Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. Gullick 3, R. Agg 4, A. Harris 5, M. Trigg (cond.) 6.

SHAPWICK, SOM.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Burrough 1, Miss K. Hine 2, I. J. Burrough (cond.) 3, P. W. Ham 4, G. Puddy (first "inside") 5, R. Lee 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all. A birthday compliment to Ron Lee.

SANDON, ESSEX. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Jennings (first quarter) 1, Judy Harrison 2, Anne Edwards 3, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 4, R. Harrison 5. For St. Cecilia's Day.

SPROTBOROUGH, Doncaster, YORKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Toyne 1, J. R. Whitham 2, Anne P. Leigh 3, E. Cooper 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, E. Short 8.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: G. E. Bonham 1, Frances Brown 2, P. R. Keough 3, M. J. Young 4, T. F. Collins 5, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 6.



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Despite the inclement weather and counter attractions, close on 40 ringers attended the Ilchester Branch's first 1968 practice at Stoke-sub-Hamdon on January 6th. The Belfry Office was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Thomas, who welcomed the visitors. Mr. W. E. Turner, Assistant Ringing Master, was in charge, and Stedman, Cambridge and Kent T.B. were rung on the good-going 17 cwt. six apart from rounds and Doubles.

Next practice meeting, Drayton (8), February 3rd, 7–9 p.m.; Branch Dinner, King's Arms, Montacute, February 27th (13s. 6d.), tickets limited, apply early to Branch hon. secretary.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The county president, Mr. E. Newman, took the chair at the annual general meeting of the Eastern District held at Broxbourne on January 13th. Towers open in the afternoon were St. Andrew's, Hertford, and St. Mary's, Ware. A short service was conducted by the Vicar at Broxbourne.

After the minutes, Mr. E. Barnes, of Little Munden, thanked the secretary (Mr. P. M. F. Searles) and members of the Tewin band for their great help to the Munden band on practice nights.

Officers elected: District secretary, Mr. P. M. F. Searles; Ringing Master, Mr. E. Newman (vice Mr. S. James); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. D. Harris; "Ringing World" representative, Mr. B. J. W. Foley; Association representative, Mr. R. Berry. New members: Mr. F. Stacey (Bengeo), Miss Susan Rasmusson and Mr. C. White (Cheshunt).

The next annual meeting will be at All Saints', Hertford, providing that the tower is safe. February meeting: Amwell and Hoddesdon.

The suggestion of Mrs. L. James of an organised visit to a bell foundry is to be followed up by the District secretary, who offered to make the arrangements.

The concluding vote of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies for an enjoyable tea was proposed from the chair. Ringing followed.

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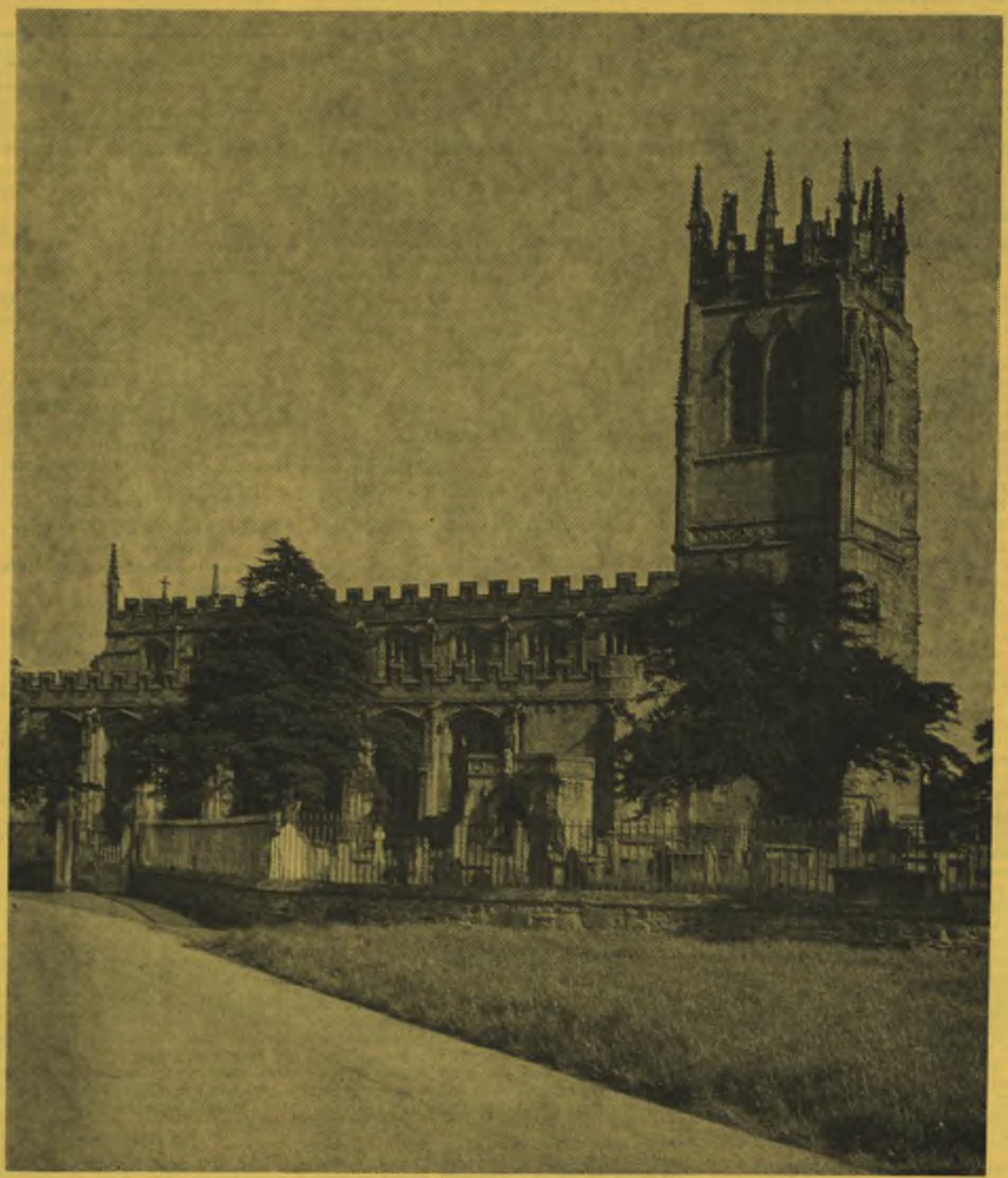
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The Church of All Saints, Gresford, Denbighs

OUR COVER PICTURE

All Saints' Church, Gresford, Denbighs

By G. H. Randles

GRESFORD CHURCH has always been a place of great interest for visitors who find in it many unusual and striking features which give to it a dignity and splendour seldom found in a village church. The living is a vicarage, the gift of the Bishop of St. Asaph. It formerly belonged to St. Stephen's College, Westminster, who granted the "Rectory in Gresford in Denbighshire" to Queen Elizabeth, February 1st, 1581.

The six sons of Ithel ap Eunedd, Lord of Gresford, jointly gave the land on which to build a church. Eunedd is supposed to have lived about 1050 and the wooden church built would be the one mentioned in Doomsday Book—"A Church and a Priest are there." Gresford was then in the County of Chester, and when William the Conqueror obtained possession of Chester in 1070 the Normans — Hugo, Rainaldus and Osbernus—came to settle in Gresford.

PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE

At the beginning of the 13th century the wooden church gave place to one of stone. On the west wall there is still an outline of the Early English roof and buttress. During the 14th century extensive additions were made, including a tower. This was at the time when the church was a popular place of pilgrimage to which people resorted "from Dyvers parts of the Realme," and that by means of the wealth thus accruing the present church was "Strongely and beautyfully made erect and builded." In a letter to Thomas Cromwell, dated 1535, we read that "at a sermon last Sunday near a thousand people were present."

The church is a spacious and elegant structure, consisting of a nave, north and south aisles, while the roofs are of oak, panelled and profusely decorated with fruit and flowers exquisitely carved. With the exception of the pillars of the nave, the arcading of the lower portion and the decorated window of the south aisle, the general character of the architecture is late Perpendicular. The glass in several windows, images and frescoes were taken down about 1547 during the reign of Edward VI, and the church was probably whitewashed at this time. Some remnants of colour are still to be found.

Towards the end of the 15th century the rood loft and screen were erected, the windows filled with rich stained glass and the tower completed to its present height. It is of fine proportion, richly ornamented on the summit with figures of the twelve apostles, alternated with crocketed pinnacles. The tower is also decorated with traceried bands, quaint gargoyles and cornices continued round the church representing cats, mice, dogs and other grotesque creatures. The stained glass window in the Chapel representing the Virgin Mary's birth is dated 1498 and was restored in 1872. The beautiful east window was given by Lord Derby in the year 1500. It is of seven lights with a tree of Jesse filling the tracery. It was restored in 1867. The earliest registers commence in 1660 and are written in Latin.

ONE OF SEVEN WONDERS

Gresford bells are numbered among the "Seven wonders of Wales." These are as follows:

St. Winifred's Well, Wrexham Steeple.
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Llangollen Bridge, Pistyll Rhaiadr, and
Snowdon.

Tenor—1623. Recast by Warner and Sons, London, 1875.
Seventh—Thomas Mears of London, 1836.
Sixth—1623. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.
Fifth—Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester, Founder, 1775.
Fourth—1623. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.
Third—Peace and good Neighbourhood. T.R. 1775.
Second—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.
Treble—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.
Prayer Bell—God Save this Church.

As the first part of the tower was built in the 14th century and completed towards the end of the 15th century, it seems likely that there were bells here before these dated 1623. It has been suggested that the minute bell was one of them.

In 1875 Messrs. Warner recast the 2nd, 4th and Tenor of the six bells and added two smaller ones to complete the octave. At the same time they rehung the bells completely with new fittings and an oak frame.

MAGAZINE EXTRACTS

Extracts from the Parish Magazines of 1875 and 1876 show that "the cost of recasting the bells was quickly subscribed for by local residents and sufficient left over for the repair of clock, repair and glaze the belfry windows, pay for an instructor to give three weeks' tuition (£7 16s. 0d.) and supper to the ringers (£2 3s. 6d.), the total cost being £371 4s. 0d."

The Magazine notes continue, "On Saturday, Feb. 5th, a company of Ringers from Manchester came over to inaugerate the new peal of bells by some beautiful change-ringing. This was a great pleasure to all within hearing."

From the Parish Magazine, Sept., 1911: "The rehanging of our beautiful bells, which is urgently needed, is to be taken in hand at once by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of London, and the well-known bell-founders. The cost will be £40. Our church bells are the pride of the Parish, and indeed of North Wales, and we feel sure that they are to be put in thorough working order."

In 1937 Messrs. Mears and Stainbank replaced the frictional parts and rerimmed the wheels.

From the churchwardens' book, December, 1954: "On the advice of the bellringers we decided to get in touch with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank who, as far back as 1937, had advised rehanging. They examined the bells and reported. The bells were not rung during 1954 until Christmas Day, when the firm had completed the work of rehanging. In 1960 the same firm put in cast iron headstocks, using the ball bearings they had provided in 1937. In 1960 the bells were again silent, as many of the figures on the tower were found to be loose on their pedestals. The cost of restoration of the tower was £3,000." Unfortunately, three pinnacles have been blown off during the recent gales.

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60 YEARS A RINGER

The present head ringer is Mr. Arthur Tilston, who has been a ringer at Gresford for over sixty years.

David Williams, the 14 year old son of Mr. E. M. Ray Williams, rang his first quarter peal this year. He is the seventh generation of his family to be a ringer and chorister at Gresford Church.

The generations of the Williams family are as follows: Edward Roberts; John Roberts, Matthew Roberts, Mary Roberts, daughter of John Roberts, married Robert Williams and their son was George Williams sen.; George Williams, jun.; E. M. Ray Williams; David R. Williams.

All this family have lived at the "Sextons," which was a thatched cottage situated at the church gate. The present "Sextons" was built on the same site by George Williams, sen., in 1886. From Edward Roberts to George Williams they were all shoemakers.

FIRST PEAL

The first peal recorded on the bells was rung by the Wrexham Society of Ringers on 27.10.1883. A total of 60 peals has now been rung.

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THE ABBEY

HAROLD PITSTOW ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,—The letter which you published under the caption "Westminster Abbey Bells—a Closed Shop" in your issue of January 5th asks some questions which I know exist in the minds of many ringers, and therefore I will endeavour to answer them. I am not qualified to deal with the first regarding the ringing procedure in London and why it differs from other parts of the country as I am not sufficiently acquainted with the many ringing towers in the Metropolis. However, it is the procedure at Westminster Abbey which is the target of the letter.

In the first place it must be understood that the Abbey is not a cathedral or a parish church, but a "Royal Peculiar." At its head is the Dean, who is answerable only to the Sovereign—known as "The Visitor." As it is different from other places of worship in this fundamental respect it is not surprising that it should differ in others.

To the question "Why should not the bells be rung on Sundays to call the faithful to worship?" the answer is that not only on Sundays but on every weekday the bells perform this service. True they are not rung, but are clocked by the vergers in the manner or custom which has come down through the ages from a period unknown. This custom, called by some the "ting-tang," has a set pattern, which I could give in detail, and has definite meaning for the Abbey worshippers. It may sound odd, or even absurd to some ringers, as it did apparently to the ringers of the neighbouring Church of St. Stephen, Rochester Row, very soon after the present ring of eight bells was opened. They decided, with permission, to go to the Abbey to ring for Evensong on Sundays. This, however, was very short-lived, Dean Ryle saying that he did not approve and would not have the "ting-tang" set aside

It was after this that the Dean and Chapter decided to form the Abbey band of ringers, to be drawn from the Ancient Society of College Youths, and named the special occasions throughout the year on which the bells should be rung. It includes the festivals of the Church, some Royal anniversaries and dates historically important to the Abbey. This, too, is traditional, for there exists a document giving the ringing dates of the 17th century.

In addition to these regular occasions the bells are requested for special services and memorial services which are held in the Abbey. Always the ringing follows the service unless it is being attended by the Visitor, whe He (or She) is rung in.

Reference was made in the letter to the celebrations during the 900th year, when bands from three London Societies were invited to attempt a quarter peal on dates of particular interest in the history of the Abbey. This accorded with invitations to choirs to sing in the Abbey (Washington Cathedral was one). I would have thought that it was within the prerogative of the Dean and Chapter to decide how many such invitations should be issued and to whom.

The writer evidently is disgruntled because his request to take a band to ring on a Saturday afternoon was not granted. The Abbey bells are not rung at any time except for one of the occasions approved by the Dean and Chapter, and perhaps here it might be pointed out that the Abbey ringers do not practise there. The ringers have never had the use of the bells for a purpose of their own choosing, and I doubt whether it has ever occurred to any of them to suggest it.

Finally, the ringers have not a code of their own "backed by the Dean," but they accept and respect a procedure which they found was in operation when they joined the band. Tradition lives on at the Abbey, and one is not within the life of the Abbey long before becoming well aware of it.—Yours faithfully,

H. N. PITSTOW,
Secretary,
Westminster Abbey Band of Ringers.

A CLERGYMAN'S EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—I can give an experience of courtesy and kindness at Westminster Abbey. About 16 years ago or so I happened to be in London for an afternoon meeting and wandered into the Abbey at about noon It was the Feast of the Purification. Finding a Consecration of Bishops in progress I stayed until the end of the service, when the bells began to ring. I asked a verger if I might go to the ringing chamber and he at once assented and took me to the staircase entrance. I assured him I could find my way there. A touch of Stedman Triples was in progress when I entered. I saw surprise on the faces of some of the band, and when the touch had ended I was informed of the rules, with the addition that visitors could not ring. However, after a little consultation, I was invited to take part in the next touch of Stedman Triples. Naturally I graciously accepted and was very grateful for this opportunity to ring at the Abbey.

Having rung at the Abbey, I would like many more to be able to do so also. There is no doubt that with ringing as it is today ringers can prevail upon deans and incumbents to relax long standing rules and regulations. There must be occasions when the Abbey bells could be available for meetings, and one would add to this St. Paul's Cathedral also. As the great Cathedral of the Diocese of London and with so many good ringers in the Diocese I am sure full justice would be done to the bells, which are no more difficult to ring than others. With a little thought of how the bells in the provinces are made available for the asking, surely London's bells should be available also. It is from London that we welcome so many of our visitors.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS (Rev.).
Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

PRIVILEGE ABUSED

Dear Sir.—Concerning recent correspondence about Westminster Abbey bells and the attitude of the authorities towards visitors, my recollections are there were no restrictions until after Whit Monday, 1936, when visitors, with no respect for other people's property, abused the privilege and broke a stay, after which (not surprisingly) the privilege was withdrawn.—Yours sincerely, E. BARNETT.
Crayford

A PIONEER LADY REMEMBERS

WHILE enduring a few weeks of "C.B." I fell to musing—no energy required—on my early days of ringing and the many notable personalities I had the pleasure of ringing with.

Way back in 1909 my brother invited three of us to "come and see what takes place in the belfry." After watching, I thought, and said, "I'd like to have a try," which I did—not quite so easy as it looked—but I progressed and started going to the practices.

The captain, Mr. Osborne, suggested I go with him at 7 o'clock on Sunday mornings and ring a bell for extra practice, so I not only rang for 7 o'clock but 8 o'clock as well, thereby getting in an extra half-hour each week. It was not long before I was "hunting" on the treble; then he handed me a paper with Stedman "slow work," and after explaining he said "Learn that and we'll soon have you ringing a course." Touches followed quickly. I was taken round to the three other towers in the area; they each had their practice on different evenings, so making for happy relations and good practices. At times a few of us went on our bicycles to the outlying country districts for a practice.

It was at these various and many practices that I rang with the Revs. Mr. Hart, Mr. Davis, Mr. Jenkyns and Canon Coleridge and Miss V. Robinson, also Messrs. Hibbert, Pole-Routh, Newell, Hopgood, Cullum, Fussell, Mayne, Reeves, Freeborn, Parker the Whites, Holifields and Locks and many others too numerous to name. There was only one reverend gentleman who had a grudge, not because a lady was ringing, but because she did not wear a hat. I wonder what he would think today! However, he did have a ring with her.

I have since related the story of a very grudging consent to get into one tower, and am pleased to say I had a very happy reception at the same tower on this occasion.

How we used to enjoy our "outings," nearly always on Bank Holidays, as most ringers had to work Saturdays. These were by "horse-drawn" brake through country lanes, ringing at pre-arranged churches and enjoying the very generous hospitality of the incumbents and ringers. The climax of these early years was the scoring of the writer's first peal—Stedman. As she was the first lady to ring a peal in Reading, as well, the pride and pleasure of the other ringers is something to be remembered. Later, war service took me to Kent, where I met many more stalwarts of the Exercise, among them Mr. Barnett (Teddy's grandfather) and while on leave in Dublin, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff

By this time, of course, ladies had well and truly made their presence felt in many belfries, so helping to keep the bells ringing. ANON.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kate Branson 1, Jean Smith (first "inside") 2, M. Peterson (cond.) 3, P. Jenkinson 4, E. Halton 5, I. Laing 6. Rung before the installation of the Rev. G. P. C. Crosfield as Canon and Vice-Provost of the Cathedral. Also a welcome to Angela, daughter of the conductor and June Peterson, born January 7th.

GRESFORD CHURCH

(Continued from page 78)

A peal board in the belfry records a muffled peal rung in October, 1934, in memory of the 262 men who lost their lives in the Gresford Colliery disaster, on Oct. 4th, 1934.

The present Vicar is Canon W. V. Lort, who became interested in ringing when, as a boy, he attended St. David's Church, Bangor, where the Vicar was the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, the first President of the North Wales Association.

Gresford Churchyard has many beautiful old yew trees, one of which is known to be more than 800 years old (and some have calculated it to be 1,400 years old) with a circumference of 30ft. 5ins.

We are fortunate to have a copy of "All Saints' Church," written by the Rev. E. A. Fishbourne, M.A., and Vicar of Gresford from 1897 to 1916, which contains greater detail of its history and architecture than we have space for.

ford, for our beautiful cover picture.

We are indebted to Mr. Holmes, of Gres-

A Challenge to the Ladies' Guild

Dear Sir,—I recently attended the annual meeting of the Sussex District of the Ladies' Guild, which was attended by only five members. Surely this shows a marked decline in support for the Guild. Only a few years ago this meeting always resulted in a tower packed with ringers, mainly ladies.

Without meaning any disrespect to the ladies, any practising ringer will see that the Ladies' Guild has outlived its purpose. Fifty years ago the Guild was obviously worthwhile as, at that time, ladies were only occasionally and very reluctantly allowed on to the end of a rope, and in the majority of cases were barred from the belfry completely. Had it not been for the Ladies' Guild the Exercise would certainly have been deprived of some very fine talent. However, as the result of two wars, ladies became generally accepted in the belfry as, in many cases, sufficient men could not be found to man the towers. Indeed, in the last two decades, ladies have become equally as important as gentlemen in the maintenance of regular ringing at churches throughout the country. Moreover, in several churches the majority of the ringers are ladies, some even holding the post of tower captain. All territorial Associations are glad of their lady members, and although one of the more select Societies of the Exercise, namely the College Youths, does not accept ladies, the Cumberland Youths provides an excellent alternative.

Why, oh why then, does a select minority of our lady ringers persist in trying to keep up such an out-of-date institution as the Ladies' Guild? It is like fiddling with the cat's whisker of a crystal set to try and pick up 2LO when the obvious thing to do is to switch on the wireless and listen to the 1 o'clock news.

In view of the increasing lack of support I would suggest that the Guild should seriously consider its position. Would it not be better for the Guild to be disbanded after a final flourish, say a peal of Cambridge Maximus, rather than die a slow and dismal death as it seems to be doing in many areas at the present time? (Incidentally, we now have the ideal 12 for this performance at St. Peter's, Nottingham, tenor only 19¼ cwt. I am sure Mr. Stainsby, the tower captain, would be pleased to obtain permission for such a peal.)

Come now ladies, let us have your obvious talents put to much wider use than this. Trying to maintain a lost cause can only suppress your ability as ringers. Let us all, ladies and gentlemen alike, put all our ability into the support of our local territorial Associations, all of which have the chief object of improving the standard of Sunday service ringing. This would surely be a much more worthwhile activity than preserving dead wood just for the sake of preservation.

May this letter provoke serious thought rather than heated argument.—Yours respectfully,

IAN V. J. SMITH.

P.S.—My views are held by several lady ringers resident in East Sussex.—I. S.

AMID THE SNOW AT ABERGAVENNY

The Monmouth Branch annual District meeting was arranged for January 13th at Abergavenny. Our worst fears were confirmed and heavy snow fell during Friday night! Fortunately this turned to rain on Saturday morning and a large number of ringers converged upon Abergavenny from a wide area of England and Wales.

Early arrivals found Mr. Ward and Mr. Lewis shovelling away snow and Mr. Roberts attending to the heating. The lovely ring of ten bells was well used during the afternoon until 4 o'clock. The service was then taken by Canon Sproule-Jones, Mr. George Ward read the lesson, and his son, Mr. Ronald Ward, was organist.

The Abergavenny ringers and their wives had prepared a fine tea in the Priory Room, and Mr. Reuben Clench voiced the thanks of the company for "reviving refreshment" on such a miserable day.

Although an annual District meeting, the business did not prove too lengthy. Canon Sproule-Jones spoke eloquently of the work done by the 300 inhabitants at the parish of Grosmont in rehanging their bells at great cost He asked all to give, no matter how little, to encourage them in their tremendous efforts

Minutes, reports, elections and other usual business proceeded smoothly. New members elected were Miss Gillian Richardson (Usk), Mr Iestyn William (Ebbw Vale) and Mr. Eric Bundy and his son, Michael (Machen).

It was decided to try to hold meetings at Penhow, Llanfrechfa and Mathern during the year, with Monmouth for the annual District meeting in 1969. Other practice meetings were to be arranged as opportunities arose. The 75th Anniversary Dinner was to be held at the Grand Hotel, Cardiff, on October 19th (not October 12th, as stated in the diary).

The Branch Master, Mr. Richard Stewart, formally thanked Canon Sproule-Jones for his interest in the Branch and for his most pertinent sermon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Maidstone District

Despite the wintry weather some 40 ringers attended the Maidstone District meeting held on January 13th at West Malling. A prompt start was made at 3 o'clock and ringing during the day varied from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. M. Young, and tea was held in the Masonic Hall. During the business meeting several new members were elected and a welcome was given to the many visitors present. General thanks were given by the District Secretary (Mr. M. L. Howe) and ringing continued after the business meeting until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: Linton, March 9th.

5,088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

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Twice repeated.

The last two courses of each part may be called M.W., B.H., providing all three parts are called alike.

First rung at Sprotborough, Yorkshire, on January 13th, 1968.

MISS M. REAY NEW MASTER OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held in St. Martin's Hall on January 6th, over 80 ringers being present.

The Master, Mr. Richard C. Ingram, who had held office for four years, felt that the time had arrived for a change. He nominated Miss Muriel Reay as his successor, and, there being no other nominations, Miss Reay was duly elected. A vote of thanks to Mr. Ingram for his services to the Guild was passed and a record made in the minutes.

The vice-presidents having been re-elected en bloc, the remainder of the officers were re-elected as follows: Ringing Master, J. Alan Ainsworth; trustees, S. O'C. Holloway and B. D. A. Woolley; auditors, H. H. Fearn and S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, W. G. Chaplin; hon. secretary and treasurer, G. E. Fearn.

The hon. secretary informed the meeting that this would be his last year in office, as he will then have completed 20 years and the Guild would benefit by a change of secretary.

A donation of £5 was voted towards the appeal for the restoration of the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

In presenting the balance sheet the hon. secretary and treasurer drew the attention of the members to the increased expenditure which will have to be met in the near future. It was decided to increase the membership subscriptions to 10s. annually for resident members and £1 for life members.

New resident members elected were: Miss Susan Smith and Messrs C. Chester (Harborne), G. O. Rushton (Shirley) and K. P. L. Park and A. E. Honeybill (Yardley). The tower elections as life members of the following ringers were duly ratified: Miss A. Sadowska (Cheltenham) and Messrs. P G. Brown (Chelmsford) and C. J. Hughes (Chesterfield).

It was decided to invite the Rev. Canon Harry Hartley (Rector of Solihull) to take the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner to be held on March 2nd. Mr. T. J. Warner, Ringing Master at Solihull, informed the meeting that the choice was very appropriate, as Solihull Church will shortly have two new trebles, which will make the bells the fourth ring of 12 in the Diocese of Birmingham.

ELLOE DEANERIES PREFER CONVENTIONAL MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Spalding on January 13th and although the weather might have been responsible for the rather disappointing attendance there was no lack of discussion at the business meeting.

Following ringing and a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. G. Jakeman, and the curate, a tea prepared by ringers' wives was enjoyed at St Nicholas' Hall. Mr. B. B. Tyrrell took the chair at the meeting, deputising for the Vicar. It was decided that although the bi-monthly meetings had proved useful, because towers where tea might have been difficult to arrange were visited, members thought conventional meetings with tea and service were of greater value to the Branch and tower. In addition it was agreed to arrange a monthly evening meeting at a particular tower on the practice night.

Finally the members decided to send a gift of fruit with their good wishes to Mr. Hallifax, a founder member of the Guild, at present in Holbeach Hospital.

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SALISBURY GUILD ACTIVITIES

No Peals—but not for want of Trying

—Wimborne

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch took place at Poole on January 6th and was attended by 34 ringers and friends, together with three visitors. Ringing on the ten bells at St. James' Church ranged from rounds to Stedman Caters.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. Bell), and the Epiphany hymn "As with gladness" was rung on handbells by the Fuller family during the service.

After a delicious tea a tediously drawn out meeting was held. Officers elected for 1968 were: Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer (Wimborne); vice-chairman, Mr. D. R. Fuller (Swanage); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Robertson (Wareham); Ringing Masters, Mr. G. W. Elmes (Wareham) and Mr. H. I. Pitman (Canford); committee members, Mr. C. M. Heawood (Poole) and Mr. L. H. Pink (Wareham).

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. W. Hiscock, a captain at Wareham tower for 15 years, who died in October.

In her report the secretary stated that the Branch membership was now 95. Meetings had not been well attended and the joint meeting held with the North Dorset Branch had been disappointedly so. The Branch hoped to hold another joint meeting in 1968 to rectify this. Another enjoyable barbecue had been held in July and also a repeat performance on the cricket field. The Branch had seen the Poole band firmly on its feet, with regular ringing on Mondays and Sundays. Then the Branch had turned its attention to East Morden, where a keen band of recruits was being taught, using a rota system. No "local" peals had been rung—but not for want of trying!—and only 12 quarter peals. The Branch welcomed the Guild's Master, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, into its area, as he now has the living of Spetisbury. The Branch were looking forward to the visit of the Guild in May and it is hoped to have all the ringable towers in the Branch open on that day.

The Branch is hoping to hold an outing on March 30th to the Newbury, Berks, area, and the secretary appealed to members for their support of this new venture.

Quarterly meetings for 1968: March 2nd, Witchampton and Wimborne St. Giles; July 20th, Wareham and Lytchett Minster; October 19th, Swanage.

Dorchester—150 Members

Despite very wet weather, nearly 50 ringers and friends gathered at Cattistock on January 13th for the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch. Ringing took place on the fine ring of eight under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey.

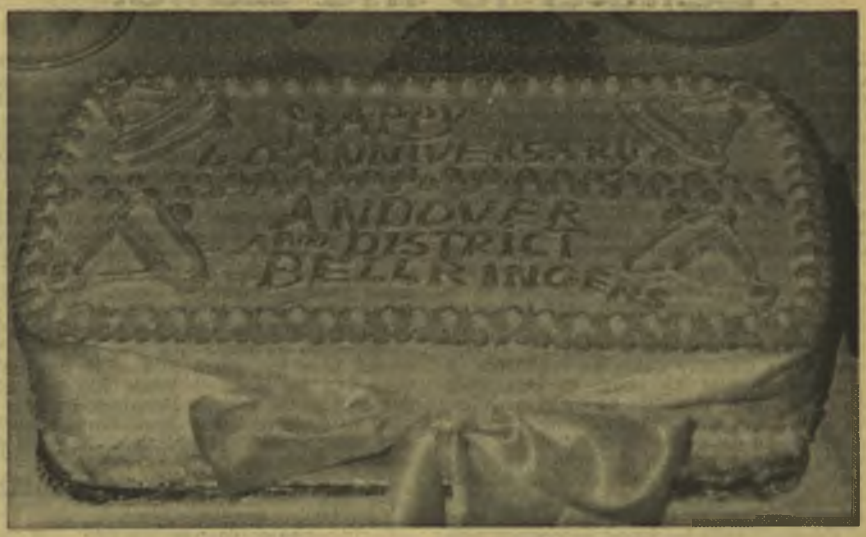
The Guild service was conducted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (Rector), and Miss Heath-Caldwell played the organ. The Rev. Richard Marsh read the lesson, and the preacher was Canon E. B. Brooks. An excellent tea was provided in the School by Mrs. George Goringe (wife of the captain at Cattistock tower) and other helpers.

The report for 1967 showed Branch membership at 150. Quarter peals had been rung at nine towers, methods including Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Milborne St. Andrew bells had been rehung and augmented to six. The statement of accounts for the year showed a satisfactory balance in hand.

The Branch officers were all re-elected for 1968. Eight new ringing members and four Associate members were elected.

Subject to permission, evening practices will be held at Wyke Regis (February 10th), Milborne St. Andrew (February 24th), Litton Cheney (March 9th), Wool (March 23rd), Charminster (April 6th) and St. Peter's, Dorchester (May 4th).

40th Anniversary Cake for Andover District



WHITCHURCH acted as host on January 13th to the Andover District for their 40th annual meeting. The warmth of their welcome was in extreme contrast to the wintry weather conditions which prevailed. After ringing at St. Mary Bourne, Longparish and Whitchurch during the afternoon and concluding with a touch of Stedman Triples, members took their seats for Evensong conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd.

At an excellent tea in the Church Hall, the centre attraction was a beautifully iced cake made and donated by Mrs. Biggs, bearing the inscription "Happy 40th Anniversary—Andover District Bellringers." During the business meeting which followed, the minutes of a meeting held at Whitchurch on February 4th, 1928, were read. It was this meeting, chaired by the then Vicar of Whitchurch (the Rev. M. S. Douglas) that the formation of the Andover District was first approved. Messages were then read from church bellringers of those days, including Mr. Reg Rex (the first District Ringing Master), Mr. Archie Mitchell (past captain at Andover), Mr. Oscar Smart and Mr. Balaam.

A message from the Master of the Guild, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, was conveyed to the meeting by the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd, who declared that he accepted full responsibility for advising the Master not to risk the journey from Southampton. The Vicar had a few encouraging words to say on his own behalf, including a reference to the Rev. Mellis S. Douglas, whom he had visited on a number of occasions before his death. He summed up with words familiar to bellingers—"Good hunting."

Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd, the chairman, told of the peal programme that had been organised to enable a lasting record to be made of this 40th Anniversary Year. To date, three peals have been scored and seven lost or postponed for varying reasons, including illness and broken ropes. In all, 25 peals are being attempted by District members in the 25 towers in the District during the period January 1st to March 31st, giving opportunities for a good number of "firsts."

The chairman wound up the meeting by proposing votes of thanks to all who had done so much to make the day such a memorable occasion, including the Vicar (the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd), the organist (Mr. Reynolds), the ladies who had prepared the wonderful tea and in particular Mrs. Biggs for the cake and finally Mr. E. Dance, who had co-ordinated all the arrangements. Thank you, Whitchurch! J. E. W.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT OUTWARD LOOKING

Biggleswade, on January 13th, saw the end of yet another year in the history of the District, and this one will surely be remembered by many as one of the most successful and outward looking.

During the afternoon and evening the District Ringing Master, Mr. A. H. Smith, and Mr. C. D. Mann coped admirably with the full belfry. The Rev. J. H. Dominey held a short service at 4.30 p.m. and then 41 very hungry and cold ringers sat down to a superb tea served by Mrs. Smith and her helpers.

At the business meeting the Vicar, as chairman, briskly ushered the company through the long business agenda. The members approved unanimously the proposed list of towers and practice methods for the coming year submitted by the committee and Ringing Masters.

Mr. P. Mehew was re-elected chairman and Mr. K. H. Fleming as secretary and treasurer. The following were elected to the committee: Messrs. S. Ashton, R. Sharp, P. Rogers and C. Hardy. The Ringing Masters (Mr. C. Mann and Mr. A. H. Smith) were elected as ex-officio members.

The District unanimously re-elected Mr. G. Mayes as Belfry Repair Fund treasurer and were pleased to hear that the District had over £141 in the joint Association account. Miss L. Ellison was re-elected Press secretary

Messrs. H. J. Lockey and P. Rogers were elected as District organists for the ensuing 12 months Mr. P. Rogers was asked to arrange the District outing again this year. The District felt that it could leave the task of the striking contest in Miss Ellison's hands.

Under any other business the company agreed to donate two guineas towards the cost of redecorating Biggleswade belfry, which must now be one of the most colourful in the country!!

The president of the Association, Mr. A. E. Rushton, in closing the meeting, thanked the ladies who prepared the tea, the Vicar for the way he conducted the meeting, the use of the bells and the short service, and finally he thanked the officers of 1967 for their hard work and wished everybody of the District a very happy 1968. L. E.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M Jones 1, R. Henman 2, Mrs. R. Henman 3, D. Morgan 4, I. Morgan 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Collier, a member of this church, interred this day.

Letters to the Editor

BELLRINGING v. HOMEWORK

Dear Sir,—May I please be allowed to pass some personal remarks about T. A. B.'s comment? I am one of the young people who often find that the demands of homework conflict with my desires to join in with others at bellringing.

The plea that he makes for punctuality is one that deserves the wholehearted support of any reasonable person, and if homework is used as a lame excuse for lateness this should not be tolerated. Furthermore, many of us are aware of the arguments which are put forward against homework, but this is a situation which we, as pupils, are not in a position to remedy.

I cannot, however, agree with his refusal to accept the difficulty which we experience in devoting "at least 2½ hours to bellringing out of the 168." This, like so many statistics, does not bear close examination, for our problem is in fact one of devoting 2½ consecutive hours between 5 o'clock and 9 o'clock. It must be realised that schools would find it impossible to cater for the individual demands of every pupil whose outside interests would be found to conflict with homework on every night of every week. In consequence we must accept the situation that no provision is made for this and homework takes priority. Is it not to our credit that we strive to follow our pursuits in spite of such difficulties?—Yours sincerely,

D. J. AHEMS.

Stowmarket.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your article about "Bellringing v. Homework," in the last paragraph T. A. B. states that he cannot accept that young people cannot devote at least two and a half hours per week, which I presume means one hour on Sundays and one and a half hours on practice nights.

Surely he must realise it is not unusual for students to receive, for instance, two hours' work (in pre-exam years considerably more) on one day, to be handed in on the next, so it has to be done on the same night.

Now it is far better to do this work early in the evening, when the mind is fairly fresh with the day's work than to attempt it later, when the mind is tired.

This means that the student, after doing his homework, cannot possibly arrive at the ringing practice before 8 o'clock, and has therefore got the choice of either arriving late at practice after doing his homework properly and being nagged at by the tower captain, or being punished for handing in incomplete or shoddy homework. The student will soon tire of this and will decide to do his homework and forget the ringing. So I ask all clock-watching tower captains to remember the phrase "Better late than never."—Yours faithfully,

J. J. BAILEY.

Walton-on-Thames.

NEWBURY BELLS

Dear Sir, — I must apologise to my old friend, Mr. A. J. Whittle, regarding Newbury bells.

In the course of conversation I made the mistake of thinking that he said in his letter that the back eight were by Rudhall. He was quite right when he said they were by Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts. I have since read his letter a second time.—Yours sincerely,

R. W. REX.

Thatcham.

NEWBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest my old friend's letter re Newbury bells. He is quite right and I stand corrected and apologise for my mistake. I must have been carried away on having heard some of Rudhall's beautiful whole peals in the Midlands, viz.: Pershore, Beckford, Eckington, in Worcestershire.

Of course, Newbury's old eight were from Wells, of Aldbourne. When the two trebles were added, in 1933, we used to say "What a grand ring the ten would be if they were all like the trebles." The ten did not do much good in Newbury tower. We were a much better band on the old eight when we could ring Stedman and Grandsire Triples for service—and we could ring Bob Major. We would have got much further if Reg could have had his fling. When Reg was head gardener at the famous Donnington Castle we used to cycle to Ilsley, Bucklebury, Highclere and other places. Happy days, Reg old pal. —Yours faithfully,

ALFRED JAMES WHITTLE.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate Brian Woodruffe and his band not only on ringing 19,620 Plain Bob Royal "in hand" but also on their decision, after a slight mistake which spoilt the otherwise good ringing, not to try to pass the Stedman Caters handbell record. How tempting it must have been to push on regardless. This is the sort of spirit we want. Congratulations, Brian. Let us have more of it from conductors everywhere. —Yours sincerely,

E. F. FOSBERRY.

Billingshurst.

NOT AGAINST CALL CHANGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—May I please be granted a little space to direct Mr. Jewell (page 42) back to the path upon which my previous remarks have travelled?

I think I have not made any disparaging remarks about "call change ringers" as such. What I have said—and repeat—is that at the "call change tower" in Plymouth the band were unkind to the extent of rudeness; that has been my complaint—nothing more! I do not dispute with Mr. Jewell about call change ringing for a moment but merely ask him not to confuse the issue.

When I am next in Combe Martin I shall try and find Mr. Jewell for a chat, and if he and his lady are this way I shall afford him a welcome.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. BEAVIS.

Andover, Hants.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that I withdraw the peal of 5,152 Apsley Surprise Major rung at Anstey, Leicestershire, on November 11th, 1967, for the Leicester Diocesan Guild, as it is false.

The composition was given in Mr. Wratten's collection of compositions as being true to Apsley and it was on that authority that I called it.

My sincere apologies to all members of the band and also to those who keep records of peals rung.—Yours faithfully,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Leicester.

THE PROGRAMME WAS 14, NOT 17

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that Kingsley Mason has seen fit to confound the controversy about the outing which I organised in Leicestershire on November 4th last ("Ringing World," January 12, 1968), which I had hoped to leave to Judy Cox and A. C. B. to sort out on the original issue of criticism of bells in outing reports.

Firstly, I should say that the report on the outing was entirely a personal contribution from your correspondent, who is, I know, well capable of defending his views.

The more serious issue for me, as organiser of the outing, is Kingsley Mason's ill-informed criticism of the outing itself. This is due partly to the misleading headline "The Day's Programme—17 Towers in Leicestershire." In fact we rang at 14 towers; 17 was the number of towers I had to contact to obtain permission to ring at 14.

The principle I use in planning an outing of this kind is a minimum of 20 minutes for five- and six-bell towers, 30 minutes for eight-bell and 40 minutes for ten-bell. The actual time allowed will depend on the number of ringers, to make sure everyone has a good ring and to allow time for raising and lowering in peal. The time between the towers is roughly calculated at 30 miles per hour plus five minutes. Occasionally there is an unavoidable delay which upsets the timetable, but experience shows it a good basis for planning an outing

This particular outing went very well apart from the weather and King's Norton! We were able to develop the ringing as we went along and several ringers made considerable progress during the day.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. GROOME.

Kettering.

THEORY OF COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—Upon looking at the list of Central Council publications I find it surprising that there is nothing dealing with the theory of composition; the only booklet which approaches usefulness is Maurice Hodgson's treatment of false course heads, which is excellent as far as it goes but which leaves the would-be composer wondering how on earth he is expected to compose a peal when every time he produces any particular course he renders parts of perhaps another five courses unusable.

What is really needed is something setting out the basic ideas behind composition, summaries of relevant Central Council Decisions (e.g. about extension) and some indication of what is considered desirable music and what is not—it is, for example, a trifle disconcerting after spending hours perfecting a method, whose main claim to fame is an abundance of roll-ups at handstroke, to be informed that this is "totally unacceptable"!

It may be argued that if a composer is to be able to produce original work then he will be capable of working out everything that he needs from first principles, but even if this is the case there is no need to subject him to such a test. A guide book to composition would save the learner a great deal of time and unnecessary hard work and might enable him to produce useful compositions earlier than would otherwise have been possible.

Perhaps someone could produce such a guide book, or at least give a reason why its publication would be unnecessary.—Yours faithfully,

COLIN C. MONSON.

Grey College, Durham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

EAST DEVON REMEMBERS DANBURY

Dear Sir,—Your front page photograph of Danbury brought back a flood of memories. Twenty-six years ago five other ringers and I from East Budleigh were stationed, with the 8th Battalion The Devonshire Regiment, at Danbury. We used to route march for 30 miles around the village and never lost sight of the tower. There it was, always on our right, never any further away, never any nearer.

Ringing was off at that time so we were unable to sample the bells, but at least we did meet a great Christian gentleman in the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Hopkirk. It was through "The Ringing World" I was able to note his retirement a few years ago and, more recently, his death. We have never forgotten the keen interest he took in us and the great lengths he went to (as did the whole village) to welcome us and make us feel at home. No annual reunion at Exeter ever passes without Danbury being mentioned.

It was from there that we moved to Wentworth Road School in Southend to meet yet another great pillar of the Church in Canon Gowing. Again through "The Ringing World" I noted the passing of this old friend. Yes, friends they were, these two clergymen. We also had short stays at Rayleigh, Bradwell and Burnham.

Later in the war we returned to Essex again, this time to Southminster. The ban on ringing was now lifted so we "had a go" with the locals, but, alas, only three of us were left by this time. I have only once since been in Essex and was able to get a brief ring at Rayleigh one Sunday evening about ten years ago. One of these days I've promised myself a real visit to some of these old haunts.—Yours sincerely,

C. SAVAGE.

East Budleigh.

P.S.—Does anyone in Danbury know what happened to the schoolmistress, Mrs. Cook? She used to play the piano for our sing-songs at the Griffin.—C. S.

HUNSHELF HANDBELL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—My article for "Reverberations" dealing with the Hunshelf ringers dealt only with the team that appeared at the Ashton-under-Lyne Rally. However, ringing at Hunshelf Secondary School began in earnest in September, 1965. Survivors of the first team now, who either are in the Fifth Form or who have left the school, now meet every Thursday evening during term-time in the school under the auspices of the local Evening Institute, at which I get paid as their instructor and leader. There is also a team of 13 girls and boys who are in their second year. So the Hunshelf ringers are of three teams with a total of some 36 ringers. We all use the same bells and also our own cover illustrated with embroidered velvet bells. —Yours faithfully,

M. KING.

Wentworth, Rotherham.

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ALTON HANDBELL FESTIVAL

MISERABLE weather on January 13th probably accounted for the poor attendance at this fine entertainment. However, the Assemby Rooms main hall, Alton, was three-quarters full, about 200 people apart from the numbers of the bands, and £26 was raised for the church's Rebuilding Fund.

The first band was that of the long-formed Selborne ringers under their jovial, confident leader, Brian Matthews. Their signature tune, "The Serenade of the Bells," was controlled with difficulty in the slow passages. "Glorious Apollo," an organ voluntary specially arranged for the bells, with pretty, well-executed runs, followed. The "Alpine Waltz," which has a pleasing melody, was spoilt by the overbearing bass accompaniment, the band's immaculate striking and obvious prowess was offset by their turnout, which was lacking in image consciousness.

The Shinfield team then gave a very spirited performance. Four men with fourteen Taylor's bells, led by Mr. F. J. Higgs, rang first "The Bells of St. Mary's" with energy and cleverly arranged harmony and then tunes from the British Isles and finished with carols and Brahms' "Cradle Song," rung with masterly control of timing and interpretation.

Liss made two appearances, once before the interval with a full band of four girls and two young men with the leader, Mr. T. S. Bowles, conducting off stage! The team played folk tunes and, despite their nervous enthusiasm, gave a good performance for a band only a year old. Their second ring required Mr. Bowles, his daughter and the two young men with four-in-hand. They played "Galway Bay" and "O No, John" among others.

Team No 4 was The Three Saints Group from Fleet. A young family team led by Lt.-Col. Scott at an easel. Tunes were skilfully played by ten ringers, mostly children. The timing was erratic, especially in "Waltzing Matilda," but a Malayan dance, "Rosa Sayang," was well rung, only surpassed by a "Santa Lucia" admirably suited to the bells as their finale.

The Alton Boys' Brigade team in uniform were conducted by their teacher, Mr. R. Betsworth, of the Selborne team, whose style and expression was carefully mirrored. They performed "D'ye Ken John Peel" and "The Lincolnshire Poacher" notably. It was to this band's credit that the Festival was organised. Their enthusiasm was obvious and ever the youngest ringer, aged 11, gave of his best.

After the interval the Mortimer West End Women's Institute band entertained first with rounds and Queens finally rung in close harmony. Timid choreography was attempted with limited success, but doubt remained as to whether this was to be taken seriously or not. This team's bells were poorly maintained and little cared for. The playing with numbers was carefully controlled and with suitable harmony. The execution of "Little Brown Jug" and Brahms' "Lullaby" was particularly creditable.

The last team was the Hartley Wintney Toc H band, who were in the unfortunate position of duplicating some previously rung music. They justified themselves amply by surpassing the previous performances with a far better arrangement of "Edelweiss" a precise and vigorous rendering of "Holsworthy Chimes," which was well received, but their final offering was best of all. "The Rakes of Mallow." Under the leadership of Mr. Vic Stenning this band certainly showed up very well, but there is nothing so disconcerting as ringers chewing on stage!

Lt.-Col Scott thanked Mr. W. Chapman for organising the event so well and led, with his band, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," which concluded an enjoyable evening's entertainment. The first of many Southern handbell concerts, I hope.

B. S. GAMBRILL.

ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING AT BUCKFASTLEIGH

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at Buckfastleigh on January 13th, when despite the inclement weather there was a fair attendance. The ringing was under the supervision of Mr. W. Simmonds, and a short service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Timms (Vicar).

After a sumptuous tea in the Town Hall the usual business meeting followed, Mr. Simmonds being voted to the chair. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the organist, and the ladies for the excellent tea arrangements.

The financial statement and a comprehensive secretary's report showed a satisfactory balance in hand and a membership of 72.

At the election of officers the retiring chairman Miss M. Russell, did not seek re-election and the Rev. D. P. Angold was unanimously elected. Also elected were Mr. R. F. Shepperd, Branch secretary: Mr. K. E. Fursdon, Ringing Master: Messrs. B. E. Bartlett, J. Kelly and the Rev. W. P. Dowling to the general committee. One new member was elected.

Next meeting: Paignton, April 20th.

A. L. B.

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CADOXTON, Neath, GLAM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Williams 1, D. J. Lewis 2, H. Boyce 3, B. Williams 4, A. R. Lewis (cond.) 5, D. Culpan 6. Also on Jan 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B Williams 1, H. Boyce 2, J. Locke 3, G. I. Lewis 4, A. R. Lewis (cond.) 5, D. Culpan 6.

COULSDON, SURREY. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Geraldine Flook 1, A. C. Smith 2, A. N. Brock (cond.) 3, D. Bumstow 4, W. J. Saysell 5. For Evensong.

CROWCOMBE, SOM.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dennett 1, E. Webber 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, A. Somerfield 4, C. Lock 5, A. Welsher (father of ringer married). A wedding compliment.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Mrs. V. A. Copleston 1, D. Ralls 2, Miss J. A. Pullen 3, D. Potter 4, G. C. King 5, P. J. Bloomfield 6, R. E. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich by all except the conductor. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. E. Copleston 1, Miss J A. Pullen 2, G. C. King 3, D. Ralls 4, P J. Bloomfield 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by all except the conductor.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON. — On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Bould (cond.) 1, A. L. Bennett 2, A. Frost (first quarter) 3, D. A. Wills 4, G. E. Mudge 5, E. J. Cann 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. W. Timms on completing 25 years as Vicar of Buckfastleigh.

EAST MEON, HANTS. — On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Roberts 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Sansom (cond.) 7, N. Lambert 8. First Grandsire Triples 1, 2, 3.

FAWLEY, HANTS. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Fawley Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: Catherine A. Roberts 1, Susan V. Banks 2, R. Allinson 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, D C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6. Second anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

HOUNSLOW WEST, MIDDX. — On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. J. N. Dalton 1, R. L. Jones 2, R. J. Collis 3, J. R. Pratt 4, L. C. Way 5, D. Rothera 6, R. Leale (cond.) 7, M. J. Uphill 8. For Evensong.

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GLASGOW. — At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Dec. 24th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mrs. J. Tomkinson 1, T. J. Winderam 2, R. L. Preston 3, R. M. Preston 4, T. C Winderam 5, P T. Fisher 6, D. M. Graham-Service 7, M. J. Pink (cond.) 8. First in method for all except No. 6. For service of nine lessons and carols.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS. — On Dec. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. N. Pett 1, R. A. Ward 2, Barbara Butterworth 3, P. Neil 4, P. Keene 5, Christine Templeman 6, D. W. Manton 7, R. Churchill (cond.) 8. First of Major 4, 5.

ROMSEY HANTS.—At the Abbey, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. T. Drew (first of Stedman Triples): 1, J. R. Worrall 2, H. J. Page 3, M. L. Northway 4, D. C. Jackson 5, W. R. Gilks 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. For morning services.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Royal: Heather Darvill (first Royal) 1, H. V. Frost 2, Frances Dodds 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Thelma Lynn Willis 5, C. Forster 6, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 7, J. D. Duggan 8, C. E. Slade 9, G. W. Debenham 10. In memoriam E. G. Buck, of Baldock.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS. — On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Brooks 1, D .Hayden 2, W. Aley 3, R. Walker 4, E. Willet 5, E. Rochester 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, S. Levey 8. A welcome to the Bishop of Hertford on his visit to dedicate the new organ.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. M. Smith 1, Vivienne Blackaby (first quarter) 2, V E. T. Holland 3, I. M. Hankin 4, A. P. Sheldon (cond.) 5. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT. — On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Doris Dobbie 1, G. Kenward 2, Wendy Austin 3, G. A. Naylor 4, J. E. Clark 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 7, G. Wood 8. For Evensong.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Cull 1, F. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, D. A. Wills 4, G. T. West 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, A. E. Knight 7. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth West (first of Triples) 1, D. A. Wills 2, W. J. Harvey 3, R. L. Horder 4, F. Williams 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Elizabeth West and a wedding compliment to John D. Walker and Mary J. Milford, married here on Dec. 30th.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Sell 1, R. D. Hodges 2, P. Hughes 3, A. T. Wingate 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5, P. D. Sell 6. Rung after meeting short for a peal.

REVIVAL IN GUILDFORD DISTRICT

A stimulating annual meeting of the Guildford District was held at Guildford Cathedral on January 20th, with Mr. Peter Smart, Guild Master, in the chair. Three new companies had been formed—at the Cathedral, St. Nicolas', Guildford, and Bramley, and 17 new members were elected at the meeting.

The meeting stood in remembrance of Mr. Leslie Warner, captain at Cranleigh, and Mr. Fred Oldroyd, of St. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity, Guildford.

The Ringing Master (Mr. David Tubbs) in his report spoke of good attendances at meetings—a 47 per cent. increase and 43 per cent. increase in towers represented. The standard of ringing was presentable. He welcomed the new band at Bramley and said the Cathedral had 11 ringers of their own. Mr. F. Housden was holding monthly special method practices on Thursdays, and three more ten-bell practices would be held this year at the Cathedral.

The rise in membership was reflected in the improved balance sheet, and Miss J. Eloie (hon. secretary and treasurer) gave the District's membership as 97 full, plus 14 juniors. The District had a balance in hand of £59 13s. 10d. against £48 12s. 6d.

Officers elected for next year were: Ringing Master, Mr. David Tubbs; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. Martin Kirk; hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss Eloie; committee, Mr. W. Savile.

Mr. Martin Kirk proposed the vote of thanks to the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) for the use of the bells and the service, and to Mrs. C. Tubbs and Mrs. A. White for the excellent tea provided.

5,000 OXFORD BOB ROYAL

By LEN GOODALL

M	6	In	B	5	7	W	H	23456
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		—		1			2	43265
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1		—		1			1	32645
		—		1			2	43256
			—			1	2	34852769
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				1	1	1		23456

Rung at Isleworth on January 6th, 1968.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to the sisters, Ann and Enid Lawson, on their first peal of four-spliced Surprise Major (all the work) at Staindrop, Co. Durham.

In the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Evercreech the footnote respecting Mr. John Brain should read "First peal of Cambridge Royal." He has rung peals of Royal in other methods.

For the first time since 1954, Mr. Derek P. Jones, of Burton-on-Trent, has failed to qualify for the list of individual peal totals. His total of 17 (conducted 17) includes very few few failures.

Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild since its inception, took part in a peal on December 19th to mark his 65th birthday and retirement from business.

A fund has been opened for the rehanging of the eight bells at St. Thomas the Martyr's, Bristol. These were cast by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol. Mr. G. Tudor, 17, Lawfords Gate, Bristol 2, is receiving donations.

There were seven "firsts" of Superlative Surprise Major in a peal at Culcheth, Lancs, conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill, on January 20th.

Mr. Fred Housden has presented to the Guildford Guild library a photographic book of the dedication of Guildford Cathedral bells. It is a treasured collection of pictures, beautifully bound by Mr. C. W. Denyer.

Mr. C. W. Kippin is not seeking re-election as treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. A nomination in favour of Mr. Malcolm Powell, of St. Nicolas', Guildford, was made at the annual meeting of the Guildford District.

On Sunday, January 7th, the ringers of Spalding Parish Church accompanied the choir to Lincoln Cathedral. It was the second year in succession that the choir had been invited to lead the service of the Nine Lessons and Carols, and the ringers are grateful to the Cathedral company for the opportunity of ringing prior to the service.

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A BRANCH'S TRIBUTE TO ITS LONGEST SERVING OFFICER

Retirements are not usually happy occasions, but no one could say that this note was absent when members of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild met at Chilton Foliat on January 20th to pay tribute to its secretary for 30 years, Mr. T. Arthur Palmer.

Members of the Branch had contributed to a presentation fund which amounted to just over £13, and this gift was handed to Mr. Palmer by the Guild president, Mr. W. C. West, who had made the long journey with Mrs. West especially for the purpose. In welcoming the president, the chairman of the Branch drew attention to the devotion and co-operation of Mrs. Palmer, and said how pleased Arthur must be that, in a recent quarter peal in his home tower at Aldbourne, six of the band had been taught to ring by him.

Before the presentation Mr. West outlined the history of the Branch. He remembered coming to the Branch's formation on July 22nd, 1911 in a two-horse brake when he was a "probationer" ringer at Melksham. In the first 25 years the Branch had eight different secretaries and when Arthur took over the job there were only 57 members. The health of the Branch today was very largely Arthur's work.

Perhaps Arthur gave us the secret of his service and success when, in thanking the Branch, he said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his work and you could not expect to do well without this priority. It was evident that the meeting thoroughly approved his sentiment. Ringing in scattered rural areas and others too is often dependent on the faithfulness of its Branch secretaries. Thank you, Arthur, for setting us such a fine example. May you have many happy years of ringing yet to come R. K.

ST. PETER'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK

Work is about to begin on the tower of this church, where the weight of the spire has caused the upper stage to become badly cracked, and of late much masonry has fallen. The tower is then to be completely restored and, including the removal of the spire, the approximate cost is £10,000.

It is to be hoped that the bells, a merry ring of eight (tenor 23 cwt.), will then receive attention so that the silence of almost 17 years will be ended.

The nearby Mother Church of St. Gregory (8 bells, 16 cwt.) will, of financial necessity, have to await the accumulation of more funds. Here the bells are in good order but the tower was closed some nine years ago after an estimated cost of £6,000 for its restoration.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS

On January 15th a band of ringers from Maidstone rang a quarter peal of five-Spliced Surprise Major (London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative and Yorksbire) at Leeds, Kent.

This particular quarter peal is the direct result of the monthly Surprise practices which have been held at various towers in the Maidstone District. These practices have been of great benefit, as they have given ringers the opportunity to ring Spliced Surprise Major as well as the standard Surprise methods.

Full credit must be given to the District secretary (Mr. M. L. Howe) and the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. Tester) for arranging the practices and making them such a great success.

THE CHRONICLES OF KENT

And it came to pass that in a certain Holy City there arose two great buildings, one close to the walls of the city, and the other farther from the walls. And lo, when the buildings were partly completed, many young people from other parts of the land appeared, to sojourn awhile for part of the year to increase their learning. And among these young people there were those who followed the peculiar art of change ringing, and they did help the local people in their craft, and the local people welcomed them into their midst, into their towers, and into their homes, and there was much rejoicing in the land.

And lo, after a certain time, some of these young people who lived in the two great buildings did write to the chief scribe of their paper, and one did complain bitterly that the people who lived in that part of the land did not enjoy ringing peals, neither did they have many meetings. And did the people of that land rise up in wrath against the writer of that epistle? They did not, because they followed the writings of their Apostle Paul, who had told them, "If it is possible, as much as lieth within you, live peaceably with all men."

And it came to pass that after a passage of time the people of that land did hold a meeting at a certain small village about two leagues from the walls of the city. And at that time there was much snow and ice on the land and on the roads and paths thereof that led to the village. And there were some that travelled upward of seven leagues to be present with their brethren, and their journey was difficult. But the people of the village did welcome them with warmth in their hearts, in their church and in the hut wherein they had their meal. But the man who complained bitterly appeared not, and they that were there did wonder greatly at his absence.

B. J. LUCK.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE!!

The long-awaited first Surprise practice at Dereham, Norfolk, on January 12th, was expected to be a failure. During the day snow showers were frequent and many roads were almost impassable. In the evening freezing fog increased the driving hazards. Normal individuals, with no need to venture out of doors, would watch TV. One wife, at least, commented on the madness of doing otherwise!

Three Dereham locals sat over the heater in the belfry knowing that the ringers necessary to make the practice lived 15 miles of Norfolk road away in Norwich.

7.50 p.m., and footsteps sound on the stairs! The clockwinder? No! Ringers share with mad dogs the ability to disregard extremes of climate. Four members of the Colegate Society were determined to make the practice succeed

A touch of London Surprise on the back six served to empty snow on to the ringers and rouse two more locals. Ringing continued with Yorkshire, London, Cambridge and Bristol.

I think all would agree that the first Surprise practice was a success; the next will be held on February 9th. On behalf of the Dereham company I would like to thank Geoffrey for braving the weather. K. S. H.

RECORD LENGTHS OF DOUBLES

In reply to a reader, we give the record lengths of Doubles:—

On tower bells: 12,600 at Old Marston, Oxford, on April 7th, 1958.

On handbells: 15,000 at London on November 14th, 1962.

A CAMBRIDGESHIRE AUGMENTATION

The bells of Holy Trinity, Meldreth, are to be increased to a ring of eight. The two new trebles were cast on January 17th at the Whitechapel Foundry and the proceedings were watched with great interest by local ringers. Mr. J. Gipson, who is a churchwarden, has offered to hang the new bells.

The inscriptions are:—

Treble: "Blessed the Most Holy Trinity." Patrick McNeice, Vicar. Herbert Hilton, John Gipson, churchwardens..

Second: "All Thy works shall praise Thee."

HOUNSLOW WEST BELLS RINGABLE

For a number of years the bells of Hounslow West, Middlesex, have been silent owing to damaged wheels. Towards the end of last year Mr. R. J. Collis repaired the wheels, and a quarter of Yorkshire was rung on the bells. There is little prospect of a resident company here, but Mr. Collis hopes that quarter peals will be rung, and any band wishing to do so is asked to contact him at 144, Percy Road, Whitton, Twickenham.

FAWLEY SURPRISE

Members of the Fawley, Hants, band, led by Mr. Derek C. Jackson, have decided to turn their attention to unnamed Minor methods. Mr. Cyril A. Wratten has been very helpful in forwarding a list of Minor methods as yet unnamed. They are all based on the Treble Bob principle and subsequently the following was chosen for Fawley:—

—36—14—12—1236—14, —, 1.

2nd l.e. 136245.

Mr. Wratten offered to peal the method. An attempt was made locally to score a peal of Minor containing a 720 Fawley Surprise, but the attempt on January 6th proved unsuccessful. The real occasion, the second anniversary of the rededication of Fawley bells, was honoured by a successful quarter of 720 Fawley Surprise and 540 Plain Bob Minor, on January 9th. This method has still to be pealed either by Mr. Wratten or by the Fawley band on April 20th.

DULWICH HANDBELL RINGERS

Hope Baptist Church, Ebdon Bridge, are not the only Baptist handbell ringers. The whole of the present Dulwich Handbell Ringers are Baptists belonging to the Lordship Lane Baptist Church, East Dulwich. Mr. Arthur H. Coombs, the conductor of the handbell ringers, is also the organist at the Baptist Church.

SILVER WEDDING—HIS 250th PEAL

It was a happy coincidence for Mr. John Ashcroft, of Spring View, Wigan, that his 250th peal should also be in honour of his silver wedding. He thanks the rest of the band for helping him to score this particular peal and all the many friends who have helped and tolerated him since his first peal of almost 30 years ago.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CHEADLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Alex Richardson	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
G. Richard King	2	Sidney Hough	6
Joyce Grainger	3	F John Nelson	7
Geoffrey Gardner	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Norwich, London, Kent T.B., Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Timothy Wylie	4
Christopher Jones	2	John Robinson	5
Philip G. K. Davies	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. John.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Ann Lawson	2	George S. Deas	6
Enid Lawson	3	James Crowther	7
Kenneth Lawson	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Southchurch
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
*Christine H. Telfer	2	George S. Deas	6
Enid Lawson	3	Michael Maughan	7
James Crowther	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First blow in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TERLING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	David E. Rothera	4
Philip J. Rothera	2	James L. Towler	5
Donald F. Murfet	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH CERNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (standard callings). Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Ralph E. Scudamore	Treble	*Henry C. Bennett	4
Michael R. Rose	2	William F. Scudamore	5
Keith W. Scudamore (12)	3	A. Peter Law	Tenor

Conducted by Keith W. Scudamore.
* First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor (age 12 years 2 months). Rung on Holy Innocents' Day.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., Nov. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt 3 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Peter J. Malloch	6
Jeffrey Brannan	2	Basil Jones	7
*Christopher L. D. Munday	3	Derek Butterworth	8
Christine Andrew	4	Neil Bennett	9
*Christopher Movley	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Andrew.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Michael H. Tompsett	Treble	Basil Jones	5
Derek Yates	2	C Kenneth Lewis	6
John P Partington	3	J Barry Pickup	7
Richard Starkie	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
First peal in the method on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Four extents Kent T.B., three Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

John Hunt	Treble	Edward C. Cowd	4
Raymond H. Martin	2	*Edward Guy Slater	5
Hazel J. Nichols	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* 25th peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

Beryl N. Reed	Treble	Philip C. Pitchford	7
A. Robin Heppenstall	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
Harold Gibson	3	John Walden	9
Raymond F. Smith	4	Peter A. Sharp	10
John Freeman	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	11
Geoffrey Paul	6	Jack L. Millhouse	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by John Freeman.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAMPTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

William S. Deason	Treble	Roger A. Gage	5
Michael G. Bartlett	2	Michael C. Church	6
Alan D. Flood	3	David E. Rothera	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Dec. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Roland Beniston	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	*Frank Chambers	6
*John K. Smith	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 65th birthday and retirement compliment to Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Guild since its inception.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob Tenor 9½ cwt.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Frank Pearson	4
Henry Tooke	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Wilfred G. Saunders	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composition, "Change Ringing," page 13.
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Richard D. Gibson	Treble	*Ronald Ducker	6
Rev. F. Ross	2	Ian G. Campbell	7
Howard C. Palmer	3	*David S. Johnson	8
*F. Charles Hobson	4	Norman Chaddock	9
John N. D. Chaddock	5	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor of Surprise Royal.

(Beverley and District Society)
WALKINGTON, near Beverley, E. Yorks.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, comprising the following extents: (1) York Surprise, (2) Double Court, (3) Beverley Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, (5) Cambridge, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb

F. Charles Hobson	Treble	*Maris C. Stephenson	4
*Iris Piper	2	*John M. Brook	5
Ian G. Campbell	3	David S. Johnson	Tenor

Conducted by David S. Johnson.
* First peal in ten methods.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

POTTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents Oxford Bob and four extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt

*John G. Flint	Treble	Christopher R. Hardy	4
David G. Carr	2	*Roger J. Giddings	5
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Anthony H. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.
* First peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACT SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt 3 qr 23 lb.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	Basil Jones	6
Alan F Scholfield	2	*Brian Harris	7
Christopher M. Movley	3	William H. Dowse	8
Alan McFall	4	Robert B. Smith	9
Dereks F. Yates	5	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composition Traditional Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 100th peal on ten bells. 250th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*Sandra C. Spooner	Treble	David Danby	5
Jeffrey Brannan	2	John R. Scott	6
Rosemary E White	3	Roy Worrall	7
Rosemary A. Spicer	4	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Sandra Spooner.

GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr 26 lb. in F.

*Nicholas Thomson	Treble	Harold Worrall	5
Christopher J. Jones	2	Geoffrey Green	6
Robert J Warrilow	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
Michael Thomson	4	H. Lyndon Hatfield	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal at first attempt

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Jan. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Frank R. Morton	Treble	David Allman	4
A. Doreen Edwards	2	James S. Barker	5
John R Scott	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton
* 100th peal as conductor for the Guild. Quickest peal on the bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Fri. Jan. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

*Valerie Walton	Treble	*John K Walton	4
Linda D. Shaw	2	Timothy Wylie	5
*Stuart Pembleton	3	Robert M. Chambers	Tenor

Conducted by Robert M. Chambers.
* First peal. First as conductor.

THE DEVON GUILD

BUCKFAST, Devon.—At the Benedictine Abbey of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Emlyn F. Hancock	7
*David Rennolds	2	Michael J Hobbs	8
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	3	Richard J. Bowden	9
†Robert A. Southwood	4	Frank D. Mack	10
Alan Carveth	5	D John Hunt	11
†Anthony J. Davidson	6	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Composed by C. W Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal on 12 bells and first of Stedman "inside." † First of Stedman Cinques.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Christine H. Telfer	Treble	George S. Deas	5
*Ann Lawson	2	Denis A. Bayles	6
*Enid Lawson	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
James Crowther	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First peal of Spliced. First of Spliced as conductor.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Richard C. Stevens	Treble	C Martin Foster	5
Christine A. Foster	2	Ernest J. Ladd	6
Nigel Thomson	3	Kevin Taber	7
*Carol Martin	4	Raymond J. Talbot	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Nigel Thomson.
* First peal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Mon., Jan. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

*Patricia Holliday	Treble	D. William Newman	4
Frank Harper	2	Dennis E. Pepper	5
Jean Sanderson	3	Barry J. Couzens	Tenor

Conducted by Barry J. Couzens.
* First peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Cæsar's Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

*M Louise Slater	Treble	Dennis A. Hewitt	6
Andrew J. Slade	2	†Kenneth Warner	7
Robert E J Dennis	3	John C. Slater	8
David E. Rothera	4	Donald E. Cobb	9
Colin G. Wright	5	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J Dennis.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal. The conductor's 100th tower for a peal

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Mary Roast	Treble	*Tony Spurgeon	5
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Edward W. Roast	3	John West	7
Peter J. Came	4	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Composed by Arthur F. Lewry. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal First on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Basil Cornish, on completion of his first year's incumbency.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb.

Keith W. Brown	Treble	Michael J. Bew	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	James L. Towler	6
Susan Rothera	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
*Richard J. Harrison	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter G. Brown.
* First peal in the method.

HATFIELD, Broad Oak, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt.

Claire Hudson	Treble	Ian R. Panton	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Dennis A S. Symonds	6
Andrew S. Hudson	3	James L. Towler	7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

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

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WOODFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr 21 lb. in F sharp.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	David E. Rothera	6
Robert D. Bellamy	3	Colin G. Wright	7
*David A. Wright	4	Andrew J. Slade	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

*†George E. Thoday	Treble	Keith W. Brown	4
Jennifer Millbank	2	*James L. Towler	5
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 50th peal together. † 550th peal. Ringers of 3, 5 and 6 have now completed the "York family." First of Minor in the method by all except the conductor, who has now "circled the tower."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

Peter T. Dale	Treble	Philip Mehew	5
George E. Bonham	2	Andrew J. Slade	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	George E. Thoday	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Harold Evans	5
D Paul Smith	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
Tony Lewis	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third.

BEXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,728 London, 1,152 each Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol, with 122 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Tony Lewis	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Ralph Bird	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

BRENCHLEY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Robert T. Lambert	Treble	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Olive D. Tester	2	Reginald E. Lambert	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Colin A. Tester	7
Alexander Waddington	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The conductor's 150th peal of Double Norwich, conducted 123, and rung in 147 different towers.

MEREWORTH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Mon., Jan. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

E. Ivan Parkin	Treble	Peter M Wilkinson	4
Ian R. Russell	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	5
Norman R. Mattingley	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun., Jan. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

*John Illingworth	Treble	*†James E. Andrews	6
Norman Tompkins	2	*Geoffrey O. Sandens	7
†Geoffrey Fothergill	3	Harold Worrall	8
*Thomas Hobson	4	‡John Ashcroft	9
Joseph Thornley	5	*David R. Forsyth	Tenor

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ 250th peal and first of Grandsire Caters.
Rung to mark the silver wedding of the conductor and Mrs. Ashcroft, and as a farewell to the tenor ringer, who has left Worsley to join the Lancashire County Police.

(Preston Branch)
PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Jan. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

Neil McCormick	Tenor	Phyllis Turner	5
Dennis McCormick	2	John Ashcroft	6
Philip Wilson	3	Peter Gardner	7
Jeffery Simcox	4	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis McCormick.
Rung by the regular Sunday service band as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, also to Mr. R. Gardner.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Mon., Jan. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

John R. Lunham	Treble	Ronald Kenrick	5
Celia D'Eath	2	Martin E. Snape	6
Keith J. Walpole	3	Dennis R. Jones	7
Mary Perry	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Carole Jones, daughter of the ringer of the seventh, and to mark her engagement to Mr. Cedric Jones.

CULCHETH, Lancashire.—At Newchurch Parish Church.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

*James E. Andrews	Treble	*Ray Jolley	5
*Neil T E. Burnett	2	*†R. Keith Lister	6
*James Cunliffe	3	*Sydney Osborne	7
*John Illingworth	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pilstow. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First in the method as conductor.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Jan. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Margaret Crossthwaite	Treble	Diana J. Handley	4
Wilfred Bolton	2	Stanley Anderton	5
Patricia James	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
Rung in memoriam Edward Proctor, ringer for 65 years, who died in his 80th year and was buried here on the previous Wednesday.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURBAGE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	*Stephen C. Wells	5
*Robin A. Gilliver	2	*John Watkins	6
*Brian L. Burrows	3	*K. Paul Gilliver	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THURLASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

George L. Pickering	Treble	George Dudley	4
John J. Morris	2	Christopher M. Sturgess	5
Jane M. Tooby	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Jacqueline S. King	Treble	George T. Cousins	6
Donald G. Clarke	2	James L. Fitzgerald	7
David Pike	3	Frank Reed	8
David L. Philips	4	David J. King	9
David J. Hughes	5	Richard W. Owen	Tenor

Composed by Morris J. Morris. Conducted by David J. King.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Most Rev. Alfred Edwin Morris, D.D., upon his retirement as Lord Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Monmouth. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb. in F sharp.

William T. Petty	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	5
*Alwyn R. Lewis	2	D. R. Lynn Jones	6
Thomas T. Yeomans	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
David L. Phillips	4	†Raymond J. Mayle	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Triples "inside." † First of Triples

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt 4 lb

Julie E. Spurgeon	Treble	Harold W. Rogers	6
Richard L. Jones	2	Steven P. Darvill	7
Patricia Rogers	3	Roger W. Powell	8
Mrs. O. L. Rogers	4	Len Goodall	9
Laurence C. Way	5	Michael R. Wycherley	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Len Goodall.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Jan 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
*Roland Beniston	2	Robert L. Piron	7
John K. Smith	3	Arthur E. Rowley	8
Richard J. Clifton	4	Rupert A. Clarke	9
†Rev. M. C. C. Melville	5	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones
* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside." † 100th peal of Surprise.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Rupert Clarke.

LOUGHBOROUGH Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Jan. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Frank Chambers	6
Ron Hughes	3	Gordon H. Lane	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 58 lb. in D.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Clifford Bird	6
Nolan Golden	2	Bert Gogle	7
David Heighton	3	H. William Barrett	8
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	Leslie J. Bailey	9
George Sayer	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Tooke, a vice-president of the Association and captain of the tower.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Peter Border	Treble	Barry J. Davis	6
Barry E Saunders	2	Michael W. Coleman	7
Alan A. Paul	3	Robert A. Reeves	8
Barrie Hendry	4	Graham C. Paul	9
Diana Reeves	5	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Peter Border.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Tues., Jan. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's variation of Parker's 12-part. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Christopher P. Turner	Treble	Edgar J. Smith	5
Brian R. White	2	†Martin J. Turner	6
Malcolm Journeaux	3	Walter F. Judge	7
Francis A. White	4	Charles Coles	Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First attempt (age 12 years). † First in the method (age 15 years).
Rung as a birthday compliment for the wife of the conductor.

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's six-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Eva G. Eele	Treble	Bernard C. Castle	5
*Charles W. Mortimer	2	*Raymond K. Rivers	6
*Charles A. Eele	3	Harold Smith	7
Violet N. Castle	4	*Frederick J. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard C. Castle.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Ian Christopher, second son of John and Susan Froome, both ringers at Hurst.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Jan 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*Helen M. Diserens	Treble	*Frank W. Lewis	5
Albert Diserens	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
David P. Hilling	3	*John N. Diserens	7
Ronald F. Diserens	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Rung silent and non-conducted.
* First non-conducted peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LITTLEPORT SURPRISE ROYAL

Shirley E. Ruddlesden	Treble	Roger W. Smith	6
Barrie Hendry	2	Barry E. Saunders	7
Richard F. B. Speed	3	David J. Marshall	8
Patrick I. Chapman	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Malcolm J. V. Chown	5	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Sam Thomas Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
The conductor's 500th peal. First "little" Surprise Royal method to be rung to a peal. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

LITTLEPORT SURPRISE ROYAL
mx—50—14, 50—50, 36, 14—14, 50—14—18.

WARKTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods/variations, being two extents of Stedman and eight extents each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain and Kennington. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

J. Charles Hudson	Treble	John G. Mitchell	3
Patsy M. Barnes	2	Christopher J. Groome	4
Richard J. Cowley	Tenor		

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

NORTON, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Grandsire, four of April Day, four of St. Simon, four of St. Martin, four of St. Nicholas, four of Winchendon Place, eight of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob.

Edward C. Garrett	Treble	John S. W. Townley	3
Iris R. D. Webb	2	Stanley F. Webb	4
Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor		

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells since restoration in 1965. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	*Stephen W. Barton	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	John R. Insley	6
Susan E. Smith	3	James W. Belshaw	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal in the method.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

EDMONTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Peter Beresford	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Joan Beresford	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
Edwin A. Barnett	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Jan. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

*Sheila A. M. Antony	Treble	Harold F. Gibson	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Gordon A. Halls	8
Herbert T. Rooke	3	Denis A. Carlisle	9
Richard A. G. Inglis	4	William L. E. Exton	10
Royston Blackler	5	John R. Pratchett	11
George A. Dawson	6	John Walden	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman and first on 12 bells.
Rung to the memory of Frederick A. Salter, for many years a respected Ringing Master at this tower.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

OTLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Jan. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2 and 3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Leslie P. Brain	Treble	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	4
*Dorothy M. Durrant	2	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Margaret Egglestone	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Jan. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

J. J Parker's 12-part.			
Betty Percy	Treble	Thomas M. Barlow	5
Amette E. Bradbury	2	Alan R Baldock	6
Janet M. Percy	3	John R. Norris	7
Rosemary Earl	4	Charles R. Percy	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R Baldock.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rt. Rev. Lewis Evan Meredith, Bishop of Dover 1957 to 1964 and Vicar of this parish 1947 to 1957, who died on January 4th, 1968, aged 67.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
M Irene Ellsmore	2	Robert Edwards	6
Roderick J. Lees	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
A. Bryan Ellsmore	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

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

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Phillip C. Pitchford	7
Susan Jackson	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	8
Alan H. Bridges	3	John Walden	9
David Phillipson	4	C. Barrie Dove	10
Peter A. Sharp	5	Michael Maughan	11
Rev. Giles C. Galley	6	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher A. Moxon	Treble	*Christopher Holmes	5
*R. Anne Johnson	2	†Rev. Nicholas Webb	6
Charlotte Bennett	3	Trevor Tarbatt	7
David S. Johnson	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by H. Cashmore. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVECHURCH, WORCS. — On Dec. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen N. Restorick (first quarter) 1, H. C. Milward 2, F. W. James 3, C. A. Milward 4, C. Hims (cond.) 5, H. C. Kent 6. With the best wishes of the band to the Vicar, Rev. P. Blakiston, who is moving to Northumberland.

AUSTREY, WARKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary White 1, N. White 2, J. P. Burton 3, M. J. Mulvey 4, P. R Johnson 5. Believed to be first quarter on bells for ten years.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: Andrea North 1, Cherrill L. Everard (first as cond.) 2, B. S. Payne 3, M. G. Godwin 4, M. D. Barsby 5, P. G. Chambers 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Christine Younger 1, M. D. Barsby 2, P. G. Chambers (first as cond.) 3, B. S. Payne 4, R. Wilmore 5, C. L. Younger 6. Rung on Ringers' Sunday.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Travers 1, F. Bird 2, R. Hayden 3, T. Camp 4, K. Westwood 5, D. Kingston (cond.) 6. For family service.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. E. Marshall 1, J. W. Marshall 2, R. A. Bryant 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. E. Marshall 1, J. W. Marshall 2, R. A. Bryant 3, C. W. Tidwell 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss C. Cheeseman 1, P. R. Everest 2, M. W. Thompson (firs: of Triples) 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, J. R. Palmer 6, R. P. Sherlock 7, W. J. Bear 8.

ELING, HANTS. — On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ronda M. Purkess 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, T. Matcham 3, P. R. Parsons 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, B. M. Mackrell 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Alfred Carlos Fletcher, Vicar of Eling, 1951–1967.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Blencowe (first quarter) 1, Miss R. A. Collins 2, Mrs. M. Turner 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7. M. Blencowe 8. For Farnham Grammar School carol service. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Futcher 1, A. D. Elsmore 2, Miss J. M. Collins 3, C. K. Hill 4, S. Meadows 5, J. A. Collier 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Olliver 8. First Bob Triples: 1, 4. For Evensong. (C. K. Hill is on leave from Cyprus.)

HAWKLEY, HANTS. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Tipper 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey 3, Valerie Rushforth (first of Bob Triples) 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Sansom (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Wigford, on Christmas Eve, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: S. D. Etcell (cond.) 1, Mary Attard (first "inside") 2, J. Clarke 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. Rung before midnight Eucharist. Also on New Year's Eve, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): I. Minns (first quarter) 1, R. E. Smalley (first of Minimus) 2, J. Parkin (cond.) 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. Half-muffled. First in three methods in this tower.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,320 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain): J. D. Tarrant 1, T. W. Griffiths 2, P. S. George 3, I. P. Sawford 4, C. D. Corby 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Morning Star Treble Bob Minor: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. For the Epiphany.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (eight methods): J. K. Foot 1, G. W. Randall (cond.) 2, Shirley Jones 3, P. S. Reading 4, P. C. Randall 5, A. H. Bridges 6.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On Jan. 1st, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine M. Braziel (first in method) 1, F. W. James 2, W. R. Jackson 3, C. C. Freeman 4, E. Styler (cond.) 5, T. W. Herbert 6. For the induction of the Rev. B. Glover to St. George's Church, Redditch.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Cockrill 1, Wendy Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, R. Weekes 4, G. Wood 5, G. A. Naylor 6, J. Clark 7, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Kenward on the occasion of their 46th wedding anniversary.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Anita D. O'Brien (first in method) 1, A. R. Peake (cond.) 2, W. H. Trueman 3, R. Fry 4, R. G. Bryant 5, I. S. Campbell 6. In memoriam Mr. T. Holborow, Swindon Branch member, interred this day at Stratton St. Margaret.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Boniface 1, D. Brock 2, M. B. Tyers 3, R. J. Collis 4, J. F. Maybrey 5, M. J. Palmer 6, R. Bettley-Cooke 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8. For the induction as Vicar of the Rev. John L. James, lately Vicar of Balcombe.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. Sutton 1, Jill E. Davidge 2, Pauline Wilton 3, B. Bladon 4, M. J. Stanley 5, R. C. Hulme 6, M. New 7, P. Spackman 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, W. W. T. Daniel 10. For Christmas Eve and a welcome to Peter, son born to Brian and Leslie Bladon on December 20th. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol Lovegrove (first Triples) 1, Jill E. Davidge (cond.) 2, Winifred Marriott 3, Eileen Jaques 4, R. C. Hulme 5, M. J. Stanley 6, M. New 7, E. Sutton 8. A farewell to the Rev. J. W. Jackson, now at Walsall, Birmingham.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS. — On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): I. L. Dollins 1, J. Sach 2, A. Russell 3, W. H. Raxter 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6.

HALF PEAL

BOLDMERE, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 13th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: Miss R. J. McCallum 1, R. C. Ingram 2, D. Reeves 3, W. J. V. Conduct 4, A. S. Burbidge (cond.) 5, M. Androlia 6, J. E. Neale 7, R. H. Harris 8. First half peal on bells since church rededication after fire.

DATE TOUCH

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1968 Plain Bob Major: Beryl Twigg 1, Caroline Stewart 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, P. J. Bagshaw 4, D. R. McLean 5, P. N. Mackley 6, E. Shuttleworth 7, I. V. J. Smith (comp. and cond.) 8. For Evensong by N.U.S.C.R. First length on the bells since rehanging. An engagement compliment to Ian V. J. Smith and Ann Harris, both Society members, and also to David R. McLean, Master of the Society, and E. Sybil M. Tonkin.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Wiltshire 1, N. Bennett (first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ASHCOTT, SOM.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): G. Grenter 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Prime 3, Janice Haggett 4, F. Parramore 5, R. Lambert 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Poole.

ASCOTT - UNDER - WYCHWOOD, OXON. — On Jan. 6, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Dixon 1, J. Westmacott 2, G. J. Collett 3, P. R. Coveney 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tucker.

ASHFORD, KENT. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Rowland (first quarter) 1, Margaret Jones 2, F. Huckstepp 3, R. A. Swift 4, R. Swift (cond.) 5, J. Clark 6.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): A. H. Reed 1, J. E. Brewer 2, R. A. C. Cross 3, F. J. Morris 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, A. W. Knight 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS. — On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain): R. Cadamy 1, A. Kershaw 2, I. N. Pett 3, P. Neil 4, D. W. Manton 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Nigel R. Perrin (first quarter) 1, K. J. Perrin 2, Brenda J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington 5, F. W. Judkins 6. For Epiphany.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (back six): Susan L. King 1, Barbara A. Pates 2, B. F. R. Mullins (first "inside") 3, Sheila I. Smith 4, A. S. L. Smith (cond.) 5, D. G. Carr 6. First quarter 1, 2. For Christmas and a welcome to Mr. C. W. H. Bedford, from New Zealand to visit his son-in-law (B. F. R. Mullins).

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON. — On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, R. Garrett 2, J. F. W. Allen 3, P. R. Godfrey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Rung for the marriage of Stanley Duncan Muir and Maureen Lily Hill.

BRASTED, KENT. — On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Longhhurst 1, R. P. Sherlock 2, R. J. Everest 3, P. R. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, N. S. Butcher 6. Rung with the band's best wishes to Charlie Aylward, of Chiddingstone, on his 83rd birthday.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Murrell 1, S. Badman 2, R. Sweet 3, B. Abraham 4, D. Helliwell 5, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 6, B. A. Shackleton 7, S. Gillett 8. Rung on the back eight on the occasion of the marriage of Monica Hancock to Mike Rose.

BROUGHTON, HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Jackson 1, L. D. Smith 2, R. Roberts 3, E. Banks 4, T. Matcham 5, J. Hartless (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOM.—On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Berwick and Hexham): Monica Horseman 1, R. G. Beck 2, J. Brain (300th quarter) 3, P. Jones 4, A. P. Beck (cond.) 5, D. Mackay 6.

CROYDON, SURREY. — On Dec. 24th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. Davies 1, Mrs. C. M. Foster 2, E. W. Razzell 3, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 4, N. G. T. Steere 5, N. S. Brown 6, I. M. Parry 7, K. Taber 8, A. Brown 9, C. M. Foster 10. For midnight Communion.

DRAYTON BASSETT, Tamworth, STAFFS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): A. E. Cooper 1, N. Attaway (cond.) 2, Miss S. P. Fairfield 3, K. G. Parker 4. First quarter 1, 4. First of Minimus 2, 3. First quarter since the bells were recast and is believed to be the first quarter ever at Drayton Bassett.

QUARTER PEALS

ELSTOW, BEDS.—At the Abbey on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Robinson (first quarter) 1, Rosemary A. Hartley 2, S. R. Huckle 3, R. Wood (first of Minor) 4, R. Piron 5, A. D. Norman (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. G. Hartley (vicar) and R. F. Law (ordinand).

HEMINGTON, SOM.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Weaver 1, Christine Green (first quarter) 2, H. Hawkins 3, E. Green (first "inside") 4, R. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. Weaver 6.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. A. Caldecote 1, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 2, Annette Taylor 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. Clayfield 5, R. A. Gilliver 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Hilary Bevins, a ringer at this church, who died (aged 18 years) after a road accident on December 22nd.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): A. M. Humphrey 1, P. D. Hepburn 2, S. W. Brown 3, J. R. Norris 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. H. Tribe 6. First in seven methods for all the band. For Evensong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. Elderton, chorister and member of the P.C.C.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS. — On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (19 meth./var.): R. J. Bullock 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, P. G. Hickey 3, R. W. Collins (first "inside") 4, R. K. Williams (cond.) 5, F. Lawrence 6. Most meth./var. by all the band, and on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. W. G. Moeran, rural dean at Ledbury until 1959.

LEICESTER. — At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on Dec. 1st, 1,440 London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version): R. A. Clarke 1, J. Bramley 2, M. E. Wade 3, J. E. Cook 4, W. E. Rawson 5, P. A. Mason 6, S. J. Haines 7, A. M. Lindsey 8, R. H. Cook 9, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 10.

LEICESTER. — At the Church of All Saints, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. B. Brown 1, R. Kingsley Mason 2, Monica M. Jelley 3, J. Bramley 4, M. Green 5, A. Cattell 6, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 7, J. E. Plant 8. Rung half-muffled on the day of his funeral as a token of respect to Mr. Arthur Cattell, bellringer, chorister and churchwarden of All Saints' for many years.

LONDON.—At St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, on Jan. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. R. Wycherley 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, R. L. Jones 3, L. C. Way 4, J. R. Pratt 5, L. Goodall (cond.) 6, R. W. Powell 7, S. P. Darvill 8. For Matins.

LEIRE, LEICS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and St. Clement's Bob): K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 1, J. H. Dove 2, N. W. Price 3, W. Johnson 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, C. M. Sturgess 6. Rung after a peal attempt failure. A 60th birthday compliment to Harry Dove.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. S. Slatford 1, N. G. Knee 2, C. P. Quartley 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, R. J. Purnell 5, C. F. Andrews 6, L. E. Hitchins 7, E. J. Hitchins (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the institution of the Rev. W. H. Langdon as Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Minor (London S. and Plain): G. H. Pullin 1, Miss H. Webb 2, D. Cubitt 3, Mrs. D. House 4, P. Adcock 5, D. E. House (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): Miss B. M. Payne 1, Miss A. M. Wright 2, Mrs. D. House 3, D. E. House (cond.) 4, D. Cubitt 5.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. A. Tremeer 1, Jane Dando 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, J. Huggins 4, A. Masson (first in two methods as cond.) 5, J. Hatch 6. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy M. Huggins 1, Jane Dando 2, R. J. Latham (first "inside") 3, J. Huggins 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, R. Bevan 6. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lt.-Cdr. G. Wardle (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. Hoar 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, J. Huggins 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. S. Bush 1, Katharine Gorvin 2, J. M. Tyler 3, W. R. Barker 4, J. C. Meads 5, J. E. David 6, L. Hadman 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. Rung before Evensong in honour of the 87th birthday, on January 6th, of Rev. Dr. C. J. Grimes, former Vicar. Also birthday compliments to G. S. Bush and L. Hadman.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patsy M. Barnes 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, L. Atton 3, R. Sparrow 4, J. C. Hudson 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. A compliment to Robin and Mary Sparrow on the birth of a daughter, Wendy Tessa, and to Frazer Williams and Ann Sadler on their engagement.

PUTNEY, LONDON. — On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Cobb 1, Jennifer Nockolds (first of Minor) 2, L. Goodall 3, L. W. Allen 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, A. Patterson 6, Julie Armstrong cover.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (two methods): D. Rose 1, B. Coley 2, R. Rose cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. J. Rose 6. For morning service and to mark the 25th anniversary of the lifting of the ban on ringing for Christmas Day only until 12 o'clock.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS. — On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. D. Tarrant 1, T. W. Griffiths 2, I. P. Sawford 3, P. S. George 4, C. D. Corby 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6, J. S. Walker 7, R. D. Bellamy 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. D. Tarrant 1, I. P. Sawford 2, P. S. George 3, T. W. Griffiths 4, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 5, C. D. Corby 6, J. S. Walker 7, R. D. Bellamy 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): N. Brazier 1, Julie Horne 2, C. Catlin 3, D. A. Eddy 4, T. R. Harris (cond.) 5, Susan Catlin 6. The youngest band to ring a quarter on the bells (average age 14.5 years). For midnight Communion. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Catlin 1, T. P. Harris (cond.) 2, Julie Horne 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. R. Harris 5, Susan Catlin 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. D. W. Boothman, killed in the Luton air crash.

SOPLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Young 1, F. W. Freeman 2, W. T. Perrins 3, G. W. Scragg 4, A. V. Davis (cond.) 5, R. Childs 6. First quarter 1, 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. P. O. Sandercombe as Vicar and the dedication of a new vestry by the Lord Bishop of Winchester this day.

STAFFORD.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Daniels 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, R. J. Warrilow 3, G. T. Williams 4, E. R. Fairbrother 5, A. E. Garbett 6, M. Holland (cond.) 7, D. Owen 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to G. P. Matthews, F.R.C.O., 43 years organist at St. Mary's Church, died January 3rd, aged 85 years.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Pam Whitfield 1, Mrs. D. Webb 2, S. F. Webb 3, J. K. Foot 4, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 5, S. Royal 6. Rung to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Foot to the village.

STEVENAGE, HERTS. — On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Doubles (840 Grandsire, 480 Plain): W. Brown 3, D. Taplin 4, S. Gullick 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6, W. Lawrence 7, R. Kirkpatrick (covering) 8. In memory of Edwin G. Buck.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bellew 1, Miss R. Snowdon 2, Mrs. E. Oxenham 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, D. Bentley 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Royal (cond.) 1, Pam Whitfield 2, Mrs. G. Williamson 3, R. Winter 4, P. K. Williamson 5, J. Royal 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET. — On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Sara E. Elmes (first quarter) 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, Judith A. Robertson (cond.) 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, C. T. Brown 5, P. J. N. Brown (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WARMINSTER, WILTS. — On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Payne 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, R. Jones 3, L. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. Knee 7, P. Roynon 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY. — On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Thirtle 1, Hilary Bailey 2, Mrs. A. Smith 3, J. Bailey 4, A. Luxford (cond.) 5, B. Rogers 6.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS. — On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (seven methods): Jane Briggs 1, R. D. R. Brown 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, F. W. Ellis 4, J. E. Ewer 5, B. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Edwin G. Buck, ringer of Baldock and past president of the Hertford County Association.

WYMONDHAM, LEICS. — On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minimus (5-6 covering): S. Welbourn 1, B. Harley 2, R. Murphy 3, J. T. P. Thorpe (cond.) 4, C. Bottom 5, B. Dickenson 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Rawlings on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

NOTICES

NEW SCALE OF CHARGES

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BIRTH

EVANS.—To Sally (nee Clark) and Brian, of 42, West Street, Malmesbury, Wilts, on Friday, January 19th, 1968, a daughter (Jacqueline Karen). 3218

RUBY WEDDING

PARK—THWAITES. — On February 4th, 1928, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Darlington, by the Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave, M.A., B.D., William Norman Park to Sadie Thwaites. Present address: 372, Coniscliffe Road, Darlington. 3165

PERSONAL

HAYWARD.—Congratulations to Val Hayward on her 21st birthday, on January 23rd, from the Spring Park ringers. 3230

"In the multitude of my thoughts within me, thy comforts delight my soul."—Psalm lciv, 19.

PUBLICATIONS

For those who want to read about "The Ringing World" in its first 50 years, buy a copy of our jubilee issue of March 24th, 1961, Price 1s. 6d. post free from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

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HOLIDAY FLAT with extensive unin'erupted views of Cornish coast across Widemouth Bay. Completely self-contained flat, sleep 4; extra double room available; central heating included for early and late holidays; Stratton (8) 3 miles.—B. M. Boyle, Longdown, Widemouth, Bude. Tel. Widemouth Bay 353.

MISCELLANEOUS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE

The 150th anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 2.30 p.m.–5.30 p.m. Dinner in the Village Hall 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 20s. from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 20th. 3248

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
St. Matthew's-in-the-City

The recent completion of a pilot scheme on No. 3 suggests that "Bishop Selwyn's Bells" could once again be made ringable.

Anyone living in Auckland district who has a working knowledge of "belfry mechanics" and an unlimited amount of spare time which he/she is prepared to devote to the project is invited to contact: W. T. Lack, 3, Rodney Road, Northcote, Auckland 9. Telephone: Auckland 283–843.

It would be greatly appreciated if readers with ringing friends in Auckland District would bring this notice to their attention. 3249

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch.—Annual Dinner at the Royal Oak, Ilminster, Monday, February 12th. Tickets 11s. each. Ringing at St. Mary's, Ilminster, 6.45–8 p.m., prior to dinner. Tickets limited.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 3228

EGHAM, SURREY.—St. John the Baptist's practice night has been changed from Tuesday to Thursday at 7.30 p.m. All visitors most welcome. 3204

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Wirral Branch

20th ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE
Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton.
February 10th, 1968, 5.30 till midnight.
Tickets (27/6 each) now available. 3122

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District.—Annual Social at King George VI Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 17th. Tickets are selling fast—avoid disappointment by booking now—4s. each from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. Licensed bar, refreshments and entertainment from 7.30. 3241

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, February 12th, 8–9.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 3225

ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY
STOURBRIDGE, WORCS

Ringing Festival in the Stourbridge area on Saturday, April 20th, to coincide with the launching of the appeal for funds to restore the tower and bells of St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge. Details later, but book the date. — M. D. Fellows, Sec. 3256

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Surprise practice, Newport, Salop, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells 6.45 p.m.–8.30 p.m. All welcome. 3217

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The address of the new secretary, Mr. Eric Godfrey, is: 53, Chelsham Road, Warlingham, CR39EQ, Surrey. Telephone No. UAO—4366. 3203

For Notices of Dinners see back page of cover.

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Bletsoe (6), Saturday, February 3rd, 3.15–4.45. Tea, Milton Ernest, 5 p.m. Milton Ernest (6) from 6 p.m.—C. M. Payne. 3246

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Monthly meeting at Workington, Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. (Own arrangements for tea.)—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 3207

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Haddenham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Special methods: Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Names for tea to Rev. J. Jones, 13, High Street, Haddenham, Ely, Cambs. 3199

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Sat., Feb. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting in tower 6 p.m. Visitors will have to make own arrangements for teas; names of cafes where teas can be obtained will be given in the tower before service.—G. Blake. Hamler House. Roydon Hamlet. Harlow.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting at Leatherhead on February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea to A. J. Smith. 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead. Tea not guaranteed if you don't send your name.—M. M. 2196

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, February 3rd Weston (5) 5.30–7: Graveley (6) 7–8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3242

We apologise to disappointed secretaries. "The Ringing World" had to go to press on Friday, January 26th, because of mechanical difficulties.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford (10), February 3rd. 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Regret no service owing to redecoration of church. Names for tea to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane. Tel. Watford 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec 3184

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. John's Parish Church, Blackpool, on Saturday. February 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 3215

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Long Buckby, Saturday, February 3rd. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3210

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY — Monthly meeting, Penistone (8), February 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided. All welcome. Note: Secretary not seeking re-election at A.G.M.—A. King, Hon. Sec. 3244

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Beeston (8, just been rehung) on February 3rd. 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr A. S. Haines. 4. Elm Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 3173

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, February 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Cathedral House, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9 p.m. 3188

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 5th, at 7 p.m. 3222

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice, Woodstock (8), Wednesday, February 7th, 7.30 p.m. — E. Venn. 3227

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Surprise Major practice, Dereham, Friday, February 9th, 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—G P Adams. 3255

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6) on Friday evening, February 9th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 3252

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Stogumber (6 bells) on Saturday, February 10th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 3219

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy (6) on Saturday, February 10th. Usual arrangements. Sincere welcome to all.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 3254

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Holy Trinity, Hull, February 10th. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Ringing before service and after tea to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Stipetic, c/o Holy Trinity Church, Hull, by February 7th (latest). 3229

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Withyham, Saturday, February 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m., with evening ringing until 8 p.m. Please bring own tea: cups of tea will be provided in the Church Hall. 3178

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Trumpington, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea, Old School, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec 3224

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — East Devon Branch.—Annual general meeting at Ottery St. Mary, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. C. Woodley. Branch Sec., Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth. Tel. 2795.

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, Dartmouth, February 10th Service, St. Clement's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at St. Petrox' 2–3 p.m.; St. Clement's 3–4.30 p.m; St. Saviour's 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth, by February 6th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting, Hoghton, Saturday, February 10th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Illsley, Woodside, Station Road, Hoghton, Preston, by Wednesday, 7th.—B. Tomlinson and L. Walmsley. 3187

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Bowness-on-Windermere on Saturday, February 10th Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Wilson, The Cote, Beresford Road, Bowness-on-Windermere.—T. F. Metcalfe. 3216

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Shore (Littleborough) on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. It is proposed to authorise a grant from the Branch fund at this meeting.—G. Cheetham. 3234

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, February 10th. Bells: Quorn 10 to 11 30; Old Woodhouse 11 to 12; Woodhouse Eaves 12 to 1 p.m.; Shepshed 2 to 3 p.m.; Loughborough Parish 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Fearon Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Wilson, 138, Park Road, Loughborough, not later than February 7th. Parish and Bell Foundry bells available after meeting.—A. J. Poynor, Gen. Sec. 3200

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting at Llanblethian (6) on Saturday, February 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m.–4 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Cowbridge bells available after meeting until 8 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to D. J. Llewellyn, 7, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, CF6. 9 ED. Tel. Rhoose 494. 3197

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Annual general meeting at Caversham on February 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Caversham Church House. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham, by February 7th. No names, no tea. 3251

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, February 10th. Names for tea to Miss A. Starmer, The Bull Inn. Harpole, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 3245

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting to be held at Bromham (6), February 10th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss J. Turner, Mirabelle, New Road, Bromham, Chippenham. 3235

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Glanby (6), February 10th. Bells 3 Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 3228

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Chichester on Saturday, February 10th. Cathedral bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Evensong at 5.15 p.m. Tea in the Assembly Rooms after Evensong, followed by business meeting. Ring at the Cathedral after. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Evening ringing session at Leamington Spa (8), Monday, February 12th. Ringing, 7.30–9 p.m. to suit all tastes and abilities. All most welcome.—R. W. S. 3206

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practices: February 6th, St. Mary-le-Bow; February 13th, St. Botolph's, Aldgate; February 20th, Southwark Cathedral. All at 6.30 p.m. 3220

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—District practice meeting at Horsmonden (8) on Thursday, February 15th. at 7.30 p.m. Future practices on various week-day evenings. 3247

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Walsall on Sat., February 17th Bells (12) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3170

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting. Southover (Lewes) (10), Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please note nomination required for Divisional secretary. Names for tea to G. P. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes, by February 4th.—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ten-bell practice for ringers with experience of "inside" ten-bell ringing, Truro Cathedral, February 17th, 5.30–7 p.m.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 3243

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The February meeting will be on Saturday, February 17th. Bells: Barnby Don (6) 3–4 p.m.; Arksey (8) 4–5 p.m. and 6.15–7.15 p.m.; Campsall (8) 7–9 p.m. Tea and meeting at Arksey Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, as soon as possible. Buses every 40 minutes to Arksey from Doncaster. All welcome. — M. King, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3211

Recruitment and Training

By N. CHADDOCK,

Convener, C.C. Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee

THE suggestion made by N. F. M. in his feature "The Difficulties of Bellringing" (page 936, "R.W." December 22nd), that experiences of various towers be made known, is a good one. I agree with him that constant recruitment and training are essential if continuity of efficient ringing is to be maintained. The only exceptions to this are a few cities where ringing flourishes and there is a steady influx of ready-made ringers. Their gain, however, is some other tower's loss.

There must, however, be interest, enthusiasm and opportunities to progress. Some towers have literally droves of recruits who reach a certain stage and finding no opportunity for further progress lose interest and drop off.

In these days of extreme "mobility of labour" and the high proportion of lady ringers (God bless them!) whose ringing careers are necessarily interrupted or restricted, most towers have a steady wastage which calls for a considerable degree of training most of the time.

The Survey done by the Service Ringing and Education Committee, almost 10 years ago, threw some light on this problem, as did the consequent publication "Ringing for Service," available from the C.C. librarian.

Whilst many factors for success are well known, they are not always the same in different towers because the composition of the bands, conditions, traditions and outlooks differ. The band, old and young, experienced and inexperienced, must be able to get on extremely well together. Mental and physical qualities are only two of many important ones to be looked for in new recruits.

Some common factors for success are undaunted enthusiasm of one or several able members of the existing band, and ability of someone to teach, to organise and to create interest and enthusiasm. The belfry must be organised on businesslike lines. Half-heartedness never brings success in ringing affairs.

Those who work with youngsters have not only to teach them to ring but take a part in moulding their impressionable characters and sense of true values in ringing matters.

Though most young people often tend to appear less thoughtful than adults, this is not always so and there is a reward in seeing one's own teenage recruits develop their ringing ability and personality.

Not only is it necessary to train replacement ringers, but those with qualities of leadership and ability to impart their enthusiasm and skills to others must be encouraged to take responsibility in the tower and in established ringing organisations.

Of over 60 post-war trainees of mine who have rung 720's, the majority have been teenagers, and I would put 14 years as an ideal age at which to learn to ring. One of my most rewarding pupils, however, has been a mature man in his 40's, his contribution being not only that of a capable service ringer but of understanding and friendly encouragement to all who entered the ringing chamber including myself. He learnt happily amongst a group of 14 year olds, three of whom have for years been outstanding in their reliability, ringing ability and enthusiasm and have progressively become the backbone of the band.

Whilst exceptionally bright Grammar school recruits can produce rapid results, for steady continuity boys slightly below that academic standard take some beating. The former often develop too many other commitments and the latter are more likely to remain in the locality and develop ringing as their major interest.

Time spent on training those who later give up their ringing is not always time wasted. In some cases worthwhile service is obtained from them and they often bridge the gap between earlier and later recruits who retain their interest.

As regards method ringing, the majority of my teenage recruits at Rotherham have progressed to Surprise Major and Stedman Caters. The various ringing done each time a band meets should include a short "piece" which stretches it to its limit, bearing in mind the need to preserve a good standard of striking. On one occasion this might be Stedman Triples and on another Spliced Surprise. This keeps a band interested and on its toes and in a frame of mind to bear up with the more humble part essential to ensure the band's future.

It is advantageous to have a small group of pupils learning together, if this can be arranged. Training must be thorough and standards high in all aspects. The value of the extensive use of handbells in training cannot be over-emphasised.

Much valuable information about methods of teaching has been disseminated at the day and weekend courses in bell ringing. The Exercise can benefit from the pooling of ideas and experience which has proved effective.

TUNE RINGING

TODDLERS' FIRST STEPS WITH BELL MUSIC

From Yorkshire Mrs. M. Chant tells of the introduction of tune ringing by five-year-olds at South Hiendley J.M. and I. School. They are pictured ringing "St. Paul's Steeple."



They have a growing repertoire of nursery rhymes, such as "Baa Baa Black Sheep," hymn tunes, including "Thank you for the world so sweet." They also ring a number of songs from "The Sound of Music," including "Edelweiss" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain." At Christmas time carols of course are rung, "O come all ye faithful" "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Away in a Manger" being among the favourites.

The "conductor" points at a poster-size sheet of "music"—the pointing making the rhythm of the piece, because as a note is touched, then the ringer of that particular note "rings."

Each note at this stage is rung by recognition of colour (tunes in full harmony being rung at a later stage to numbers—each child having its own individual music).

When we exhausted the easily recognised colours, and more notes were required, then we repeated the colours but put a black stripe on top. This gave us the following key of recognition:—

A	15	White and black stripe.
B	14	Blue and black stripe.
C	13	Yellow and black stripe.
D	12	Red.
E	11	Yellow.
F	10	Pink and black stripe.
F sharp	10	Pink.
G	9	Green.
G sharp	9	Brown and black stripe.
A	8	Orange.
B	7	Mauve.
C	6	Brown.
C sharp	6	Black.
D	5	Blue.
E	4	White.
F	3	Orange and black stripe.
F sharp	3	Green and black stripe.
G	2	Red and black stripe.
A	1	Mauve and black stripe.

Each handbell has its individual colour, ¼" x ¼", cellotaped upon it. Even the five-year-olds are able to ring a faultless tune, which they can recognise and enjoy. The powers of concentration are developed to a remarkable degree—as I think the picture very clearly demonstrates. The children were not posed, but were actually ringing when the photographer called. M. C.

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Wooden pin tapering at both ends (6).
4. Highest quality. May be the upper sixth (3, 5).
9. Chucks out politely (6).
10. For caviar, Mrs. Beeton might have said: "First catch your ——" (8).
12. I go to Bedford and move it to Devon (8).
13. An illuminated manuscript (6).
15. Suitable place for College Bob? (4).
16. These are often sought or given (10).
19. Alternative versions of a flush (3, 2, 5).
20. Mohammedan title (4).
23. If you get this you're in! (6).
25. The music has been rearranged (8).
27. He lives surrounded by sea (8).
28. Starts in the same way as Grandsire and Stedman, surprisingly (6).
29. Teenager can produce (8).
30. 26d. with ship produces possessions (6).

DOWN

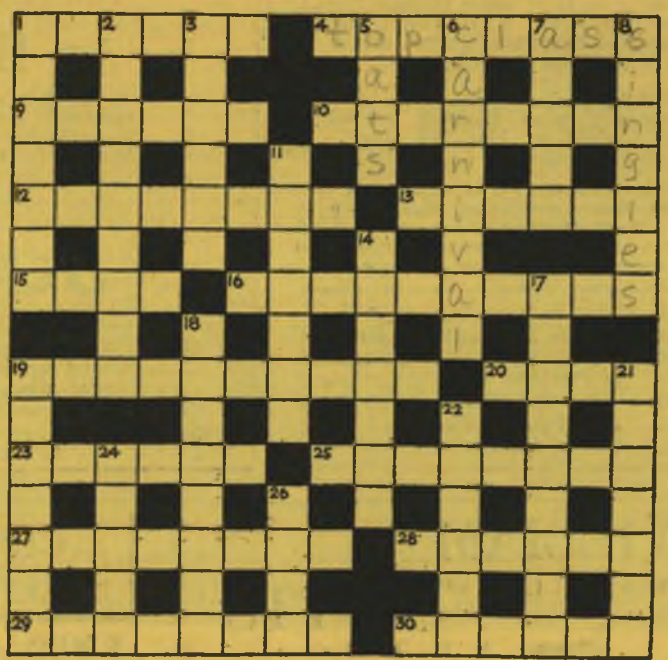
1. Put a thousand into the first bell and the result will shake you! (7).
2. New cathedral found in St. Martin's Guild for Diocese of Birmingham (9).
3. Excused or exploded? (3, 3).
5. These can be sown deliberately and yet be wild (4).
6. Carl and Ivan get together for this event (8).
7. Famous last words (5).
8. Ringers have these with doubles—tennis players don't! (7).
11. Not often seen supporting the top table (7).
14. Comparative speed of one six in Stedman (7).
17. Birdcage with a thousand in it springs a surprise (9).
18. He's not free to stand in peal attempts (8).
19. One of the three r's (7).
21. Look up Yorkshire and you'll find three of these (7).
22. This follows Trevor in the peal columns (1, 5).
24. Punctuation mark or large intestine (5).
26. Calling "Stand" may enable you to take this! (4).

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THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, TALATON, DEVON

OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. James, Talaton, Devon

TALATON lies a little to the north of the London–Exeter road near the notorious Rockbeare Straight which holiday motorists know so well; perhaps it is because it is so near to such a busy road that so few people take the time to visit it, but they miss seeing a fine church with an outstanding Devon screen as well as the unusually decorative tower shown in the photograph.

The bells are a good ring of six with a tenor of 12½ cwt., and they are all of different dates. The oldest is the 4th, a beautiful casting from the Exeter foundry dating from the latter part of the 15th century. Her inscription is one of the Exeter "stock" inscriptions, "Protege virgo pia quos convoco Sancta Maria"—"Saintly virgin, Holy Mary, protect those whom I call." The tenor is one of the finest of the surviving bells by the Somerset founder Roger Semson, who worked during the reign of Queen Mary I at Aish Priors, near Taunton. On this bell he inscribed in large curly capital letters: "Confessores sainctl omnes orate pro nobis"—"All ye holy confessors pray for us." The inscription is decorated with crowns, a rose and a fleur-de-lys, but the biggest and best ornament is an impression of the seal, about 4in. across, of a 15th-century Countess of Warwick, Joanna de Beauchamp. The same inscription and ornament appears on the tenor at Bradford-on-Tone; there seems to be no clear connection between either parish and the owner of the seal, so perhaps Semson may have got the seal by way of scrap, and kept it for decoration.

The ring must have become a five comparatively early, for the 2nd was formerly a bell by John Pennington of Exeter, cast in 1661. In 1751 the 5th was recast by Thomas Bilbie of Cullompton, decorated with roses; and in 1792 the younger Thomas Bilbie recast the 3rd, which is decorated with Bilbie's little bell-stamps.

The treble of the six came from Warners' in 1891, when the ring was rehung. A further rehanging came in 1932, when Gillett and Johnston recast the 2nd and the whole ring was hung in a new iron and steel frame with iron headstocks and new gear.

In late years the Talaton ringers have been increasingly successful in competition-ringing; their village being just south of the dividing-line, they count as a South Devon tower, and generally get into the Devon six-bell competition among the first six bands of their half of the county. J. G. M. S.

[Photograph by courtesy of "Devon Times."

ANATOMY OF A TOWER

A correspondent recently noted, rather sadly I thought, the number of ringers who had been in—and out—of his tower since 1945. He suggested that ringing there would today be better and more regular if they had not had such a high turnover.

I would like to put an opposite point of view—a steady supply of new recruits is the way to keep the bells ringing.

I have been looking up our records. Since 1946, when the band restarted from scratch, there have been 73 members of our tower. During the whole of this time there have not been more than half a dozen Sundays (all, I think, in summer holiday time) when the bells have not been rung. Mostly the six bells are rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, well laced with rounds and call changes. Cambridge and London have at times been within our capabilities but not so often. Mostly the standard of our ringing on Sunday has been quite reasonable. I think our church has had the sort of service from its ringers that it has a right to expect. To be sure a lot of people have helped to perform that service—but I can see nothing wrong in that. The bells have been rung and rung quite well.

No tower is typical, and ours is no more than anybody else's. We are fortunate in being in a suburb that supports its church well and whose population are mostly professional people or the children of professional people. But how these people move about! Someone who has lived in this area for ten years is a rarity. When they are not moving house they are doing homework or travelling in foreign parts. This constant coming and going is not, however, something to be regretted; it is merely something to be taken into account in doing our job.

Here are a few more figures from our records. These refer only to the time since 1956, because this is the period of which I have personal experience and can interpret. Since 1956 there have been 41 members of the tower. The length of service has been made up as follows (the figures in brackets denote those who are members at present):

Years of Service	No. of Members
19	1
16	1
12	3 (2)
10	1
8	1
6	2
5	2 (1)
4	6 (1)
3	7
2	5 (3)
1	8 (3)
6 months	4 (2)
	41 (12)

A member is one who rings at least once a week. It does not include those who still live in the area but are now at college and only ring in the vacations.

The average length of service is just over four years (It is currently only 3.6 years.)

Of the 41, all but 10 learned to ring in the tower.

Of the ten who did not, five could do little more than handle a bell when they joined us, and five were up to peal standard, though only two had rung more than two or three peals.

Of the 29 who are no longer regular members, all but five left because they moved away from the area.

Of those who have left the district, I think 10 or 11 are still ringing, but of this I cannot be sure.

Of the 41, almost all have attained quarter peal standards, and the majority peal standard.

Allowing for those who were members before 1956, the average rate of recruitment is about one ready-made ringer per year and slightly over two raw recruits.

To my mind, the most important factor by far that has enabled us to keep our bells going over this period has been the recruitment, come hell or high water, of three ringers a year. We are geared up always to teaching people and try to bring them along as fast as they will come to maintain their interest and everybody else's. I must admit that there a times when the belfry is a little overcrowded, but at least it is never understaffed. Our recruits usually attain their first quarter in six to 18 months, and even if they are members for only two years they can be really useful ringers for most of that time.

I do not foresee that there will ever be a time when we do not need to recruit three new people a year. I do foresee that if we do not stick firmly to that policy our tower could soon become undermanned like too many others. P. G.

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A SELWYN COLLEGE CENTENARY PEAL



ACCRINGTON PEAL OF GLASGOW UNDER FIRE

Dear Sir,—It is the custom for the conductor of a record peal to congratulate the band that subsequently breaks this record. However, in the case of the 12,096 Glasgow Surprise Major rung at Accrington on January 6th, exceeding the 11,872 which we rang at Edgbaston in November last year, I cannot do so with any sincerity.

First, I understand that the peal is not being claimed as a record. This is regrettable, since the majority of ringers will regard it as the new record (I do), even though it cannot be recognised officially. The result is that it debases the status of our official record and generally throws the keeping of records into disrepute.

Secondly, it is clear that the aim must have been to surpass our record, else why was Glasgow chosen when the field is wide open for hundreds of other records? This being so, why was not seven days' notice given, as required by the rules for record attempts? This last point is perhaps the most unfortunate of all, since the rule was designed to give ringers (and particularly those who rang in the existing record) the opportunity to listen to the attempt. I know that most of our band would have been keen to go to Accringon. We gave the required notice for our attempt and rang a very good peal, as many can testify. We are disappointed that no similar opportunity was given to us.

Thirdly, the ethics associated with the composition for this peal must be considered dubious, but I shall not go into this in any detail since it is being dealt with in a separate letter by Mr. Peter Border.

I would point out that this is not the first time that such an incident has occurred. A record length of Pudsey Surprise Major was rung at Loughborough last November, but this was not publicised in advance nor claimed as a record. This practice should be deprecated most strongly, both by the Guild for whom the peal is rung, and by the Exercise as a whole. The field of record lengths is generally one of endeavour and achievement: these performances only belittle it—Yours faithfully,

RODERICK W. PIPE.

Birmingham.

Dear Sir,—There are a number of ethical points which should be made in connection with the recent "long peal" of Glasgow Surprise Major rung at Accrington. I am not primarily concerned with the ethics of the performance itself; my own first interest is in the composition, published in your issue dated January 26th.

It is immediately apparent from the published figures that in order to join all of my 54 courses of Glasgow together, Richard Parker has had to resort to the use of an unusual call, to put it mildly. Rather less obviously, this "single" is made in 4–5 at the half-lead. I can see no reason for this call to be made at the half-lead at all (a single in 4–5 at the lead-end serves the same purpose), unless it could be that Richard Parker believed that this might be easier to get away with.

Surely he cannot be so naive as to suppose that I cannot recognise for myself the possibility of joining up otherwise unjoinable courses by the introduction of special calls. Special calls were commonplace in the early days of composition, particularly of Triples, but even then they were regarded with disfavour, and only used because they appeared to be unavoidable. I for one heartily approve of the traditional abhorrence of special calls, with the result that my composition ran to 53 courses only. This is not to say that I did not examine the possibilities of the normal single—it had none!

I would point out that I am perfectly well aware that the special call in question does not contravene the existing regulations governing the compositions of record peals. I suggest that these regulations may well not have been drafted so as to cover every eventuality, and now that this issue has arisen perhaps they should be re-examined.

One last point. If the use of special calls in record peals is regarded as acceptable, the field is wide open for attacks on all sorts of existing records. For instance, I know for a fact that the existing record of 14,144 London Surprise Major can be exceeded by a fairly handsome margin. I have worked out a suitable composition, which I do not intend shall see the light of day.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Barford, Warwicks.

Brian Woodruffe on Record Peal Regulations (see page 103).

George Augustus Selwyn, in whose memory Selwyn College, Cambridge, was founded, was consecrated Bishop of Lichfield on January 9th, 1868, and to commemorate this centenary it was decided that a band of ringers drawn from matriculated members of the College should attempt a peal at Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday, January 13th.

The band were entertained to a magnificent tea by the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, an Honorary Fellow of the College, and met several members of the Cathedral Chapter, one of whom acted as host to the travelling reserve, R. A. Harrison.

A peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Royal was rung in 3 hours and 15 minutes, conducted by Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, the Bursar of the College, who thus became the sixth person to reach a century of peals for the Cambridge University Guild. In 1954 members of Selwyn rang two peals of Major, but this is believed to be the first time a peal of Royal has been rung on tower bells by members of a single Cambridge or Oxford College. V. N.

Those appearing in the photograph (left to right) are: A. R. Heppenstall, K. J. Triplow, H. E. Bishop, P. M. Wilkinson, P. A. F. Chalk, C. W. Woolley, C. M. P. Johnson, R. A. G. Inglis, V. Nutton, R. D. St. J. Smith and R. A. Harrison (reserve).

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Miss Ruth Blackshaw, the hon. secretary, reported a very good year at the annual meeting of the Bingham District at Bingham on January 13th. The Bell Repair Fund reached £43 for 1967, a grand effort. Lowdham had made a very good upstairs ringing room after weeks of hard work. Meetings had been reasonably well attended and steady progress was being maintained. Membership had been almost doubled since formation in 1962.

Officers elected were: Mr. D. Clark, chairman; Miss R. Blackshaw, secretary; Messrs. H. Hanson, D. Stainsby and Miss I. Anthony joint Ringing Masters; Mr. M. W. Harrison, committee member.

Eight new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. R. Spray (Cotgrave), Pamela Clifton, Joan Carter (Bingham), Susan O'Neill, P. Wild, R. Anthony, J. R. Rigby (Gedling).

The Rev. F. Stephena conducted Evensong, and tea in the Women's Institute Hut was very welcome on a cold, wet day.

The Eighth Grantley Hall Course

By Christopher Groome and Marcia and David Gomersall

SNOW and the closeness of Christmas provided a fresh background to the 1967 Grantley Hall Course, enhancing the fine setting of the hall and highlighting the hospitality and friendship which ringers have always found at Grantley.

It was the eighth course at Grantley under the leadership of Norman Chaddock, and lasted from the evening of Friday, December 8th, until teatime on Sunday, December 10th. Among regular attenders it was rated the best yet. There is no doubt that the course has gained an ethos and momentum of its own with a good balance between theory, practical and recreational time.

The course was welcomed by Vernon Bottomley in his capacity as president of the Yorkshire Association. Together he and Jeanne ensured that everyone was welcomed and the only regret was that they could not stay the week-end. The tutors, Messrs. Wilfrid Moreton, Henry Fielden and Norman Chaddock, then each gave a short synopsis of the lectures they were to give, to help students make their choice of lectures. The Washington film followed and then began the round of conversation and handbell ringing which shows that ringers enjoy being together and, at Grantley, has a strange effect on the other course (drama this time) sharing the week-end.

Saturday offered a full programme of lectures in the morning and practical sessons in the afternoon.

CONDUCTING—PRIORITY

For the more advanced ringers, Henry Fielden, a "new boy" at Grantley, offered a series of lectures on conducting from Plain Bob to Surprise Major. It was a very personal and colourful interpretation of the theory rather than a neat package, to leave the students admiring but gasping As a result the practical side of conducting came over much better. Well worth repeating is Henry's order of priority for the conductor:

> "Keep his own bell right, put the calls in the right places, and only then is he able to put other bells right. An ability to call 'Stand' rather than to indulge too much in the last activity seemed to fit in somewhere."

One group under Mr. Moreton learned how to construct Double Court; then tried ringing the method that had been constructed following the "blue line." In the afternoon we had a practical session at Kirby Wiske, where we practised the two methods we had been studying in earlier sessions.,

At our next session we learned how to construct Oxford, Double Oxford, Cumberland and St. Clement's; then, after Mr. Moreton had explained to us the best way of constructing these various methods, we rang St. Clement's on handbells. The way in which we were shown a method and had it explained to us, followed up by trying to ring it on handbells, was indeed an excellent way of learning a method.

Others joined the group under the tuition of Mr. Chaddock for elementary change ringing. It was amazing what we did not know, particularly where the theory side of ringing was concerned. Our session commenced with the principles of plain hunting and how the course was made up. This was developed until we could write out a course of Plain Bob Minor, paying attention to how the dodges were formed. When we had written that out we had a short practice on the handbells, ringing what we had learned. At the next session we went into greater detail of Plain Bob Minor and learned the basis of bob work. We were given various duplicated notes on striking and rhythm.

On the Saturday morning a practical session on elementary conducting was held at Kirby Malzeard under Norman's supervision. Here some half a dozen budding conductors each simultaneously called three or four touches of Bob Minor.

ORGANISED AS A MEETING

Ringing on the ten at Ripon Cathedral was organised as for a district society meeting. As the course had ringers at all stages of development, including non-ringers, who had their first "ting," this was a fair test for Norman as Ringing Master. As an experiment all members of the course handed in to the Ringing Master, before ringing started, a slip of paper on which their ringing "requests" were written. This proved quite successful. Everyone had a chance to develop their ringing in a wide variety from rounds to Surprise Royal.

After dinner Ted Hudson treated everyone to an hour on "The Other Side of Ringing." It was surely one of the most fluent and best assembled set of facts and observations on the place of ringing and ringers in the community and on their relations with each other.

The evening closed with handbell ringing for all tastes—tunes with Norman, single-handed method ringing with Wilf Moreton and double-handed with Henry.

Another welcome innovation of which the students took good advantage was the "tutorial." During each session one of the tutors was available to help students for whom neither of the set activities was suitable. Much use was made of this facility.

After breakfast on Sunday morning the usual short service was ably taken by Mr. Hudson. Most of the Drama Group joined the ringers. Would that all services at ringing meetings were so appropriate, simple and effective. It was preceded by a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

On Sunday afternoon further instruction in bell control and easy method ringing was given by Mr. Moreton in the tower. Sunday also included two sessions of carol ringing in four-part harmony using about 30 bells, organised by Mr Chaddock. These proved an enjoyable relaxation for those taking part.

At the final "get together" the tune ringers played a carol and there was a universal feeling that the week-end had been very successful from all points of view—ringing, social and gastronomical.

SUSSEX LADIES TO TRY AGAIN

At the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild, held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on January 9th, there were only five ladies present at the business meeting. A proposal was submitted that the Sussex District of the Guild should be discontinued. It was, however, decided to continue the District for another year in the hope of better support.

There was ringing in the afternoon and evening until 8 o'clock. The Vicar conducted a short service and local ringers were thanked for the excellent tea provided.

Next meeting: Hailsham. June 29th.

ST. ALBANS GIVES EVIDENCE OF A LIVE DISTRICT

THE annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held on January 20th at Hatfield. During the afternoon the ten were rung to methods up to Surprise, and a course of the special method, London, was achieved, although quite a few found all their effort spent in handling the longish draught. A service was held, followed by tea, at which a vote of thanks was given to the Rector, the Rev. J. Stow.

The Association president (Mr. E. T. Newnham) took the chair for the business meeting. Although the District had lost none of its own members during 1967, all present stood in silence in memory of Eddie Buck, of the Northern District.

The minutes of the last annual District meeting were read and accepted, and also the secretary's report and the accounts. Mr. Robert Hardy was elected secretary and he was thanked for stepping in as acting secretary during the year. Mr. Gerald Penney was re-elected as Ringing Master; he was thanked for all the time he had put in on the organisation side as well as the meetings, and he replied that he felt he'd done the job for enough years now and would like thoughts on a replacement for 1969. Miss J. Fellows was re-elected "Ringing World" representative. The committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Coburn, Miss Fellows, Messrs. G. Dodds, J. Ewer, R. Brown, E. Edmondson and G. Penney. Messrs. G. Dodds and G. Penney were elected to the General Committee. Miss J. Fellows was elected to write up the District peal book

The proposed list of towers and special methods for 1968 were discussed. Mr. Penney said it was proposed to carry on with the special methods and expressed the wish that all members would look them up before and not during the meeting. The next meeting will be held at North and South Mymms on February 17th, when York Surprise Major will be the special method.

On the social side, the District agreed to hold a dinner (after a break of one year), a social, barbecue and a coach trip to TV studios. Special practices at individual towers would be arranged on request, and invitations were immediately received for Wheathampstead in February and St. Paul's, Waldon, for March. These are always on the first practice night of the month.

Mr. Fred Ellis, of Wheathampstead, announced that the Wheathampstead ringers were hoping to raise money to add two trebles to the six. They have already raised £250, and although they are aware of the fund in progress for the Central Council visit they hope to organise some money-raising efforts in the near future, which they trust everyone will support. There are still no plans to raise the floor or add rope guides!!

On a more serious note, Mr. Jack Dear, of the Northern District, conveyed Mrs. Eddie Buck's appreciation of the representation of the St. Albans District at her late husband's funeral. The secretary added that he had written expressing sympathy on behalf of the District.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing followed.

MARSTON, OXFORD. — On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bolton 1, L. R. Porter (cond.) 2 H. Page (first "inside") 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. For candlelight service. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Archer (first attempt) 1, L. Porter 2, H. Page (first as cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. For Evensong.

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SILENT TOWERS IN THE CITY OF LONDON

By David L. Cawley

In response to the recent request for information as to the silent towers in the City of London. I append the following information:—

St. Andrew's, Undershaft (6).—This ancient and melodious ring is now hung dead in the old frame, and rung by a clavier; the old ringing fittings are in a heap in the bell chamber. The tower is reported to be too weak to carry a ring of bells.

All Hallows', Berkyngechirche (18).—The old eight were totally destroyed in the blitz, and a magnificent chime was erected by John Taylor and Co. in 1948, with a bass bell of 41¼ cwt. in C, but all hung "dead."

St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8).—Now rehung with the sixth recast. This superb Whitechapel ring (25¼ cwt.) is in regular use again.

St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8).—The magnificent new ring, cast in 1951 by John Taylor and Co from the metal of the old and heavier eight damaged in 1941, has been thoroughly put in order, but there can be no regular organised ringing until the tower is buttressed. Occasional ringing is permitted. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

St. Dunstan's-in-the-West (8).—A complete eight by T. Mears & Co., 1830, tenor reputedly 19 cwt. in F The bells are hopelessly derelict, several are cracked, and all are dilapidated and filthy beyond description. I understand that they are to be sold for scrap. The famous clock "jacks" are intact; the other clock, in the tower, has gone to St. James', Bermondsey.

St. Katherine's, Creechurch (6). — This church was narrowly saved from demolition and restored a few years ago. In the small tower is a derelict ring of six, from which the wheels, stays and sliders have been removed; both headstocks and frame are dilapidated, the former being renewed when the tenor (10¼ cwt.) was recast in 1842. The bells are not even chimed.

St. Magnus the Martyr's (10).—The bells were removed in 1939 for safety, and still lie at Whitechapel. They were last pealed in 1938, and many peal boards adorn the filthy ringing room. The old oak frame remains, with the tenor headstock still suspended from its bearings. Several of the bells are cracked, and overtures by many people regarding their restoration have been treated with contumely by the authorities until recently.

St. Mary's, Woolnoth (3).—The only ringable three in London; in weight they go 2½ cwt., 5 cwt. and 11 cwt.; they are wildly out of tune and run badly. There are also ringable single bells at **St. Margaret's, Pattens,** and **St. Bride's, Fleet Street** (15½ cwt. in F), the latter replacing the blitzed ring of 12.

St. Sepulchre's (10).—Last rung in 1938, the famous bells of Old Bailey appear intact, though the pigeons have taken over the bell chamber and ringing room, leaving the tower like one of the Guano Islands. An excellent article by the churchwarden appeared in "The Ringing World" several years ago, and it appears that efforts have been made to rehang them with little success. The tenor (31½ cwt. in D) is the famous passing-bell of the former Newgate gaol. The bells were rehung in the old frame in 1905, and many peal boards adorn the ground-floor ringing chamber, having been brought from above. The eighth was rehung in 1932 and the Sanctus more recently, but owing to the precarious state of both tower and frame (the latter wedged to the walls), the bells remain unringable.

St. Stephen's, Coleman Street (8).—The bells were totally destroyed in 1940, and the site of the church has now been cleared and built over.

There are chimes of bells hung "dead" at the Royal Exchange (13, 33½ cwt., by Gillett and Johnston) and Houndsditch Warehouse Stores (10, 4½ cwt., not used).

SHINGLING — Author's family followed the craft for 200 years

The tall, slender spire of Wadhurst Church, in Sussex, has now a coat of brown cedar shingles instead of the grey oak shingles. To me, this is a very sad sight, for the craft of shingling church spires was in our family for over 200 years, ending when my father died five years ago. To repair a spire in the winter months was unheard of, and the workers used to leave home in April, go from job to job and return home in September. During the winter all the spare time away from the wheelwright's shop was spent in cleaving out shingles and stocking up for the following summer.

Unlike the steeplejacks of today, only one ladder was used, one of 18 rungs, with the one next to the bottom taken out. In the four corners of this aperture short ropes were tied. One man then climbed up inside the spire, on the timbers and took out the trap door, some 15 feet from the top. A thin rope was let down and the ladder pulled up and manœuvred so that it lay up the spire with the opening in the ladder over the opening in the spire. The four short ropes were then pulled in the four corners and fixed to the spire timbers. A man then crawled out through the hole, went up the ladder and fixed it to the top.

A rope collar was placed round the top of the spire, in which was hooked one or two sets of pulley blocks, 3 and 2, with a 90ft. rope. A man then fixed a swing seat, as used today, got in it and took it down to the ground, where it was taken off and replaced with a big wooden cradle, in which a man could sit with plenty of room for his tools and a supply of nails and shingles. One could then easily pull oneself aloft and stop anywhere with a quick twist of the rope over the hook.

Some spires have a second trap door at the bottom and one could get in and out of the cradle without having to go to the top. The timber and the shingles being oak, one had to drill a hole for each nail, which was made of copper and would not corrode. One wonders today of the scrap value of the nails recovered from our spire.

I helped my father carry out repairs to the spire at Wadhurst in 1935, but the last major job was in 1897, when two sides were completely renewed, so most of the other shingles were 100 years old. Today's work in cedar is only guaranteed for 30 to 40 years. In 1897 the spire was 16 feet out of upright.

Over the years our family repaired most of the shingled spires in Sussex, Kent and Surrey, and one can write at length of the stories handed down: my grandfather, with his leg in an iron, having his after-dinner nap in the cradle, of the time he accidentally chopped the rope in half, and of the day father went into the bottom trap to shelter from a thunderstorm and the rain shrank the ropes, taking the cradle out of reach.

RECENT EXPERIENCES

The shingling of the spire at Wadhurst was not without incident to the ringers. On December 9th we met to ring for an area Toc H service and were just about to raise the bells in peal when the Vicar rushed in with a message from the steeplejack: "You cannot ring the bells." A quick inspection upstairs revealed a ladder lashed to the bell frame and fouling the fourth and tenor. What Toc H members and our own people (the next day) thought of Doubles and Minor on 123567 we do not know but to us it was horrible. Fortunately all the bells were available the next week-end for a ringers' outing and a big dedication service.

December 20th brought another message from the Vicar—the belfry was flooded out, the bells were covered up and could not be used. So for the first time in living memory (except for the ban) the bells were not rung for Christmas and the New Year. No doubt those living near the church appreciated not being wakened at 6.15 on Christmas morning, or roused at midnight on New Year's Eve. It did seem strange to walk to church in daylight on Christmas morning, and a lot of people said how they enjoyed hearing the handbells before Matins. Some of the ringers went to Burwash on Christmas morning and we were invited to join them to ring out the Old Year. We were able to ring again on January 28th.

A. C. B.

SYSTON DISTRICT REPORTS STEADY IMPROVEMENT

The annual general meeting of the Syston District was held at Syston on January 13th, attendance being 72. Ringing on the eight bells preceded the service, which was taken from the Guild's proposed service booklet. The Vicar, the Rev. C. Wall, officiated. Tea was taken in the new Church Hall.

Opening the business meeting, the chairman (Mr. J. M. Morley) welcomed the Guild president (Mrs. J. Staniforth) and visitors from Burbage, St. Margaret's, Leicester, Blaby and Branston, Lincs. Mr. A. Mansfield, an honorary life and founder member of the Guild, was especially mentioned. Thanks were also given to the Rev. C. Wall, the organist (Mr. M. White) and the Syston ringers who arranged the tea.

The chairman reported that a great effort was being made to get the silent towers in the area going again. The main organiser of this is Mr. B. S. Payne, and anyone wishing to give a hand is asked to get in touch with him. Mr. Morley also announced that he was retiring from office through business reasons.

The secretary (Mr F. W. Faulkner) reported that in 1967 31 new members had been elected (10 adults, 21 juniors). Paid-up members totalled 107 (77 adults, 30 juniors), nine honorary life members and two over 65 years of age: total 149 members. The average attendance at monthly meetings was 49, evening practice meetings 25. An improvement was hoped for this year.

The Ringing Master reported a year of slow but steady improvement in the ringing at meetings. A pleasing feature was the many District members who rang their first peal. A District peal week was organised by Mr. B. S. Payne, with five successes out of seven attempts. "I think the first-pealers will agree that they learned more in three hours than in 23 in their own tower." The report contained thanks to the Barrow ringers, especially Messrs B. S Payne, R. I. Kendrick and M. D. Barsby for their help given at the Quorn meeting. Linford and Humberstone had better attendances at their meetings but he would like to see all towers represented at meetings and not just a few. Methods rung during the year in addition to Doubles and Minor included: Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Winchendon, April Day; Triples: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman; Major: Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Double Norwich, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire.

Officers elected for 1968 were: Chairman, Miss J. H Cox; secretary, Mr. F. W. Faulkner; committee, Mr. J. M. Morley, Mr. C. Mobbs; Ringing Master, Mr. M. D. Barsby. Thanks to Mr J. M. Morley for his work as chairman were voiced by Mr. H. L. Wykes, seconded by Mr. B. S. Payne.

F. W. F.

Letters to the Editor

CATERING FOR LATECOMERS

Dear Sir, — The members of the Peals Analysis Committee wish to dissociate themselves from the statement published in the issue of "The Ringing World" on January 19th (page 43), under the heading "Peal Records for 1967," paragraph 2, lines 3 and 4. We did not authorise this statement, which is contrary to the decision of the Central Council, recorded on page 22 of the Handbook.

In accordance with this, we shall continue to accept peals which appear in print up to the final issue of February, i.e. dated March 1st, 1968.—Yours faithfully

WALTER AYRE,
Convener of the
Peals Analysis Committee.

DOUBLES METHODS/VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article by Mr. Dawson on Doubles Splicing ("Ringing World, 1968, page 24), particularly because I have been puzzled as to how one can arrange four variations of a Grandsire type method in one extent called S–SPx2. As I understand it, a variation consists of a plain lead, or leads, of one method used with the calls usual to another method. An example of this is Newborough, where one uses Grandsire plain leads with Grandsire bobs and plain leads of All Saints' as singles. To ring Newborough one must, therefore, ring at least one plain lead of Grandsire, with at least one Grandsire bob and one plain lead of All Saints'.

Recently a peal of Doubles methods/variations was rung in which it was claimed that four variations had been rung in an extent based on Grandsire. The calling used was S–SPx2, using the same type of bob throughout, but four different singles. As far as I can see this does not give four variations, for the following reasons:—

(1) Only three plain leads have been rung; a variation demands at least one plain lead. Unless a plain lead is rung one would not know, for example, whether one is ringing a variation of Grandsire or Wollaton.

(2) Grandsire and similar methods require two types of call to produce an extent, singles or bobs on their own being insufficient. Similarly, variations of such methods require two calls to produce an extent. This means that, to say that four variations have been rung in a 120 one must use four bobs. Only three exist in a S–SPx2 calling.

Mr. Dawson admits that these "particular type(s) of extent are of dubious value, as four singles are used with three plain leads" (page 24). I would go even further and say that it is impossible to ring more than three variations in any extent arranged on this plan. I should therefore suggest that, where it has been claimed that more than three variations have been rung, conductors should consider whether it would not be more honest to amend their peal reports, especially where such peals are claimed as records of some sort or another.

I hope, in the next few weeks, to publish details of a proposed addition to Central Council rules to cater for Doubles variations. Unfortunately it is obvious that even the simplest of variations must be guided by some rules, otherwise this branch of ringing will become a complete and utter farce. — Yours sincerely,

COLIN A. LEWIS
University College Dublin.

CALL CHANGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Jewell's letter (January 19th) prompts me to join Mr. Beavis in his fight to bring to the surface the unfriendly attitude shown by some bands to visitors.

In my 25 years' experience as a ringer I have only once met with a refusal to be allowed to ring and this was at the only tower in Plymouth I had not rung at—St. Budeaux, a tower affiliated to the Devon Association.

In all fairness, I had been warned that they did not encourage visitors, but as I was passing on their Tuesday practice night I thought a few rounds would suffice, and with my family entered the ground-floor tower.

The changes were obviously not going to plan, as they made two fresh starts. My family were getting impatient after 30 minutes, but I made the observation in a loud voice "They are coming round now" on two occasions when changes 21345 and 12354 came up. After the third crunch they lowered.

I was told by a friend with over 2,000 towers that what I should have done was to charge in and taken the rope away from one of them, pushing him aside in the process. Instead we walked out of the church with them in silence.

Fortunately this is an isolated case. I have rung with several call change bands in Devon and Cornwall, mainly on eight, and can emphasise all Mr. Jewell has said At St. Mary's, Torquay, they have better striking than the majority of change ringing eight-bell bands, and you have to concentrate as much. I rang with this band several times, also at Plympton St. Andrew's, Tavistock, etc.—Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY DODD.
Highclere, Hants.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I fully agree with the sentiments made by the six members of the ringing fraternity in "The Ringing World" of January 26th.

I would be interested to know if the Abbey ringers ring in other towers; if they do, why not publish their names in "The Ringing World" and bar them from ringing in other towers.—Yours faithfully, R. H. ADDIS.
Cardiff.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE 87 members at the Association's Goole meeting on January 20th will remember for a long time the excellence of Mrs. J. J. Taylor's tea and the welcome to the town by the Mayor, Mr. T. E. Addy, who, with his wife, joined members at both their service (with handbells during the 150th Psalm) and tea. Canon Hudson, Vicar of Goole since last April, and his wife were also welcome guests.

At the business meeting ten new members were elected: Ian Danby (Sutton-on-Hull), Jane Lawrence and Dr. and Mrs. Baker (Chapel Allerton), Michael Nunn (Rothwell), Margaret Hunt (Wakefield), Timothy Samuelson (Pudsey), Maxine Johnson (Cottingham), Bryan Seymour and Christopher Milner (Huntington).

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the new rule about officers, and the following nominations were received: Peal secretary, Dr. T. D. Spencer; report editor, Mr. R. Ducker; composition secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley; general secretary, Mr. W. F. Moreton.

In addition to the octave at Goole, those at Thorne and Howden were much enjoyed, as well as the fine sixes at Carlton and North Cave

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Dear Sir,—Having read the recent correspondence about ringing at Westminster Abbey, I would like to make one or two comments.

Several of the writers express their objections to a closed shop attitude. While not passing judgment on this, I would ask what right these people feel they have to be allowed to ring there. The organ is not played for all services, but we do not hear about anguished organists offering their services to the Abbey, or about visiting choirs wanting to sing there on Saturdays.

Another recent correspondent questioned the function of service ringing in general. People going to worship at the Abbey know about the services and do not need to be "called," having travelled some distance to be there. Under the present system, even if it has its faults, one knows at least that if the bells are ringing there is a jolly good reason for their doing so, and not just once again for ringers' pleasure.

The six people from the Oxford Diocesan Guild suggest that if the resident band is incapable of Sunday ringing, then other bands should be allowed to ring. As one who has rung there (as a visitor, not a member of the band!) I can say that the bells are not at all easy to ring, nor very rewarding, and I am sure that if Sunday ringing were "open," there would be very few ringers who would make the effor to climb the long staircase for such average bells, once the initial novelty wore off. If these people are genuinely feeling philanthropic towards London ringing, their services would be more than welcome on another heavy eight, at St Botolph's, Aldgate, on Sundays.

Incidentally, my own opinion is that it should be easier for visitors to have a ring, without general "open" ringing, but I do not question the right for the Abbey ringers and authorities to make their own rules and run the tower in the way they see fit. — Yours faithfully,

R. DENNIS.
Harlow, Essex.

FORMER VERGER'S VIEWS

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the letters re Westminster Abbey ringing, and as I was a verger there for five years, taking parties round, I claim to know just a little of what goes on.

Westminster Abbey is a Royal Peculiar and all the time I worked there it seemed very peculiar to me. The behaviour of people was simply appalling. Smoking took place if the vergers were not very careful, and it has even been known for visitors to use monuments as toilets. Now one does not do this sort of thing in a church so it will give you ringers some idea of what the visitor really classes Westminster Abbey as (a museum). All the time I was there I was trying to make people realise it was a church, and one way to do this is to have the bells rung for services. At the present moment the vergers use hammers downstairs outside the belfry door; only if a special service is being held or a special ringing day crops up are the bells rung, and then after the service. So let us get the bells rung for services if at all possible; that will also give the visitor outside some idea of what Westminster Abbey was built for. And inside—well, let us get the thurible swinging so they can smell it is a church.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK HOPGOOD.
Hampton, Middlesex.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Record Peal Regulations — Some Interpretation Wanted

By Brian J. Woodruffe

Dear Sir,—I write in reply to Alan Ainsworth's letter in "The Ringing World" (page 19).

(1) I apologise to Roddy Pipe for presuming that, as no conductor was stated in the notice Alan would be the conductor of the 11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major.

(2) Now, Alan, I am not sure that the Central Council regulations on record lengths are as straightforward as you like to make out. Let me explain: Firstly, consider sub-section (f), (Central Council Handbook, page 19), which states: "That in the case of a peal rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes and upwards compliance with these further conditions is necessary: . . ."

This statement can be interpreted two ways, one of which is: "That in the case of a peal, rung to surpass previous peals, of 6,720 changes and upwards . . .' (my commas for emphasis). This means that any attempt at a record peal in which over 6,720 changes are to be rung, must comply with the rules.

The other interpretation is: "That in the case of a peal, rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes and upwards, compliance . . " This means that the rules only apply to attempts at records, which already stand at or in excess of 6,720 changes. This is your interpretation. Alan, but think what it implies—a conductor would have to give notice of an attempt for 6,728 Little Bob Major (present record 6,720) but **not** for 40,680 London Surprise Royal (5,400 is the present record). Extreme examples, yes, but surely this is not what the Central Council had in mind when the rules were drawn up and worded as they are now?

Since this is Alan's interpretation of the rules, he is perfectly correct in what he says in para. (2), but it does seem to suggest that, as notice **was given** for the 11,872 Glasgow, there is an element of doubt in his mind or that he feels the rules need altering to include all record attempts. The idea of giving notice for record attempts is obviously that other ringers may visit the place of the attempt to listen and to check that the peal is rung correctly. And, of course, publicity, not only to ringers but to the general public as well, is an important point to take account of, as Alan rightly states.

(3) Whether the composition is to be published before or after the record attempt is another debatable point. Certainly the rules do not say that the composition must be published with the notice but they do hint or suggest that this is so. May I quote the **whole** of sub-section (f) part (iii), not just part of it as in Simon Humphrey's letter:

"That the composition of the proposed peal shall be submitted to at least one competent person, other than the composer, for proof, and the figures shall be published in 'The Ringing World.' These figures shall be strictly adhered to unless it becomes necessary for the conductor to call the bells round before the full length is completed, owing to an unforeseen contingency. Any alteration made in the **published figures** for this purpose shall be published **with the report** and also submitted before publication to those who proved the composition."

The last sentence of this paragraph implies one thing—that the figures have been published before the attempt takes place, and that if the figures are altered they are then published again with the peal report. No time period is stipulated as to when the figures should be published but, of course, the most rational time is with the notice of the attempt, i.e. at least seven days before.

Alan states that if the composition is published before, another band could ring it previous to the notified attempt, or afterwards for that matter, if the notified attempt failed But if the record peal were rung by an unscrupulous band before the official attempt, it would not be recognised by the Central Council and therefore would not be recorded and should not get in "The Ringing World" peal columns if the Editor is on the watch for this sort of behaviour. The refusal to publish such peals is the only way to discard them and to uphold the rules of the Central Council However, I cannot agree with Alan over the point that another band can use the composition if the official attempt failed. This introduces a spirit of competition into record peal ringing and surely this is not a bad thing for the Exercise? Furthermore, how can the composer be sure that the composition is the longest possible?—there is the chance that a different plan will produce a longer peal I believe that the Central Council is right in suggesting that the composition be published before the attempt, and this leads me on to the next point.

(4) Part (iv), sub-section (f) states:

"That all ringing shall be heard by a competent, unbiased person who may give, if he thinks fit, and the performers so desire, a written certificate that the peal has been rung. Any objections to the performance must be made in writing to the conductor and Association and umpire immediately the ringing has finished, and any controversy arising shall be referred to the Central Council whose decision on the matter shall be final."

Two queries arise out of this paragraph:

(i) Is the "competent, unbiased person" also the "umpire,' and who appoints these—the band or the Central Council? If the band appoints the umpire, he is therefore not unbiased but is associated with the attempt and, very often, with the spirit of it. If the Central Council were to appoint the umpire, they can then also judge his competence to umpire the attempt. Too often, the appointing of an umpire is a case of finding someone who is prepared to give up his time and not necessarily someone who is competent to judge the peal.

(ii) My second query is over the "objections." Objections can arise from the standard of striking and by the composition. If the composition has not been published then the conductor is safeguarding himself against incorrect calls, and if the umpire is not competent, who is to know if a miscall is made? An acute listener outside the tower, if he has the composition, can make an independent check, and then he is in the position to object "immediately the ringing has finished" if he believes the peal has not been rung according to the published composition.

(5) I submit the above observations and comments as "food for thought" and, I hope, discussion. As with my earlier letter, there is no intention of "attacking" or "smearing" any conductor or band—I am just asking for points to be clarified.

It seems there are three points to be discussed:

(i) Whether the composition is to be published before the attempt or not.

(ii) Whether notice has to be given for all record peals of 6,720 changes and over.

(iii) Who should appoint the competent, unbiased person/umpire, and who is to assess his ability to check the ringing.

May I add two more for good measure:

(iv) What is the significance of 6,720 changes; why not 5,376 or 10,000?

(v) Should similar rules apply to normal length record peals, such as Spliced Surprise or multi-methods peals in which a record number of methods is to be rung?

URGE FOR NEW DISTRICT IN ESSEX

The annual general meeting of the South West District was held at Barking on January 13th. The Master, Mr. D. E. Cobb, presided and about 75 members attended.

The meeting was opened with a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. W. Roxburgh, also to the Barking ringers and the ladies, who had provided the tea, for their hospitality. This was given by Dr. J. Armstrong.

The Master welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. Frank Lufkin and Mr. P. Saltmarsh.

The deaths were announced of Mr. B. Hines, ringing member of Brentwood, and Canon Stanley, honorary member of Prittlewell. Members stood in silent tribute.

After the secretary and treasurer's annual reports had been adopted, Mr. F. B. Lufkin took the chair with the consent of the meeting and a discussion took place on the proposition by Mr. D. E. Cobb, seconded by Mr M. Hallett, to split the South West District. The following amendment to the Association's Rule VII was approved unanimously:

"The Districts of the Association shall be six: Northern, North Eastern, North Western, Southern, South Eastern and South Western."

The proposal now goes forward to the annual meeting of the Association to be held at Chelmsford

Mr. Frank Lufkin remained in the chair for the election of District Master, and Mr. D E. Cobb was re-elected unanimously.

Mr. M. Hallett announced his intention not to stand for re-election as secretary. Two candidates were proposed and G. Eve was elected by a show of hands. Six members were proposed as committee representatives, a ballot was taken, and Mr. M. Hallett and Mr. P. Bedford were elected. Seven new members were elected to join the Association.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY'S FIRST DINNER

The first formal dinner of the University of Wales Society of Change Ringers was held at the Queen's Hotel, Cardiff, on January 20th. Five towers were open during the course of the day and ringing reached a moderately high standard. Those who joined us for ringing came from such diverse places as Bristol and Birmingham, which could be used as evidence in support of the view that many people would like more opportunities to visit the many good rings of bells in South Wales.

Thirty people attended the dinner, including the guest speaker, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, and his wife Unfortunately I have to say that co-operation from within the Society was very poor, making organisation more arduous than it need have been. Members who actually attended the dinner comprised four from each of University College, Swansea, and University College, Cardiff (a two-thirds attendance for each), two ex-members of University College, Swansea, and one ex-member from St. David's College, Lampeter. It is regrettable that of the 24 members from University College, Aberystwyth, not one was prepared to support our new venture. This unfortunately meant that we made a financial loss, which we hope will be offset by donations from those members of the Society who did not support the dinner

Despite the poor representation of Society members the dinner was a great success socially and this in itself is, I feel, sufficient to inspire the Society to continue to hold the event annually. After an excellent meal Canon Felstead made a very interesting and informative speech, concluding with a toast to the Society. The Master, Mr. John F I Turney, responded with brevity and subtle wit and concluded his speech with a toast to the visitors

Sincere thanks are due to all incumbents who allowed us the use of their bells during the day and to the manager and staff of the Queen's Hotel who provided us with an excellent meal and superb facilities. S. H.

OBITUARY

MR. G. H. HUMPHRIES

It was with great regret that the ringers of Croydon Parish Church learned of the death of George Herbert Humphries ("Bert") on January 17th, at the age of 64. Bert had suffered a very short illness and nobody in the tower realised how ill he was.

He joined the Ancient Society of Croydon Parish Church Bellringers as a probationary member on February 2nd, 1922, although he had been ringing for some time at the Parish Church before that. Just over one year later, on February 6th, 1923, he became a Stated Ringer of the Society. He had, therefore, served Croydon Parish Church as a ringer for nearly 50 years, a record of which he could well be proud. Bert was a very capable 12-bell ringer and was a great asset to the Sunday service band. Although he did not aspire to some of the more complex Surprise methods, his part in the Cinques band at Croydon was very valuable and he will be greatly missed

The last occasion he rang was on Sunday, December 3rd, when he rang the fifth to a quarter peal of Stedman Cinques. As a tribute to his memory, ten of his fellow ringers, including his son and daughter-in-law, rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters on January 23rd. Those taking part were: R. Davies 1, E. W. Razzell 2, Mrs. P. Humphries 3, I. M. Parry 4, N. G. T. Steere 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. S. Brown 7, K. Taber 8, R. C. Stevens 9, P. Humphries 10.

Croydon Parish Church has not only lost a ringer but a friend. Bert was ever a cheerful person who could always find room for a smile when things did not quite go as they should.

R.C.S.

MR. W. THORNLEY, SEN.

I only recently learned of the passing of a very old ringing friend in the person of Mr. William Thornley, of Stapleford, Notts, at the age of 76 years. Bill Thornley had been a ringer for over 60 years and gave me much help and encouragement in ringing in my young days. He called my first peal—5,040 Minor in three methods on the then newly augmented bells of Stapleford Parish Church in October, 1932. This peal was Bill's first as conductor and I am saddened to think I was unable to attend his funeral to pay my respects to a man I had known all my life.

Bill rang at Sandiacre for many years and was a member of the fine Surprise Minor company at that time, ringing a new method most Sunday evenings with almost perfect striking. He was a splendid treble man at raising and lowering in peal, and to hear Sandiacre bells being lowered in peal with Bill on the treble and taking 10 to 12 minutes was something I shall never forget.

A disagreement with the then Vicar of Sandiacre caused the break-up of that band and Bill joined the Stapleford Parish Church company, where he eventually became captain, remaining there until the end.

Bill served in the Army in the 1914-18 war and was gassed and wounded badly, but he kept up his ringing despite poor health at times but, as he told me, "I did come back." He rang a good many peals with the late Mr. E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston, with whom he was very friendly, but I do not know exactly how many—I should think about 200. A very quiet and likeable man, he was never aggressive when things went wrong in the belfry. May he rest in peace.

G. H. CLIFT.

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 38



KEITH WILLIAM SCUDAMORE

(Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association)

It is a great pleasure to include in this series a son who is following his father's hobby and art with such enthusiasm.

Keith William Scudamore, who was born on October 5th, 1955, is the son of Police-Sergeant William F. Scudamore, Ringing Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and steeplekeeper of Cirencester Parish Church. When his father was stationed at Lydney, in the Forest of Dean, Keith first learned to handle a bell at the Parish Church. At the time he was only six.

When his parents moved to Cirencester, in 1965, Keith immediately joined the Cirencester company, ringing at both the Parish Church (12) and Watermoor (8). He rapidly took to change ringing on all numbers of bells and can be found on any Sunday joining the more experienced ringers in methods up to Stedman Caters (his favourite). More recently he has ventured into the field of Surprise.

Keith's first peal (Grandsire Doubles) was rung at North Cerney when he was only ten years of age. It was a happy family occasion, as his grandfather (Ralph E. Scudamore) and father both took part. And now we have reported the conducting of his first peal—Grandsire Doubles—at North Cerney on December 28th last year, some two months after his 12th birthday. To avoid any nervousness or excuses he was only told of the peal 24 hours before it took place. In his four peals there is one of seven Doubles methods, the others being Grandsire.

At present he attends the Cirencester School, one of the latest to join Gloucestershire's Comprehensive Education System, previous to which he was a pupil at the Rebecca Powell C. of E. School at Cirencester, which had strong associations with the Parish Church.

A regular member of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association he often accompanies his father on Association business in order to be able to make additions to his list of towers (which now total about 300). His most pleasing experience was being able to ring Stedman Caters at Lincoln Cathedral in September, 1967.

Apart from ringing, his hobbies include the Scout movement and electronics.

MR. L. S. HALLETT

The death took place recently of Mr. Leslie Samuel Hallett, a ringer at Worle and Weston-super-Mare, aged 66,

Educated at the College and Brymelyn School, he joined the R.A.F. as a photographer in 1920. During the war he was twice mentioned in dispatches and five years ago he retired as the Chief Training Officer of the R.A.F. School of Photography, Cosford. He did a great service to ringing while stationed at Stratford-upon-Avon and also founded a section of the Army Cadet Force. His widow and two daughters are bereaved.

The funeral service, conducted by the Vicar of Worle, the Rev. W. C. Foster, was held at Weston Crematorium. On January 27th a quarter peal of Doubles was rung half-muffled at Worle to his memory, conducted by Mr. George Prescott.

MR. LESLIE WARNER

Mr. H. C. Arthur writes that the ringers of St. Nicholas', Cranleigh, were shocked to hear of the passing of their captain and secretary, suddenly, on January 10th. He had been a ringer at Cranleigh for 53 years.

"Mr. Warner's great dedication to the service ringing of his church enabled him to carry on in difficult times, and so set an example for us to follow. His good work was well done to the end"

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. George Skinner, secretary of the Exeter Branch, on being awarded the Imperial Service Medal.

Mr. J. E. Jeater has had to go into hospital for an X-ray. He is now back at work, but there might be a few days' delay in the dispatch of receipts and answering letters.

The third annual rally of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain will be held at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School on October 5th. The school lies about five miles north of Sheffield.

A peal of distinction we record this week is Bristol Surprise Maximus at High Wycombe on January 27th conducted by David P. Hilling. We are given to understand that the previous peals of Bristol Maximus were last rung at Leicester in the days of the late Harold Poole.

Never too old? Ernie Andrews, of Lavenham, rang the third to a quarter of Bob Major on the famous bells for his 90th birthday on January 21st. Congratulations.

The peal at Knowle (page 51) was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Graham J. Lightfoot (January 2nd), and a 20th birthday compliment to Norma A. Riley (December 30th). The correct dedication of this church is SS. John the Baptist, Lawrence and Anne.

The footnote to the peal rung at Bramford on December 31st, 1967 (page 68), should have read: Rung in the 150th anniversary year of this same peal rung in this tower on January 1st, 1817, and as birthday compliments to Rev. Brian Redgers and Edmund Christian, and as an engagement compliment to Neville F. Whittell and Jennifer M. Andrews.

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGING

A useful book explaining ringing procedure at Westminster Abbey and also a valuable historical background has been written by Harold N. Pitstow, entitled "A Short History of the Bells and Belfries of Westminster Abbey (price 2s., plus 3d. postage). It is obtainable from the Abbey Bookshop, Westminster Abbey, S.W.1.

"The Foundation known as the Brethren of the Guild of Westminster disappeared down the ages. It was reborn, however, in modernised form by Dean Ryle, and the work of the belfry to-day is carried on by a superintendent, a company of eight ringers (the principals) and nine supernumeraries. The official origin of the band was May 14th, 1921, when the first eight members were admitted to their office by the Dean at a ceremony in St. Faith's Chapel. As changes occur, each newly-elected principal is so admitted. The ringers are drawn from the Ancient Society of College Youths, which was founded in the year 1637."

"UNION SCHOLARS"

The leading article in "Irish Bell News" of January 20th issue is headed "Union Scholars." This is Editor F E. Dukes' conclusion:

"What are bellringers trying to prove? We believe it is that there is no barrier between North and South, Roman Catholic and Reformers, as far as bellringing is concerned. We are sure that their love of bells and bellringing—no matter who is in the band, no matter what church—is for the good of the Exercise and, above all, for the greater Glory of God.

"May we pray therefore—'that whensoever the bells shall sound, they may kindle holy thoughts and give an increase of Christian faith and devotion in whosoever shall hear them.'"

This is a good issue of "Irish Bell News." Minimum annual subscripton 3s., from the Editor, Meadow Cottage, Whitecress, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

A FAREWELL TO LEN STILWELL

The farewell peal for Mr. Len Stilwell preparatory to his move from Sussex to Windsor was rung at Pulborough on January 27th in the tower where he rang his first peal in 1904. This was Grandsire Triples, to which Len rang the treble. Later he was in charge of the ringing here for some time.

Len will be pleased to know that young Dale Barton, of Pulborough, rang very well in his first peal. It was unfortunate that Mr. R. Wake, the Western Divisional secretary, who arranged the peal and intended to call it, was prevented from doing so by indisposition. The peal was conducted by Mr. Raymond P. Wood, with whom Mr. Stilwell had been associated for many years as a member of St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing.

ST. STEPHEN'S, CANTERBURY

The band of ringers at St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, are struggling to raise funds to rehang their famous ring of eight and recast the sixth. Piles of newspapers have been disposed of for salvage. (Leave piles in the church porch, marked "For Bell Fund.") Recently some of the local band put the notoriously difficult tenor bell on ball bearings, making it by far the easiest bell in the tower to ring More power to their elbows!

SILENT PEAL AT BRISTOL

"A magnificent achievement. I understand that not a word was spoken throughout the performance." In these words Mr. F. Sharpe described the University of Bristol Society's silent and non-conducted peal of Grandsire Caters. He was speaking at the Society's 25th anniverary dinner later on the same day, January 27th.

The band had met at St. Stephen's at noon. Albert Tyler, the umpire, told the band what was expected of them and that the peal would be stopped in the event of bad striking or any signalled or spoken command. After the bells had been pulled off in rounds, Albert called "Go" to send the bells into the changes of one of his own compositions. Three hours and six minutes later the bells ran perfectly into rounds again and he was able to call "Stand." The standard of striking was rated highly by all who heard the peal and the very few trips were very minor faults.

The venue, composition and umpire could not have been more appropriate for the occasion. The entire band had gained their early Grandsire Caters ringing and conducting experience under Albert at St. Stephen's, and he could justifiably share their pride at the achievement They would like to thank him for all his help and advice, and especially for sitting in the tower for three hours watching them!

TRANSFORMATION AT WINCHCOMBE

Winchcombe (Gloucestershire) bells have been notoriously difficult and unrewarding musically.

In conjunction with extensive repairs to the lofty tower Messrs Taylor, of Loughborough, have tuned and installed them in a steel frame, effecting a transformation in both tone and "go." There is still a long draught but the rope guides are now a little lower, with beneficial results.

As no official opening had been planned, the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association obtained permission for a meeting on January 24th. Branch and Association officers rang the first touch, an excellent 360 Plain Bob: Mrs. M. Wratten (Association peal secretary) 1, Miss M. Bliss (Association chairman) 2, W. A. Farmer (Branch chairman) 3, M. Maggs (Branch secretary) 4, W. F. Scudamore (Association Ringing Master) (cond.) 5, C. A. Wratten (Association treasurer) 6.

More than 50 other ringers from neighbouring towers were present to try their hand, there being especial interest as the Association had contributed £75 towards the cost of rehanging. Sound conditions are ideal in the tower, but outside are such as to preclude very much ringing until the sound control is completed.

Winchcombe is a small Cotswold town attractively set in a valley east of Cheltenham. It is of great antiquity, having been a Royal borough in Saxon times. Its prosperity continued into the Middle Ages, as Winchcombe Abbey was immensely wealthy, and Hales Abbey is only a mile or so away.

The church has had bells from the earliest times, as the Abbot complained to the Pope in the early 16th century that they were rung to the disturbance of the monks at their devotions. One wonders if Christian forbearance precluded the monks from retaliation, as the Abbey had ten bells, which were sold at the Dissolution. W. A. F.

TINTAGEL REUNION

The reunion for the Bishop's West Country tour "flock" was held in London on January 6th and was organised by the writer. We were pleased that Gillian Sims was once again able to make the journey from Hereford, and also pleased to welcome the Rev. Michael Hart, Messrs. Jeremy Pratt and Michael Burn and Miss Rosamund Rawlings to the "company." (Apologies to Messrs. Rogers and Meyer!)

The day started with ringing of Stedman and Yorkshire on the pleasant bells at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Four of our band being absent, ill with flu, we were unable to complete much at Southwark Cathedral; however, reasonable touches of Stedman Caters and London Major on the back eight were successful.

After lunch the 16 cwt. six at Harmondsworth sounded very well but unfortunately were spoilt by being odd-struck and difficult to keep up. However, the delightful light octave at Harlington tapped round very well and good touches of Cambridge and Stedman were rung. The six in Cranford Park went equally well and touches of London and Durham were enjoyed.

A course of Bristol Major at St. Paul's, Hounslow, was probably the first for several years, and Mr. Robin Collis is to be congratulated on the restoration work he has carried out on these bells, which had suffered about five years silence. Pleasant to listen to outside, they are unfortunately very difficult to hear inside. Ringing around the font on the pleasant bells at Chiswick preceded the final tower of the day, All Saints', Fulham, where the very pleasant Rudhall ten were much enjoyed. A very enjoyable evening was spent at 14, Worple Avenue, and we were all very grateful to Tom and Deborah for inviting us home once again and arranging the very welcome refreshments. M. J. U.

EASTRY, KENT

The heavy ring of five bells (tenor 18 cwt.) at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Eastry, near Sandwich, Kent, has been refitted and quarter-turned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough. This church is also the possessor of a rare inscribed mediæval Sanctus bell, recently retrieved from the local village school and weighing about one cwt. Inscribed "* Ave Maria Gracia *," it is kept as a mounted demonstration model in the ringing room.

DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

A number of members of the Devon Guild of Ringers held their first tour of the year on January 27th, when the South Hams and Dartmouth area was the venue. Mr. A. L. Bennett was again in charge and those accompanying him were Messrs. D. R. Bould, N. Mallett. G E Mudge, J. C. Mitchelmore, E. J. Cann, P. Perkins, J. Steer, S. Pearse, D. Pierce and A. Frost.

The towers were all six-bell ones, these being South Pool, where a rope snapped during the rise; Chivelstone; East Portlemouth, the best of the day, and where the Rector put in an appearance; Stokenham, with its long draught; St. Petrox, Dartmouth, a sweet six; St Clement's, Dartmouth; and Dittisham, a very nice six. The ringing was very good throughout the day. The lunch interval was spent at Stokenham, with tea at Dartmouth. A. L. B.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr 12 lb. in D.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Frank W. Rivett	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
James A. D. Woolford	3	Alfred E Rushton	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Rung in memoriam Arthur E. Sharman.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
STAPLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 GUISELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Derek Slater	2	Malcolm Barden	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Cyril S. Jarrett	7
Simon A. Wigg	4	Colin A Tester	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
Rung as a welcome to Christopher Michael Evenden, born December 21st, 1967. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

CHARING, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

Peter S. Muchlinski	Treble	Peter F. T. Smith	4
Rev. Peter T. Robbins	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
*Peter D. J. Beal	3	Peter Bradford	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Nov 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. in D

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Peter J. Malloch	6
Jeffrey Brannan	2	Basil Jones	7
*Christopher L. D. Munday	3	Derek Butterworth	8
Christine Andrew	4	Neil Bennett	9
*Christopher Movley	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan
* First peal of Surprise Royal. —
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Andrew.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHITWICK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
M. J. Morris's variation of Parker's 12-part (7th observation).
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
*Kenneth Burdett	2	Joseph W Cotton	6
Richard Clifton	3	Roland Beniston	7
Ronald Hughes	4	William T. Goadby	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. John on the Wall.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

Lydia M. Barnett	Treble	Michael A. Gilbey	4
Elizabeth M. Emmett	2	Roger W Powell	5
Mandi McCallion	3	Richard O Humphries	Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BITTERNE PARK, Southampton.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Wed., Oct. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Roger V. Smith	Treble	Heather J. Hinton	4
*Stephen R. Smith	2	Deborah N. Maggs	5
Colin J. Butler	3	Dennis B. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis B. Brown.
* First peal.
Rung to mark the tenth anniversary of the installation of the bells on October 19th, 1957.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HARWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven varied extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Mrs. S. W. Barton	Treble	Roger A. Smith	4
Stephen W. Barton	2	Neil Donovan	5
John R. Witham	3	Frederick J. Jackson	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Jackson.
* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WRINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 27, 1968 in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	*David E. Rothera	6
Susan Rothera	2	Peter S. Bennett	7
Josephine A. Quilter	3	John H Fielden	8
Maryl R. Fielden	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Peter G Brown	5	Robert C Kippin	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* 175th peal, 150th of Surprise.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Michael T. Sprackling	Treble	Antony R. Kench	6
Patrick J. Bird	2	John T. Parsons	7
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Ian C. Maycock	8
David Heighton	4	Brian J. Wylde	9
David J. Marshall	5	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed and Umpired by Albert M. Tyler. Silent and non-conducted.
First silent and non-conducted peal for the Society and by all the band.
Rung on the occasion of the Society's 25th anniversary dinner.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Jan 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr 11 lb in E.

*Ronald Andrew	Treble	†Gerald Moorhouse	5
Arthur E. Whiting	2	Lawrence J. Haines	6
Alan F Scholfield	3	†Robert B. Smith	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major in the method on tower bells First of Major in the method on tower bells as conductor.

WRENBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat. Jan 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.) in F.

David Allman	Treble	Geoffrey A Edwards	4
Leon A. Perry	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Harry W. Howard	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt in F sharp.

Melvyn A. Rose	Treble	Clive A Thrower	5
Geoffrey Bridges	2	Brian Tomlinson	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	Michael J Fellows	7
Denis R. Carlisle	4	A Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by E A. Barnett. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

BRADBOURNE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	F Martin Stanway	4
*Graham Newman	2	Rev. R. D St. John Smith	5
Susan E. Davis	3	Burley P Morris	Tenor

Conducted by Burley P. Morris.
* First peal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHATTERIS, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

V. Hurt .. .. Treble	A Yarrow 4
W. Young 2	Roger Edgley 5
Richard Edgley 3	W Seekings .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Seekings.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger Edgley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Ann E. Fellows .. .. Treble	*Michael J. Howes 7
*Andrew J. Slade 2	Derek Butterworth 8
*Donald E. Cobb 3	George E. Thoday 9
Cecil W. Pipe 4	Roderick W. Pipe 10
*Robert J. Chapman .. 5	Wilfred Williams 11
John R. Insley 6	Peter Border .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Maximus Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr 21 lb. in C.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Treble	Allan Tubb 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	David J. King 6
Richard C. Taylor 3	Edgar T. Skipsey 7
David G. Massey 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. R. Kench. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CHIDDINGFOLD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Munday .. .. Treble	John H. Payton 5
*Timothy J. Wellen 2	Roy D Mills 6
*Michael D. Fuller 3	Alan D. Elsmore 7
Christopher K. Hill .. 4	†Peter Payne .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan D. Elsmore.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

HORSELL, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

John A Collier .. .. Treble	††P. Roy Collins 4
Jill M May 2	‡Douglas A R. May .. 5
*Judith M. Collins 3	Peter J. Privett .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Douglas A. R May
* First peal of Minor "inside." † 100th for Guild. ‡ 25th peal together. The ringer of the 4th has "circled the tower" to peals
Rung as a compliment to Anne Pickering and Kenneth Mumford, of Chobham, on their engagement. Tenor 11 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Jan. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
W. A. Cave's variation of Wishbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E Audsley .. .. Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Frederick J. Cullum 2	Kenneth J Rider 6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3	John W. Smith 7
D. Paul Smith 4	James T. Stevens .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. Smith.
Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Paul Smith.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, Kent.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Sexburga.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G

*†Denise Wingrave .. .. Treble	Nicholas J. Chesson .. 4
*†Susan Rayner 2	†David P Leworthy 5
Peter D. J. Beal 3	Norman R. Mattingley .. Tenor

Conducted by Norman R. Mattingley.
* First peal † Local band. First peal containing any members of local band since April 10th, 1947

WHITSTABLE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints with St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G sharp.

*Henry Lunney .. .. Treble	Keith J. Triplow 4
*Doreen E. Austin 2	Martin Ostler 5
Donald H. Niblett 3	David L. Cawley .. .. Tenor

Conduucted by Dr. D. H Niblett.
* First peal and first attempt. All except the conductor are members of the local band.
Rung as a compliment to Canon Cyril Waynforth, A.K.C., who this year attains 20 years as Vicar of Whitstable.

WITTERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods/variations, viz.: Rev. Canterbury, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, April Day, May Day, Longparish, Ladbrooke, Pink's and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*Peter S. Philpott .. .. Treble	Richard Bushell 4
Pamela Thomsett 2	John B. Keeler 5
Dawn V. Petts 3	William A. Epps .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John B Keeler.
* First peal. Most Doubles methods/variations to a peal by all the band.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent in different methods: (1) London S., (2) Beverley S., (3) Surfleet S., (4) Cambridge S., (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. (approx.).

Olive D. Tester .. .. Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 4
*Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	Simon A B. Wigg 5
Martin L Howe 3	Malcolm Barden .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm Barden.
* Has now "circled the tower." Conductor's 25th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Sat., Jan. 27 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

*Lucy C. A. Hopkins .. Treble	Martin E. Snape 5
Celia D'Aeth 2	Thomas W. Hesketh 6
†Marion Glover 3	Dennis R. Jones 7
Keith J. Walpole 4	Joseph Ridyard .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal. 25th peal on the bells.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six differently called extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

James Blackburn .. .. Treble	Stanley Anderton 4
*W. Stephen Walker .. 2	Kevin M. Price 5
David Bradshaw 3	Thomas F Metcalfe .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Minor "inside."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EVESHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Lawrence and All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968 in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr 20 lb in C sharp.

Malcolm E. Wade .. .. Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 7
Howard C. Palmer 2	Gerald C. Hemming 8
Monica M Jelley 3	John Bramley 9
Martin Green 4	John M. Jelley 10
W Ernest Rawson 5	Roland H. Cook 11
Rupert A. Clarke 6	R Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Jan. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Malcolm E. Wade .. .. Treble	*Philip A. Mason 5
*Dorothy Mason 2	John M. Jelley 6
Monica M Jelley 3	John Bramley 7
Martin Green 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J Parker. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal in the method Rung by members of St. Margaret's Society, Leicester, Sunday service band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Syston District) and the HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 16 240's differently called and ten extents differently called.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Malcolm D. Barsby .. Treble	*James Preston 4
*Clive Mobbs 2	†B. Stedman Payne 5
Frederick W. Faulkner .. 3	Philip G. Chambers .. Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal in the method. † 500th peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
COITY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

*Jennifer Jones .. .. .. Treble	D. R. Lynn Jones 4
†Nigel V. Hill 2	†Derek J Godfrey 5
William T. Petty 3	*Grayson R. Williams .. Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* First peal. † First "inside." Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung to welcome the curate, the Rev. Robert Britton.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Jan. 23, 1968 in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt in G sharp.

George P. Adams .. .. Treble	Sidney G. Marshall 5
David E. House 2	Kevin S. Hohl 6
Janet House 3	Leslie F. Bailey 7
*David G. Adams 4	Geoffrey H. Pullin .. .. Tenor

* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam the Rt. Rev. P. M. Herbert, D.D., Bishop of Norwich 1942–1959.

CASTLEACRE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Walter Houghton .. .. Treble	Kevin S Hohl 4
Shelagh R. Collins 2	George P. Adams 5
Leslie W. Houghton .. 3	Norman V. Harding .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Norman V Harding.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter, Bridget, to the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bloom.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr 14 lb. in C sharp.

David P. Hilling .. .. Treble	Thomas J. Lock 7
John N. Diserens 2	Frank W. Lewis 8
John Hill 3	Frederick R. Scott 9
*William H. Jackson .. 4	Ronald F. Diserens 10
†Helen M. Diserens 5	Roger Baldwin 11
Dennis Knox 6	Noel J. Diserens .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal of Maximus. † First of Bristol. First of Bristol Surprise Maximus by all the band except John Hill, and first peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus for the Guild.

GORING, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Jan 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 21 lb in A.

*Carol N. J. Tull .. .. Treble	†Harry E. Wells 5
†Stephen J. Franklin .. 2	†J. Anthony Beaumont .. 6
John C. Baldwin 3	†William J Irving 7
C. Kenneth Lewis 4	Robert B. Blond .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Martin. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal. † First of Yorkshire.

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 GUISELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 10 lb. in E.

Herbert H. Alexander .. Treble	Peter J Heritage 5
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 2	Ronald K. Russ 6
Alan R Pink 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Anthony K. Fortin 4	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*Carolyn Osborne .. .. Treble	Terence J. Hester 4
†Susan M. Holden 2	James F. List 5
Donald E. Towers 3	Peter G. Holden .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.
* First peal at first attempt. † First in three methods.

EWELME, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Richard Baker .. .. .. Treble	Frank E. Godden 4
*Margaret Salt 2	†Reginald Tuckwell 5
James E. Godman 3	Robert A. Partridge .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
* First peal. † First of Bob Minor.
Rung for the Feast of Epiphany and to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godden, of Ewelme.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
URCHFONT, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

Eric J. Hitchins .. .. Treble	*William T. Alexander .. 5
*Jennifer Alexander 2	Charles F. Andrews .. 6
Norman G. N. Knee .. 3	Frederick S. Slatford .. 7
*A. George Heath 4	Robert J. Purnell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S Slatford.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. Salisbury.

FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Christopher W. Tidwell .. Treble	†Brian S. B. Kear 4
†Roderick A. Bryant .. 2	Timothy F. Collins 5
†Philip R. Board 3	Ernest H. Amey .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Amey.
* First peal. † First of Minor First as conductor.
Rung in gratitude to Miss Julia Pleister, of Cambridge, who kindly donated the money to recast the tenor bell at Fordington St. George, after she had been elected an associate member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
ATCHAM, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Eata.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Frederick A. H. Cattell .. Treble	Philip R. Johnson 4
Arthur Pritchard 2	Ernest F. Willcox 5
Philip J. Evans 3	Clifford A. Barron .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* 25th peal for the Association and has now "circled the tower."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., Jan. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 methods/variaitnns, viz.: Two extents each of Grandsire, Newborough, Northrepps, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Fortune, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and three extents of St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford and Old. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Joyce M. Marsh .. .. Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
W. Gordon Marsh 2	David H. Oliver 5
Ruth Blackshaw 3	Sydney Adams .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
Rung in memoriam Lady Sibell Argles, the donor of the treble bell, who passed to higher life on January 4th, 1968, aged 75 years.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt 23 lb in G.

H. William Barrett	Treble	David Cubitt	6
Janet House	2	Cecil W Pipe	7
Leslie F. Bailey	3	Martin Cubitt	8
*Hilary Webb	4	Peter Adcock	9
Geoffrey H. Pullin	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Henry Tucker. Conducted by David E. House.
* First ten-bell peal.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Wed., Jan. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, as follows: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	*Alan R. Bridges	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Neville N. Whittell	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Elizabeth Timmins	Treble	C. Martin Foster	5
Christine A. Foster	2	Raymond J. Talbot	6
*Bernard J. Stone	3	†Richard C. Stevens	7
Nigel Thomson	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. M. Pilkington, M.A. (until recently Vicar of Kingston, Surrey) on his appointment as a Residentiary Canon of Bristol Cathedral. Also as a compliment to Elizabeth Timmins and Richard Stevens on their recent engagement.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
PULBOROUGH Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	*Dale Barton	5
*Anne M. Stevens	2	Henry C. Weaver	6
Harold F. Wood	3	Raymond P. Wood	7
Philip Stevens	4	Michael J. Wake	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
* First attempt for a peal. † First of Triples.
Rung by members of the Western Division as a farewell to Mr. Leonard Stilwell, moving to Windsor

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. WENN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Wenna.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents Plain Bob, 9 April Day and 21 Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Anne Pearce	Treble	Alan Carveth	4
*Robert P. Pearce	2	Anthony J. Davidson	5
Anthony Locke	3	Graham F. Dunstan	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal at first attempt.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
Michael J. Fellows	2	Roderick J. Lees	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
M. Irene Ellsmore	4	Robert Edwards	Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Robert Edwards.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

Wilfrid F. Moreton	Treble	A Colin Banton	6
*R Anne Johnson	2	*Rev. Nicholas Webb	7
*Peter Carbutt	3	R. Gordon Corby	8
Michael R. Meadows	4	Ronald Ducker	9
George E. Hancock	5	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Composed by R. Gordon Corby. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Royal.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968 in 3 Hours and 2 Minuutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb in F

*Catherine R. Slater	Treble	Ronald R Warford	5
†Maris C Stephenson	2	Christopher L. D Munday	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	Robin Brown	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	C Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. J Sedgley Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all the band on the bells and for the Association.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., Jan 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Howard Scott	Treble	W Eric Critchley	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	John Whitam	6
Ian North	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
Anne P. Leigh	4	Ernest J. Padgett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W Eric Critchley.
First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Jan 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Alan Newbould	4
Patricia Gardiner	2	Ronald H. Dove	5
Catherine R. Slater	3	Rev. Nicholas Webb	Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew. Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., Jan. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Catherine R. Slater	Treble	John Durham	4
Patricia Gardiner	2	C Barrie Dove	5
Alan Newbould	3	John Potts	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Catherine R. Slater.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith	1-2	Alan McFall	7-8
C Kenneth Lewis	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6	David Atkinson	11-12

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., Jan. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of Rev Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps and Kennington and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in E.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	John R. Scott	3-4
Frank R Morton (cond.)	5-6		

First peal of four Doubles methods "in hand" by all.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods/variations, being seven extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, St. Columb, Old and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	John R. Scott	3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6		

First peal of six Doubles methods "in hand" by all.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., Jan. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1-2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7-8
John R. Mayne (cond.)	3-4	Gerald Penney	9-10
Roger Baldwin	5-6	Brian J. Woodruffe	11-12

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In two methods, comprising 3,360 Rutland and 1,680 Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method. Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall	1-2	Robert B. Smith	5-6
Neil Bennett	3-4	Frederick Shallcross	7-8
*Bernard F. L. Groves	9-10		

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells. First of Surprise Royal on handbells for the Association.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ARTS

Sat., Oct. 14th 1,260 Bob Royal: P. G Pitt 1, B. W. Fairhead 2 Mrs. M. J. Bew 3 P. Thompson 4, J. Avis 5, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 6, N. Avis 7, A. G. Semken 8, M. J. Bew 9. D. E. Culham 10.

Sun., Oct 15th 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Josephine Quilter 1. Rosemary Frith 2, Yvonne Murray 3, Claire Hudson 4, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 5, 1. R Panton 6, J Towler 7. P. Brown 8. Also for the County Harvest Festival.

Tues. Oct. 17th, 1,200 Bob Royal: Miss J Millbank 1 Miss J. A. Quilter 2. J. A. Warner 3, P. G. Brown 4, F. Roper 5, A. Wiffen 6, R. Threadgold 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. R. Suckling 9, A. R Syder 10. Firs: of Royal 1. 5. 7.

Thurs., Oct. 19th, 1.277 Grandsire Caters: Miss Y. A. Murray 1. Miss R. A. Frith 2 Mrs. C. Hudson 3, R. J. Harrison 4, K. W. Brown 5, M. P. Inskipp 6. D. A. S. Symonds 7, P. G. Brown 8, I. R. Panton (cond.) 9 J. L. Towler 10. First of Caters 5 6.

Fri., Oct. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. A Quilter 1, D. R. Panton 2, K. W. Brown 3, L. J. Clark 4, I Roast 5. P. G. Brown 6, P. J. Eves 7, G. Thoday (cond.) 8.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

Jan. 7th. 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss J. Gamble 1, M. L Slater 2, D Hewitt 3, C. G. Wright (cond.) 4, E. Holman 5, L Coles 6 K. Warner 7, D. A. Wright 8, J. Slater 9 J Rixon 10

Jan. 14th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Gamble 1, D. A. Hewitt 2, K. Warner 3, T. Coles 4, D. A. Wright 5. C. G. Wright (cond.) 6

Jan 21st 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Coles 1 M. L. Slater 2, Miss V. M. Jones 3, E. Holman 4, J Slater 5 K Warner 6, C. G Wright 7, D. A. Hewitt (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge 3, 4. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Coles on their 35th wedding anniversary.

Jan 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Gamble 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Miss B. Shaw 3, C. G Wright 4, D. A Wright 5, T. Coles 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, E Holman 8, D. A. Hewitt 9 M. Hollis 10. A birthday compliment to Barbara Shaw.

HALF PEAL

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK. — On Jan. 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: A. Driver 1, R. King 2, G. Boast 3, D Boast 4. O. Claxton 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A golden wedding anniversary compliment to the Rector (Rev C. E. Beevers) and Mrs. Beevers.

DATE TOUCH

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Jan. 7th. 1968 Plain Bob Major. M. Burn 1, Caroline Madge 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Deborah Bishop 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Bangham 6, A. Bagworth 7, A Bishop 8.

BARROW SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. F Ballam (cond.) 1, B. Wells (first "inside") 2, P. Goodwin 3, E. Nunn 4, J. A. Underwood 5. For service.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Jan. 21st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell (first of T.B.) 1. Mrs. D G. Mayell 2, L. A. England 3, F. J. White 4. K. Prime 5, D. G. Mayell (100th quarter as cond.) 6.

BERROW, SOM.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): J. Chaplin 1, R. Jones 2, J. Coombs 3, S. Lewis 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, S. Lewis 6.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St Mary's Church, on Jan. 10th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Goode (first quarter) 1. Elizabeth A. Ewan 2, J. Birdsall 3, J. N D. Chaddock 4, A. E. Shingles 5, J. M. Brook (cond.) 6. First quarter by an all St. Mary's band.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Leadbeater (first on eight) 1, 1. A. Sheffield 2, A. J Fletcher 3, C. J. Bennett 4, Miss B. Pickering 5. S. T. Yates 6, P. G. K. Davies 7, R B. Dorrington (cond.) 8.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Holsworth 1, N. Cossey 2, Diane Ioone 3, S. Bedford 4. S. High 5, V. Bedford (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St Peter's Church, on Jan. 21st, 1,400 Kent T.B. Royal: Peta Ollen 1, M. S. Loveday 2, Marion Kemp 3 Peggy E. Smith 4, R. J. Vaughan 5, B. J. Read 6, R. H. Newton (first of Kent as cond.) 7, D. L. Nibbs 8. A. W. Bond 9. M G. R Zobel 10. First in method 1, 3, 4, 6, 10. First of Kent Royal 2, 5, 8. A farewell to Leonard Stilwell on his departure from Sussex.

QUARTER PEALS

BURGH-LE-MARSH, LINCS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Angela Horton 1, T. A. Carrott 2, D. V. Carrott 3 C. V. Waite 4. First of Minimus by the band.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Dec 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Ann Blatcher 1, Felicity Mussell 2, Mary Salmon (first quarter 3, N. J. Martin 4, A. J. Chandler 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6 For the festival of nine lessons.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Coomber (first quarter) 1 Mrs. M. Paternoster 2, Miss E. Aubrey 3, S. Taylor 4. R. Adcock (cond.) 5, M. Bullett 6. Rung half muffled Also on Jan 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Coomber 1 Miss E. Aubrey 2, M. Bullett 3, J. R. Paternoster 4, R. Adcock (cond.) 5, E. J. Paternoster 6. First quarter in the method for all For united churches Evensong.

CLEVEDON, SOM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,408 Cornwall Surprise Major: S Brown 1, E. T. Lee 2, Diana M. Chapman 3, P Bridle (cond.) 4, P. J. England 5, A. E. Coy 6, T. Brain 7 J. H. Gilbert 8. First quarter by all except 8.

CREWE CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Lamb 1. Mrs. Shirley Harris 2, F. H Bennett 3. G. A. Packer 4, W. Gibbons 5, W Kerr 6, B. Harris 7. I. R. Nichols (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge 1, 5, 6. For Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. C. King 1, D. Ralls 2, Janet Pullen 3. Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 4, D. Potter 5, P. J. Bloomfield 6. R E. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major by all except the conductor

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 24th 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Whale 1, Janet Pink 2, R. Fisher 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6.

DRAYTON BASSETT, Tamworth, STAFFS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,296 Minimus (five methods): Theresa Parker (first quarter, aged 9) 1 N. Attaway (cond.) 2, Sheila Parsons (first of Minimus) 3, K. G. Parker 4.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Hancock 1, W. Ivings 2, D. Reeve 3, A. Harpson 4, G. Herbert 5. J. Paul 6. H. Fuller (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8 Rung half-muffled to the memory of Lord Iveagh.

ELY CAMBS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Dove (first quarter) 1, J. W. Pickett 2, R. P. Turnill 3, F. W Talbot 4, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 5, D. F. Murfet 6. Rung for the combined denominations service in Ely Cathedral.

EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Jean L. Kimber 1, J. Davidge 2, Jill May 3, Jill Oakshott 4, R. J. Talbot 5, Juliet S. Stoy 6, D. May 7, R. J. Cook 8, N Thomson 9. S. F. Kimber (cond.) 10. First of Surprise Royal 2, 3, 4. Rung with the compliments of the band to Robin and Susan Lee, of Westerham on the birth of a daughter.

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EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Erin Triples: P. Henry 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, N. Mallett 3, G. H. Baldam 4, D. Atkins 5, J N. Longridge 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, M. S. Turner 8. First in method 1, 2 4, 5, 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor and to congratulate George Skinner on his Imperial Service Medal.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 21st 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs D. Main (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. R. Wake 2, Susan Main 3, P. Wills 4, M. J. Wake 5, R Wake (cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. Len Stilwell on moving from Sussex to Windsor.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marilyn Warner (first quarter) 1, R. Jones (first quarter) 2, Doris V. Sennitt 3, A. R. Ashby (cond.) 4, W. J. Preston 5, F. J. Pocock 6. A farewell tribute to Rev. B. Jones and family.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS. — On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R Whiting 1, Janet Pink 2, Pam Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P Barrett 6. Rung prior to the induction of the Rev J. Foden Lee.

HEENE. WORTHING. — On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell 1, Brenda Cox 2, Meryon Froom 3, R. Cox 4. H. Clarke 5, H. Butler 6. R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, H. Weaver 8. Rung by the local band as a farewell to Mr. L. Stilwell.

HEMINGTON, SOM.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Carlisle, York and Durham): E. C. Wadman 1, J. Maggs 2, E. J. Chivers 3, R. G. Beck 4, A. P. Beck (cond.) 5, R E. Beck 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: L. M. Marsh 1, R. L. Willey 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. R E. Carlisle 6. Rung half-muffled at Evensong in memoriam Mr. H. D. Argles (Jan 15th) and Canon R. P. Tinsley (Jan. 20th), for life's work well done.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Kent T.B. Major: J. M Lakin 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. E. Wright 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, J. McDonald 8. For Matins.

HORSMONDEN, KENT. — On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss D. M. Groves 1, R. E. Lambert 2, N. J. Chesson 3 R. T. Lambert 4, M. L. Howe (cond.) 5, N. Mattingley 6, C. A. Tester 7, P. S. Muchlinski 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX. — On Jan. 14th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Felton 1, Jennifer Beck 2, P N Felton 3, Julia Sanders 4, Kathleen Parr 5, Olive Rogers 6, J. Winram 7 C. H. Rogers 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. F Felton 10.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katherine Salvage 1, Lesley A Hawes 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, J. P. Hull 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, M. J Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, C. D. Collin 8. Rung on the eve of the departure of the Vicar, the Rev. E M. Pilkington, to take up the post of Canon Residentiary of Bristol Cathedral. Also on Jan 21st 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katherine Salvage 1, J. P. Hull 2, Bryony P. Moorby (first Grandsire Triples "inside") 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. C. Belcher (first quarter) 8 For Evensong and as a belated farewell to Peter Walker.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, E. Ambrose 3, C. Curtis 4 A. J. Haynes 5, C. Poulson 6, L. G. Pryke 7 W. Jarvis 8. Rung for Matins and as a 90th birthday compliment to E. Ambrose.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, P. S. Muchlinski 2 M. L. Howe (cond.) 3, S. A. B. Wigg 4, M Barden 5, M. W. Gilbert 6, C. A. Tester 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on Jan. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: T. H. Bent 1, A. M. Elliott (first on ten) 2, R. K. Mason (cond.) 3, Monica M. Jelley 4, M. Green 5, J. Bramley 6. M E. Wade 7, J. E. Cook 8, P. A. Mason 9, J. M. Jelley 10.

LEICESTER. — At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on Jan. 21st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. Pannett 1, S. Harrison 2, A. M. Elliot 3, P. J. Chilton 4, R. Starbuck 5, H. Bray 6, L Greenhow 7, R. B. Smith 8 P J. Staniforth (cond.) 9, M. D. Bray 10. First of Caters 3, 10. To mark the 70th birthday and eighth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Rev. W. B. Williams).

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Frost (cond.) 1, Ann Houghton 2, Diana Frost 3, E. Conquest 4, Susan Jackson 5 H. B. Whitney 6, R. Gaylor 7, A. Jeffs 8, P Williams 9, K. Jackson 10

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 21st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: D. P. Smith 1 Miss D. E. Colgate 2 P. J. Simmonds (first on ten) 3, Miss H. Oaksbett 4, K. Rider 5 M. F Oaksbett 6, M. H. O'Callaghan 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, T. Lewis 9, P. J Spice 10 For Evensong

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Miss P. Lury (first of Minor) 1, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 2, Miss M. Chidwick 3, M. L. Howe 4, S. A. B. Wigg 5, E. G. Jenner 6. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Levick (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. Chidwick 2, M. Barden 3, M. L. Howe 4, P. S. Muchlinski 5, S. A. B. Wigg (cond.) 6.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS. — On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. M. Sturgess 1, J. W. Lawrance 2, Miss V. Watts 3, I. Merry 4, T. K. Deacon 5, G. A. Newton 6, A. H. Hough (cond.) 7, W. R. Proudman 8. For the 63rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Proudman, of Market Bosworth.

MARSTON BIGOTT, Frome, SOM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Crabbe (first of Minor) 1, Sally Baker (first of Minor) 2, D. Withers 3, G. W. Massey 4, T. Nicholls (first of Minor) 5, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 6.

PEMBROKE, PEMBS.—On Jan 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor A. Lingard 1, S. P. Rogers 2, Prudence Pattison 3, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 4, A. R. Trickett 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, I. Russant cover. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. Leslie Griffiths, P.C.C. and former bellringer at Llandeilo. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): A. Lingard 1, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, A. R. Trickett 4, P. C. Rogers 5, I. Russant 6. For Evensong during Christian Unity Week.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: D. Barton 1 Mrs. J. Fynes 2, H. Wood 3 Rev. J. H. Greene 4, D. O. Haslam 5, H. Franklin 6, C. B. Fynes 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 4.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Pearce 1, Valerie C. Allen 2, Rev A. S. Roberts 3, F. M. Bowers 4, A. Locke 5, G. F. Dunstan 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, T. J. Bell (first on eight) 8. A birthday compliment to Valerie Allen.

PINHOE, DEVON. — On Jan. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor Angela C. Hughes 1, G. P. Smerdon 2, D. J. Atkins 3, G. H. Baldam 4, P. Henry 5, J. N. Longridge 6. First of Cambridge Minor 1, 2 3, 4, 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Colin D. Yates.

PORTISHEAD, SOM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Palmer (first quarter) 1, R. J. Gale 2, R. J. Dale 3, D. J. Gale 4, A. J. Gould 5, D. Dando (first "inside") 6 Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, D. A. Hill 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joseph M. Saunders, verger, interred this day.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Charman (first quarter) 1, A. V. Carden 2, D. Barton 3, H. Franklin 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5 R. Heeseman 6. First of Doubles 2, 3, 4, 5

RADLETT, HERTS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Lynne Woodward (first of Minor) 1, G. Dodds 2, Mrs. Joyce Dodds 3, N. Woodward (first of Minor "inside") 4, J. Southey 5, R. Clouston (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung for the visit of the Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster to preach.

RADLEY, BERKS. — On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Bob Doubles Valerie Hooke 1, Margaret Allen (first "inside") 2 Margaret Hockham 3, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 4, J. Jones 5, Daphne J. Pollard 6. Rung for the birthdays of the ringers of 1 and 2 and for Margaret Hill.

RAMSBURY, WILTS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Watts 1, T. R. Jones (first "inside") 2, Miss H. L. Jones 3, T. A. Palmer 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Langley 1, J. J. George 2, J. G. H. Ince 3, W. R. Curtis 4 T. R. Hart 5, S. R. Curnow 6, A. H. Ince (cond.).

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Simpson 1, D. Osbourne 2, T. Kirkman 3, A. Newell 4, N. Handley 5, S. Adams 6, R. Stretton (cond.) 7, D. Oliver 8. Rung to welcome a son (Richard Jeffrey) to Mr. and Mrs. R. Stretton.

QUARTER PEALS

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX. — On Jan. 23rd, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Miss J. Sanderson 1, B. J. Couzens 2, D. F Murfet 3, J. S. Rank 4, G. Pearson 5, L. E Pitstow 6, A. F. Scholfield 7, J. G. Gipson 8, K. J. Hesketh (cond.) 9, R. A. G. Inglis 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Geoffrey T. Barnard, Mayor and churchwarden interred this day.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles J. Rees 1, G. C. Wilson (first quarter) 2, D. J. Wilson 3, M. Petts 4, R Penn 5.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Dowle (first quarter) 1 Mrs. Y. L. Woodley 2, P. Davis 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, J. Clarke 5, A. Clarke 6, B. F. Coles 7, L. Fogwill (first quarter) 8. Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Coles.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B Butcher 6. For Communion service.

STRATFORD UPON AVON, WARKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Bates (first quarter) 1, A J. Print 2, F. C. Lyne 3, R. C. Chatman 4, G. Ingram 5, A. G. Foster 6, C. R. Steed (cond.) 7, D White 8. Rung for the 60th anniversary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

STREATHAM, SURREY. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. J. Taylor 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, E. J. Adams 3, J. R. Pratt 4, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 5, N. Smith 6. First in two methods 1 3, 6. Rung for candlelight service of nine lessons

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Rowe 1, J. Weaver 2, Mrs. A Medley 3, L. G. Gates 4, M. J. Medley 5, E. J. Rowe 6, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 7, P. A. Bourne 8. Rung as a compliment to Elizabeth Slater and Warwick Bailey, married on December 16th in Perth, W. Australia.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Appeal of Bosham

One of the largest gatherings of recent years at a practice meeting assembled at Felpham on January 13th. This meeting was due to be held on December 9th but had to be cancelled at short notice because of bad weather: it was made possible to rearrange so quickly because the bells at Washington, where the January meeting should have been held, were out of action.

Ringing took place on the recently rehung five at Pagham and a number of ringers made full use of the first opportunity to ring on this pleasant ring. The bells have been hung dead for as long as anyone can remember, and it is good to know that there is now a local band ringing regularly for Sunday services and practice. The four bells at Aldwick were also made available by the Vicar and full use was made of them for an hour's ringing. There is a keen local band here and it is hoped that these bells will be augmented in the near future.

Over 50 ringers and friends sat down to tea at Felpham Church Hall, served by Felpham lady ringers and friends. The Rev. D. Manners (Vicar) joined the company at tea.

The Divisional secretary took the opportunity to give the best wishes of all the members to Mr. L. Stilwell on his removal to Windsor after his many years of outstanding service to ringing in Sussex. Len Stilwell is respected and esteemed by all who know him, not only in Sussex but wherever ringing takes place. His cheerfulness and good nature will be missed in this area, as many ringers in the district have Leonard to thank for arranging and conducting their first peal. We hope he will find the opportunity to visit this area quite often, where he will always be welcome among friends.

After tea the members attended Evensong at Felpham Parish Church conducted by the Vicar. Ringing took place at Felpham in the evening, catering for all from rounds to London Surprise Minor. R. W.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM. — On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. W. N. Kingsbury 1, B. Denney 2, W. J. Smith (cond.) 3, D. Plowman (first quarter) 4, L. Lyddon 5.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDS.—On Jan 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Webb 1, Ann Butcher 2 S Willett 3, R. A. Brewer 4, R. I. Brewer (cond.) 5, W. Robbins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. J. Bevan.

WILTON Taunton, SOM.—On Jan 15th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. L. Adams (first quarter) 1, W. H. Farr 2, A. F Arscott 3, R. M. B. Cullen 4, F. Avery 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6. For Christian Unity Week.

WINSCOMBE, SOM.—On Dec 6th, 1,280 Dublin Surprise Major: Gillian M. Brearley 1, E. T. Lee 2, Diana M. Chapman 3, P J. England 4, S. Brown 5, J. Brain 6, A. B. Cox 7. P Bridle (cond.) 8. First try all.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D F. Willcocks 1, R. Amos 2, Mrs. A Medley 3, M Medley 4, J. Weaver 5, L. G. Gates (cond.) 6. For Christian Unity service.

YATTON, SOM.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: P. J. England 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, Miss S. Hallett 3, J. Sheppard 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice 6, G Hebden 7, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 8. First in method 5, 6, 7.

LONDON UNIVERSITY OUTING

London University Society had a very enjoyable day outing to Bedfordshire on January 20th. The towers visited in the morning were St. Mary's, Luton, and Dunstable Priory, when the ringing included Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal and Yorkshire Surprise Major. After lunch the party moved on to ring at Woburn Maulden and Henlow. The ringing at these three towers ranged from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to London and Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

Dusk had fallen when the party left Henlow, and after an excellent tea, thoughtfully provided by one of the members, the band felt sufficiently refreshed to ring Stedman Doubles, Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Minor at Stotfold. The last tower of the day was St. Nicholas' Norton, where rounds, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Rutland Surprise Major were rung on the light eight.

The band would like to thank all those incumbents, ringers and others who helped to make the day the success it was. L. C. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

For the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild (South Wales District) at Brecon on January 27th. Mr. and Mrs. P. Rogers travelled 80 miles from Pembroke to be present and there were friends from Lydney in the east.

Ringing during the afternoon was on the sweet-sounding six at St. David's, Llanfaes. The Dean conducted the service in St. Mary's, Brecon and the Misses Imogen Hollingdale and Higgins prepared tea.

In the absence of Mrs. Coles, Miss Hollingdale acted as vice-president. Mrs. Stella Clench is the new vice-president and other elections were: Mrs. Jacqueline King, secretary-treasurer; Mesdames E. Hughes, A. Bruten, C. Lucas and P. Llewellyn and Misses H. Way and D. Atwell, committee. New members elected were the Misses Vesta Rosen (Pembroke), Mary Davies and Rosemary Trew (Swansea).

A favourable report was given for 1967 with an increase in membership. On December 27th the "Western Mail" had published an article about the Guild and its activities in "Feminine Focus."

It was decided to try to support the joint meeting with the Western District in Bristol on June 8th and to hold a further meeting at Mitcheldean on September 28th if possible.

The band who rang the peal at All Saints', Whitstable, as a compliment to the 20 years' ministry of Canon Waynforth are most grateful for the hospitality he extended to them after the peal. During his incumbency the bells have been rung every Sunday, excepting for two in 1962, when the clappers were at Loughborough being renovated.

NOTICES

NEW SCALE OF CHARGES

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ENGAGEMENT

GILBEY—WEBB. — The engagement is announced between Michael Allen, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gilbey, of Northchurch, Herts, and Christine Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. W. Webb, of Bromley, Kent. 3297

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

CAPO-BIANCO—RICE. — The marriage between Mr. Anthony Capo-Bianco and Miss Stella Rice will take place at St. Mary de Haura, Shoreham-by-Sea, on Saturday, February 17th 1968, at 11.30 a.m. Future address: 29, Furze Lane, Purley, Surrey, CR2 3EJ Tel. 01-660 8945. 3223

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

TREMEER. — The address of Les and Prisca Tremeer is now: 9, Perins Close, New Farm Road, Alresford, Hants. 3258

WOOD.—As from February 20th, the address of the Rev. E. B. Wood, Vicar of Mapledurham, Oxford Diocesan Guild librarian, will be. Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon, Berks. 3372

PERSONAL

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." —I Corinthians xiv, 33.

PUBLICATIONS

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF HEREFORDSHIRE," Vol. I, 128 pages with 26 plates and 107 scale drawings of founders' marks, bound red cloth, price 16s., plus packing and postage 1s. 6d. To be obtained from the author, Mr Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Also "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire," price 21s., plus packing and postage 1s. 10d.; and also "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," price 8s. 6d., plus postage 1s. 3286

MISCELLANEOUS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE

The 150th anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 2.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m. Dinner in the Village Hall 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 20s. from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 20th. 3248

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
St. Matthew's-in-the-City

The recent completion of a pilot scheme on No. 3 suggests that "Bishop Selwyn's Bells" could once again be made ringable.

Anyone living in Auckland district who has a working knowledge of "belfry mechanics" and an unlimited amount of spare time which he/she is prepared to devote to the project is invited to contact: W. T. Lack, 3, Rodney Road, Northcote, Auckland 9. Telephone: Auckland 283-843.

It would be greatly appreciated if readers with ringing friends in Auckland District would bring this notice to their attention. 3249

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District.—Annual Social at King George VI Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 17th. Tickets are selling fast—avoid disappointment by booking **now**—4s. each from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. Licensed bar, refreshments and entertainment from 7.30. 3241

BOUND "RINGING WORLDS," 1967.—As supplied to Central Council Library £4 4s., plus postage 4s. 6d. Binding only, £2 10s.. plus postage.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Dates to note.—A.G.M. at Malmesbury, April 20th. Management Committee meeting, Gloucester, March 23rd. Association Dinner, Amberley, September 28th. One-day course at Chippenham. March 9th. Nominations for Central Council representatives for 1969-70-71, notices of motions for A.G.M., and recommendations from the Branches for chairman, Ringing Master, secretary, treasurer and peal secretary must be received by me on or before Saturday. March 9th, 1968. Anything received after that date will be returned to sender Details of events later.—Charles Rouse, secretary. 3183

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Day-Course in Bellringing,

Chippenham College of Further Education, Sat., March 9th, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Full details from Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham. 3260

HORSELL, SURREY.—St. Mary's practice night has been changed from Friday to Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. All visitors welcome. 3274

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon Monday, February 12th, 8-9.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 3225

ONE-DAY COURSE
of Ringing Instruction.
KNARESBOROUGH,
March 23rd, 1968.
Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies 3278

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.— The 1968 Annual Tour will be based on Swansea and will take place from April 13th-18th. A circular has been sent to all non-resident members who can be traced. Anyone who has not received one and who wants to come should contact J Camp, 15, North Drive, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, as soon as possible. 3279

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM. — Twelve-bell practice, Wednesday, February 14th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Thursday practices as usual. 3292

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Putney on Saturday, February 10th, 6-8 p.m. 3283

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
(Established 1755)

The 80th Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner

will be held on March 2nd at the Old Royal, Church Street (near Cathedral) at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 28/6 (limited).

Chairman: Rev. Canon Harry Hartley, Rector of Solihull.

G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025.

PEALS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS

Prices.—Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 36s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d. for each additional card.—"The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — **Correction.** —Practice, Old Cleeve (8 bells) on Saturday, February 10th, at 7 p.m. 3261

MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6) on Friday evening, February 9th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 3252

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Staveley on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. H. Paddison, 32, Duke Street, Staveley, Chesterfield. 3269

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Trumpington, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Old School, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis Sec 3224

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Next meeting at Ruardean on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Notify Mr. A. Meek, Hart Street, Ruardean, Glos. 3270

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m., followed by ringing. Reservations for tea at local cafe if names received by Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road Swindon. 3273

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester. 3267

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Forest Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Ruardean on Sathrday, February 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Notify Mr. Meek, The Hart, Ruardean, for tea. 3294

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — East Devon Branch —Annual general meeting at Ottery St. Mary, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. C. Woodley, Branch Sec., Kendrey, Woolbrook., Sidmouth. Tel 2795.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of the Guild at Leominster on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea after. Ringing follows business meeting.—J. F. Fox. 3262

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Meeting, Hoddesdon (8) Saturday, February 10th, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Great Amwell (6) 6 to 8.30 p.m. Regret tea under own arrangements; cafes in Hoddesdon. District outing arrangements to be announced at business meeting, Great Amwell, 6.30.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 3290

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, Dartmouth, February 10th Service. St. Clement's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at St. Petrox' 2-3 p.m.; St. Clement's 3-4.30 p.m; St. Saviour's 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parochial Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St Helens.—M. E. D. 3257

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, February 10th. Bells: Quorn 10 to 11 30; Old Woodhouse 11 to 12; Woodhouse Eaves 12 to 1 p.m.; Shepshed 2 to 3 p.m.; Loughborough Parish 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Fearon Hall 5 p.m Names for tea to R. Wilson, 138, Park Road, Loughborough. Parish and Bell Foundry bells available after meeting.—A. J. Poynor, Gen. Sec 3197

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, February 10th. St Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30–3.30; St. James', Clerkenwell, 3.45–4.45; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4–5. Service 5.15. Tea, meeting and social evening, Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane, Strand, 6.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 3291

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Annual general meeting at Caversham on February 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p m., followed by tea and meeting at Caversham Church House. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham. No names, no tea 3251

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Dundee on Saturday, February 10th. Ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral from 2.30 p.m. —Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 3226

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Glanby (6), February 10th Bells 3 Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to W L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 3228

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting at Laxfield on February 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Dennington (6). Names for tea to Mr. R. Wright, Church Walk, Laxfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk — T. N. J B. 3271

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Chichester on Saturday, February 10th. Cathedral bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Evensong at 5.15 p.m. Tea in the Assembly Rooms after Evensong, followed by business meeting. Ring at the Cathedral after. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A.G.M., Alresford (8), Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells 2.30–4.30. Service 4.30 Tea, Alresford Community Centre, 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Cheriton and Tichborne bells available 7.30–9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. Tremeer, 9, Perins Close, New Farm Road, Alresford. 3259

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Evening ringing session at Leamington Spa (8), Monday, February 12th. Ringing. 7.30–9 p.m. to suit all tastes and abilities All most welcome.—R. W. S. 3206

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—District practice meeting at Horsmonden (8) on Thursday, February 15th. at 7.30 p.m. Future practices on various week-day evenings. 3247

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Morton (6), on Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those notifying Mr. W. Swain, 3, Sitwell Villas, Morton, Derbys, by Thursday previous. Good attendance requested.—E. J. S. 3277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 17th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, Tea, 5 p.m.—M. J Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3288

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, February 17th. Service 6 p.m. Bells (8) after service.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3289

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Stonehouse (6), Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eastington (6) also available after tea. Names for tea, please, to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by Tuesday, 13th. 3296

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting to be held at Sandhurst, Sat., Feb. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Norton (8) available after business. Numbers for tea essential, please, to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester, by Thursday, February 15th. 3295

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury (6 bells) 3 p.m., Saturday, February 17th, Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 3285

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District. — Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, February 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—George Randle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3293

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, South Mymms (6), February 17th, 3 p.m. Service and tea follow. North Mymms (8) afterwards, 6.30–8.30. Special method here: York Surprise. Names for tea, please, to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, South Mymms. Tel. 2202.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3233

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.——Rossendale Branch.—Practice meeting, Newchurch (8), Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, especially beginners.—H Parkinson. 3264

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Oadby, on Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Church Hall.—L. W. Allen, Dts. Sec. 3284

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Blyton (not Haxey), on Saturday, February 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Corringham bells after tea. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise Minor and Grandsire Doubles.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea. Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3263

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Haddiscoe on Saturday, February 17th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Aldeby (5) also available in the evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, NOR 26W, by Thursday, February 15th. 3275

SALISBURY GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Hervey-Beams—Cox Memorial meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 3282

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Walsall on Sat., February 17th Bells (12) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3170

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Southover (Lewes) (10), Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please note nomination required for Divisional secretary. Names for tea to G P Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes.—D. L Hall, Hon. Div. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District —The February meeting will be on Saturday, February 17th. Bells: Barnby Don (6) 3–4 p.m.; Arksey (8) 4–5 p.m. and 6.15–7.15 p.m ; Campsall (8) 7–9 p.m. Tea and meeting at Arksey Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent. Arksey, near Doncaster, as soon as possible. Buses every 40 minutes to Arksey from Doncaster. All welcome. — M. King, Hon. Dts. Sec. 3211

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Next meeting, Knaresborough, Saturday, February 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gudgeon. Sharon Forest Moor, Knaresborough, by Thursday, February 15th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharon, Ripon. 3281

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Hampton, Thursday, February 22nd, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 3226

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting at Sleaford, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) from 6 to 9 p.m. Southern Branch members very welcome.—G. R. P. 3280

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). — Joint meeting, Saturday, February 24th. Bells: Langley (6) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Slough (10) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and social evening. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead, by Tuesday, 20th.—Hon. Secs. 3276

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Stoke-by-Clare, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk, by February 22nd. 3287

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The A.G.M. will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 15th, 1968. Members are reminded that nominations and notices of motions should reach me by March 4th, 1968.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 3298

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL

The bells of St. Hilary, near Marazion, Cornwall, are ringing again, as will be noted from the quarter peal columns. Recently Mr. J. M. Tunstall-Behrens, churchwarden, was contacted as it was known that the provision of several ropes and a little general attention was all that was needed. With the help of Mr. F M. Bowers, of Lelant, and the gift of ropes from Paul, the bells were soon ringing. This at once created local interest and there is now a band again at St. Hilary made up of several old ringers and some learners. Both before and after the recent quarter peal the visitors helped the local band and a very pleasant evening was spent.

This ring is unique in that the bells are hung in three tiers of two. This was done in 1898 by Mr. Harry Stokes, when the three old bells were recast and three new ones added. The tenor weighs 5 cwt. and 18 lbs., note B. At present there is no Vicar at St. Hilary. There is ringing on Sunday mornings and a practice on Thursday, but as most ringers are occupied in agriculture the practice will probably be discontinued in the summer. Visiting bands wishing to ring here should write to Mr. J. M. Tunstall-Behrens, Trenalls, Rosudgeon, Penzance, Cornwall. Telephone: Germoe 3265.

SUFFOLK GUILD

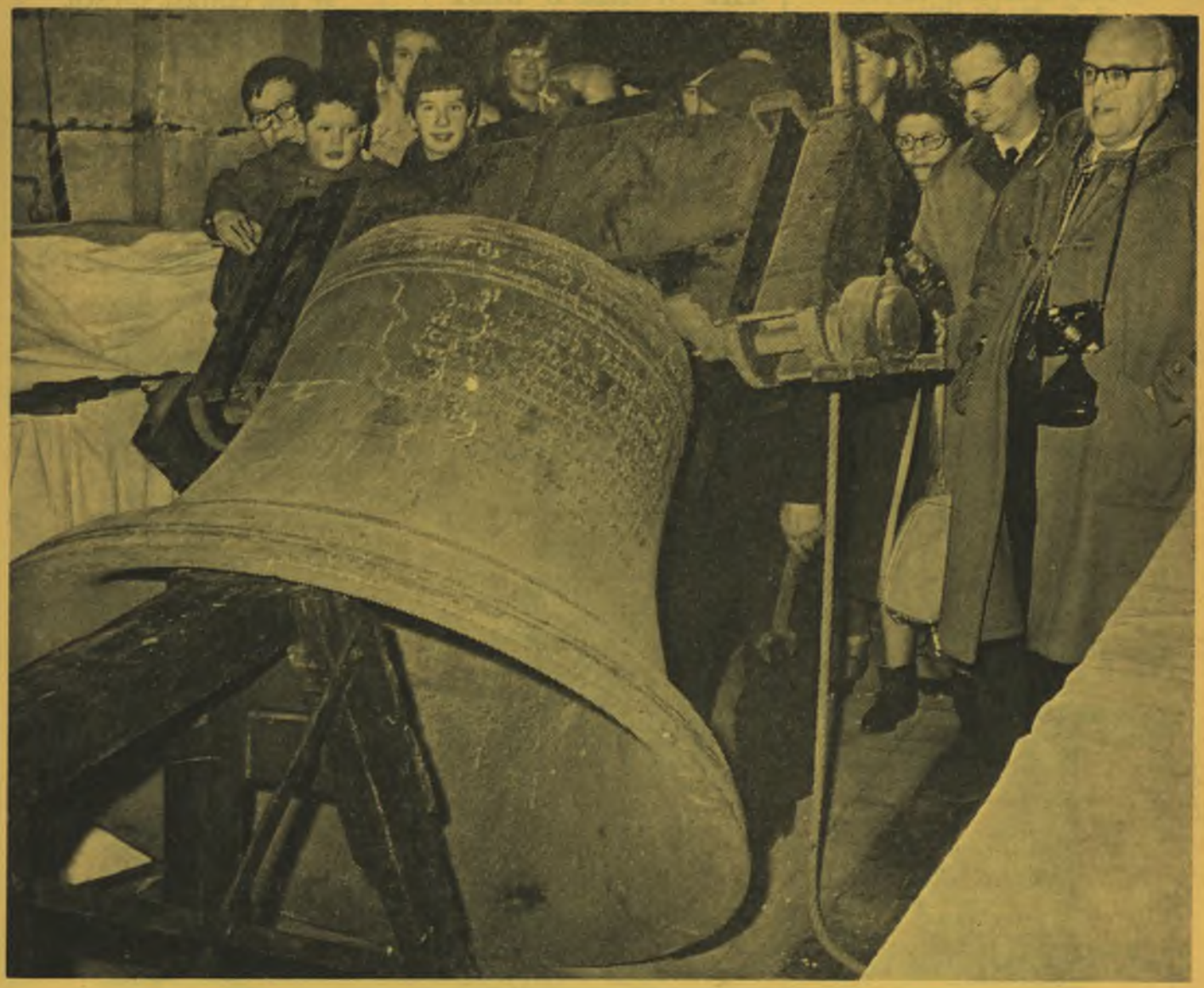
Some 35 ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Central District at Stradbroke on January 27th. The service was taken by Canon Florance, who welcomed everyone and hoped they would enjoy the very good ten bells.

An excellent tea at the White Hart attracted 30. The meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. L. E. Last, while Muriel Page carried out her first duties as secretary.

The bells were kept going under the capable supervision of R. E. Lester and G. W. Pipe to rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Royal.

A quarter was rung at Broadhembury, Devon, on January 22nd to mark the birthday of the fifth generation to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stamp.

OBSEQUIES — East Retford Tenor Leaves for Melting Pot



The massive tenor of East Retford Parish Church is at the foot of the tower prior to removal to Loughborough for recasting. It is 51 inches in diameter and is reputed to weigh 24 cwt.

The ten bells, which have hung in the belfry since 1835, are to be recast at a cost of £3,350. This is part of a £10,000 restoration appeal, and it is gratifying to learn that the money has been raised.

According to the Vicar (the Rev. L. Shortland Ball) it is hoped to ring the new bells on Easter Day.

Our photograph appears by courtesy of "The Retford and Gainsborough Times."

NEWARK DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES

Usually the District has bad weather for its annual meeting but January 20th was a fair day and encouraged one or two visitors to venture to Newark to join in the ringing on the 32 cwt. ten in St. Mary Magdalene's Church.

Evensong was quite well attended and upwards of 35 people were present for the tea and business meeting. Mr. F. W. Midwinter, the District chairman, in his customary genial manner, opened the proceedings with a welcome to everyone present, including Mr. Exton, the Guild general secretary, and the visitors from Leicester.

In presenting her report for the year, the secretary said that many of the promising signs at the beginning of 1967 had not borne fruit, membership was down on 1966, and the income, too, was down—peal fees were considerably less.

Three of the retiring officers were re-elected —Mr. F. W. Midwinter as chairman, Mr. P. Wakefield Ringing Master, and Miss M. Chilton committee member. However, Mrs. B. N. Reed had given notice that she wished to resign as hon. secretary, and Mr. Derek Tysoe, of Coddington, was elected in her place. In thanking Mrs. Reed, Mr. Midwinter said that they would not allow her to retire, only to rest and reminisced over some of the meetings they had shared during their seven years together in office, mentioning particularly one where the ringing had been done in a church on the Nottinghamshire border, and the tea and business meeting held in a field across the River Witham, in Lincolnshire. On behalf of the District, Mr. Midwinter presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Reed, who, for once, was rendered speechless!

One new member was elected, Mrs. Esther Vernon, of Balderton.

Subject to permission, the following towers were selected for meetings: March 16th, North Muskham; May 18th, cup contest meeting, Barnby; July 13th, joint with Bingham District, Staunton, Orston and Sibthorpe; September 21st, North and South Collingham and South Scarle; November 16th, Sutton-on-Trent.

Under any other business, the retiring secretary reminded members that this was the 21st annual District meeting and suggested a "coming-of-age" social to be held in the spring, with any proceeds to go to the Bell Repair Fund. April 5th was decided on, and two volunteers to help was considered a good beginning.

Ringing followed at St. Mary's, including a course of Yorkshire Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Little Bob Royal.

B. N. R

COMPOSITIONS

5,120 MABLETHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

B	W	M	H	23456
	—		3	52436
	—	(—	—)	64523
		(—	—)	35426
	—		2	34256
x				45362
		—	—	23564

Repeat, omitting bracketed calls.
True to all Group D, f.c.h. b.
Rung at Willesden on May 11th, 1967.

5,024 LITTLEPORT SURPRISE ROYAL

By SAM THOMAS

23456	M	In/5ths	W	H	
32654	2			2	A
65324			1	1	A
35264			2	1	A
62534	1	x		2	A
23564			2		A
32465	2			2	
46325			1	1	
23645			2	2	
23456		A			

5,152 WHITEHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	2	3	H
52364	—		—
62534		2	—
36524		3	—
23564		(3)	—

Twice repeated.
Call the bracketed bobs in one part only.
First rung at Bushey, Hertfordshire, on January 4th, 1968.

5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

M	W	H	23456
2	S		53264
—	—	—	46235
	—		34265
(2)	(S)		64352
	(S)		54362
(—)	—	—	26345
	—		42365
3	—	—	36425
	—		23465

Repeat, omitting bracketed calls.
Rung at Barnes on July 27th, 1967.

1,968 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By M. BANGHAM

23456	W	5/4	B	H
56423		x		—
25634	—		—	—
26354	—			2
23564	—			2

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The Royal Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

OUR PICTURE

St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London

THE church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields presides, as it were, at the north-east corner of Trafalgar Square, one of the greatest and most famous squares in the world, and there can be little doubt that it is world-famous both from its situation and from the many broadcast services to all parts of the globe.

There is no record of when the first church was built, but it was certainly in existence by 1222 as a church and burial ground in the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster. At that time it was literally in the fields by the village of Charing; it may have been a chapel for the monks from the Abbey of Westminster, travelling to Covent Garden, or the chapel to one of the great religious houses nearby, or possibly a chapel to the castle which traditionally stood nearby.

There are no drawings in existence of the first church and one can only speculate on its design from items listed in the churchwardens' accounts which start in 1525. There was a rood loft decorated with carved figures of "Christ, Our Lady and the twelve Prophets," for which the carver was paid £3 6s. 8d. The windows were of stained glass with figures of the Trinity and saints. There must have been a tower of some sort for there are listed in the inventory four bells, including a sanctus bell which the sexton had to ring at 5 a.m. every day. The other three bells cost less than £20 according to the accounts for 1539.

The first church must have been very small indeed, even though enlarged by three chapels dedicated to Our Lady of Pity, St. John and St. Cuthbert, for when it was pulled down in 1544 a new and larger one was built measuring 95ft. by 25ft.—about one-third the size of the present church. There is no record of celebrations at the consecration of the new church, but this is probably related to a bad outbreak of plague that year. St. Martin's had become a parish of its own during the reign of Henry VIII, but when this church was built there were still fields all around. Just behind the churchyard was the wall of Covent Garden which stretched from St. Martin's Lane to Drury Lane; there was little between the church and the River Thames, at that time the main highway of London, just a row of houses on the north side of the Strand; and on the south the great houses of the bishops and noblemen with gardens stretching down to the river's edge.

RANG FOR ARMADA

The second church is shown in Vertue's prints to have had a low square tower which contained a ring of six bells hung in 1584, of which no details are known. These were the bells rung to announce the victory over the Armada, and traditionally the bells of St. Martin's are the first to ring for a naval victory, as it is the parish church of the Lords of the Admiralty. The fact that the church was near the river led the churchwardens into trouble on one occasion when Queen Elizabeth I travelled up the river, as she often did, but the bells failed to ring out as she expected them to every time she passed and the Queen's harbinger posted a notice on the door forbidding it to open until a fine of one noble (6s. 8d.) had been paid.

By the end of the seventeenth century the population of the parish had so increased that the size of the church was again becoming inadequate in spite of several enlargements during the preceding years. An Act of Parliament was passed to permit rebuilding and the architect chosen was James Gibbs. The foundation stone was laid by the Bishop of Salisbury on March 19th, 1722, and various problems ensued during the rebuilding, not the least of which was with the foundations of the portico, as a stream ran down St. Martin's Lane. This was eventually solved by setting several hundred tombstones in mortar to form the foundations under the portico and part of the tower. It is interesting to note that similar problems with this stream were encountered with the recent building of the General Post Office next to the Vicarage. The cost of building this church was £33,611 16s. 7½d., most of which was raised by a levy included in the Act authorising rebuilding.

GEORGE I—CHURCHWARDEN

There have been strong connections between St. Martin's and the Royal Family ever since the assumption of Whitehall Palace as the official royal residence, and there are a number of records of church ornaments and hangings being given by various Sovereigns. George I contributed to the building of the present edifice, and became its first churchwarden, the only time a reigning Sovereign has held such a position in a British church. His arms are over the portico and incorporated in the ceiling, and when he resigned he presented an organ to the church. Buckingham Palace is itself within the parish of St. Martin and in more recent times Queen Mary often worshipped in the royal box, and Viscount Linley was baptised there, using the font which is the only relic of the second church in the present building.

The present magnificent tower and spire contain a ring of twelve bells by Rudhalls of Gloucester, although it was originally intended to have only eight. On November 3rd, 1724, a ring of eight was ordered from Abraham Rudhall. On December 8th, two further bells were ordered and before the work was begun the following year two more were ordered to make a ring of twelve. Subsequently, the trebles had to be recast but the work remained with Rudhall. The tenor weighs 31¼ cwt. and is in the note of D. In 1923 the bells were rehung in a new frame by Mears and Stainbank.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:

Treble: Recast by A (a bell) R 1758.

Second: M: Hart & W. Chapman Churchwardens. 1770. : T (a bell) R.

Third: Recast by A (a bell) R 1758.

Fourth: And in earth peace 1725.

Fifth: Good will towards men. 1725.

Sixth: Abr. Rvdhall of Gloucester cast vs all 1725.

Seventh: Prosperity to the Chvrch of England 1725.

Eighth: Peace and good neighbovrhood 1725.

Ninth: Prosperity to the Parish of Snt. Martins 1725.

Tenth: Fear God honovr the King 1725.

Eleventh: Iohn Walker & Iohn Sawger Chvrchwardens 1725.

Tenor: Zachariah Pearce D:D: Vicar, 1726 Walter Tvrner & Wm. Hovse Chvrchwardens.

The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Caters by the College Youths on October 17th, 1726, and the first peal on the twelve was rung the following year by the London Scholars. This was a peal of 6,006 Stedman Cinques and was rung on March 14th, 1727. Since then there has been a steady increase in the total and so far 93 peals have been rung, ranging from Cambridge Major to Cambridge Maximus, Stedman Triples to Stedman Cinques, Plain Bob Triples to Plain Bob Maximus, Grandsire Caters to Grandsire Cinques and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus—D. E. S.

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THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS

Record Gathering Hear Good Report for Year

NINE Presidents or Masters of Ringing Guilds or Associations came to the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on February 3rd to bring their good wishes to the Master (Mr. D. Beresford) and the Society. They were the Presidents of the Central Council, the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the Bedfordshire Association, the Masters of the College Youths, Suffolk Guild, London County Association, Middlesex County Association, Sussex County Association and Surrey Association. And what they heard was of good report—number and quality of peals, membership and financial status of the Society. There was no sign of slipping from the pinnacle of last year; indeed there were more ringers at the dinner than ever before.

In the forefront of endeavour was the Society's efforts to support the £20,000 restoration scheme for St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, which includes the recasting of the 12 bells. The Master re-echoed his nationwide appeal for support to augment the good response already received. He had spent a week of his holiday leading a party who scraped and painted St. Leonard's bell frame.

Two valuable suggestions were made by Mr. Beresford—a conference of London Ringing Societies with the Church authorities on the question of derelict or unringable bells or those badly in need of attention in London, and the establishment of a national trust for restorations. Between 50 and 100 restorations were needed each year. This was not being done; a disastrous situation would arise in 20 to 30 years' time, he warned.

The Master, in his welcome to the company, said their guests included nine Masters or Presidents of Guilds, Associations or the Central Council. He apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Shoreditch and Mr. W. R. Winterton, who was in Beirut.

The toast of "The Church" was submitted by Mr. E A. Barnett, who prefaced his remarks with a quotation from a meeting notice in an old "Ringing World" which read: "Mr. E. A Barnett will give a talk on place notation and ringing will continue in the belfry for those not interested in the talk." He was sorry the Master had not made such an arrangement that evening for those not interested in his speech, as there was a fairly heavy eight nearby with plenty of hard work.

This crack at the recent Westminster Abbey controversy was not lost on the company. When the laughter subsided Mr. Barnet drily observed: "I was referring to St. Stephen's, Rochester Row."

Mr. Barnett based his speech on two questions: What does the rest of the Church think of ringers? and What do ringers think of the Church? The former was presented in an editorial in "The Ringing World" before the day of Mr. White as editor: "The clergy, and we must include churchwardens and the P.C.C.—the clergy do not evince that interest in the ringers that the latter think is their right to expect Of course, there are notable exceptions." The article went on: "We do not suggest that ringers' habits of churchgoing are beyond reproach but how often do the clergy visit the belfry to encourage regular attendance?"

BUTTRESSES OF THE CHURCH

Commented Mr. Barnett: "In a ringing career now in its 41st year I have known some five incumbents of my own church and with one exception—and his father happened to be a noted ringer—I am sorry to say that none of them has shown any particular interest in our doings It is not as if their ringers had been divorced from the whole Church. If we have not been pillars of the Church it could be said we have been buttresses and supported the Church from the outside."

To the question of what ringers thought of the Church he said the answer was "Not much." If any of them went into another belfry he was sure they would receive a hearty welcome, but of how many church congregations could that be said? The Church had survived many attacks from the outside, but would it survive those attacks like those of the Troian heroes, from within?

Coupled with the toast was the name of the Rev. Austen Williams, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Last year the people of St. Martin's presented a set of handbells to the Society, and as a compliment to the Vicar the well-known Welsh hymn "Cym Rhondda" was played before he spoke. Previously Mr. Williams had described the hymn as his philosophy of life.

The Vicar recalled the scene some 12 years ago when he stood in the porch of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and listened to the Archdeacon saying that he would ring a bell to signify that he had taken corporate possession of all the rights, dignities and appurtenances of the Royal Parish Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and after that "the trumpets shall sound."

The sound of the bell announced his coming and that sound had been with him for 12 years of battling with the rights, dignities and appurtenances and they had been far more baffling than he reckoned. But the sound of the one bell he rang seemed so inadequate compared with the other bells. To him the sound of the bells at St. Martin's was a companionship. It was a companionship not just of sound but it was a companionship which meant people and despite what had been said by the proposer of the toast the bells meant a companionship with the ringers. He realised that in some senses their bellringing was a hobby and a pleasure, but it was very much more; it was their faithfulness to the Church expressed with a devoted skill which he envied. If only he could make his words sound with such precision as their bells when they rang. He thanked them for what they had done with such skill and such devotion. It was a real companionship as he lived with the bells at St. Martin's and they had marked out his life for 12 years.

The speech was followed by a selection played on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hudson and other Essex ringers, which included "Can-Can" from "Orpheus in the Underworld," "Grandfather's Clock" and "Jesu, joy of man's desiring."

EARLY EDUCATION

The toast of "The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths" was proposed by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, who claimed to be the first non-Cumberland to propose it. For the occasion he delved into his almost inexhaustible stock of stories. "The Cumberlands," he declared, "is a great Society. Ernest Morris says your name book begins in 1747 and each member signs his name showing that he is a man of education. What is education? In 1747 it was largely the four R's—the 3 R's plus the rod to drive them. This was the method Dr. Busby, the previous head of Westminster school, adopted except that his rod drove in the Classics rather than the three R's.

Obviously those educated in ringing have advantages over others. Edward Osborne, who became a Cumberland in 1824, recorded how seven men met at an inn, liked it and offered the host £30 if they could stay to dinner every day provided they sat in different positions. Thinking that so few could not sit in many different positions mine host took them on and made himself the eighth. How long did they stay? Answer: 110 years 142 days and they could sit in 40,320 different positions.

"It is grand in these difficult days to know that the Cumberlands are flourishing as never before. There are 215 here tonight—a record. You average today about 25 new members a year, far more than you lose each year. Your bank balance has more than doubled in the last five years. It is obvious from the quality of your peals and the quantity that the standard is going up."

PAINTING SHOREDITCH FRAME

Commending the efforts of the Society towards the restoration of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, bells, Canon Thurlow said their Master with others spent a week of his holiday in scraping the frame of Shoreditch bells and then painting it The Master had a number of things on his mind. Perhaps the most prominent was the silent bells in that great city, and they had a rota by which they rang bells in towers hitherto silent on Sundays. Some were silent through lack of ringers, others because the congregation had not the guts to raise the money for their repair or give the bells to another church to provide an activity for others.

Concluding, the president of the Central Council said: "You have a great past. You have, we all hope, a great future. As a firm believer in your future, in that of the Exercise and in the power of our faith our bells proclaim, to survive the absurdities of today and to rebuild men and civilisation in the future, I give you the toast of "The Royal Cumberland Youths."

The Master, who was warmly received on rising to reply, said the health and strength of the Society was indicated by the attendance at the dinner and meetings of the Society. That day they had another record of 215 people present They would have had a full capacity attendance but snow prevented Leslie Weller making the journey from Scotland, and Ted Martin and Ralph Edwards also could not be with them.

The innovation of their country meeting was proving a great success. This year, at Northampton, George Roome and his ringers arranged a splendid day for the Society. This year they were visiting Cambridge on April 6th and were hoping for another successful day. Pealwise they recorded exactly the same number as in 1966, a total of 26. They scored a number of notable firsts for the Society—Claybrook, Leatherhead and Londonderry, the first peal of 15 spliced with all the work and 16 and 18 methods; also the first peal of Hertford. They were very pleased to note the peals rung for the Society by non-London bands—in Kent, Sussex and Lincolnshire.

SOCIETY OF HIGH STANDING

By a coincidence the number of new members in 1967 was exactly the same as in 1966 and by a further coincidence the same as the number of peals They were very pleased at the standard of people asking to join the Society and they hoped that the new rule of membership adopted at the annual general meeting after full discussion at meetings would make it clear that theirs was a Society of high standing and give them a sense of pride in belonging to it. He wanted to say how encouraged the older members were to have with them that evening Arthur Mason, who joined the Society 50 years ago, and also a pre-war secretary, Mr. Norman Summerhayes.

They were happy indeed that the Vicar of Shoreditch had, with great enthusiasm, launched

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ROYAL CUMBERLANDS (Continued)

his restoration scheme for the church, costing ultimately £20.000, including the restoration of the fine ring of 12. There would be a more appropriate time at the dedication to express their very sincere thanks to the many people who had given donations. Bearing in mind the very large sum required, they would be extremely grateful for any further donations.

LONDON BELLS

In a reference to London bells, the Master said he felt this subject should be considered in depth by the London Societies with the authorities involved. There were a score of towers where the bells were either derelict, unringable or badly in need of attention by the bellfounders. Surely with some imagination and co-operation some of these bells could be restored. There were, of course, problems in the transfer of property from one church to another, but surely, where bells had been silent for decades, the sale of bells to help another church, to be repaid over a long period, some scheme could be worked out.

This same problem existed also on a national scale. With 5,000 rings of bells in the country, it would be anticipated that with a life of 50–100 years for each installation some 50–100 major restorations would take place each year. But this was patently not so, and they were therefore heading for a disastrous situation in 25–30 years' time. Again this required imaginative thought, and one suggestion would be the establishment of a charitable trust which could guarantee a donation of about £500 to 30 or so churches a year from investment income. This would require handling nationally and require a great deal of preparatory work, but was worth a great deal of consideration.

The speech was followed by a well-struck touch of Stedman Cinques by E. A. Barnett 1–2, Joan Beresford 3–4, D. Beresford 5–6, D. E. Sibson 7–8, P. Beresford 9–10, J. A. D. Woolford 11–12.

The junior steward, Mr. J. A. D. Woolford, proposed the toast of "The Visitors." He had a special word of welcome for Mr. Arthur Mason, the oldest ringer present, who is now 76, and Mr. Harry Stracey, of Stratton, Cornwall.

Mr. P. A. Corby, the Master of the Ancient Society, replied.

Proceedings concluded with the Master expressing his thanks to Mr. D. E. Sibson for organising the function.

THE COMPANY

Accompanying the Master and Mrs. D. Beresford on the top table were the Rev. Austen Williams, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Preb. G. B. Timms, the Rev R. Harvey. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sibson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett. Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, the Rev. and Mrs. D. Parkridge, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Newport, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Woolford and Mr. T. W. White.

Mr and Mrs. N. S. Bagworth, Mr. and Mrs. F. Brunger, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. T. A Cross. Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Deason, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Egglestone, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Forder, Mr. and Mrs. G. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. H. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hinde. Mr. and Mrs. P. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hudson.

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Mesdames Beresford, B. Sarkar and B. Simpson.

The Revs. L. Pizzey and B. Redgen.

Messrs. B. Baker, T. H. Barlow, P. Beresford, A. Berry, J. Billings, E. F. P. Bryant, M. Burn, A. P. Capo-Bianco, A. J. Churson, A. J. Corby, A. Cutler, J. Dafters, F. E. Darby, R. Davies, G. A. Dawson, D. J. Derrick, K. N. Fleming, D Gough, J. M. Hills, S. Humphrey, E. Jenner, R. T. Johnson, D. Keates, R. C. Kippin, E. J. Ladd, T. Lewis, B. Mason, J. C. Millhouse, H. O'Callaghan, I. H. Oram, J Phillips, J. R. Pratchett, P. Raithby, J. M. Robinson, C. Rowe, P. S. Royd-Jones, A. E. Rushton, A. H. Smith, T. V. J. Smith, S. E. Snyder. N. Summerhayes, J. W. Swift, D. J. Tysoe, P. R. Wilkinson.

The Misses M R. Andrews, J. Ayres, J. Baker, A. Barber, J. Beresford, F. Cannon, M. E. Chilton, D. Colgate, P. Court, J. R. Cox, D. Dobson, G Dunmell, L. Ellison, M. Erik, M. E. Fort, E. Foster, J. Foster, P. Fry, A. Gibson, A. Harris, J. Henderson, H. Maltman, C. McNeil, P. Miller, B. Millhouse, H. Muirhead, M. Ottowell. A. Ponting, R. Rawlings, G. E. Rice, J. Sewell, K. Styring, E. Tutty and N. Walters.

HIS SOLUTION

Dear Sir,—Your recent correspondence regarding ringing at Westminster Abbey has prompted me to put forward my own opinion, and offer what I think a reasonably fair solution to the problem.

As an appreciator of good ringing, I feel that it would be utterly wrong if the high standard of striking maintained when the Abbey bells are rung was relaxed too much, but at the same time I think it wrong that the "closed shop" attitude should prevail. I would suggest, therefore, that a compromise would be the answer, i.e. to have a prescribed band to ring on Sundays and on State occasions, and to have open days during the year with a competent Ringing Master in charge arranging various touches and selecting ringers to take part therein, with the **best possible** striking in mind.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER H. JONES.

Knutsford, Cheshire.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): Lesley A. Hawes 1, Katherine Salvage 2, B. J. Stone (cond.) 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, M. J. Green 5, I. P. Hull 6. For Family Communion. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Bryony P. Moorby 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, I. P. Hull 4, Anthea S. Bruce 5, C. D. Collin (first "inside") 6, D. M. Wilkins 7, B. J Stone (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. For Candlemas Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. T. VAUGHAN

The death, earlier this month, of Thomas Vaughan has severed one of the last links with the early days of change ringing in Breconshire.

Mr. Vaughan learned to handle a bell at the four-bell tower at Llandefalle, where, unfortunately, the bells have been silent for many years. On moving to the parish of St. Peter's, Glasbury, he was invited to join the local band At that time they were engaged in the mastery of Grandsire, which they later succeeded m ringing to a number of peals in their own tower. Like so many of his colleagues, Tommy Vaughan's ringing was interrupted by the first world war, although he resumed the art on his return. Although he rang a number of quarter peals of Grandsire on an "inside" bell, his peal ringing was limited to the treble or tenor, his total being eight.

In the bleak years which followed the last war, Mr. Vaughan was elected captain of the local band and quickly built up a band of young ringers. Unfortunately, as in many rural areas, most of the younger folk had to leave the area to find work, and Mr. Vaughan's band melted away. In the last few years a new band has been formed and, although ill-health prevented Tommy from ringing with them, he was always delighted to hear of their progress and, even more so, to hear the music of the bells he loved. May his soul rest in peace.

MR. ALFRED C. WRIGHT

An Appreciation.

Mr. Alfred C. Wright, who was hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association from 1919 to 1925, died at Darley Dale, Derbyshire, on November 11th, aged 82. It was only in his last year that he had any illness. H. E. T. sends us the following appreciation:

Although not a regular member of the Darley Dale band since 1922, Alfred never failed to give a hand when requested and was always happy to attend a local ringing meeting.

He started to ring at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, in the year 1902; the same year the bells were rehung in a metal frame and a new treble and tenor added to the old six. After spending a few years in the South of England he returned to join a strong local band about 1911. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, in 1912.

The years 1913–14 saw Darley Dale among the leading towers in the Association, due in no small measure to the endeavours of Alfred C. Wright. Although he preferred to ring even-bell methods he conducted several firsts in the Triples methods for the Midland Counties Association, including St. Clement's, St. Simon and Double Grandsire, all rung at Darley Dale. He rang exactly 100 peals for the Midland Counties Association: many of these were with the Bolsover and Chesterfield companies with such ringers as Arthur Knights, John Flint and Sam Thomas, and with Harold Poole and Fred Dexter in the Leicester districts. At Chesterfield Parish Church on January 12th, 1921, he rang the 7th to the first ever peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal—composed and conducted by Sam Thomas.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7 6, 8 covering): J. Webb 1, A. Butcher 2, S. W. Cox 3, J. Meadows 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, W. J. Harper 6, Hor. Meek 7, Har. Meek 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Pat Williams and Mrs. Starkie, relatives of well-known ringing families.

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CANNOT FORESEE CHANGE OF POLICY — The Dean

FOLLOW ST. PAUL'S LEAD

Dear Sir,—I have read with some interest the correspondence on Westminster Abbey. Mr. Pitstow's letter was well worth waiting for; he had obviously been to some trouble to answer the critics and his letter was well written and contained a wealth of information to ringers ignorant of the customs at Westminster Abbey.

I can back him up in what he says, as on January 19th I wrote to the Dean and received his reply, which endorses all that Mr. Pitstow has said.

My own feelings on the matter are that it is a great pity that the Dean and the Abbey ringers cannot follow the lead of the other London Cathedral, St. Paul's, where ringing on a Sunday and at the monthly Tuesday night practice is again of the highest order, and under the leadership of the Master of the College Youths relax their rules so that the bells may be available once every six weeks for a two-hour practice.—Yours, etc.,

G. K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, Newbury.

From the Dean of Westminster Abbey.

Dear Mr. Dodd,—Thank you for your letter and for the newspaper cutting, which I return. The secretary of our Abbey ringers, Mr. Pitstow, is dealing with the objections which have been raised to what some ringers regard as the Abbey's "closed shop." Meanwhile, though I regret the necessity of disappointing you, I must say that I do not foresee any change in the policy of the Dean and Chapter with regard to the ringing of the bells.

It is the uniqueness of the Abbey and the fact that at the very large number of special services on week-days the bells are constantly ringing and the necessity in this part of London that the ringing of the Abbey bells should betoken a special event which are some of the guiding principles in the Dean and Chapter's traditional policy.—Yours sincerely,

ERIC ABBOTT.
Dean of Westminster.

WHINE OF A PAMPERED CHILD

Dear Sir,—Having resisted the temptation to comment on the original letter regarding Westminster Abbey bells—it brought to mind the whine of a pampered child, having been refused what it wanted—I write now in support of the Abbey authority and ringers.

Being a self-confessed lover of many of the quickly-disappearing traditions connected with this country, together with certain of their privileges, I heartily endorse the decisions of the Dean and Chapter concerning this particular ring of bells and would also include St. Paul's Cathedral.

In this day and age when so many people seem to consider that everything they want is their due, this type of controversy is to be expected. Surely there are enough available towers, inside and outside the Metropolis, with bells varying in tone, weight and number, to satisfy tower grabbers and tour organisers without them hankering after the churches known to be steeped in custom and, as in the case of the Abbey, inseparable with Royalty.

Tradition is dying, and I have little doubt that within a year or two "Percy's Pealers" or "Bertie's Bats" will triumphantly have added the Abbey to their conquests.

Thank you for your logical and anticipated explanation, Mr. Pitstow, and be ready now for the jibes regarding the "Royal Peculiar."—Yours faithfully,

D. J. BEACH.

Greasley, Nottingham.

RINGING WOULD BE BAD WITH VISITORS

Dear Sir,—Our major churches are naturally great attractions for touring bands and casual ringers, and the bells are in much greater demand than those of lesser churches. In any tower where a high standard of ringing is maintained an open to all policy brings a great deal of heartache, particularly when the bells are difficult to ring and the Vicar or Dean is sensitive to bad ringing. I know nothing of the ringing standard at Westminster Abbey but it is certain that without restrictions the Abbey would never be free from visiting ringers and the ringing would be bad.

None the less a rigid and unwavering closed shop principle is unfair and wrong, irrespective of the ability of the resident band, but if it is to be changed a well reasoned letter on behalf of the Central Council would be the best procedure, as has been suggested.

Since the ringing arrangements at the Abbey are a matter for the Abbey authorities and ringers themselves to decide, and there is no requirement for them to give any explanation or excuse, the only response likely to recent excited and extravagant letters in "The Ringing World" would be that the writers should mind their own business. One wonders why six signatures have to appear under one of these objectionable letters? Are they a self-appointed commitee with the abhorrent idea that everyone must be made to conform to their narrow-minded views, or are they too timid to take the full responsibility for their transparent nonsense?

There is one reason only for immature outbursts, and that is the desire to add just one more tower and abbey to their tower lists. If the writers' concern that bells are not being rung for service is so great I am quite sure they could find a tower much closer to their own homes where their consciences could be salved, where they might be able to help and where they might even be welcome.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE EVENDEN.

Maidstone.

SUNDAY RINGING PLEA

Dear Sir,—Working within earshot of Westminster Abbey, I should like to make some observations on the present situation concerning the ringing there.

The bells are rung on average about once a week, but one hears, not infrequently, only seven bells being rung, and the standard of ringing is not always of the highest quality. There must surely be enough ringers working within reach of the Abbey who, if invited, would be pleased and proud to ring for services, thereby ensuring a full band.

One appreciates that the present system of chiming the bells for Sunday services is an historic one, and must be preserved. But would it be too much to ask that the bells be rung for one service each Sunday—possibly Matins, which would not clash with ringing at St. Margaret's? This Sunday ringing could be by visiting bands upon application and subsequent approval by the Abbey authorities.—Yours faithfully,

JANET E. SMITH.

London, N.W.

Regarding Mr. E. Barnett, sen.'s observations about a broken stay at Westminster Abbey, we have received a number of letters, including those from Messrs. G. K. Dodd, J. W. Abbott and E. J. Rowe, strongly disagreeing with his observations.

"REMOVE THIS ANOMALY"

Dear Sir,—First I must take Mr. E. Barnett to task for his remarks about the breaking of a stay at Westminster Abbey in 1936. To state that a visitor who was involved in this **pure accident** showed "no respect for other people's property" is little short of libellous, as it insinuates that visiting ringers are vandals. As it happened over 30 years ago, one fails to see what it has to do with the present situation.

With regard to Mr. Pitstow's letter, I am now more than ever convinced that neither he nor the Abbey ringers wish or intend to change this unsatisfactory state of affairs, nor have they made any effort to do so, despite the widespread feelings of dissatisfaction among ringers on this issue. Mr. Pitstow uses the "red herring" of a document of the 1600's to support his argument. That is now history and is totally irrelevant. Ringers and ringing everywhere have changed completely since then—except at the Abbey!—and travelling to and from the belfry is easier than it was three centuries ago! No, Mr. Pitstow, you cannot hide behind these old traditions. When traditions become manifestly outdated, then new ones must be established.

I fail to see what Dean Ryle's past dictates have to do with 1968. The present Dean, Dr. Eric Abbott, is a most enlightened prelate, and would not take a bigoted, narrow-minded and reactionary view if the position were properly and objectively presented to him. A copy of the letter we sent to "The Ringing World" was posted to the Dean, and in his reply he stated: "The Dean and Chapter of Westminster would never wish to be exclusive in any wrong sense." It is now up to the Exercise to press the Dean to receive a representative (or a deputation), who would convince him that ringers do feel that the Abbey authorities are exclusive in the wrong sense. Who better could one suggest than our Central Council president, Canon Thurlow?

Visiting choirs sing at the Abbey services, as Mr. Pitstow himself admits. Is it not wholly illogical, inconsistent and unjust that there should be this discrimination against bell-ringers, who are, equally with choristers, servants of the Church of Christ?

I appeal to all ringers who feel the injustice and anachronism of the Abbey's attitude to ringing to write to the Dean in force and ask him to take steps to remove this anomaly despite any protestations from his own self-satisfied band. Until the Abbey authorities are made to realise what the mass of ringers feels, nothing will be changed.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Stoke Poges, Slough.

P.S.—Why should the Dean have invited only three London Societies to ring for the Abbey's 900th anniversary? Has he not heard of any other Associations, or did his ringers not enlighten him? The Abbey belongs to us all, not to London only!—W. B.

FREE FOR ALL

Dear Sir.—Mr. H. N. Pitstow's letter only confirms what the more informed of us have known for many years. What Mr. Pitstow failed to say, however, was that under the present system the ringing produced is of a fairly high standard.

It would be a retrograde step to provide "free for all" ringing occasions at the Abbey. Nevertheless there is, I believe, a case to be made for allowing visitors to partake in the ringing on certain occasions. This could be done by the issue of tickets, say two or three at a time, to competent ringers, on application. I cannot see that this would offend either the Dean or the ringers, or interfere with any payment the ringers may be entitled to. —Yours, etc.,

K. R. HOLTOM.

Byfield, Northants.

Letters to the Editor

REDUNDANT BELLS

Dear Sir,—The following have been reported to me as being for disposal:

Exeter.—St. Edmund's, 8 bells, 14 cwt.
Brentford.—St. Lawrence's, 6 bells, 11½ cwt.
Southwark.—Holy Trinity, 8 bells, 20 cwt
Marlborough.—SS. Peter and Paul's, 8 bells, 13 cwt.
Stamford.—St. Mary's, 8 bells, 15 cwt.
Stamford.—St. Michael's, 6 bells, 13 cwt.
Norwich.—St John's, Maddermarket, 6 bells, 10 cwt.
Morriston, Swansea.—St. John's, 6 bells, 9 cwt.
Privett, Hants.—Holy Trinity, 8 bells, 12 cwt.
High Halstow, Kent.—St. Margaret's, 5 bells, 10½ cwt.
West Tofts, Norfolk.—St. Mary's, 8 bells, 12 cwt.

Anybody with a scheme for rehousing any of these bells should write to me in the first place. Information has already been given about some of these bells and it may be that preliminary approaches have been made to effect a rehousing. If the register is to fulfil its purpose it is important that I should be advised of any movements which take place.—Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary,

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.
45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax.

APSLEY SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I must plead "not guilty" to being responsible for Kingsley Mason's false peal of Apsley. Mr. Mason says that he used Middleton's composition on the authority of my "Collection of Surprise Compositions" but he has evidently misread his copy.

The collection contains three peals that are true to Apsley, one by Dennis Knox and two by R. F. B. Speed, and a note against Apsley in the list of methods refers the reader to these and to these only.

Mr. Mason has either misread the note to read Peal No. 6 (Middleton's) instead of a reference to Footnote No. 6, or has taken Peal No. 26 (Middleton's in another form) instead of No. 25, which is Dennis Knox's composition.

Sorry, Kingsley—'twasn't me.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings.

A METHODIST HANDBELL TEAM

Dear Sir,—Reference the article in "The Ringing World" of January 12th on handbell teams, and in particular the paragraph on the team from Hope Baptist Church, we would point out that there has been a similar team of Methodist handbell ringers in existence for a number of years in Harwich. They still give programmes of Methodist hymns and carols at meetings in many of the local churches. —Yours faithfully,

P. ANDREWS (Mrs.),
Secretary,

St. Nicholas' Bellringers, Harwich.

PROUD OF THE LADIES' GUILD

Dear Sir,—I would like to correct some misstatements in Ian Smith's letter on page 8. First, he implies that membership of the Ladies' Guild occupies so much of a lady's time and ability that she is not able to support her local territorial Association as well. This is quite untrue, and in my experience it is the same group of ringers, ladies and gentlemen, who attend both territorial and non-territorial Associations in an area.

Furthermore, what is the purpose of the Ladies Guild? Surely it is, as with the Policeman's Guild and the Railwaymen's Guild, to bring together people throughout the country who have something in common—in this case their sex. I certainly do not feel I could do more to improve the standard of Sunday service ringing if I resigned my membership of the Ladies' Guild. I am proud of it, for we are still a minority and considered inferior by a number of so-called gentleman ringers.

With regard to the poor attendance at the Sussex District meeting, every area and every tower has its ups and downs, and it is unfair to blame this on lack of support for the Guild. There must be many places which bemoan the fact that a few years ago Surprise Major was rung on Sundays, whereas now they can barely manage Plain Bob Doubles.

I feel there is no case for disbanding the Ladies' Guild, and I resent the statement that it is "dying a slow and dismal death."—Yours faithfully,

CELIA F. H. D'AETH.

Southport, Lancs.

ODD-STRUCK BELLS

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Paul Ebsworth's idea of tapered steel washers (page 62) I fail to agree that a washer with a round hole to fit a square shank would not be satisfactory as it could turn round if the castle nut became loose and make the bell more odd-struck than ever. I have dealt with this for some years and I find that if a leather washer is fitted correctly and the castle nut kept tight there would be no movement to cut and wear the leather washer away It is the crevice between the square shank and the square hole in the bell that needs taking up; you will find the hole in the crown of the bell is 1/16th in. to 3/32nd in. oversize.

I should like to suggest my idea of fitting a leather washer. Firstly, get a piece of leather ¼ in. thick or as near as possible; soak overnight so that it is pliable, cut a piece two inches round and cut a square hole in the centre 1/8th of an inch less than the thickness of the shank, so that you have to use force to get it in position down the shank. Then put in the clapper and screw the castle nut finger-tight only; next centre the clapper by means of a tape measure. When that is done, screw up castle nut tight, but don't put cotter in, as you will find after a day or so that you can get another half-turn on the nut. Then secure with cotter pin and keep the nut at that tightness. You will find it will give no more trouble.—Yours truly,

E. F. GOBEY.

Ilkeston.

ARE YOU THE RIGHT MAN IN OFFICE?

Dear Sir,—1968 is here, and throughout the country bellringers will shortly be electing their officers to represent them though the year. It so often happens that people are reluctant to stand for office; no doubt we all have our reasons, but how often we hear: "Not willing to stand', and not always has the person nominated really tried to make the time for the job. May I, through your pages, in the interests of ringing, appeal to all ringers to try to fulfil their obligations? — someone obviously thinks you are the right person for the job.

May I also ask those at present in office, particularly if you fill that most important post of tower captain, to ask themselves if they are still the right person? Let us have a bit of soul-searching from you. It is generally accepted now that the captain does not have to be the best ringer although in my opinion he should be comparable to his better ringers; but it is necessary that he should be the best captain, and on his ability to lead and organise his band, to train and hold his recruits, shall he be judged. How often have captains been appointed with not really enough thought and how often, once in the saddle, do they sit oblivious to changing circumstances while the band struggles on with nobody willing to displace "Old Bert" or "Old John" for fear of hurting his feelings—perhaps all hoping he will surrender his office to allow a new surge of lifeblood into the band, and hoping in vain. Tower captain for the good of your band, please ask yourself are you the right man to be "kingpin", for that is what the office is. If you are not, are you big enough to hand the reins over and support the new man—indeed, are you big enough to propose him?

An afterthought for the band: when you get your man, or if you already have him, do you give him the support he deserves? Don't let him crash himself against a brick wall of apathy; instead feed him with your enthusiasm and loyalty that he may rise to greater things and take his band along with him. If we all do this, no more will bellringing be spoken of as a dying art.—Yours, etc.,

NON-ASPIRANT.

NEMPNETT TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I am reminded by the 1967 "Index" that no one has queried the peal of Nempnett Triples (page 588). Nempnett places are made in 7–8 (first peal in the method was one of Caters—see page 442). If, as I assume, the places in the peal of Triples were made in 5–6, then the method is Hunslet (of which the first peal of Triples was rung at Leeds on August 4th, 1966).—Yours faithfully,

R. BROWN.

Rothwell.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Quite a busy time ahead was planned at the annual meeting of the West Lindsey Branch on January 20th, held at Gainsborough Parish Church. Canon Roberts presided and members promised their support for a one-day ringing school, the Guild Ringing Festival to be held in the Branch, and a summer outing to Chester.

Upon Mr. Baker's proposition a collection was taken for the Gainsborough Parish Church £10,000 Restoration Appeal. After a short service, conducted by the Vicar, ringing was resumed until 8 p.m. T. A. G.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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POINTS FROM PEALS

BY CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

I am grateful to Mr. Phillippo for his letter on page 775 last year about the peals rung at Bunwell so that we now agree that the 100th peal was rung on April 12th last. I have, of course, to rely on accurate reporting and in this case a peal rung at Long Stratton appeared to have been rung at Bunwell, hence the discrepancy. Whilst mentioning this, very rarely is one "foxed" by a tower appearing under different names. A case of this appeared last November, when a tower "Culcheth, Lancs," was amongst the peal towers. This name does not appear in "Dove's" or "Crockford's Clerical Directory," etc., but I presume it is the Newchurch tower of unknown dedication mentioned in "Dove," even though the weight of the tenor does not agree with the published one. It would be helpful to have a consistent name.

I am also grateful to Mr. Ian V. J. Smith for letting me know that one of the peals counted in the 50 at Beeston (mentioned in the last article) has been found to be false. Thus the next peal there will be the 50th now. The false peal was rung in 1898!

17 VIRGIN TOWERS CONQUERED

Peals this time refer to the last six months of 1967. In this period another 17 virgin towers were conquered—all but one were claimed as the first on the bells. The exception was Bampton, in Westmorland. The others which I confirm are Leek Wootton, Badingham, Broadwood Kelly, East Allington, Hovingham, Preston-by-Wingham, Parkham, Sutton Maddock, St. Audries, Westleigh, Lostwithiel, Compton Bassett, Milborne St. Andrew, Mottisfont, St Neots and Shebbear. What lovely names many of them have! The number seems to be about average for the six-month' period

Rather fewer than usual were the number of infrequent towers—only 11 in fact. The longest silence in the peal lists was at Griston, its name last appearing in 1912. The claim that it was only the second peal on the bells was not quite accurate—it was the third peal, for there was another one in 1911. This was the only tower last to be heard before the first war. Four towers last had a peal in the 1920's. Croston's last was in 1925, so the claim as the first peal for 50 years is again not quite right. The 1925 peal was the only previous peal of Major (Double Norwich). Before that there had been seven peals of Grandsire Triples from 1890 to 1911 and a peal of Stedman Triples in 1914. So there have only been ten peals in nearly 80 years—few for an eight-bell tower.

I confirm that the last peal at Haverfordwest was in 1927. There was also one here in 1926. Carmarthen likewise last appeared in 1927 (not 1923, as claimed). This was the only previous peal I have come across. King's Caple's recent peal of Minor was (I confirm) the first of Minor on the bells. Previously there had been three peals of Doubles, two in 1928 and the last in 1929. Aldwinckle last had a peal in 1931, likewise Hinton St. George. The former had also recorded one in 1919, but the one at Hinton was the first on the bells. We then have to jump to 1938 to find the next infrequent visitors to the peal columns. There were three towers from this year—Brooke (the only previous peal before last year's one); Maiden Newton (where peals were also rung in 1932, 1934, 1935 and 1936—one each year); and Ashburton (peals of Double Norwich in 1902 and 1926 and Grandsire Triples in 1932 and 1938). The last pre-second war tower (which is where I draw my line in mentioning rare peal towers) is Westbury-on-Trym. The claim that the peal was the first of Minor on the bells was correct, but it was not the second peal on the bells. As well as the 1939 peal of Grandsire Doubles there had been one in the same method in 1913. So the recent peal was the third one.

MILESTONES

Then we come to milestones. Further investigation shows that I missed one or two in my last article, i.e. towers which reached certain marks in the first six months of last year. Chief of these was Birmingham Cathedral, where I now make the peal of London Royal on February 18th last the 600th on the bells. I note that peals are once again being rung here after the enforced six months' rest. Then there were three 50-pealers I omitted to mention. They were Caythorpe (50th peal on January 21st), Stafford (March 27th) and Ratby (April 29th). Actually I cannot be blamed for the last one—the account did not appear in the peal list until October 27th. A hint for prompter publication!

To return to milestones in the past six months—Bushey takes pride of place with its 350th peal. It was claimed for the peal on August 21st, but I made it the previous peal, on August 3rd. The peals have been very evenly divided through the years. Thus there were 134 from 1890 (first peal) to 1914, i.e. in 25 years, 97 between the wars, i.e. in 20 years, and 119 since the last war, i.e. 23 years. Duffield reached its 300th peal on December 7th. Here the hey-day was prior to World War I, for 179 peals had been rung when it commenced. Between the wars there was not a great deal of activity, especially in the 1930's. Forty-four peals only were rung in the period. Since the last war the pace has gradually increased again—six peals in the 1940's, 24 in the 1950's and 47 in the 1960's so far. The pre-1914 war average was about six per year and it has now been reached again.

No towers reached the 200's in the period under review, but three passed the 150 mark. They were Shirley, Warwicks, Epsom (Christ Church) and Walthamstow (St. Mary's). The Epsom tower claimed as such, but I would not like to be absolutely certain as I have one or two peals which, when published, did not quite make it clear which Epsom tower was meant. All the Shirley peals have been rung since 1923 so there is not much doubt about them. The Walthamstow total includes early peals commencing in 1778.

CENTURY MARK

I confirm the 100th peal at Fairfield. Other towers to reach their century were Cuckfield (July 7th), Trumpington (July 29th), Farnham (July 15th) and Old Swinford (St. Mary's) on November 11th. Fairfield completed its 100 in the quickest time—it did not start until 1933, then came Trumpington, which, as a six-bell tower had 34 peals from 1920 to 1955. The remaining 66 have come since augmentation, from 1958. Both Farnham and Old Swinford have peals going back to the early days of peal ringing, so their centuries have been a long time in coming. Cuckfield's first peal was in 1815, but the 30-odd peals immediately before the first war and a similar number since the last one appear to be the main periods of activity.

Reaching the 50 mark were Harwell (October 14th), Wye (October 28th), Silverdale (November 7th) and Burton-on-Trent (St. Modwen's) on November 11th. The last tower—the old parish church of the town—has taken nearly 170 years to reach this total, having been overshadowed by the famous ringing tower of St. Paul's. Wye has taken even longer, for the first peal I have there is in 1736. Both the other two towers have only had peals in this century

Finally, some other odd notes. The peal of Yorkshire Royal at St. Helens was not the first such on the bells. One had been rung on December 26th, 1952. Likewise the claim for the first of Surprise at All Saints', Basingstoke, was not justified. Basing Surprise Major was rung in 1966. A minor correction for Humberstone—the peal was the first since 1953, not 1952. The peal at Norton Fitzwarren pinpointed the way in which a tower's fortunes change. Here, there were 24 peals in the three years 1899 to 1901, then came nine from 1902 to 1905 and four from 1910 to 1913. Since then there have been single peals in the years 1953, 1956 and 1967.

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD

Future Uncertain

The annual general meeting of the Southend and District Guild was held at Rayleigh on January 27th. The Rector, the Rev. G. W. Hatch (acting president), took the chair, and members stood in silent tribute to Canon J. A. Stanley, late Vicar of Prittlewell and president of the Guild for the past seven years. The chairman then welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. Frank B. Lufkin and two ringers from Charing, Kent.

The secretary and treasurer's report was followed by the election of officers, and Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, Master of the Essex Association and founder of the Guild, was elected president.

A proposal was then put to the meeting by Mr. Michael Hallett and seconded by George Eve, that in the event of the proposal to split the South West District of the Essex Association being passed at the Association's annual general meeting on the Spring Bank Holiday this year, the Southend and District Guild will terminate its existence at its next annual general meeting. This was agreed to.

Sgt.-Major H. H. Furminger was elected Master of the Guild, the first Service man to hold this post. Mr. Stephen Halliwell was elected Deputy Master, and Miss Jenifer Emms was elected secretary and treasurer.

The president addressed the meeting and told how he and Mr. Don Coombes had founded the Guild back in 1950. But he agreed with the meeting that, if the proposal to split the South West District of the Essex Association is passed by the Association, then the decision to terminate the Guild at its next annual general meeting was a wise one.

G. E.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bainbridge 1, L. Ainger 2, P. J Spencer-Phillips 3, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 4, H. Carter 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6, B. J. Howard 7, J M. C. Lysons 8. A compliment to Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips and the conductor on the christening of Jeremy Ben Fawcus, respectively their grandson and great-grandson.

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Nottingham Central Council Meeting

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the 2nd session of the 26th Council (70th Annual Meeting) held at the Victoria Hotel, Nottingham, on Tuesday, May 30th, 1967.

The President, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, was in the chair.

A welcome was given to the Council by the Lord Mayor (Councillor A. F. Roberts), the Bishop of Sherwood (the Rt. Rev. K. G. Thompson) and the chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild (Mr. F. W. Midwinter).

PRESENT

LIFE MEMBERS

Canon A. G. G Thurlow, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, V. Bottomley, F. W. Perrens, F. Sharpe and J F Smallwood.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. E A. Barnett, Mrs. V. Bottomley, Messrs. B. Austin, F. E Collins, J. L. Garner-Hayward, F. E. Haynes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor, F. A. White, T. W. White and J. Willis.

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Messrs. W. T. Cook, J. S. Mason and W. Williams.

Australian and New Zealand Association.—Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — Messrs J. H. Gilbert A. H. Reed and E. Naylor.

Bedfordshire Association.—Messrs. J. H. Edwards and A. E. Rushton.

Beverley and District Ringing Society. — Mr R. Ducker.

Cambridge University Guild.—Messrs. C. M. I Johnson and B D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. H. O. Baker, A. R Elkins, J W. Griffiths and A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr H. Windsor.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Mr. G Tembey.

Derbyshire Association — Messrs. D. R. Carlisle, G. A. Halls and M. P. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. M. J. Fellows.

Durham and Newcastle Association. — Messrs K. Arthur and D. A Bayles.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Messrs. J. Armstrong, F. B. Lufkin. J. E. G. Roast and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Messrs. A. L. Barry, W B. Kynaston, J. R. Taylor and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F M Maybrey, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers. -- Mr. J Mallett, Rev. J. G. W. Scott and Mr. D. R Bould.

Hereford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. G. T. Cousins. Rev M. Hart and Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre. B M. Barker, R. G. Bell and G. Dodds.

Irish Association.—Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. D Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Messrs. P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth, S. Jenner and I. H Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J Beresford. Miss D. Colgate and Mrs. P. J Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Messrs A. Capstick and F Reynolds.

Leicester Diocesan Guild — Messrs. S. Burton, J M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth and B G. Warwick.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs D. J. King and Mr T M Roderick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs J Bray G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

London County Association.—Messrs. A. D. Barker, H. W Rogers, W. G. Wilson and Mrs Rogers.

Middlesex County Association. — F. I Blagrove, G. W. Critchley and T. J Lock

Midland Counties Guild.—J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr N. S. Bagworth.

North Staffordshire Association. — Messrs. R S. Anderson and C. S. Ryles.

North Wales Association—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association. — Messrs P M Adcock, H W Barrett, F. N. Golden and N V. Harding.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price and P. Walker.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. S. J. Ivin.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. E. Billings, J. H. Bluff, P. I. Chapman and J. Linnell.

Railwaymen's Guild.—Mr. E. J. Franklin.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth and G. E. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. T. Barrett and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society. — Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. — Messrs. D Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, K. Newman and D. E. Sibson.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. E. F. Wilcox.

South Derbyshire and North Notts Association.—Mr. J. E Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. D. Clarke, W. L. Exton and H. Poyner.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Messrs. M. W. Fairey, B. G Key and C M Smith.

Suffolk Guild.—Messrs. T. N. J. Bailey, H. W Egglestone and C. W Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Messrs. A. P. Cannon, W. Parrott and A. Streeter.

Sussex County Association.—Messrs. R. W. R. Percy and A. V. Sheppard.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. C. Boucher, A. J Davidson and A. Locke.

Universities Association. — Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society.—Mr. A. J. Frost.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Messrs. A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, J. Hartless and R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Messrs. B. C Ashford. A. J. Brazier, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association. — Messrs. W. E. Critchley, E. Hudson, W. F. Moreton and J. Seager.

Report as to Membership.

The hon. secretary reported that 60 Societies were affiliated with 164 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members, and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 195. There were two vacancies among honorary members. Subscriptions were all paid.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from: Mr. F. Bogan, Miss B. M. Boyle, Messrs. D. Burnett, C Crossthwaite, G. W. Fletcher, J. G. Gipson, F. I. Hairs. Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. G. H. Harding, B. E. Jeffrey, Rev. R. Keeley, Messrs. G I. Lewis, J. P. Partington, H. T. Rooke, H. J Sanger, E. J. Sterland, L. Stilwell, C. J. G. Watts and R. S. Wilson.

Applications for Affiliation.

The following applications to affiliate to the Council were received: (a) The Railwaymen's Guild, (b) The Beverley and District Ringing Society Both applications were voted upon separately and declared elected.

New Members.

The following members were presented: Messrs. E. Naylor (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), R. Ducker (Beverley and District Ringing Society), A. R Elkins (Chester Diocesan Guild), A. J. Martin (Chester Diocesan Guild), G. Tembey (Cumberland and North Westmorland Association), D. R. Bould (Guild of Devonshire Ringers), Rev. M. Hart (Hereford Diocesan Guild), E. J. Franklin (Railwaymen's Guild), E. F. Willcox (Shropshire Association), H. Poyner (Southwell Diocesan Guild), T. N. J. Bailey (Suffolk Guild), A. J Brazier (Worcestershire and Districts Association) and J Seager (Yorkshire Association).

The President announced that in future this presentation would take the form of reading out names, a request to stand and a welcome by the President in the name of the Council. He mentioned at the same time that the practice of making obituary tributes would cease, but the customary silence would be kept and prayers said.

Election of Honorary Members.

It was resolved that Mrs. R. F. B. Speed and Messrs. G. W. Pipe and F. A. White be re-elected.

Losses Through Death.

The President reported the deaths of the following members and past members of the Council, the members standing in silence: Messrs. E. G. Fenn (Ancient Society of College Youths, 1939–56), T. R. Dennis (Ely Diocesan Association, 1913–32), A. J. Pitman (Swansea and Brecon Guild, 1927–32; hon. member 1953 onwards), P. Page (Romney Marsh and District Guild, 1933–39), G. Pullinger (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, 1933–59), F W. Lack (Ely Diocesan Association, 1951–59), J. Worth (Chester Diocesan Guild, 1951–53, 1960–62, 1965–66), T. G. Myers (Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1948–59), S. G. Coles (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, 1946–59). Mrs. Lewis, widow of former president of Council.

Minutes.

The minutes of the Bath meeting, as published in "The Ringing World" of March 24th, 1967, and amended in 'The Ringing World" of April 7th, were adopted.

Reports and Accounts.

The following were adopted:

Honorary secretary and treasurer (published in "Ringing World" of June 9th, 1967, page 391)

Honorary librarian ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 409).

Accounts for 1966 ("Ringing World," June 9th, page 391).

Motions.

It was resolved that this Council deprecates most strongly the deliberate submission of false information for publication in "The Ringing World,' and asks all Associations and individual ringers to do all they can to stop this practice before serious harm is caused to the Exercise and its journal.

A motion seeking to charge a fee for peals published in the present style was referred to "The Ringing World" Committee, which was instructed to report its conclusions next year.

A motion to amend Section D (8) of the Council's Decision on page 21 to read as follows:

"Peals which contain more than one method shall be called 'Spliced' provided that methods are joined in the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e. the leads in treble-dominated methods, the divisions in the case of Stedman, Duffield and the like). In addition where a peal qualifies as Spliced under the above definition methods may also be joined at the half-lead, provided that where this is done only one of any group of methods differing only in the places made at the half-lead or the lead-end may be used in any one composition" was referred to the Methods Committee for its consideration and report.

Future Meetings.

It was resolved that the 1968 meeting at Worcester be held on Tuesday, June 4th.

The Hertford County Association wished to bring forward its invitation for 1969. This was accepted.

Reports.

The following were adopted, subject to the qualifications where noted:

Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine (published in "The Ringing World" of June 9th. 1967, page 391).

Standing Committee (given orally by the secretary).

"Ringing World" Committee ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 407) with the qualification that whilst accepting the report presented, this Council requests "The Ringing World" Committee specifically to include in its report to the 1968 Council meeting a statement on the measures it had taken and the plans it had made for widening the appeal of "The Ringing World" to all sections of the ringing community.

Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 411).

Records ("Ringing World," June 23rd, page 433) with the addition of Mr. J. A. Ainsworth to the Committee.

Literature and Press ("Ringing 'World,' June 23rd, page 434).

Towers and Belfries ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 413) with the addition of Mr. H. O Baker to the Committee.

Broadcasting and Television ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 414) with the addition of Mrs. J. S. King to the Committee.

Biographies ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 414).

Peals Analysis ("Ringing World," June 23rd, page 431).

Overseas Ringing ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 412).

Peals Collection ("Ringing World," June 23rd, page 432).

It was noted that the Methods Committee had nothing to report.

Canberra Carillon.

The President reported that, following representations from the Australian and New Zealand Association about the precise form of the British Government's gift to the Commonwealth he had corresponded with members of both Governments to try to convince them of the desirability of hanging some of the bells for ringing.

It was therefore resolved that this Council, representing all the ringers of the Commonwealth, unanimously supports the idea, that eight or more of the bells of the Canberra Carillon be hung for ringing in full circle in the English manner

The President said that copies of this resolution would be sent to all the officials involved in the scheme.

Votes of Thanks.

The Council expressed its gratitude to the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, the Bishop of Sherwood, the chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, to the Vicar of St. Mary's Church for the service of Holy Communion, and also the incumbents of all the other churches for the use of their bells. Thanks were also expressed to all the officers of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and particularly to Mr. W. L Exton, the honorary general secretary, for all the excellent arrangements.

The members of the Council were the guests of the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Nottingham at tea immediately after the meeting.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Societies	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented	43	108	—
Partly represented	14	33	20
Not represented	5	—	5
	62	141	25
Life members		6	1
Honorary members		18	4
		165	30

BATH AND WELLS ACTIVITIES

Frome Branch A.G.M.

Coincidental with "The Ringing World" frontispiece for the week showing the imposing tower of Chewton Mendip, Frome Branch gathered at this beautifully-toned eight on January 13th for its annual general meeting. With visitors from the Bath, Chew and Glaston Branches, and more from Bristol, Wales and Bridgwater, the event looked more like the Bath and Wells annual general meeting—especially since the Association's general secretary and the treasurer, Messrs. Gilbert and Naylor, were also present.

Ron Beck was like a cat with two tails with two or more "Bristol" and "London" teams, and the general ringing was undoubtedly better than usual.

All the Branch officers and officials were re-elected, which indicates satisfaction and not apathy, and the Frome/Bath/Chew Striking Competition play-off was proposed for March 23rd.

In response to Bishop Wilson's appeal for a bell for Trinidad a collection was taken in Mr. Beck's hat—there is no truth in the suggestion that this hat holds more than others. Phillip Jones proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. Clarkson, who had so warmly welcomed the Branch to his church, and to Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker for making all the local arrangements. M. H.

Cary Branch has 218 Members

About 60 ringers attended the service at Wincanton Parish Church at the Cary Branch's annual meeting on January 27th. The Rector Preb. R. B. H. Kay, officiated, assisted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. G S. Robinson, and Mr. L. Lane was the organist.

At the business meeting after tea a silent tribute was paid to Messrs. F. Sparks and C. Whatley, who had died during the year. The secretary in his report spoke of an increase in the membership of the Branch to 218.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Chairman, Rev G. S. Robinson; vice-chairman, Preb. O. H. Skipwith; Ringing Master, Mr. D. M C. Hill; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Field; secretary, Mr. L. McCreadie

Twenty-two new members were elected from the towers at Babcary, Cucklington, Evercreech, Henstridge, Milborne Port, Stoke Trister. Queen Camel and Wincanton. and a number of certificates were presented by the chairman.

Meeting places for 1968 were fixed (subject to permission) at Barton St. David, Horsington and Queen Camel, with practices at South Cadbury, Cucklington, Kingweston and Templecombe, with next year's annual meeting at Castle Cary.

Ringing was then resumed and continued during the evening

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Mansfield District took place at Mansfield on January 27th. The ringing varied considerably in method and quality. The service was taken by Canon R. Warburton, who later joined the 50-strong company for tea at Grove House.

The business meeting began with a moment of remembrance for G Oakley, A. Munk and F. Salter who had passed away during the year. The secretary's report and accounts for 1967 were adopted, and the following District officers were returned: Chairman, S. W. Fossey; secretary, D. J. Beach: Ringing Master, H. T. Rooke; Assistant Ringing Master. B. A. Richards; committee member, D. A. Whetton, L. Boulter and Mrs. S. Ford, of Eastwood, also A. Rooke and Miss S. Etchles, of Warsop, were proposed and elected ringing members. It was observed from this that three generations of the Rooke family are now ringing at Warsop Church.

The chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon R. Warburton, the ladies and all who had helped in any way with the meeting arrangements. D. J. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We have mentioned previously the keenness at Northallerton, Yorks. The quarter of Grandsire on January 28th was the first of Triples for all the band and by a local one!

Mr. John R. Ketteringham, of Bayswater, W.2, will be out of ringing for a few weeks as he has to go back to hospital. A speedy recovery. John.

We have had several notes of appreciation concerning the work of Mr. W. L. Roper in compiling the 1967 (and other) indexes. It is nice to know that readers do appreciate the hours of voluntary work he puts in on behalf of "The Ringing World."

After the reopening and rededication of the Buriton, Hants. Methodist Church, two of its members joined the village captain and three friends from Petersfield and Steep to ring a quarter peal at the Parish Church to mark the occasion. The Methodists—the Misses A and S. Roberts—ring most Sundays before going to the service in their own church.

Three generations of the Rooke family are now ringing at Warsop Church.

Mr. Frank Hawthorne is retiring this Easter and is going to live at Aberarch, near Pwllheli, North Wales.

We regret to learn that Mrs. A. Relfe, of Lamberhurst, died in the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, on February 3rd.

The clapper of the fifth at Hitchin was broken at practice on February 5th. It was promptly despatched for repair. Ringing continues on seven.

Mr. D. Hall, of Burgess Hill, Sussex, is moving to Cheshire shortly after the annual District meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex Association on February 17th; he is the present hon. secretary.

The peal at Langdale on January 27th by members of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association commemorated the 70th birthday of Mr. Robin Shuttleworth, who for 21 years was tower captain at St. Michael's, Hawkshead.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

GREAT-GRANDFATHER CELEBRATES

Grandfathers ringing for the birth of grandchildren are quite a frequent feature of the columns of "The Ringing World." Much more unusual was the quarter peal at Great Baddow on January 21st, when Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, who is 85, made a return to conducting after ten years to celebrate the christening of his great-grandson, Jeremy Ben Fawcus. The baby's grandfather, Dr. P. J. Spencer Phillips, was also ringing We only wish the baby's parents were ringers, too!

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual general meeting, held on January 31st, Canon K. W. H. Felstead was re-elected president, Howard J. Payne was elected Master David H. Stone Vice-Master, Susan E. M. Davis secretary/treasurer, and Jeremy D. Cheesman to the committee. Communications should be sent to: Miss S. E. M. Davis, c/o J.C.R. Post, The University, Southampton SO95NH.

RECRUITING EXHIBITION AT HEREFORD

To meet a shortage of bellringers in Hereford—there are only nine available with 18 bells at two churches—an exhibition will be held at All Saints' Church on the evening of February 23rd. The public are invited to see eight ringers in action and also inspect the bells.

Mr. Michael V. Powell, the Hereford District secretary, states in the "Hereford Evening News" that there is no stipulation of religious belief for would-be ringers, and whether or not they attend service after calling everyone else in is entirely a matter of choice.

50 YEARS A RINGER

Mr. Charles Brown has completed 50 years as a ringer at St. Andrew's, Wingfield, Suffolk. On February 4th the Vicar, the Rev. W. G. Muir, on behalf of the church and congregation, presented him with a gold wristlet watch together with a commemorative scroll from the Suffolk Guild and paid tribute to his conscientious work and unswerving loyalty over the years.

Another office Mr. Brown holds is that of sexton, the duties of which he has fulfilled for the past 22 years.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A representative gathering of N. and E. members met at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on January 20th, when the bells were put to good use in the afternoon and evening. The Association's form of service was conducted by Father Cossar, who gave a short and inspiring address. Mr Dennis Neal accompanied at the organ. At the business meeting the belfry election of Miss Jennifer Indge, prior to a peal at North Mymms, was ratified.

Votes of thanks were extended to Father Southgate, Vicar of St. Matthew's, who is shortly leaving the district to take up an appointment at Fleetwood, for the use of the bells; to Father Cossar and Dennis Neal, and to the local ladies for arranging an excellent tea in the new Church Hall E. H. K.

AUCKLAND CALLING

Determined efforts are being made by Mr. W. T. Lack to get the bells of St. Matthew's, Auckland, New Zealand, ringing again, but, as his announcement states, he badly needs help. He writes: "One cannot expect young ladies to shine with a 14in. shifting spanner in quite the same way as they did when shovelling pigeon-muck and cleaning the frame down! Also Robert (my son) and I would have welcomed an extra pair of hands when we humped our first wheel up the tower, as jarrah is about 16 per cent. heavier than oak."

While working in the belfry Mr. Lack's thoughts went back to the ringers at Auckland —the pioneers who rang their first quarter of Grandsire Triples in 1912; the half-muffled quarter for Tommy Biddle, of Christchurch, in 1913; and the peal attempt that year which broke down after two hours of good striking He adds: "The last tangible link with these men was the copy of 'The Bell News and Ringers Record' for December 26th, 1914, found in the loft adjacent to the ringing chamber, open at page 439 with a controversial letter occupying three-quarters of that page, by one H. W. Fright on 'The Illegitimacy of Stedman.'"

70 YEARS A COLLEGE YOUTH

This month that grand and remarkable veteran, Mr George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, completes 70 years' membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths. In 1967 he attended the anniversary dinner of the College Youths and it is the hope of the Society that he will be able to be present this year. Earlier this year he and Mrs. Symonds celebrated their diamond wedding. George is now 92 and he seems to be as active as ever, having rung peals for his 90th, 91st and 92nd birthdays.

THE SURPRISE ALPHABET

By taking part in a peal of Oxfordshire Surprise Major at Weedon Bec, Northamptonshire, on January 27th, Mr. Barry E. Saunders became the third ringer from the south of Northamptonshire to complete the Surprise Major alphabet in recent months. Mr. Alan A. Paul was the first with the first peal of Verney Surprise Major at Easton Neston on August 26th. 1967, followed three weeks later by his brother Graham, whose last method was Dorchester, rung at Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first meeting at Mersham of the Ashford District since November, 1925, took place on January 17th. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. F. Pollard, who welcomed the ringers and in his sermon spoke of the discipline, dedication and devotion required from ringers. The offertory, amounting to £5 16s. 6d., was donated to the John Willis Memorial Fund.

Tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall and over 100 partook of the fare so lavishly arranged by the Mersham ringers. A short business meeting was held after the tea, which concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. L. Garraway. A. P. S. B.

URANGWOT II

Urangwot II proved quite a popular teaser and attracted 56 entries. There is only one acceptable solution if both towers had the bells hung clockwise—an assumption well justified by the small number of anti-clockwise rings in existence.

The five ringers may very conveniently be represented by A, B. C, D and E. Ringers know well that there are 120 permutations of five numbers or letters when each is different. However having learned that D and B were adjacent and in that order they can be treated as one and the permutations are thus reduced to 24. Similarly, in the second tower A and E may be treated as one. although the order there is not specified. For the second tower there arise 48 permutations so far. The other conditions impose considerable restrictions in both cases and a final comparison of the few remaining acceptable ones shows which permutations can be taken together to give the answer. Solution:

First tower: (1 Tom), 2 Chris, 3 Alan, 4 Denis, 5 Bob, 6 Ernie.

Second tower: (1 Tom), 2 Denis, 3 Chris, 4 Ernie, 5 Alan, 6 Bob.

Forty entries claimed this solution on its own or with the anti-clockwise solution and 17 of these were ladies, including the winner, Mrs. Elizabeth W Struckett, Blackdown Border, Tennyson's Lane, Haslemere. Surrey.

One young lady expressed the hope for some more similar puzzles as she greatly enjoyed solving this one—even though the headmaster did not approve of her doing it at school!

T. SURR.

BELFRY RHYMES

From "Bell News," December 26th, 1908.

Read by the Master at the dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Mr. Joseph Crumb, though a good natured chum,
In the belfry would boast like a rebel.
Every method could ring, but a very strange thing,
He usually made choice of **the Treble.**

The first peal he rang went off with a bang.
He felt like Napoleon at Jena;
When the smoke cleared away, he shouted "Hooray!"
'Twas Stedman he rang on **the Tenor.**

When disputes would arise over London Surprise
Crumb then cut a very fine caper:
Each error explained and adroitly maintained
'Twas as easy as winking—**on paper.**

Some thought Crumb a lord, others deemed him a fraud,
So diverse. the opinions of people;
But all were agreed. should he ever succeed
Sure 'twould not be inside **the steeple.**

He invited me once, with my wife, to take lunch—
In transport our hearts were uplifted;
But when we got round do you know what we found?
Why, as usual, the bounder **had shifted.**

G. F. M.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
KNEBWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Mary the Virgin and Thomas-à-Becket.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*Richard J Pettit	Treble	Claudia A. Critchley ..	5
Rosemary J. Spicer	2	Michael Worthington ..	6
Peter Worthington	3	G William Critchley ..	7
Richard Castledine ..	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Richard Castledine.
* First peal
Arranged and rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on her 21st birthday.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr 20 lb. in D

Neil O. Skelton	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	5
William T. Perrins	2	Norman G Knee	6
David Wilson	3	Ronald N Marlow	7
William A. Theobald ..	4	Frederick W. Collins ..	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff Conducted by William A. Theobald.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HIGH OFFLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Thirty extents of Grandsire and twelve of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb in A flat.

Jennifer M. Beech	Treble	Fredric R Wiggin	3
Ruth A E Fairbrother ..	2	Frank Beech	4

Edward R. Fairbrother .. Tenor
Conducted by Frank Beech.
Rung to congratulate Mr. R. Fairbrother on completing 50 years' singing in the choir of this church.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MELBOURNE, Australia.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt in G sharp

*Philip R. Goodyer (12)	Treble	Graeme W Heyes	5
*Craig J. Herbert	2	Michael Scowen	6
*Ray K Stanton	3	Ross W Bampton .. .	7
Robin G. Turner	4	Thomas W. Goodyer ..	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Robin G Turner
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Heyes and Mary Cowling, both ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt in E flat.

Gwilym G Salmon ..	Treble	*Raymond E. J Baker ..	6
Ronald G. Beck	2	George W Massey	7
*David J Orledge	3	Edward J Chivers	8
*David G. Massey	4	Eric J. Hitchins	9
*Philip H. D. Jones	5	Victor Savage	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George W. Massey
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb

George W. Massey	Treble	Roy W Rice	5
Peter J. England	2	Walter S. Rice	6
Rev. C. J B Marshall ..	3	David A. Burt	7
David J. Orledge	4	David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.
Rung for the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, 5,040 Grandsire Triples on February 8th, 1908.

PURITON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt

Geoffrey R. Marchant ..	Treble	Ronald D. Short	4
*Graham Nabb	2	Michael J. Stone	5
†Alan G. Kent	3	E J. Louis Pope	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald D. Short
* First peal in more than one method. † First of Doubles "inside." First of Doubles on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a second son, Ian Richard, to the tenor ringer (the local captain).

BINEGAR, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Jan. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 22 methods, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Carlisle, Sandiacre and Northumberland, (3) London, Cunecastre and Wells (4) Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich, Cambridge, Hull and Bourne, (5) Hexham and Berwick, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) York and Durham, with 95 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr

Eric C. Wadman	Treble	Phillip H. D. Jones ..	4
Ronald G. Beck	2	Adrian P. Beck	5
Edward J. Chivers	3	Robert E. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck
First peal in 22 methods by all the band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in D

Derek F. Yates	Treble	*Christopher L. D. Munday	7
*Norman Sherratt	2	§Christopher M Movley ..	8
†Felicity Ashford	3	*David J Midgley	9
‡Ivor R. Nichols	4	†Roy Worrall	10
*Harold Dowler	5	‡Richard C. L. Brown ..	11
*Gerald Parsons	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus. ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. § First of Surprise Maximus. Ringers of 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11 have now rung Cambridge from Minor to Surprise. First on 12 bells as conductor.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb in E.

Brian Schofield	Treble	David Atkinson	5
Derek F Yates	2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	Frank Osbaldiston	7
Alan J. Brown	4	Basil Jones	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 15 cwt.

Harry W. Howard	Treble	John R. Scott	4
David A Godfrey	2	Frank R Morton	5
Geoffrey A Edwards ..	3	Christopher J. Jones ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton
The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minues.
A PEAL OF 5184 GREASLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr 7 lb. in F sharp.

Joyce Chadwick	Treble	John Dean	5
*Richard Wilcox	2	Clive Thrower	6
Jack Chadwick	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
E. Frederick Gobey ..	4	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First of Surprise First in the method.
GREASLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—36, 14—14, 38, 56, 12—78. l.h. 1573

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Fred Hodgson	Treble	‡David R. Cox	5
*Dennis G. Blows	2	*Ernest Pannell	6
†Thomas M. Cox	3	Philip H. Tocock	7
*Janet Warwick	4	Thomas Cooke	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Cooke.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal. ‡ First of Surprise

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Adrian G. Semken ..	.. Treble	Neville Whittell	5
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Alan R. Andrews	3	Walter Arnold	7
Jennifer Andrews	4	*Michael J Bew	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael J. Bew.
* First peal in the method.

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of (1) London, (2) Warkworth, (3) Bourne, (4) York (5) Ipswich, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*Eileen Gibbins	.. Treble	George N. Orman	4
*Rachel J. R. Orman ..	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
*Jennifer M. Andrews ..	3	Arthur G. Button	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal of Surprise Minor
Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of the treble and the tenor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOKE BISHOP, Bristol.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor ?? cwt 6 lb. in G

*A. J. Donald Bentley ..	Treble	†John G. Riley	4
†Alison M. Brown	2	*Jonathan G Rose	5
*Jennifer A. Murphy ..	3	Philip M. J. Gray	Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Rung by a local band to welcome the Rev. A. Roy Henderson, collated to the Vicarage of Stoke Bishop on January 26th, 1968, and as a farewell to the previous Vicar, Canon L. A. Williams, now Archdeacon of Bristol.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor ?? cwt in D.

*Christopher Forster ..	Treble	*John E. Ewer	6
Kenneth J. Darvill	2	*Michael D. Frost	7
*Anthony R. Carter	3	Harold V. Frost	8
Eric Edmondson	4	Gerald Penney	9
Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	5	Bertram C. Johnson ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First in the method by all the band.

KING'S LANGLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

D. Joseph Goodman ..	Treble	Robert J. Picton	5
*Walter Ayre	2	†Geoffrey Spratt	6
Brian M. Barker	3	Francis M. Byrne	7
Peter W. Harper	4	Keith D. Waples	Tenor

Composed by J R. Pritchard. Conducted by Keith D. Waples.
* 550th peal for the Association. † First attempt. First as conductor.
Rung to the grateful memory of Edwin G. Buck

ENFIELD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Ronald R. Wood	Treble	John Southey	5
A. Stephen Taylor	2	Anthony R. Carter	6
*Julian Duggan	3	Frederick W. Ellis	7
*Christopher Forster ..	4	John E. Ewer	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by John E. Ewer.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th and tenor.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, comprising the following extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Childwall Bob, (5) Thelwall Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Walter Ayre	Treble	*Stephen J. Crawley	4
Brian M. Barker	2	Peter W. Harper	5
Francis M. Byrne	3	Antony R. Kench	Tenor

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
* First peal attempt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHORLEY, Lancashire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan 27, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Lawrence Walmsley ..	.. Treble	Christopher L. Watson ..	5
Betty Palmer	2	Richard Palmer	6
Margaret Crossthwaite ..	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
John Ascroft	4	Richard Holt	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
Rung in memoriam Canon J. Cartmel, late Rector of St. Mary's (R.C.), who died on December 9th, 1967.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat. Jan 27, 1968 in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent St Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Thomas W. Hesketh ..	Treble	Geoffrey C. Sparling ..	4
Lucy P. A Hopkins	2	Graham K. Austin	5
Susan D Cowan	3	Keith J. Walpole	Tenor

Conducted by Keith J Walpole.

LANGDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Robin Shuttleworth ..	.. Treble	John Bagnall	4
James E. Burles	2	*Alan Capstick	5
Frank Birkett	3	Nicholas M. Newby ..	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.
* 150th peal on tower bells
Rung for the 70th birthday of Robin Shuttleworth, for many years chief ringer at Hawkshead.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Maurice F. Edwards	7
Peter J. Staniforth	2	Richard Hayes	8
Judith M Corby	3	Norman J. Goodman ..	9
Susan E. Smith	4	Andrew J. Corby	10
Lucile M Corby	5	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	11
James W. Belshaw	6	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Treble	Judith M. Corby	6
G. Ronald Edwards ..	2	James W. Belshaw	7
*Peter J. Staniforth ..	3	Richard Hayes	8
Susan E. Smith	4	Philip A. Corby	9
Lucile M. Corby	5	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* 100th peal on the bells and 700th peal for the Guild.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Raymond H. Martin ..	Treble	G. Harry Bray	5
*K. Burdett	2	Arnold S. Goad	6
*John Hunt	3	Edward Guy Slater	7
Ron Hughes	4	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal of Major.

QUORN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G

*Richard Martin	Treble	B. Stedman Payne	5
Alan Evans	2	Herrick B. Bowley	6
J. Edward Cawser	3	Peter C. Randall	7
Alfred Ballard	4	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) York Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

J. Harry Dove .. .. .. Treble	John Watkins 4
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 2	K. Paul Gilliver 5
Leonard Trevor 3	Robin A. Gilliver .. .. Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
Rung on the morning of the Hinckley District A.G.M., at which Frank Measures was re-elected District chairman on completion of ten years' apprenticeship in the post.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NASH, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being eleven methods in seven extents: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

*David L. Phillips .. .. Treble	*Charles P. Quartley .. 4
*Paul A. Williams 2	Christopher Ricketts .. 5
Peter S. Bennett 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* Most methods to a peal of Minor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D

Margaret Woolley .. .. Treble	George L. Roobottom .. 6
William J. Leach 2	Gordon H. Lane 7
Barnabas G. Key 3	John K. Smith 8
*Cyril Griffiths 4	Ian Friend 9
Cyril T. Haynes 5	Michael Webster .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
ALVASTON, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Brian R. Manning .. .. Treble	Edwin D. Thomas 4
*Roger I. Gosling 2	Clive A. Thrower 5
John E. Collins 3	Arthur F. Hall .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Clive A. Thrower.
* First peal "inside" First as conductor. First on the bells for 11 years.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Christine Manning.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sun., Jan. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F

David E. House .. .. Treble	*George P. Adams 5
Janet House 2	Kevin S. Hohl 6
Sidney Marshall 3	Martin Cubitt 7
Nolan Golden 4	Leslie F. Bailey .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 25th peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam Edward Howes, remembering with affection and appreciation his contribution to change ringing in the diocese and at this tower as captain.

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Feb. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Henry Tooke .. .. .. Treble	Thomas E. Spight 5
Wilfred G. Saunders 2	Martin Cubitt 6
Frank C. J. Arnold .. 3	David E. House 7
David Cubitt 4	Leslie F. Bailey .. .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

NORTON-SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun. Jan. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt.

*Paul Holdsworth .. .. Treble	John Clarke 4
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 2	‡§Diane Toone 5
†Frederick C. Gunton .. 3	‡Stephen F. High .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. High.
* First peal. † First of Bob Minor. ‡ 25th together. § 25th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Albert E. Diserens .. .. Treble	Thomas J. Lock 7
Ronald F. Diserens 2	Frank W. Lewis 8
John Hill 3	Frederick R. Scott 9
Roger Baldwin 4	John N. Diserens 10
Helen M. Diserens 5	David P. Hilling 11
Dennis Knox 6	Noel J. Diserens .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David P. Hilling.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Tues., Jan. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Charles Coles .. .. .. Treble	†Peter J. Heritage 5
*D. Kay Adkins 2	*Ronald K. Russ 6
Alan R. Pink 3	Christopher C. Clarke .. 7
*Brian W. Hall 4	*Victor Griffin .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	*James R. White 5
Angela M. Ayres 2	Francis A. White 6
Claude Corderoy 3	Robert B. Blond 7
Brian R. White 4	Peter Corderoy .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal of Triples in the method. 75th peal on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Leonard Stilwell .. .. Treble	Sydney M. Bailey 5
*David C. Brown 2	*William L. Gutteridge .. 6
Alan R. Pink 3	William Birmingham .. 7
*Howard Oglesby 4	Wilfrid G. Wilson .. .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Purification.

HEADINGTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Jan. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A.

*Jane Wyatt .. .. .. Treble	Paul Lucas 4
Cherry Withell 2	Ian Ross 5
Harry Badger 3	Tom Smith .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Tom Smith.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung on new frame.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Carolyn Osborne .. .. Treble	Terence J. Hester 4
†Susan M. Holden 2	James F. List 5
Donald E. Towers 3	Peter G. Holden .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.
* First peal at first attempt. † First in three methods.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Hilary M. Dickson	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	4
Catherine A. Salter	2	A Keith P. Poole	5
Jonathan R. Rowson ..	3	Christopher I. Rowson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
First peal in the method by all the band.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Jan. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt 2 lb

Catherine R. Slater ..	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
*Louise A. M. Evans ..	2	Roger G. Mitchell	5
Brian J. Edwards	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dave.
* First of Minor in more than one method.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., Jan. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Andrew P. Smith	Treble	Roger G. Mitchell	4
Louise A. M. Evans ..	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
†Douglas K. Whitlock ..	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal attempt. † First in the method "inside."

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Jan. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HALLAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes ..	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Barrie Hendry	7
William J. Chester	4	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes ..	5
Barrie Hendry	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Barry E. Saunders	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Albert G. Driver. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Thurs. Feb. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 11 lb.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	2	Patrick I. Chapman	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	Alan A. Paul	7
David J. Marshall	4	Richard F. B. Speed ..	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal in the method.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 NECHELLS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr. 12 lb.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Roger W. Smith	5
William J. Chester	2	David J. Marshall	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

(The Oundle Branch)
GREAT WELDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being extents in the following methods: Cassington, St. Martin, St. Simon, Morning Star, Old Cadbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Sara K. D. Woolley ..	Treble	*Richard Newby	4
*Susan Fitton	2	Richard A. Webster ..	5
*Susan Kempe	3	Albert Hinton	Tenor

Conducted by Richard A. Webster.
* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor. First on the bells since rehanging by Whites of Appleton in 1964.

GEDDINGTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin, St. Simon and Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Christopher J. Groome ..	Treble	John G. Mitchell	3
Ronald Russell	2	Christopher Stephenson ..	4
Stephen B. Bell		Tenor	

Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Jan. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being four extents each of Grandsire, Newborough, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure and ten extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	4
W. Gordon Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	5
H. Geoffrey Wells	3	F. William Midwinter ..	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison and W. Gordon Marsh.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hubert Davys Argles, aged 88 years, of Holme Pierrepont Hall, who died on January 16th, 1968.

CODDINGTON, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. (C.C.C. 121, 134, 135).
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Derek J. Tysoe	Treble	Paul Raithby	4
*Derick E. Kirton	2	Beryl N. Reed	5
†Keith C. Vernon	3	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob and first of Minor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Jan. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents Single Oxford Bob and three extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

*Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	W. Gordon Marsh	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	R Brian Mills	5
William L. Exton	3	Maurice W. Harrison ..	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Minor. Conductor has "circled the tower" as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon Robert Percival Tinsley, aged 75 years, Rector of Holme Pierrepont and Rural Dean of Bingham Deanery, who died on January 20th, 1968.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
PENKRIDGE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Clifford W. Bowen	Treble	Angela Bagnall	5
Penelope Sedgwick	2	Barnabas G. Key	6
Cyril T. Collins	3	Clive M. Smith	7
Richard B. Dorrington ..	4	Philip R. Johnson	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
First peal in the method for all except the conductor.

SHENSTONE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six methods/variations, viz.: 840 changes each of St. Miles, St. Giles (three callings), Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas, Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (three callings and one 240 each Pitman's and Morris's). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in B minor.

*Vivienne Blackaby ..	Treble	‡Cyril T. Collins	3
†Richard B. Dorrington ..	2	‡A. Paul Sheldon	4
Clive M. Smith		Tenor	

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.
* First peal. † First of Doubles "inside." ‡ Most methods/variations on the bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
SOUTHWOLD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Richard S. Payne	Treble	Desmond P. Mortlock ..	5
Barbara M. Payne	2	Roger E. Peckham	6
David Cubitt	3	*Martin Cubitt	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* 100th peal. Believed to be the 50th peal on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan 27, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb.

Colin Conway	Treble	David W. Grimwood ..	5
Kathleen E. Fletcher ..	2	William T. Perrins	6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	3	Frederick E. Collins ..	7
Frank L. Harris	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	A Colin Banton	5
Roderick J. Lees	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Robert Edwards	3	David W. Friend	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In six methods, being 960 Pudsey, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire and 600 London (3) and Rutland, with 98 changes of method.
Tenor 34 cwt.

Cyril Rusby	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Ian G. Campbell	7
*Ian L. Dear	3	Neil Donovan	8
Richard J. Tibbetts ..	4	Stuart Armeson	9
John J. L. Gilbert	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Marie.
On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

John J. Gilbert	Treble	John S. Seager	5
Carole A. H. Patey	2	Richard Farnsworth	6
Patricia Rogers	3	Ian L. Dear	7
John F. S. Eborall	4	Clive W. Longden	Tenor

Composed by I. M. Holland. Conducted by John J. Gilbert.
Rung for the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Gerald Moverley, Bishop of Tinisa in Proconsulari.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MIDDLE SWAN, Western Australia.—At Lot 141, Dance Drive.
On Wed., Jan. 24, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

*Jennifer Lees	1–2	Heather A. Mann	3–4
Helen J. Henderon (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal. First on the bells. First ladies' peal in Australia and for A.N.Z.A.B. First peal as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7–8

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
First peal in the method on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 1 Hour and 44½ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven methods in the following extents: (1) Nicholaston Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob and College Little Bob, (4) Single Court Bob and College Single Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, Single Court Bob and Windsor Single Bob II, (6) Plain Bob, (7) College Little Bob. Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6		

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Huntington Guild of Bellringers)
HUNTINGTON, York.—In the belfry of the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, St. Martin, All Saints' and Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

*Simon P. D. Burnett ..	1–2	A. Colin Banton (cond.) ..	3–4
Susan Mitchell	5–6		

* 25th peal.

DATE TOUCH

MARKET WEIGHTON YORKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1968 Minor (Plain and Little Bob): J. Whittaker 1, J. Birdsall 2, A. S. Beanland 3, R. Jordan 4, J. Brook 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. First date touch for all and longest length as conductor. A birthday compliment to B. Johnson.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Williams 1, R. A. Hatcher 3, F. N. Istance 3, R. J. Lloyd 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, H. Istance (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. M. Gurmin.

BATHEASTON, BATH.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. J. C. Cannon 1, Beatrice M. W. Dobbie 2, Jane M. Dennis 3, H. D. Taylor 4, A. F. Lee 5, J. E. Newman (first of Major as cond.) 6, I. P. Cox 7 M. Blanchard 8. First of Major 1, 3, 8. First quarter of Major on the bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Hedgcock 1, Rachel J Sinden 2, Anthea Sparshott 3, Pamela E. Powell 4, M. G. Tong 5, K. I. Davis 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, D. C. Chatfield 8, D. J. Carr 9, T H. Holmes 10. Rung by the cathedral company in memory of Sidney Walter, president from 1962 to 1968.

CASSINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain and Little Bob): R. A. Reeves 1, Jean Marlow 2, Pamela Powell 3, Diana Reeves 4, B. J. Davis 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

DEVIZES WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Barrett 1, Janet Pink (first in method) 2, Pam Osborne 3, R. Fisher 4, B. Osborne 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: Christine Wright 1, Doreen Metcalfe 2, P. Rogers 3, J. A. Coates 4, S. G. Pick 5, Linda Wilkinson 6, K. Hilton 7, H. Poyner (cond.) 8, B. Birkett 9. For Evensong. The last touch on the bells. Rung on the back nine with tenor covering and all trapdoors above the ringing chamber open wide.

QUARTER PEALS

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Tull 1, Malvin Tull 2, Carol Tull 3, H. Tull 4, M. Hodgkinson 5, W. Gray 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, A. Beaumont 8. For Christian unity service.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hibbert 1, Mrs. H. Wells 2, Mrs. C. Hibbert 3, L. Cox 4, H. Wells 5, C. Hibbert 6, J. Napper (cond.) 7, W. Gilkes 8. For Confirmation Service.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, half-muffled in memory of George Rogers, a past captain and for over 60 years a ringer at Ingatestone, whose funeral was that day.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Brentnall (first of Major) 1, R. J. Picton 2, R. W. Picton 3, D. J. Goodman 4, B. M Barker 5, G. Spratt (first Major) 6, P. W. Harper 7, K. D. Waples (first Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (Norbury and Ockley): I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints, on Jan. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Culhngworth 1, I. Parkin 2, Miss D. Groves 3, L. Head 4, G. Cantrill 5, F Hogan 6, A. Macfadyen (cond.) 7, T. Cullingworth 8. A welcome to Christopher Michael Evenden.

NOTTINGHAM.—At Derby Hall, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (in hand): P. N. Mackley (cond.) 1–2, I. V. J. Smith 3–4, Rosamund M. Rawlings 5–6. First on handbells by N.U.S.C.R. A birthday compliment to Ann Harris.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Roberts (first of Minor) 1, R. Bickerton (first "inside") 2, R. J. Lewis 3, D. O. Fellows 4, P. J. Fells 5, P. T. Dale (cond.) 6.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Church of All Saints, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Holland 1, R. Birch 2, J. Guest 3, C. A. Friskney 4, W. Holland 5, L. E. Smith 6, B. Holland (cond.) 7, L. E. Boam 8.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. D. Lanyon 1, R. W. Yates (first as cond.) 2, J. L. Thorogood 3, P. J. Lankester 4, W. A. Yates 5 First of Grandsire 1, 3, 4.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Richards (first of Minor) 1, R. Green 2, Betty J Daysh 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, P. Page 5, E W. Colley (cond.) 6.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—At the Church of All Hallows, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Dr. S. Aldridge (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Horsford 2, T. Aldridge 3, J. Euston 4, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 5, G. Pearce 6. For Evensong and for the opening of the new church hall.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: Miss J. Hunt 1, Mrs. R. Cater 2, Miss A. Johnson 3, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. Banks 5, D. Banks 6 R. Cater 7, G. Hancock 8, Rev. N. Webb 9, G. Townend 10, T. Tarbatt 11, D. Barker 12. First on 12 by 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 12. For evening prayer

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bennett 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, B. Moran 3, D. Whetton 4, F. Cooke 5, B. Richards (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,440 Norwich S. Minor: B. Moran 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, R. Spencer 3, D. Whetton 4, F. Cooke 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For midnight Eucharist. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Cambridge S. and Plain Bob Minor: P. Mellor 1, R. Spencer 2, B. Richards 3, F. Cooke 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. At 9.30 a.m. for Sung Eucharist. Also on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. T. Rooke 1, G. Challans 2, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 3, F. Cooke 4, H. T. Rooke 5, M. Bennett 6. For Sung Eucharist.

AUSTRALIAN QUARTERS

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

On Nov 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Henderson (cond.) 1, R Turner 2, H. Rossell 3, R. Bampton 4 T. Gregory 5 D. Heyes 6, J. Roper 7, A. Bolton 8.

On Jan. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Stewart 1, Pam Gough 2 Helen Henderson 3, C Herbert 4, R. Turner (cond.) 5, R. Stanton 6 R. Bampton 7, J. Fryer 8 A farewell to Pam Gough, departing this day for England. Ringers of 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 are members of St. Paul's Burwood.

On Jan 10th 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Goodyer 1, C. Herbert 2, R. Stanton 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Margaret Goodyer 5, M. Scowan 6, R. Bampton 7, T. Goodyer (cond.) 8.

On Jan. 17th, 1,330 St. Clement's Bob Triples: C. Herbert 1, M. Scowan 2, Margaret Goodyer 3, T. Goodyer 4, B. Potts 5, A. Bolton 6, H. Bossell (cond.) 7, Gordon Stewart 8. To celebrate the birth of Andrew Robert to Andrew and Shirley Bolton.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Robertson 1, Monica Martin 2, C. Herbert 3, R. Stanton 4, R. Bampton 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6, J. Martin 7, C. Rayner 8. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: W Robertson 1, Monica Martin 2, C. Herbert 3, Margaret Goodyer 4, R. Stanton 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6, R. Bampton 7, J. Martin 8. First in method for all except 2 and 6.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Goodyer 1, A. Goodyer (first "inside" and Minor) 2, J. Rainsford 3, R. Walters 4, Margaret Goodyer (cond.) 5, K. Stacey 6. For carol service. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. Goodyer 1, P. Goodyer 2, Margaret Goodyer 3, T. Goodyer (cond.) 4, J. Rainsford 5, B. Applebaum 6. First Stedman 1, 2, 5. First of Stedman in the tower. To welcome Simon Rainsford, born Jan. 20th, and for Andrew Goodyer's 11th birthday (Feb. 2nd).

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Barnes 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Gillian Laver 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, Geraldine Piper 5, J. V. A Stedman (first Major "inside") 6, Diana Hayns 7, T. Skilton (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 3. For Evensong.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. J. Curtis 1, Rosamund M. Rawlings (cond.) 2, Caroline Stewart 3, J. M. Rice (first of Major) 4, P. N. Mackley 5, R. M. Day (first of Major) 6, P. J. Bagshaw 7, I. V. J. Smith 8. For Evensong by N.U.S.C.R. A 21st birthday compliment to David R. McLean, Master of the Society.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Fuller (first quarter) 1, R. Martin 2, Mrs. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, R. Threadgold 6, H. Snowden 7, T. Bird 8. Congratulations to Mr. Fuller. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,320 Bob Minor (8 cover): A Porter (first quarter) 1, P. Dodd 2, Mrs. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, C. Barker 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Fuller 8. Congratulations, Andrew.

BROADHEMBURY, DEVON. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B Harvey 1, C. Manley 2, F Stamp 3, I. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stamp for their fifth generation, John Anthony Greenway; born at Andover.

BROMSBERROW, GLOS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): Amaryllis K. Bell-Richards (first attempt) 1, R. K. Williams (cond.) 2, Rosemary F. Collins 3, R. S. Chew 4, P. G. Hickey 5, R. W. Collins 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Walter P. Williams.

BURITON HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Roberts 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Sheila Roberts (first "inside") 3, A. Reeves 4, D. Hatherly 5 Mrs. A. Hall 6. Rung after the re-opening and rededication of the Buriton Methodist Church.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK. — At the Norman Tower, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. Ballam 1, R. Stannard 2, J. Underwood 3, J. Stannard 4, A Feaver 5, H. Clarke 6, P. Everitt 7, D. Rowlands 8. C. Stannard (cond.) 9, J. Banks 10. For united church service at St. Mary's.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. G. E. Retter 1, Miss J. Hayward 2, Mrs. R. Woodley 3, K. Clarke 4, R. Woodley 5, J Clarke 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. First in method 2, 6.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: I. G. Morgan 1, P. Jones 2, J. C Parker 3, J. S. W. Townley 4, D. J. Morgan 5, D. Robinson (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Jan. 21st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Maureen Livingstone 1, T L. Winderam 2, Margaret Fenton 3, M. J. Pink 4, Janet E. Cleeve 5, R. M. Preston 6, D. M. Graham-Service 7, P T. Fisher 8 T. C. Winderam (cond.) 9 A. Haynes 10. First in Caters for all except 2 and 9. Rung for the special ecumenical service at which the Lord Primus Bishop Moncrieff preacned and at which were present Archbishop J. D. Scanlan and members of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral and also the Rev. Wm. Morris and members of St. Mungo's Presbyterian Cathedral.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Jan 21st, 1,260 Plain Boo Minor Barbara Hooks 1, Alison A. Walker (first Minor "inside") 2 P Mary Beach 3, Margaret A. Eyre 4, Helen M Simpson 5, D. J. Beach (cond.) 6, C W Hodgkinson cover. A tribute to the late Mr. E. Wilcox, for many years Ringing Master at St. Patrick's, Nuthall, Nottingham.

HIGH WYCOMBE BUCKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,584 Bristol Surprise Maximus: D. P. Hilling (cond.) 1, N. J. Diserens 2, J. Hill 3, Helen M. Diserens 4, J. N. Diserens 5, D. Knox 6, T. J. Lock 7, F. W. Lewis 8, F. R. Scott 9, R. F. Diserens 10, R. Baldwin 11, W H. Jackson 12.

HINTON ST. GEORGE, SOM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Welch 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, R. Dean 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Parker (longest length as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2. A belated compliment to the conductor and Miss Lesley Legget on their engagement.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Meredith 1, Mrs. S. Dutton 2, Miss R. Blackshaw 3, T. Dutton 4, M. Harrison 5, J. Meredith (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Mr. C. S. Scrivan, died Dec. 9th, aged 82 years.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Jan 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Whiting (first of Minor) 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, C. R. Nunn 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, T. Spurling (first of Minor "inside") 5, J. A. Underwood 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Houghton 1, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newsom 4, R. Harrop 5, N. Harding 6.

LEIGH, LANCS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sally A. Roberts (first quarter) 1, Gillian Taylor (first quarter) 2, N. Burnett 3, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 4, D. Makin-Taylor 5. A farewell to the Rev. D. Clark, senior curate, leaving on appointment as Precentor of Manchester Cathedral.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Thorp 1, E. Barnes 2, Miss B. J. Bagguley 3, Miss M. J. Evens 4, B. J. W. Foley 5, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 6. First Minor 2, 3, 4.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): M. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. At Evensong as a golden wedding compliment to Alice Victoria and Jeffrey Clarke.

MARCH, CAMBS. — On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Annette Breeze (first quarter) 1, P. H. Langton 2, D. Feek 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, M. Goakes 6. For morning prayer; also a compliment to Dr. A. Turnbull, a former ringer, on his engagement, and to Mrs. C. Goakes on her 85th birthday.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Greenway 1, R. Poston 2, Ann Butcher 3, F. Oakley 4, L. Meadows 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, K Tyler 7, N. Little 8. Rung as a compliment to the treble and tenor ringers on their engagement: first on eight for both.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS. — On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Town (cond.) 1, Catherine Pedley 2, M. Humphrey 3, Mrs. M. Town 4, Jennifer Dunning 5, W. Pedley 6, P Town 7, N. Munden 8. First Triples by all the band and by a local band. For Evensong.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Minor (seven methods): Rachel Kistruck 1 R. J. Wilsher 2, Elizabeth M. Barber 3, J. R. Leary 4, R. H. Johnson 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6. First of Spliced 3, 5. Rung by the O.U.S.C.R. for morning service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan 28th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: B. H. Coatsworth 1, Julie S. Armstrong (first in method) 2, Alison M. Mann 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, B. J. Bull 5, Rev. M. Hart (first in method) 6, D. C. Brookes 7, A. R. Patterson 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to John Pratchett and Kay Styring on their engagement.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL. — On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles M. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. A farewell to the Rev. F. N. Brown on his retirement.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 1 E. H. Langley 2, G. H. Dunstan 3, R Hart 4, F M Bowers 5, D. Stevens 6.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Church of St. Marie, on Jan. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Cooper 1, Carole Patey 2, Patricia Rogers 3, S. Cole 4, J. Hartley 5, J Eborall 6 I. Dear (cond.) 7. C. Longden 8. By University of Sheffield Guild for evening Mass.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Wendy Roberts 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey 3, R. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6. A 13th birthday compliment to Maureen Tipper, a member of the Petersfield tower.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Bradley 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Bob Doubles: Mrs. C. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Jan 28th, 1,260 Winchendon Place Bob Doubles: F. Bradley 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, Mrs D. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Brophy (first quarter) 1, W S. Croft (first "inside") 2, Joy F. Butler 3, K. S. Croft 4, D. Harman 5, M. J. Butler 6, C. J Butler (cond.) 7, A. Jackson 8

SOUTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Jan 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Mrs. B. Fost 1, Miss T West 2, Miss B. Goodspeed 3 G. W. Sillis (cond.) 4, J. Fost (first quarter) 5, H. R. Sillis 6. First quarter by an all-local band.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON. — On Jan 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Rowe 1, Anne Medley 2, E. J. Rowe 3, L. Gates 4, M. Medley 5, T. Bailey 6, J. Weaver 7, L. Green 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the mother of W. H Theobald.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Mary Croft (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Myers 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, A. Croft (first "inside") 4, J. G. Rose (cond.) 5, P. Croft 6. For Evensong and as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Henderson.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Jayne 1, L. Duguid 2, J. F. A. Rolph 3, K. C. Knight 4, A. F W. Burbidge 5, G. J. Gammon 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, N. Vollar 8. A birthday compliment to Eileen Jayne.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan 28th, 1,272 Bob Minor: Peter Butler (first of Minor) 1, J. Fry (first "inside") 2, Philip Butler (first of Minor "inside") 3, S Gay 4, A. S Richards 5, M. Gay (cond.) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,272 York Surprise Minor: P Richardson 1, P. Staples 2, B. Johnson 3, R J. Carlton 4, C. Wylde 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WING, BUCKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Jones 1 C. J. N. Dalton 2, Jenifer Pearce 3, L. C. Way 4, R. J. Collis 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6.

WOLVERLEY, WORCS. — On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Wellings 1, P. Johnson 2, I Sheffield (first Surprise) 3, G. Pick 4, P. Davies 5, R. Dorrington (cond.) 6.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Medley 1, Miss G. Simpson 2, R Amos 3, A. Spreadbury 4, M. Medley (cond.) 5, D. Willcocks 6. For the wedding anniversary of Alan and Sheila Spreadbury.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOM.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Short 1, M. J. Stone 2, A. G. Kent 3, G. Nabb 4, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 5, E T. Dibble 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bertram Cox, former ringer, interred earlier this day.

WOOTTON OXON —On Jan. 23rd, 1,272 Minor (Double Oxford and St. Clement's): Marilyn Bird 1, D. Floyd 2, Diana Reeves 3, R. A. Reeves 4, P. J. Heritage 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

WORLE SOM. — On Jan 27th, 1,260 mixed Doubles: H Kinnar 1, R. Jones 2, S. Lewis 3, J. Lambard 4, G. Peacott (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. Hallett.

YARNTON, OXON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Marlow 1, Diana Reeves 2, Pamela Powell 3, E. R. Venn (cond.) 4, B. J. Davis 5, R. A. Reeves 6.

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BIRTHS

BOLTON.—To Shirley and Andrew, of Lot 260, Armin Street, Scoresby, Victoria, Australia, a son, Andrew Robert, on January 9th, 1968. 3333

PIPE. — To Gillian (née Schofield) and Roderick, on February 5th, 1968, a son, David James. 3328

ENGAGEMENT

CLARKE—HAYWARD. — The engagement is announced between James Murray, youngest son of Mr and Mrs. K. T. Clarke, of Sidmouth, Devon, and Joan Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hayward, of Eastchurch, Sheppey, Kent. 3330

DEATH

COX.—Margaret Elizabeth, widow of Canon Carew Cox, died at Lyme Regis on January 30th, aged 87 years. Funeral was at Lyme Regis on February 2nd.

RETURN THANKS

HARRISON.—Mrs. Judy Harrison thanks her friends for their letters, cards and inquiries following her recent operation and regrets that she is unable to anwer them all individually.—32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow. 3336

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FELLOWS.—The address of Ann Fellows is now: Briar Hill, Norwich Road, Northrepps, Norfolk. 3332

JAMES.—The address of David and Margaret James is now: 22, Barn Meadow Lane, Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey. Phone: Bookham 4269. 3325

PERSONAL

Will Miss M. A. Hawkins send her address to "The Ringing World" office. Her copy has been returned. Last known address: 57, Wilmington Avenue, Chiswick, London, W.4.

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ST. MARTIN'S, EPSOM, SURREY.—There will be no ringing from Monday, February 12th. until further notice. Rehanging.—J. C. Davidge, Capt. 3317

UNIVERSITY DINNERS

LEEDS UNIVERSITY ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, March 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. at the Guildford Hotel, The Meadrow, Leeds. Tickets (25/-) now available from P. J. Crossthwaite, 15, Hanover Square, Park Lane, Leeds 3. 3320

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Annual Dinner, Feb. 24th

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Ringing arrangements: Walton 10; St. Michael's, Aughton, 11; Christ Church, Aughton, 11.45; Halsall 1.15; Emmanuel, Southport, 2; Christ Church, Southport, 3.

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Annual Dinner

Saturday, February 17th, Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster.
Tickets (27s. 6d.) obtainable from C. P. Starbuck, 148, Hailsham Avenue, Streatham Hill, S.W.2.
Ringing:

St. Mary's, Lambeth (8) ..	10.30–11.15
Bishopsgate (8)	11.30–12.15
Clerkenwell (8)	12.30– 1.15
Southwark Cathedral (12)	2.30– 3.15
Cripplegate (12)	3.30– 4.30
St. Margaret's, W'stm'ster (10)	5.00– 6.00

Ringing on Sunday at Aldgate (9.30–10.30) and St Olave's (5–6); Quarters at St. Vedast's and St. Clement Danes' by arrangement 3308

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District.—Annual Social at King George VI Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 17th. Tickets are selling fast—avoid disappointment by booking now—4s. each from R. Threadgold. Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. Licensed bar, refreshments and entertainment from 7.30. 3241

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Will members please note: The annual general meeting at Liverpool has been altered to April 27th, 1968. — J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 3299

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Surrey Association

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Dedication of 13th bell on Sunday, March 10th, at Evensong (3.30 p.m.). Ringing after the service 4.30 to 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served to those who send in names to J. A. Dodd, 5, Ashdown Road, Hiltingbury, Eastleigh, Hants, by March 6th. All welcome. 3340

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Dundry (6), Saturday, February 17th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3304

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells (8), Saturday, February 17th, 6.30 p.m.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 3301

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual general meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton, February 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 3323

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Morton (6), on Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those notifying Mr. W. Swain, 3, Sitwell Villas, Morton, Derbys. Good attendance requested.—E. J. S. 3277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 17th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, Tea, 5 p.m.—M. J Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3288

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, February 17th. Service 6 p.m. Bells (8) after service —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3289

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting at Kempsford (6) 5.30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 17th.—J. Pearse, Dis. Sec. 3306

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, February 17th, 6 to 9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 3319

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, South Mymms (6), February 17th, 3 p.m. Service and tea follow. North Mymms (8) afterwards, 6.30–8.30 Special method here: York Surprise. Names for tea please, to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, South Mymms. Tel. 2202.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3233

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Striking competition, Pluckley, February 17th. Commence 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify W. G. Homewood, The Street, Pluckley, near Ashford, by Thursday, February 15th. General ringing after tea All welcome.—A. P. S. B. 3313

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Ashby Folville (8) on Saturday, February 17th. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30 All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 3300

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Blyton (not Haxey), on Saturday, February 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me. Corringham bells after tea. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise Minor and Grandsire Doubles. —George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3263

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting at Pinner on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 3316

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Haddiscoe on Saturday, February 17th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Aldeby (5) also available in the evening Names for tea, please, to Mr. N. P J. Cossey, Low Road, Norton Subcourse. Norwich, NOR 26W. 3275

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on February 17th. Service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church House at 5 p.m. Ringing All Saints' 3 and 7 p.m., St. Paul's 7.15 p.m. Notify for tea to Mrs. B. C. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, by February 12th. 3314

SALISBURY GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Hervey-Beams—Cox Memorial meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 3282

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Ogbourne St. George, Saturday, February 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by ringing. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts. 3350

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION and LADIES' GUILD (Leicester area).—Joint meeting, Melbourne, February 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Stevenson, 191, Station Road, Melbourne, Derbyshire.—B. R. C. 3311

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Social evening, St. John's Hall, Croydon, Saturday, February 17th. Please bring soft shoes. Ringing at St. John's 6.30–7.30. Social 7.30.—E. G. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 3318

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Southern District —The February meeting will be on Saturday, February 17th Bells: Barnby Don (6) 3–4 p.m : Arksey (8) 4–5 p.m. and 6 15–7.15 p.m : Campsall (8) 7–9 p.m Tea and meeting at Arksey Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mr E Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, as soon as possible. Buses every 40 minutes to Arksey from Doncaster All welcome. — M. King, Hon Dis Sec 3211

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Next meeting to be held at Swindon Village (5) on Monday, February 19th, from 7.30 until 9. 3343

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Boreham on February 20th, 7.30 to 9. All welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 3321

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Handsworth (8), Sheffield, on Wednesday, February 21st. Surprise Major. J. J. L. Gilbert as Ringing Master. 3212

LAST TIME FOR NOTICES FRIDAY MID-DAY

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Hampton, Thursday, February 22nd, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 3226

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Stogumber (6 bells) on Saturday, February 24th, at 6 p.m.—E. K. Tyndale-Biscoe, Hon. Sec. 3351

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Bentley (5), Saturday, February 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. J. Sanderson, 109, Woodhouse Road, Doncaster. 3344

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N. W. District.—Learners' meeting will be held at Thorley (6), Saturday, February 24th, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 3324

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Grittleton on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available from 6 until 9. 3327

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at East Ardsley on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Alan Clifton, 14, The Avenue, Tingley, Wakefield, by previous Wednesday. 3347

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Measham, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 3353

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Meeting, Higham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Names for tea to Mr. R. Gilliver, 19, Main Street, by Wednesday previous. 3315

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting at Sleaford, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) from 6 to 9 p.m. Southern Branch members very welcome.—G. R. P 3280

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). — Joint meeting, Saturday, February 24th. Bells: Langley (6) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Slough (10) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and social evening. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead, by Tuesday, 20th.—Hon. Secs. 3276

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Meeting at Holme-Hale, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme-Hale, by Wednesday, February 21st.—C. E. G. Banham, Hon. Sec. 3302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — White Horse Branch. — Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and ringing Everyone welcome. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks. 3307

SUFFOLK GUILD —South West District.—Meeting at Stoke-by-Clare, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk, by February 22nd. 3287

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Hailsham, Saturday, February 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to G. M. FitzHugh, Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, not later than Wednesday, 21st.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 3310

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Pucklechurch, Monday, February 26th. Bells (6) available 7.30 to 9 p.m.—R. H. D. 3329

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on February 27th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices: February 27th, St. Paul's Cathedral; March 5th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; March 12, St. Lawrence Jewry; March 19th, St. Giles', Cripplegate. All at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 3303

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hillfarrance (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George Street, Taunton. 3348

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Colne Engaine (6), March 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names not required. 3349

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 2.30. Service 4 followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 3322

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — General meeting at Saffron Walden (12) on March 2nd. Bells 3.15–4.15, also Wendens Ambo (6) 2–2.45. Evensong at Saffron Walden 4.15. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me by February 24th. — Jennifer M. Andrews, Church Road, Thorington, Colchester, Essex. 3334

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice at Kildwick (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 p.m. Methods: Kent, Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, July 6th. Committee meeting 10.30. Service 11.30. Buffet lunch available. A.G.M. 1 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m for 6.30 p.m. Further details later. 3335

QUARTER PEALS

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Warinton 1, R. Pashley 2, Lynda Pashley (first quarter) 3, J. Ladd (cond.) 4, P. Feast 5, A. Tanner 6. For midnight service. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Matthews 1, J Ladd 2, P. Feast 3, R. Pashley 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, F Matthews 6. To ring in the New Year. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 St. Simon's and Bob Doubles: R. Pashley 1, I. Taylor 2, C. Matthews 3, P. Feast 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, J. Warinton 6.

PILTON SOM. — On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica M. G. Frewin (first quarter) 1, R. C. Taylor 2, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, T. N. J. Bailey 5, Sheila Y. Hallett 6.

USK, MON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Richards 1, G. Knight 2, Mrs. S. Clench (first "inside") 3, R. Clench 4, F. Hobbs 5, L. Jones 6, D. Hughes (cond.) 7, R. Shea 8. Rung for Evensong.

WARGRAVE, BERKS. — On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading: R. Theedom 1, A. Bird 2, Mrs. E. M. Smith 3, A. Burton 4, D. Bird 5, D. Theedom 6, A. Siggery (first quarter) 7, H. Smith (cond.) 8.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Feb 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A 21st birthday compliment to K. G. Waller, and his 50th quarter together with R. A. Stone.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Munday 1, Jill May 2, Felicity Hamilton (25th quarter) 3, Jill Oakshott 4, R. D. Mills 5, T. Skilton 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, K. B. Burgess 8. First Stedman 3, 4.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: N. T. E. Burnett 1, J. Cunliffe 2, R. K. Lister 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, J. Illingworth 5, R. Jolley 6, G. Fothergill 7, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 8. By the local band for Evensong.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol Stacey 1, Sally Stacey 2, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, A. Betsworth 6, K. Sansom (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. A 15th birthday compliment to David Hatherly.

Rings of Four in Nottinghamshire—By GEORGE A. DAWSON

Arnold. — Since the church's foundations were underpinned during coal mining operations the bells have not been rung. They are chimed quite often and there are moves to have them rehung in a new frame and augmented to five. When visited the fittings were in poor condition. Two trebles by Samuel Midworth, of Mansfield, dated 1841. He was a brass founder and the only other bells known by him are Warsop (1812, since recast), Skegby (1830) and two bells at St. Mary's, Bulwell (1851), which were recast and incorporated into the ring of eight now there.

The third by George Oldfield I is 1699 and tenor by Thomas Mears in 1799. Weight about 8 cwt.

Calverton.—A good four rehung by Taylor's in 1896, when they augmented them from two. All swing east-west. Tenor on ball-bearings and the trebles on plain bearings. The treble is by George Oldfield I, cast in 1623. The other three are by Taylor's, 1896/7, the second being a recast of one by George Oldfield I in 1667.

The bells go well, but the tenor is slow going. One quarter peal, 1,320 Minimus in two methods, was rung here on October 19th, 1963. There used to be a local band till about 1965.

Car Colston.—The four are not rung as the tower is unsafe. Attempts to ring them about 1964 resulted, according to rumour, in the band departing from the tower at high speed. All are hung side by side along one side of the tower. There is a peculiar stay system here, the stays being about 18 in. long and engage on a sliding block arrangement bolted to the side of the frame.

The two trebles are by George Oldfield I, 1633 and undated respectively, third by Taylor's in 1872 and the tenor bears the badges ascribed to Richard Mellours and his son, Robert, 1470–1525. The inscription on this bell is not one of the more common ones used by them and it reads:

Clara+voce+pia+resono+usu+sca+maria

Tenor diameter is 36 in. so weight will be about 8 cwt.

East Stoke. — A complete four by Henry Oldfield II, in 1591, these fine bells are unringable as the massive wooden frame is now unsafe. Tenor weight about 10 cwt. They are occasionally swing-chimed.

Epperstone.—Although mentioned by Dove as a four, these bells are not a true four but three and a large clock bell. All are now hung "dead" and fitted with chiming hammers, the lighter three in the old wooden frame and the clock bell between this frame and one window ledge. They were ringable in 1901.

The treble is by Thomas Hedderly, in 1742, and is one of the earliest bells by the Hedderlys using the stamps of the Oldfield family. The second is by George Oldfield II, in 1729, the third by Henry Oldfield II, in 1590. The clock bell is by Taylor's, in 1865. Third diameter 33 in. and tenor 45 in.

Farndon. — Condemned by Taylor's in the early 1950s, but prior to this time I believe there was a local band.

The bells are hung in a substantial wooden frame, which looks typical of those made by the Hedderlys, and plain bearings. Treble by George Oldfield II, cast in 1710, the second by Thomas Hedderly, in 1774, and the two tenors by Henry Oldfield II (undated and 1589 respectively). Tenor diameter 38 in., weight in the region of 10 cwt.

Flintham.—These bells are hung "dead" in the central tower on R.G.J.s The ropes attached to the chiming hammers fall in the very corners of the tower among the choir stalls.

Treble by Thomas Hedderly, in 1777, 2 and 3 by Henry Oldfield II. in 1613 and 1616 respectively, and the tenor by George Oldfield II in 1718.

Quite a pleasant sounding four but alas, only chimable.



CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, EAST STOKE



ST. JAMES THE GREAT, NORMANTON

Gonalston. — Although hung for full circle ringing, the light four have neither stays nor sliders. The bells are hung in two tiers in the small tower in a frame erected by the local joiner, W. Faulks, in 1852, when the church was extensively rebuilt and the tower added. The fittings are in a poor condition but the bells are quite ringable by a strong band. The Bingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild have held meetings here.

Treble and tenor by Taylor's, in 1853, 2 and 3 from the Nottingham foundry, possibly William Noon's, in 1684. Tenor diameter 28in., about 4¾ cwt.

Hawton.—All attempts to even look at the bells in this fine three-stage late Perpendicular tower have met with refusal on the grounds that the floors are unsafe.

One bell by Richard Mellours is probably coeval with the tower, which was completed in 1482.

Linby.—Unmentioned in Dove, these bells were the subject of an article in the "R.W." early in 1966. Plain bearings in very poor condition, they are hung in a much-strengthened frame. The fittings are in poor condition; each bell has its own peculiarity; the tenor man is hidden from the ringers of 2 and 3 by the clock case. Definitely bells for tenor kings, the light four, by Thomas Mears, in 1826, have had two quarter peals rung upon them, in November and December, 1965.

East Leake.—A 3-bell tower here, the fourth bell is a small (13in. dia.) sanctus. Rehung by Taylor's in a metal H frame in the year 1920, they are spaced to accommodate six bells. The local band ring them with the treble half down, giving bells in the order 1213, 1213.

Normanton - on - Soar. — Politics keep this this pretty four from being rung. An opportunity recently showed that the bells go very well in spite of much neglect in recent years. Rehung by Taylors in 1897, when they recast all the bells, they were previously a complete four by George Oldfield II, in 1634/5. The tenor weighs about 8¼ cwt. The tower is a central one with a tall spire.

Norwell.—These bells were rehung in a metal frame by Taylor's in 1932 and a fourth bell was added one year later. The frame is arranged for the addition of two trebles at some future date. Although in good condition, the bell chamber has been of late much neglected and birds have gained entry. The bells are rung occasionally for service by Sutton-on-Trent ringers and go well. The tenor weighs 9-2-5 in G, diameter 39½ in., by Taylor's, 1821. Treble and 2 by Taylor's also, in 1932-3. The third is a fine bell by Henry Oldfield, in 1591.

Oxton. — Eight cwt. four which go well. There is, or was till very recently, a local band. One quarter peal has been rung here, in November, 1963.

A wooden frame and plain bearings; the fittings are in good condition. The treble and tenor by Taylor's, 1885 and 1911 respectively; the 2nd and 3rd are by George Oldfield II.

(To be continued)

COMPOSITIONS

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Dear Sir,—I enclose six extents of Plain Bob Minor, which may interest those conductors whose bands are restricted to that method. All contain the maximum number of singles (42).

(1)

W	B	3rds	H
1	4		5
		5	5
		5	5
2			
5			
2			
3			

This first extent I arranged from the following two round blocks, which I joined together by omitting two singles.

216		564	
W		3rds	H
2		5	5
		x3	
2			
3			
x2			

The 216 has the six shortened courses with 5 and 6 coursing; and the 564 has either 5 or 6 coursing with the treble throughout. The remainder are three-part arrangements all on the same plan, and no doubt further extents could be arranged in a similar way; they are:

(2)

4ths	B	3rds	H
5	4	1	4
x3			

(3)

4ths	B	3rds	H
5			
3	4	1	1
x3			

(4)

B	H
1	4
5	4
x3	

(5)

W	B	H
1	4	5
		4
x3		

(6)

4ths	B	H
	1	4
3	5	1
x3		

It should be noted that 5 below H signifies five consecutive singles, the first being at H, i.e. H, W, 4ths, H and W; that 3 below 4ths signifies three consecutive singles, the first being at 4ths, etc.—Yours faithfully,

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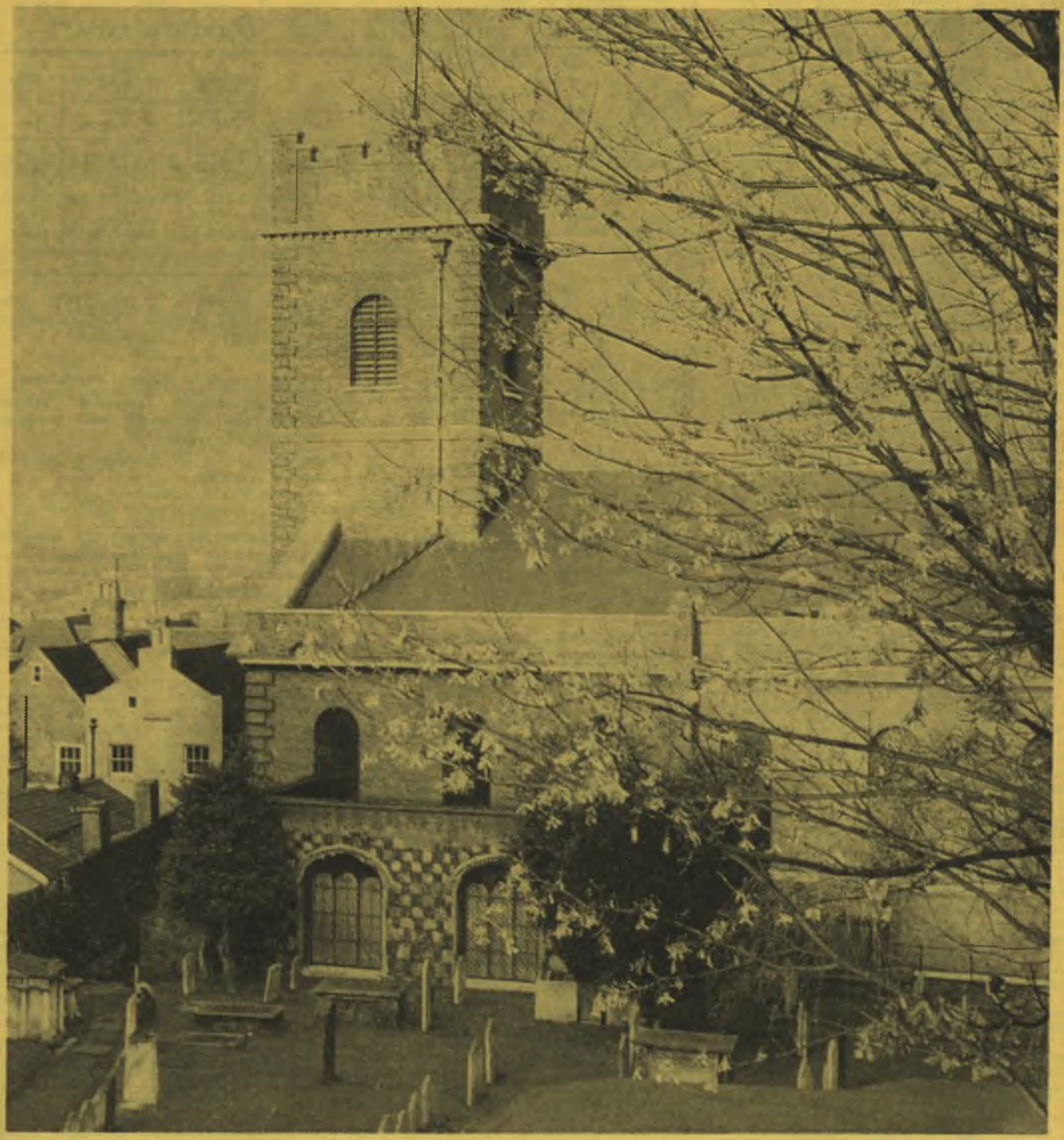
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OUR COVER PICTURE

The Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildford

HOLY Trinity, Guildford, stands in a proud position at the top of the High Street—justly proud because it possesses a very fine ring of bells; proud because its peal record of 334 is the highest in the Guildford Diocese; and proud because its Ringing Society has a long list of well-known ringers, the most famous being Alfred H. Pulling.

The earliest record concerning bells in Holy Trinity reveals "2d. received of Jemys Monger for the bells for a stranger". Shortly after this, 1514, 8d. was paid for the hanging of the Service bell in the steeple. At this time there were four bells and one Sanctus bell. By 1550 another bell had been added but in 1552 one large bell of 19½ cwt. was sold.

In 1689, when eight shillings was paid for bread and beer for the ringers on the occasion of the Coronation of William III and Mary, there were six bells in the tower. Forty years later concern was expressed for the safety of the steeple and on 23rd May, 1740, it crashed through the roof of the nave bringing three of the bells with it. Although the Mayor laid the first stone in 1748 it was not until 1763 that the first service was held in the new church.

Peter Flutter is a name well-known to Holy Trinity ringers. It was he who generously paid for the recasting of the six bells and the augmentation to eight. (It would appear that two of the three bells which were not broken when the steeple fell were hung in the new church and the rest of the ring stored in a barn.) On the ringing room wall is painted:—

The First Peal on the bells

"These bells were recast and augmented from six to eight by Peter Flutter, Alderman of the Town, and the first peal rang on them on Wednesday, May 10th, 1769, and on Monday, May 29th, 1769 Mr. Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples consisting of 5040 changes was rung here in 3 hours and 25 minutes by the following youths of this town—etc."

The casting was carried out by Lester, Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel. The parishioners were made responsible for providing a wooden frame, transporting the bells, and hanging them.

The ringers of the 1800s differed greatly from those of the first half of the 20th Century as only two more peals were rung in the 130 years between 1769 and 1899. The Holy Trinity Society was formed in 1892; in 1899 change ringing was introduced; and in 1900 Alfred H. rang three peals in the tower.

Since 1912 the bells have hung in an iron frame. In this year John Taylor & Co. recast the treble, 4th, 7th and tenor. The cold statistics below reveal little of the character of the bells. To enjoy them one should hear them singing London.

	Diameter	Note	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	2′ 7″	D	7	1	24
2	2′ 8⅝″	C	7	1	0
3	2′10½″	B	8	0	5
4	3′ 0½″	A	8	3	19
5	3′ 3⅛″	G	9	3	16
6	3′ 5⅞″	F	12	2	21
7	3′ 9⅝″	E	16	2	6
Tenor	4′ 3¼″	D	23	3	8
				S.G.P.	

The Ten Years before the Guild's Birth

WHEN our Guild was founded in 1927 the writer was 44 years of age, and now, 40 years later, I am writing about the ten-year period prior to its formation. At the age of 84 the best plan is to consult my peal book and recall some pleasing memories of well-known ringers I have met. The first world war caused a lot of tower bell ringing to cease, but in June, 1918, I called a handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Clapham, where I again met Charlie Winney, W. T. Cockerill and H. Langdon, three of St. Paul's Cathedral conductors, one being a piano tuner, another a schoolmaster and the other a shipping merchant. The umpire was Edwin Horrex, then 80 years of age, who enjoyed the task of checking the peal.

The following month it was Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch with Mrs. Elsie Hairs and James George from Rugby ringing 5–6 and 11–12, Bill Pye conducting. In January, 1919, I made two trips to Leytonstone for Double Norwich "in hand" with the two Pyes and Bill Keeble, both successful after a December failure, due to restless umpires cracking nuts, poking the fire and snoring.

A peal of Major at Sunbury found Bert Hughes and Albert Diserens in the band, also the well-known Armiger Trollope and Major Hesse. Now I relate a peal attempt going quite well and after an hour and a quarter the 7th ringer's belt became slack and his trousers began to sink downwards. As the bells neared halfway and his garment had reached the ground, I called B instead of S at halfway for half-peal. Two local ladies came up and asked the captain why the bells stopped, and he referred them to me, the conductor. I replied that the answer would be given when we left the tower, and over a friendly drink the situation was explained with tact, amid laughter.

At Waltham Abbey we had Treble 12 with Reuben Sanders, E. P. Duffield and T. H. Taffender calling the bobs

GUILDFORD MEMORIES

In 1921 John Heathorn passed away at the age of 92. He was an inmate of Abbot's Hospital from 1897 and was England's oldest ringer. Ben Chorley was an active member at Holy Trinity, Guildford, from 1895 until his death in 1922. Charles Willshire was a live wire and a fine conductor before he went to Canada; he died in 1962 at the age of 96. Although I rang a good many peals at Guildford, they were all handbell peals except one, a peal of Double Norwich at Holy Trinity in 1921, when Henry Hutton rang the 3rd. He was in a lot of peals with Alf Pulling and was a fine ringer on front bells. James Hunt was a keen ringer in Guildford before he went to London and worked for Warners, and I have happy memories of Maurice Smither, who was a fine ringer with handbells.

Bert Harman was also a keen ringer and conductor in the Leatherhead area, and it is pleasing to see his name in our paper conducting quarter peals in the Isle of Wight, where he now resides. Jim Brackley I first met in 1911 at Horsell, when I called his first peal. His death in recent years is recorded at Old Woking; 42 years a ringer and a chorister is a shining example. Two sisters from Aldershot, Hilda and Bertha Mills, were ringing at various towers in the 20's and they will be remembered by their attendance at Guild dinners.

Many Surrey towers have had long-serving ringers and at Worplesdon we remembered Sam Petter, at Chertsey John Hessey, at Thames Ditton Frank Hawthorne, at Cranleigh the Charman family, and so it is in many other towers, glad days, sad days, as the years roll on.

Old "Pop Stevens" at Chertsey was always delighted when a peal was scored there, but on January 25th, 1913, after his first peal of Stedman, he came over to me and said, "Hooray," I have conquered Stedman."

To do justice to those not mentioned in the ten years 1917–1927 space does not permit many prominent names here, but we noted improvements in the Farnham and Chertsey Districts, which bore fruit when the Guild was established. A name not forgotten for his work in the 20's was John S. Goldsmith, who was a great help with the snags which came up prior to the inception. He was one of the great ones, and one of the best who handled a rope or a pair of handbells.

W. SHEPHERD.

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GUILDFORD GUILD

Cathedral Handbells to Mark 40th Birthday

THE BISHOP'S LEAD

SURPRISE announcement at the dinner commemorating the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on February 9th, was the proposed presentation of a set of handbells of two chromatic scales (25 bells) to the Cathedral to mark the birthday. The gift is estimated to cost £200.

Starting the appeal with the gift of two bells, the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. G. E. Reindorp) hoped the presentation would be made on the day of the retirement of the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) on May 17th, the seventh birthday of the Cathedral. Forty was the keyword of the gift. The Bishop asked each junior to give 40 halfpennies, each senior student 40 pennies, and each adult member 40 shillings.

Four peals of Royal were attempted on February 10th in connection with the anniversary. Successes were Stedman Caters at the Cathedral, Plain Bob at Haslemere, and Stedman Caters at Epsom. Unsuccessful was Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Nicolas', Guildford.

The company of over 160 rose to greet the president (the Bishop of Guildford) as he entered accompanied by the Master (Mr. Peter G. Smart) and Mrs. Smart. Other distinguished guests with them were Canon Gilbert Thurlow (president of the Central Council), Canon K. W. H Felstead (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson).

Others seated at the top table were a former Master (Mr. C. W Denyer) and Mrs. Denyer, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Munday) and Mrs. Munday, the second secretary of the Guild (Mr. G. L. Grover), Mr. and Mrs. Coldman (son-in-law and daughter of Mr. Albert Harman (former Master), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. M. Maybrey, Mr. P. G. Sherwood and Miss Y. Eloie (librarian). An excellent meal was served.

Following the president submitting the loyal toast, the Master announced that he had received a letter from Mr. Albert Harman, for many years Master of the Guild, expressing his regret for absence. His letter stated: "Last Saturday I rang a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob at Godshill and afterwards we drank to 'the continued prosperity of the Guildford Guild.'" Another apology was from Mr. Harold Pitstow, who had been a member of the Guild since its inception.

The gathering heard with regret that Major Bragg and his family were involved in a motoring accident on their journey to the dinner. Two of the ladies received cuts.

The toast of "Continued prosperity to the Guildford Guild" was proposed by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, who brought greetings from the parent Guild and congratulated Guildford on its 40th birthday. It was in July, 1927, at a general meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild that a decision was taken to divide that Guild, and a subcommittee reported that meetings of the Guildford and Yorktown Districts had passed resolutions for forming a Diocesan Guild from January, 1928, subject to the approval of the Bishop of Guildford and with that part of Surrey as was convenient.

The remaining members of the Winchester Guild decided to keep together and to that day were the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Reciprocal arrangements were made for resident members to be compounding members on payment of one shilling and that the funds be divided as 25 per cent to the new diocese and 75 per cent to the former diocese of Winchester. That was in accord with the approximate percentage paid in the last five years.

FIRST OFFICERS

On December 31st came the inaugural meeting of the Guildford Guild. Canon Lionel Blackburne, Archdeacon of Surrey, was in the chair, and Canon Coleridge, president of the Central Council, and Mr. A. Young, secretary to the Council, were present. Others present included Messrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel), C. T. Coles, G. Pullinger (secretary of the Winchester & Portsmouth Guild) and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild). Officers elected were: Major Hesse, Master; Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon secretary; Admiral Walker, hon. treasurer; and Messrs. A. H. Pulling and W. Shepherd Central Council representatives.

The first peal for the Guild was rung at Capel on January 1st, and it was the only peal rung in that tower from 1914 to 1928. In that year, 40 years ago, the first peals of Lincolnshire Surprise Major and of Superlative Surprise Maximus were rung. The floral titles of Minor methods were being changed to place names.

The handbell record peal of 19,738 Stedman Caters, which was rung in 1912, was still the record length although it was rung 56 years ago in Guildford for the Winchester Guild. A peal of 19.260 was rung recently and he was of the opinion that their record would not last for long.

LEADING PEAL TOWERS

Canon Felstead said he was in the process of collecting all the peals that have ever been recorded since 1715, and there were many thousands more than before 1881. He had listed the towers of the Guild and at the moment Holy Trinity, Guildford, headed the list with 334 peals. Forty years ago there were only 116 but in that period the number had been nearly trebled. Second was Ashtead with 326, followed by Christ Church, Epsom, 153, St. Nicolas', Guildford, 130, Leatherhead 120, Ewell 113, St. Martin's, Epsom, 105, Farnham 101 and Chiddingfold 94.

In their account of the history of 40 years, it would be seen how the Guild had been influenced by men who would always be remembered in ringing. There were Alfred Pulling, Jack Goldsmith and Major Hesse, famous men who had served ringing and the Church well. Now a new generation was growing up and it was very pleasant to see the numbers of young people ringing in these days. He hoped the deeds of those stalwarts of 40 years ago would provide an inspiration for future generations and that their names would go down in the annals of ringing history.

The president in his reply stated he had known Canon Thurlow from his schooldays, as they were both at Felsted. The Canon was well known as a writer and had written books for the Pitkin series on Cathedrals and had broadcast for the B.B.C. Dr. Reindorp gave a special welcome to John Chilcott and mentioned that during his visit to Washington Cathedral he learned that they had to invite English ringers to ring the first peal and that the conductor of that peal was with them. The bells of Guildford Cathedral were identical with those at Washington.

In connection with their Dean, who had now reached three score years and ten, the Bishop said he had written a letter to "The Surrey Advertiser," which he hoped they would all read. He thought the Dean was absolutely right in his decision. (The resignation of the Dean was announced to take effect on May 17th, the seventh anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral, and the Bishop appealed for a testimonial.)

CATHEDRAL HANDBELLS

Dr. Reindorp then announced the proposal to provide the Cathedral with a set of handbells of two chromatic scales, size 22. His wife was giving the bell with the note A (after Alix) and he was giving G for George. For these two bells he was sending a cheque. He appealed to all members of the Guild to support the purchase, suggesting that to mark their 40 years each junior should give 40 halfpennies (1s. 8d.); each elder scholar 40 pennies (3s. 4d.), and adult members 40 shillings. Contributions should be sent to C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom. The cost of the set would be about £200 and he hoped it could be dedicated on the Cathedral's birthday, May 17th.

The Bishop concluded by thanking the ringers present for what they were doing for the Church. They were providing one of the finest sounds in the English language. "You are some of the people who have given England a solid foundation," he concluded.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow proposed the toast of "The Church and the Exercise" and said: "It is not our job to preach the Church. It is our job to build the Church and to leave it better than when we found it. What we have to do is to preach Christ, and it is our job to preach Christ by the way we live.

"To those who run the Church down you should say, 'Do you know what it is doing?' Its hospitals, schools, building Christian civilisation in many lands, its leadership amongst all kinds of people, especially the down and out, its work amongst alcoholics, drink and drug addicts and the mentally afflicted. Tell those la-de-da critics who try to pretend man is self-sufficient and the Church useless to spend a term each with the Church Army, Samaritans or Franciscans.

GIVING FROM THE HEART

"The Church does so much of its work in free giving. Why are we cutting down on hospitals and university programmes today? Not because we cannot afford them, but because we have stopped giving to them. How did Guildford Cathedral get there? Not via the rates and taxes. All from the hearts of people. A stranger's question: 'Why is that building finished?' Because people loved it and wanted it. 'Why is that other building not finished?' Because the State relied on money and ran out of it."

Speaking on the second part of the toast the Canon said: "Bells say no words; their message is not limited by words. People do not need to speak English or to have any special gifts to be moved by the bells. They are a prophetic voice and rung by folk from every walk of life, and behind them are centuries of skill, of leadership and painstaking tuition. I remember, when a curate at Wokingham, going to Holy Trinity, Guildford, and Alf Pulling saying 'That 'ere young parson, can he ring?' I replied 'I don't know, may I try?'

"Now you are 40 years old. We no longer hear Alf's voice, but we hear his bell; how this would thrill him! Instead we rejoice in the number and spirit of those entering the Exercise and continuing to proclaim the Gospel. They are as full of fun and charm and skill as those who were young when I was about here. And one of those, Charlie Denyer, past Master of the Guild, will reply to the toast."

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MEMORIES AT DINNER

Mr. C. W. Denyer, in a speech full of memories, spoke about a visit to Wokingham in 1934 in an antique Darracq driven by Ernie Gardner, and there they met the curate, Gilbert Thurlow. In 1934 their first Bishop, Bishop Greig, retired. He was their first president and was succeeded by Bishop Macmillan. That year witnessed one of the biggest events in ringing history, when 12 ringers went to Australia to take part in the celebrations for the centenary of Melbourne City. One of those 12 was Jack Goldsmith and they went out not only as ringers but as missionaries. Their programme was upset by the tremendous welcome and at one place they were entertained by the Governor General. They did more for the ringing Exercise than anybody else and the story can be read in "The Great Adventure." One of the best things Jack Goldsmith did (and Jack was his hero in those days) was the weekly report he sent to "The Ringing World" during his Australian visit.

Charlie said he was a lad of 15 or 16 at that time and Jack was the secretary of the Guild. There was Admiral Walker, the Guild treasurer, who did not start ringing until he was 65 or 70, and he used to go up the tower not only to see the bells but to look for birds' nests. He was a great naturalist. Others prominent then were Charlie Burdock, of Holy Trinity, Major Hesse, the Master of the Guild, John Corbett, known as the Bishop of Bagshot, who became treasurer of the Guild, Walter Harrison, director of "The Surrey Advertiser," who was chairman of the Guild Committee, Alf Pulling, Robert Whittington, of Cranleigh, and his wife, who were the first married couple to ring a peal.

Other names Mr. Denyer recalled were Bill Melville and Mrs. Melville, of Holy Trinity, Guildford, Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden, Bill Thorne, of Ockham, Tommy Streeter, of Shere, the Upshall brothers, from Farnham, Dick Hasted, George Gilbert, Jack Hessey, Wilkins Massey, of Shere, David Sleet, of Ottershaw, Ted Coward, of Dorking, "Pop" Denyer, the speaker's father, who was a great inspiration and responsible for forming the Farnham District, Bill Beeson, Les Hunter, of Shalford, Ted Matthews, Hilda and Bertha Mills (Hilda took 12 little sprigs of heather to the docks and gave them to the Great Adventure party before they left), and Les Warner, of Cranleigh. Those and many others had made the Guild what it was today, and they could all look back with a great deal of pride and satisfaction.

Mr. Denyer concluded with a toast to the memory of John S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guild. He said that this toast was usually drunk in silence but that night they could drink it with thankfulness and cheerfulness in their hearts.

The Master ended the speeches with an expression of thanks to the Bishop for his gift of bells and to the dinner committee for arranging such a very fine dinner. The committee consisted of Douglas and Jill May, Peter Sherwood, John Maybrey and David and Carolyn Tubbs.

During the evening a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by Tom Page, William Viggers, Douglas May and David Struckett.

The evening concluded with a dance. A collection taken during the dance raised £20 for the Cathedral handbells.

The Founding of Guildford Guild

By GEORGE L. GROVER, Former Secretary

NO doubt readers will appreciate that it is difficult to write from memory about events which happened 40 years ago and more than difficult to write the second phase of an essay without having any idea of what is recorded in the first phase, the style of its composition or how far it covers the ground which these memoirs are intended to.

The Guildford Guild was not founded with the unanimous support and approval of all the ringers in the area proposed to form the new Diocese of Guildford.

The Yorktown District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild had not had close liaison with the Guildford District, and looking back now it would appear, mostly for nostalgic reasons, were generally in favour of remaining for ringing purposes in the area and control of the Winchester Guild.

Again, the ringers in that area, which is now in the Leatherhead District of the present Guildford Guild, were completely out of touch with any part of the Winchester Guild and were much more ready to throw in their lot with the Surrey Association, which was fairly well established in a number of towers in that area. A lot of hard missionary work had to be done by ringers resident in the Guildford area to make possible the final creation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

OPPOSITION FROM TWO DISTRICTS

It must have been a very heartening thing to the Guildford missionary workers that at the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, held in November, 1926, they were successful. This was in spite of the well-organised opposition to the creation of a new Guildford Guild. The opposition had persuaded John S. Goldsmith to accept a brief from them and to use his not inconsiderable speech-making ability and debating skill to quash any suggestion of a new Guild. The rank and file of the Guildford District, however, by a large majority, decided in effect to promote a new Guild to cover the Guildford Diocesan area. Following this success, a delegation of Guildford District ringers was appointed to attend the next meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild to try to persuade the towers in that area to help with the promotion of the new Guild for the Guildford Diocese.

In view of the rather uncompromising attitude of the Yorktown area ringers prior to their annual and special general meetngs held in November, 1926, and January, 1927, respectively, it must have been a very pleasant surprise to the sponsors of the new Guildford Guild that the Yorktown District rescinded their previous "non-co-operation" resolutions and agreed to join in forming the new Guild.

The only area now to be persuaded to assist with the new Guild was what is now the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild. There was no organised Leatherhead District of the Winchester Guild and therefore no machinery by which a District meeting could be convened. Accordingly representatives from towers in the Leatherhead area were invited to join the organising committee set up by the Guildford and Yorktown Districts of the Winchester Guild. They did so, and the scheme to promote a new Guildford Guild was agreed and was ready for launching.

It is extremely pleasant to be able to record that those members at Guildford and Yorktown who were opposed (sometimes vehemently opposed) to breaking away from the Winchester Guild for the formation of the Guildford Guild cheerfully accepted the decision of their meetings and threw themselves wholeheartedly into the task of making the new Guild the success it became.

During the course of laying the foundations for the new Guild the Surrey Association were approached by the organising committee but from the records of the Guild no really workable arrangement was negotiated. For many years, however, the officers of both Guild and Association tacitly agreed not to interfere in the area or with the activities of the other.

OUTSTANDING PEOPLE

It is, of course, impossible in such a treatise as this to mention individually many of the ringers who helped to found and establish the new Guild on a sound basis, but perhaps it is fitting to record the name of Mr. Walter Harrison, manager of the "Surrey Advertiser," who from the start took a great interest in the Guild and gave unsparingly of his time in attending meetings, and his services and advice on the administration of the Guild's business affairs.

John (Jack to his contemporaries) S. Goldsmith, who had urged that Winchester should continue to embrace the Diocese of Guildford, accepted the office of secretary of the new Guild and for the first ten years of its life controlled its destinies. Under his administrative ability, assisted by the officers chosen from time to time by the Districts, the objects of the Guild were gradually achieved. An organisation was put in being which united the separate ringing bands in the Diocese for the purpose of mutual support, obtained recognition of their work by the Church authorities and most certainly encouraged the preservation of the bells and their fittings.

There were dozens of members of the Guild who worked for its success both in the wider world of ringing generally and also parochially, but of course the one name which springs first to mind is that of the late Alfred Pulling. The standard of ringing that he set at his home tower, Holy Trinity, Guildford, was an inspiration to all the towers in the Guild and his prowess as a peal ringer and his brilliance as a conductor kept the Guild in the front rank as regards purely ringing aspects. Then it is fitting to refer to one of the clergy, a non-ringer but truly a friend to the ringers, and who gave invaluable assistance to the new Guild, namely the Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan, Provost of the pro-Cathedral. Canon Kirwan perpetuated his memory by presenting the bookcase which houses the Guild library. In referring to the bookcase the name of Charles Hazelden is brought to mind, as by his labour the Guild's library was founded and made into one of the leading ringing libraries of the age. Charles Hazelden was also for many years a Central Council representative, leader of the band at St. Nicolas', Guildford, and, it is hardly necessary to record, a first-class ringer and conductor.

Major J. H. B. Hesse, of Haslemere, served with distinction as Master during the first ten-year period—indeed he continued in that office until he left Surrey in 1942.

There were only two treasurers during the ten years under review, namely Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., Old Woking, and Mr. Jonathan Corbett, of Bagshot. Neither would claim their ringing to be more than useful

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PEALS OF GUILDFORD GUILD
By E. J. BRAGG

The first peal for the Guildford Diocesan Guild was rung on January 1st, 1928—Oxford Treble Bob Minor, at Capel—and was the only peal for the Guild conducted by F. R. Tullett. Twenty-three peals were rung in the first year. Most of the conductors were household names—W. J. Robinson, W. T. Beeson, C. H. Kippin, R. Hasted, J. S. Goldsmith, F. Bennett, A. Harman and C. H. Winch.

The year 1929 saw the advent of the late A. H. Pulling, who conducted his first peal for the Guild—Double Norwich Court Bob, at Warnham on March 23rd, 1929, and his last at his own tower, Holy Trinity, Guildford, in his favourite method, Stedman Triples, on December 31st, 1952, and between these dates he conducted 334 peals for the Guild. As Alfred went out, E. J. Wells came in, conducting his first peal in November, 1951, and is now the second most prolific conductor, with 103 peals to his credit; A. Harman and A. P. Cannon came next with 85 each. John S. Goldsmith, who was the force behind the formation of the Guild and founder of "The Ringing World," conducted 14 peals for the Guild.

As might be expected, the leading tower is Holy Trinity, Guildford, with 204 peals, followed by Aldershot with 50 peals. Again, owing to the influence of Alfred Pulling, there have been more peals of Stedman Triples (151) than any other method.

The most outstanding peals are Doubles in 24 methods, Spliced Surprise Minor in 14 methods, and Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods. Altogether 42 different Surprise Major methods have been rung.

In the 40 years of the Guild's existence 1,241 peals have been recorded.

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service ringing, but each was a gentleman in the true sense of the word and both carried out their duties with meticulous care.

Two auditors served the Guild during the first ten years, namely C. N. Burdock, who was a member of Alfred Pulling's band, and that is enough to say about his ringing abilities. He died at an early age and was succeeded by Mr. Richard Hasted, of Farnham, who was leader there and a ringer and conductor of ability.

There were several changes in the District officers during the period under review, and all of them worked with enthusiasm to promote the Guild, and all of them ought to be mentioned here but space will not permit. There were, too, quite a lot of tower leaders and families of ringers whose labours for the Guild should be recorded but it would be invidious to try to pick out any to the exclusion of others.

In its early days, too, the Guild had in mind the provision of bells for the contemplated new Cathedral and a fund was started, which has subsequently been used for this purpose.

A Benevolent Fund was also founded and was well supported. Out of this fund it was possible to make grants to members who had fallen on bad times.

In 1930 an annual dinner was instituted and this has proved a very popular event.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch held at Bridgnorth on February 3rd, the officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Jones; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Joan Bennett; Diocesan Committee member, Mr. F. C. A. Bennett; auditor, Mr. A. Elsmore.

The Guild service was taken by the Rev. S. Thomas and he also presided at the meeting. A bountiful tea was served by the wives of St. Leonard's ringers.

Ringing during the afternoon was at St. Leonard's and in the evening at St. Mary's.

J. B.

Reply to Critics of Accrington Peal

Dear Sir,—It was inevitable, I suppose, that the ringing of the record peal of 12,096 Glasgow Surprise Major at Accrington on January 6th should have caused feelings of annoyance and dismay in Birmingham; but it is to be regretted that this led to such respected members as Peter and Roddy adopting the tone they did in their letters on page 99.

May I say at the outset that I am writing this reply without any reference to other members of the band, so I have no idea whether or not they hold similar views to mine. I write merely to put the record straight as I see it.

Roddy's letter makes three complaints, the last of which is also the subject of Peter's letter. His first complaint is that the peal was not claimed as a record. On this I am in complete agreement with him; I think it ought to have been so claimed and I agree that the majority of ringers will regard it as such. But whether the "record" was claimed or not seems beside the point; the fact is that a perfectly good peal of 12,096 changes was rung, and to maintain that the record still stands at 11,872 would be quite ludicrous.

His second complaint is that only two days' notice of the attempt was given instead of the recommended seven. This, too, I agree was regrettable; but to imply that this was done deliberately to forestall visiting "listeners" is quite erroneous. The fact was that notice of the attempt was sent to "The Ringing World" as soon as the attempt had been organised.. Although Birmingham's 11,872 had been rung on November 25th, the composition was not published until December 15th, when it accompanied that "inner story" of the "outstanding record peal that will go down in history."

Despite the misguided claim that this composition was the maximum possible ("even with the use of singles"), Richard had increased it to 12,096 (with singles) within a week, and on December 22nd a band was fixed and a decision taken to attempt the peal on January 6th at Accrington subject to permission being obtained. This was readily granted, and notification of the attempt was sent to "The Ringing World" forthwith. Unfortunately, this coincided with the Christmas holidays, and the letter could not make the deadline for the issue of December 29th, and consequently did not appear until the following issue of January 5th—hence only two days' notice. It was regrettable, but unavoidable, as the band would have dispersed to universities and jobs in various parts of the country before the following week-end. But, you know, two days' notice would have been sufficient if someone had really wanted to come along and listen (as several people did); and many of us have often been given less notice than this to, say, stand in a peal many miles from home and managed to get there on time.

The third complaint, which is also the subject of Peter's letter, is on the "ethics" of using a single made in 4–5 at the half-lead. Well, really! and this complaint from Birmingham, which has produced more peals of Surprise containing singles (and at the half-lead) than any other centre in the country! This is reminiscent of the "old days," when singles in Bob Major and Double Norwich were condemned as unethical! Again, Peter's use of inverted commas round the term "single" and his reference to a "special call" implies that because it is made in 4–5 somehow causes it to be less acceptable than if it were made in 3–4 or 5–6. Surely, in the case of Glasgow, the reverse is true. The only dodge made either at the lead-end or the half-lead is in 4–5. So this is the obvious place to make a single. Whether it is "ethical" or not. I cannot argue; but it certainly seems logical.

Finally, if the implication that Peter realised a single at the half-lead would have enabled the 54 courses to be included in one composition is true—then the statement that "53 courses was the maximum possible, even with the use of singles," should never have been made.—Yours faithfully,

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston, Lancs.

NOT A QUESTION OF ETHICS

Dear Sir,—Why all the fuss about the Accrington peal of Glasgow? One can assume that, as responsible people, the band knew the rules and never intended the peal to be an "official" record-breaker—perhaps they were practising for bigger things!

What I cannot understand is why Messrs. Pipe and Border must now try to justify themselves and their "very good peal of Glasgow," which was, as we all know, rung last November. This is not a question of ethics or a reason for hiding record compositions of London Surprise from "the light of day." What utter nonsense will we read of next?—Yours truly,

MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

Wentworth, Rotherham, Yorks.

THREE QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter from Mr. Border in "The Ringing World" (page 99) I think a number of points should be made, not with ethics specifically in view but common sense.

Firstly: If Mr. Border thinks the controversial 4–5 single unethical, he should have had Mr. Ainsworth point out that the composition could be extended by its use when the report of the peal was published.

Secondly: As Mr. Border points out, special calls of this nature were used in the early days of Triples composition because they seemed unavoidable. Surely they are now unavoidable in Surprise Major to obtain the greatest number of changes without incurring falseness.

Thirdly: Who is Mr. Border to imply that Richard Parker is naive? Surely he is the naive one for not realising that anyone with a little sense and knowledge of composition would be able to employ this sort of single himself.

To conclude, I believe that the only reason this correspondence is taking place is because the St. Martin's Guild (talented and able as many of their members may be) cannot concede defeat!—Yours, etc.,

S. J. HOPGOOD.

Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The tall spire of St. John's, Deptford, has long and historic connections with the Kent County Association and it is fitting that the Lewisham District should hold its first meeting of 1968 in this Kent tower.

Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. The Vicar, the Rev. N. L. Dunning, conducted the service. An excellent tea followed, which was kindly prepared by Mary Andrews and her helpers.

Mr. Arthur Richards took the chair at the business meeting. Mr. Frederick Cullum, from Erith, paid a short tribute to Mr. Alfred Hill, a very dear friend of the District, who died suddenly on November 25th; the meeting stood in remembrance. The District has opened a memorial fund to the memory of Mr. Hill, and donations should be sent to Mary Andrews.

Tony Lewis gave a report on the committee meeting held last November, in which he mentioned that owing to the financial difficulties the Association was experiencing, it was felt necessary to increase the membership subscriptions to, say, adults 5s. and junior members 2s. 6d. He asked the meeting to consider this as it will be discussed at the annual general meeting on Easter Monday.

Ringing was continued with methods ranging from rounds and call changes to Glasgow.

Next meeting: April 20th. T. L.

Letters to the Editor

A WESTMINSTER ABBEY WELCOME

Dear Sir,—Most of the letters in the Westminster Abbey bells controversy are antagonistic towards the ringers at the Abbey. May I in all fairness state, from my own experience, that the criticisms aimed at the ringers are not entirely justified.

During a visit to London some years ago, after ringing for morning service at St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Michael's, Cornhill, I was taken to the Abbey by Mr. Herbert Langdon and Mr. William Pasmore. It was Remembrance Sunday, one of the special occasions on which the Abbey bells are rung. I was introduced to the secretary of the Abbey band, Mr. Harold Pitstow, who gave me a cordial welcome and who readily agreed to Mr. Langdon's request that I be allowed to take part in the ringing.

I received nothing but courtesy and kindness from the Abbey ringers, one of whom most graciously stood down to let me ring. During the "break" between two excellent touches of Stedman Triples, Mr. Pitstow, and others, told me of the restrictions relative to the use of the bells and to visiting ringers; restrictions not of their making but traditional to the Abbey, watched over by Canon Perkins, who, I believe, had charge of the tower and its bells.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorkshire.

LADIES' GUILD IN SUSSEX

Dear Sir,—While it is to be hoped that the good ladies of our Association will not deign to reply to your correspondent in the issue of February 2nd, I feel that I would like to put in an unasked-for opinion.

Since I frequently attend the Ladies' Guild meetings in this area, because of the friendly, helpful atmosphere not always experienced at other meetings, I think that possibly your correspondent might more gainfully have used his intelligence and time in inventing an instant cure for that vicious influenza bug that laid so many ladies low!

Whereas Mr. Smith would no doubt be always welcome at many meetings, where his knowledge and experience would be a great asset, such outburst of incorrect statements can do no good to anyone.

Were these ladies actually involved in farcical meetings and practices to the detriment of the Association as a whole I would possibly agree with him, but still bear in mind that "The hand that rocks the cradle," etc. Perhaps Mr. Smith is aware of this.

Generally speaking, these ladies do much for the Association in Sussex to my knowledge and are regular Sunday service ringers as well as home-runners. Surely the furtherance of Sunday ringing is basically the reason for such an Association and its Ladies' Guild, and whilst I am sure the peal of Cambridge Maximus would be as easy to many of them as perhaps to Mr. Smith, I personally do not feel that it is necessary in the context he suggests at this time.

Let the ladies have their Guild and continue their good work. I know that in time this gentleman will be looking forward to having the children of some of the present Guild in his tower band wherever he may be.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE BRETTELL.

Eastbourne, Sussex.

TAPERED WASHERS

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the letter of Mr. Paul Ebsworth re tapered washers, and whilst his system of tapering washers is very good, for the purpose of correcting odd-struck bells it is impracticable.

Firstly, most staple bolts have a square shank at the base which coincides with a square in the headstock to prevent the clapper turning. Secondly, these tapered washers need to be somewhere in the region of 2¼in. diameter.

A local blacksmith will, of course, make washers of this description.

However, it is standard practice to put insulating washers of either leather or fibre under all bolt heads and staples. It is usually the wearing of these which creates looseness, and if a steeplekeeper should find this happening, bolts could be taken out one at a time and the insulating washers replaced.

We ourselves make tapered fibre washers by using a wooden block with panel pins to hold the washer. The tapering is then done with an electric sander.

I hope this will be of interest to your readers.—Yours sincerely,

TY TENNIT.

WORCESTERSHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid Mr. A. J. Whittle in his letter published on page 82 is again incorrect as regards "who cast what."

Eckington, Worcs, has a complete ring of six by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove in this county. The third bell carries the following inscription: "Richard Sanders cast us all 6. 1721." These bells are, I believe, the only complete ring by Sanders now in existence.

Mr. Whittle, Pershore Abbey has not a complete Rudhall ring. In 1814 Thomas Mears recast the original treble of 1729 and in 1987 Messrs. James Barwell and Son, of Birmingham, recast the fourth. True the other six are Rudhall castings and I agree that they are a magnificent old eight—rather surprising after hearing other bells contemporary with the date and manufacture of the two recasts!

Beckford bells have not long been restored by Taylor and Co., who, I believe, did some recasting.

Mr. Whittle, what a pity the Rudhall foundry was "Londonised," otherwise today we might have quite a few of "Rudhall's beautiful whole peals" in the Midlands of Worcestershire!—Yours sincerely,

MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

DANBURY IN WORLD WAR I

Dear Sir,—It was a great pleasure to read the letter from Mr. Savage ("Ringing World," page 83) concerning his wartime activities in and around Danbury, also his kind reference to our late Rector, the Rev. F. S. Hopkirk.

As the correspondence is only indirectly concerned with ringing perhaps Mr. Savage would care to write to me and I will endeavour to fill in some of the gaps during the post-war years.

Perhaps he can be persuaded to revisit Danbury, where he is assured of a warm welcome at any time.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Kewset, Mill Lane,
Danbury.

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—With reference to several letters in recent issues on the subject of the broadcast of Christmas bells, may I point out that here must be hundreds of ringers who, like myself, never have the opportunity of listening to this feature for the simple reason that they are in their towers carrying out the primary duty of all ringers, namely ringing for service. A very large number of churches now have a Choral Eucharist starting at 0930 and 1000 hours.

If this broadcast could be timed for 0830, a great majority of them would be able to enjoy the Christmas bells, as, having rung for either the midnight or early morning services, and probably having stayed for their Christmas Communion, they would then be free.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. POYNTZ.

Shaldon, South Devon.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—It was most interesting to read of the revival of ringing on the light six in the tiny tower of St. Hilary, Cornwall—a church which was once the centre of a lengthy controversy over churchmanship. The writer of the article is, however, not correct in quoting St. Hilary bells as being unique in hanging in three tiers of two; a similar situation exists at St. Ewe, near Mevagissey, also in Cornwall, and which also possesses one of Cornwall's rare old stone spires. St. Ewe's ring of six (tenor 7 cwt.) were recast by Gillett and Johnston in 1926 and hung in the tiny tower in a combined A and H shaped frame—two trebles below, 3 and 4 above and at right angles to the trebles, and the tenors in the top tier in an A frame. The tower is so small that it hardly seems possible for it to contain a ring of six—an illustration of the frame erected in the foundry can be seen facing page 21 of the late Ernest Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing," 1931 edition.

Incidentally, on a completely different subject, I would like to thank most sincerely all those who responded to my appeal for views of churches to complete entries in my peal book—I now need only photos of Hawkley, Hants, and St. Lawrence's, Brentford, Middlesex; if anyone has a spare view of either of these towers I would be delighted to hear from them!—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND (Rev.).

Great Yarmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Poor weather, influenza and Chelmsford City versus Colchester United in the F.A. Cup all doubtless combined to keep the attendance down at the Northern District annual meeting at Braintree on January 6th. However, those who did get to the gathering certainly made up for the numbers by keeping the meeting lively throughout.

The re-elected District Master, Mr. R. Lindsell, reported on a most promising year with a welcome increase in peals and quarters and a great number of "firsts."

The secretary, Mr. R. Threadgold, was able to continue in this vein with a healthy statement of the financial situation.

Thanks are due to the Braintree band for their welcome; the Vicar, the Rev. R. J. Mulrenan for his co-operation and for conducting the service; and the Rector of Black Notley for making his light five available in the evening. R. T.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Rings of Four in Nottinghamshire—By GEORGE A. DAWSON

(Continued from page 135)

Rolleston. — These bells can now only be chimed as the state of the fittings will not permit them to be rung up. They were all rung half up for a wedding some two years ago which resulted in the tenor man acquiring a large crop of blisters in ten minutes.

The third is a fine bell by John, of York. The tenor, in contrast, is one of the poorest pieces of bell metal I have ever seen, the inscription wandering around the bell. It was cast by Thomas Hedderly in 1778 and weighs about 14-15 cwt. Treble from Nottingham, 1697, and the second by George Oldfield II, in 1628.

Saundby.—Rung by members of the Retford area recently, the bells are said to go well despite the rapidly deteriorating conditions upstairs. One has to stand amongst piles of coke for the heating system at this ground floor ring. Hung in a wooden frame with plain bearings, there is room for two more bells at the side of the existing frame. The louvres are in poor condition—one set had fallen in when I visited the tower several months ago.

Treble by Henry Oldfield I, in 1605; the second is by George Oldfield, in 1620. The third is an undated Taylor bell of about 1800–1890 vintage. The tenor is a pre-Reformation bell of about 5¼ cwt bearing a saltire cross which is probably by one of the Seliok family of Nottingham, 1470–1540.

Sibthorpe.—Much restoration work has been done here in the last year. Prior to this the bells were thought unringable. However, it was discovered that they are hung in an early all-metal frame by Taylor's, dated 1893. All the bells were recast at this time. Previously they were a complete four of 1622–3 bearing the shields of George Oldfield II and Paul Hutton, who managed the Congleton branch of the Nottingham Foundry. Bells in Nottinghamshire by Hutton are rare—Cromwell 2/3, in 1622, and Selston 5/6 (also 1622) are the only other known examples. Tenor will be about 8 cwt.

A quarter peal was rung here recently.

Upton. — A ground floor ring here, where the ropes fall in the corners of the tower. It is a knuckle-scraping job to ring them. The long draught of loose rope, combined with old bearings, makes them a poor-going set of bells. One quarter peal has been rung here, on November 30th, 1963.

The tenor, about 8 cwt., bears the crowned badge ascribed to Henry Oldfield I. This badge occurs also on the 4th at Skegby, with the date September, 1551. The third and second by Henry II are dated 1589 and 1611 respectively, and the treble is a Taylor's recast (1887) of a bell by Thomas Hedderly in 1759.

Upper Broughton. — Augmented to four in 1948, these bells are hung in a metal frame for five. The treble is on ball-bearings, the three tenors on plain bearings. The bells are rung from the ground floor and go extremely well. The tenor, by George Oldfield I in 1620, weighs about 7 cwt. The 3rd is by his father, Henry II, in 1596. Trebles by Taylor's in 1948 and 1910 respectively.

Woodborough. — A fine but noisy (in the ringing chamber) four hung in a wooden frame for five bells. There have been several quarters, a long length and a peal, which was the first peal of Minimus in the county. This was rung on February 15th, 1964.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SIBTHORPE

Treble and third by Henry Oldfield II and the second and fourth are by Taylor's, 1886 and 1896 respectively.

There are also 4-bell towers at Gringley-on-the-Hill, Grove, Laneham and Osberton, but I have no information as to the state of these rings. No doubt members of the North Notts District would be able to help.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held on January 27th at St. Paul's Church, Salisbury. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. K. C. Cooper) and the Rev. G. Baverstock gave the address. An excellent tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared by local ladies.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. Longridge) presided at the business meeting. Tributes were paid by the Master to the late chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles. The secretary (Mr. G. A. Trimby) reported that membership of the Branch showed an increase of ten over the previous year; another encouraging feature was an increase in the number of junior members.

Officers elected were: Mr. N. Skelton chairman; Mr. D. Kerley, vice-chairman; Mr. G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; Mr. A. Newman, assistant secretary; Ringing Masters, Messrs. A. Haines, R. Jones and L. Page, with M. Carter and Mrs. A. Abrahams on the committee.

Meetings arranged for the coming year (subject to permission) are: Britford, Dinton, Martin, Broadchalke, St. Thomas', Fittleton, Coombe Bissett, Amesbury and Woodford. It was agreed that at practice meetings special attention will be given to ringers who are willing to learn change ringing. G. A. T.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

Despite the miserable wintry afternoon there was a good attendance on February 10th at Withyham, Sussex, with about 30 members at tea. At the meeting three new members were elected and there were three ratifications. The treasurer reminded members that their 1968 subscriptions were now due. The chairman confirmed that the annual general meeting on March 9th will be held at Edenbridge, with Hammerwood, Cowden, Limpsfield Chart and Chiddingstone bells also available. (For times see Notices.)

Because of Easter there will not be an April meeting. Messages of sympathy have been sent from the Guild to Mr. A. Relphe in his sad bereavement.

Thanks were offered to Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs for the tea, and to the Rector, the Rev. P. L. Scott, for taking the service. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. R. J. E.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Ringing varying from rounds to London Surprise took place at the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch at St. Giles'-on-the-Hill, Norwich, on February 10th, when just on 50 members attended. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. F. Drury), the lesson being read by the Branch chairman (Mr. G. Sayer).

Mrs. Golden and her helpers arranged an excellent tea, and at the business meeting the following elections to membership took place: Miss Marion Simmons (Inswood), Richard W. Key (Aylsham), Gordon, Elvin and Robert Fisher (Wymondham) re-elected, Martin Tinsey (Barnham) from probationer, Miss Ann Fellows and John Norris prior to peals. Ringing was resumed after the votes of thanks.

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The John Carter Ringing Machine

By W. H. DOBBIE

ON August 1st, 1961, I made my first acquaintance with the machine, when a small party of Kent County Association members were met at the Science Museum, South Kensington by Mr. Douglas Hughes. Mr. Hughes explained how the machine operated and we had the pleasure of hearing Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Major. With interest aroused and searching for information, I found drawings, a description and the history of the machine—and others— in six "Ringing Worlds" starting on March 17th, 1950. With the technical details absorbed, a further visit in December the same year proved to be more exciting than the first and I was better able to appreciate the skilled craftsmanship of John Carter and the precision of the ringing of his machine.

With my previous experiences well remembered, interest was again quickened at the Central Council meeting in 1965. Mr. Hughes ended his annual report on the machine by giving the opinion that the number of demonstrators should be increased from the ranks of "younger men." Here, I thought, was the chance I had been waiting for and, rather ignoring the "younger men" part of it, volunteered my services. Several months later I was delighted to receive an invitation to renew acquaintanceship with the machine in company with other volunteers. We were met at the Museum by the two trustees, Mr. D. Hughes and Mr. F. E. Haynes, and were given the opportunity of setting the machine to ring various methods and of studying its inner workings.

A perusal of the visitors book revealed the following interesting details: Stedman Cinques was the method mostly used for demonstrations, being twice as popular as London Surprise Major. Other methods used on occasions were Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Kent, Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Stedman Triples and Caters and Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques. Only two long lengths are recorded, being a quarter peal of Cambridge Maximus on September 26th, 1959, and a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,019 changes, conducted by Mr. John Chilcott. This peal was rung on September 7th, 1963, the composition was by John Carter (C.C. Collection No. 15) and the time was 3 hours and 11 minutes.

During 1966 and up to the present time I have made eight visits to the Museum to help with demonstrations and with some fresh methods to try on most occasions. The following methods have been rung on the machine for the first time (I think):

Dec. 3rd, 1966.—Eryri Surprise Major.

Jan. 4th, 1967.—Bristol Surprise Maximus and Crayford Surprise Major.

March 11th, 1967.—London Royal (No. 3) and Aldennam Surprise Maximus, Duffield Maximus was also rung on this occasion and is of some interest as it was the method used by John Carter when he gave the first demonstration of his machine to some friends (about 1905).

July 15th, 1967.—An unsuccessful attempt to ring three methods spliced was made and touches of Bristol were brought round.

Aug. 19th, 1967.—Touches of Spliced London, Superlative and Ealing were successfully rung.

Sept. 2nd, 1967.—On this occasion a peal of three-spliced was attempted but came to grief after one and a quarter hours and over 2,000 changes. The machine operated faultlessly, but the conductor called a bob a fraction too late and, as is usual, the machine proved to be more reliable than its operator.

Two demonstrations of the machine on December 11th were rather disappointing as a fault had developed which prevented touches from coming home properly. It was agreed with the permission of the "Trustees" to withdraw the machine from the Museum to investigate and correct this fault and to do several other things that required attention. During the period December 20th, 1967, to January 19th, 1968, the work was done and the machine was returned to the Museum in good condition.

During test ringing and at other times to compile a fairly extensive record of the performances of the machine a different method was used each time and the resulting diagrams have been filed. Plain courses and some short touches of 34 Surprise Major methods, four Surprise Royal and five Surprise Maximus methods were rung. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Duffield on all numbers were also rung, as also were touches of Double Norwich, three-spliced in three variations and half-lead spliced in six methods.

The following long lengths were also rung:

Dec. 24th. 1967.—1,260 Stedman Triples in 45 minutes.

Dec. 31st, 1967.—1,728 Spliced Rutland, Cambridge and London in 54 minutes.

Jan. 8th, 1968.—5,184 Spliced Rutland, Superlative and London in 2 hours and 44 minutes. (Composition by Cecil Mayne.)

Jan. 13th, 1968.—5,280 Bristol Surprise Maximus in 3 hours and 54 minutes. (Composition: Traditional 10 courses, conducted by Mrs. S. M. Dobbie.)



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OBITUARY

MR. J. H. MARSHALL

With regret we report the death on February 1st, at the age of 86 years, of Mr. John Henry Marshall, late of East Bridgford, Notts.

Although never a ringer in the true sense, he was a staunch supporter of his church, its bells and the ringing thereof. It was while he was farming at Cropwell Bishop in 1905 that the old four bells were rehung in a new iron frame, and it was he who gave a new treble bell to make five, in memory of his brother.

He then moved to Cropwell Butler, and later to Cotgrave, where he served his church on the P.C.C. and again, when Cotgrave bells were restored, he gave a treble to complete the six

It was here that he made his first contact with ringers and, in particular the late Walter White. He joined the Midland Counties Association and was proud of his membership. Later he retired and went to live at East Bridgford.

Prior to the funeral service at St. Giles', Cropwell Bishop, the bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Bingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild. W. L. E.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A well-attended annual meeting of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at St Mary's, Plympton, on February 3rd. Call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung during the afternoon.

Choral Evensong, in place of the now traditional Guild service, followed—a controversiad decision! Many members enjoyed the settings of the Canticles and the appropriate bell anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord Alway" by Purcell and all were pleased that the Ven. F. A. J. Matthews, Vicar of St. Mary's and Archdeacon of Plymouth, was assisted in leading the service by Fr. Paulinus Angold, of Buckfast Abbey, chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild.

After tea the business meeting took place. The report of the secretary and treasurer explained that the balance in hand was greatly reduced partly because of a subsidy paid on a social evening. Guild certificates were awarded to Alan Frost, Barry Knight, Christopher Luckraft Claire Maxwell-Jones, Diccon Pearce, Stephen Peirce and John Steere, all of the resurrected Stoke Damerel band.

A proposal that a rule of the Branch, limiting the terms of office of the chairman, secretary and treasurer and Ringing Master should be removed was declared out of order by the chairman. Consequently the officers elected were: Chairman, D. Roy Bould; vice-chairman, J. P. Sims; secretary and treasurer, Robert A. Southwood; Ringing Master, Miss Sylvia Sims; Deputy Ringing Master (a newly-created post), John C. Mitchelmore; Press officer, John Steere; auditor, Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst; representatives to the General Committee of the Guild, Barry Knight, George E. Mudge and Miss Patricia Sims.

Subject to permission, the spring meeting will be held at Holbeton on April 6th, the autumn meeting at Tamerton Foliot on October 5th, and the next annual meeting at Tavistock on January 25th.

Our thanks are due to the Vicar and parishioners of St. Mary's for their hospitality, and also to the Rev. K. A. Newing, of St. Maurice's Church, where members later enjoyed further ringing on the fine eight under the direction of the Branch's first lady Ringing Master. J. F. S.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

A company of over 40 attended the Ilchester Branch practice meeting at Drayton on February 3rd.

Ringing on the pleasant, tuneful eight (tenor 19 cwt.) was under the supervision of Messrs. W. E. Turner and Gordon W. Rendell. and included rounds, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

COMPOSITIONS

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By CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

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University of Bristol's Dinner Week-End

THIS year's dinner, held on January 27th, marked the 25th anniversary of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers.

The week-end began on Friday evening with the now traditional gathering at the Volley. By 9 p.m. the bar was completely full of ringers and by 10.30 p.m. (thanks to a noble piece of turning-in by a Birmingham University visitor) fuller!

On Dinner Day itself 18 towers were open for ringing. A silent and non-conducted peal of Grandsire Caters was rung for the Society at St. Stephen's, a first for the Society and a magnificent achievement by all. At the special general meeting Mr. P. J. Bird announced his resignation as general secretary. He was thanked for the hard work he had done during the seven years he had held this office. Mr. E. G. Mould was elected unopposed as his successor. Mr. Mould's address is 7, The Paddocks, Thornbury, Glos. Tel. Oldbury 4108).

THE LORD MAYOR

Almost 200 people sat down to dinner at the Senate House. We were very pleased to have as a guest the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Alderman the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones, better known to Bristol ringers as Rector of St. Michael's. Mr. P. J. Bird opened the speeches by proposing the toast to the City (and County!) of Bristol (a geographer on the committee had forgotten that Bristol was a county). He spoke of the ideal combination of numerous pubs and churches in Bristol, which seemed to attract numerous drinking bellringers. Unfortunately, due to improvements in the city road system, a few of the pubs had been demolished—what would happen to Dinner Week-end if they removed the Volley?

In referring to the anti-Welshness which exists among some Bristolians Mr. Bird stated that this was because the Welsh had first come over as missionaries to educate the Bristolians.

The Lord Mayor, who, as his name implies, is also Welsh, denied this by referring his argument to an important member of Mr. Bird's family!

The secretary, Miss G. M. Brearley ("a mere training college student"), in proposing the toast to "The Visitors," spoke of the Association of the University Society with St. Matthias' College, Fishponds. She also spoke of the thriving Association of the Northern Universities in ringing and expressed the hope that perhaps a Southern Universities Association might be formed in the not too distant future.

Mr. F. Sharpe (convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee) replied on behalf of the visitors. He remarked that in days gone by young ringers were trained by local bands and more often than not the bands stayed together, and many ringing traditions were maintained. Now this rarely happened, especially in smaller villages, but still the ringing experience was not lost as ringers progress to University Societies. University Societies only kept the keenest ringers.

In proposing the toast to the Society, Mr. R. Newton, Master of the Sussex University Guild, spoke of the connections between the two ringing societies. The Sussex University Guild was only formed in 1964 but it was making steady progress and the Master hoped that it would continue to grow as the University grew. In reply to Miss Brearley's suggestion that a Southern Universities Association might be formed, Mr. Newton stated that perhaps the Sussex University Dinner later on this year might be made the inaugural meeting of this new Association. He congratulated the University of Bristol Society on their ringing achievements over the last few years.

In the Master's speech, Mr. M. G. R. Zobel stated that Cupid, the now famous University figure, had been acting from afar this term owing to the fact that he had graduated last summer and no suitable successor had been found! Miss P. Bligh-Cheesman and Mr. C. Collier announced their engagement last term. Mr. Zobel spoke of the quarter peal successes so far this year, with four different conductors. Referring to the drinking habits of ringers he remarked that it was this time last year that the Society was thrown out of a pub for, believe it or not, not drinking enough! Mr. Zobel ended by stating that the Society was going from strength to strength and he hoped that this would be maintained.

The remainder of the evening was spent drinking and talking, during which one or two people were seen selling tickets for other University dinners—definitely a good opportunity!

Sunday morning, after ringing, saw a goodly gathering inside and outside the "Verrecchia" on the centre. The pavement was completely blocked by coffee-drinking ringers. Two policemen eyed us from afar but obviously decided that we weren't really causing an obstruction as they did nothing about it! E. M. E.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To casual readers. Have you enjoyed "The Ringing World"? Why not order a personal copy to be sent to you by post? Subscription rates on second page of cover.

With regret we learn that the president of the Norwich Diocesan Association (Mr. F. Nolan Golden) has again entered the West Norwich Hospital. We wish him well.

A farewell quarter peal was rung at Drayton, Oxon, to Mrs. Chappell and her family, who are emigrating to Australia. She is looking forward to ringing at Melbourne.

Ringing in the peal of Grandsire Caters at Beddington was John P. Hull, who celebrated his 13th birthday last December. A pupil of Mr. W. H. Jackson, of Kingston, John scored a very good first peal from the second. It he continues in this way he will be a credit to the Surrey Association.

The ringers of the peal at Banwell, Somerset, on February 10th, met one short because of sickness and are very grateful to John Walton, chairman of the Axbridge Branch, who stood in the peal at a moment's notice. Geoffrey Hebden, of Banwell, is to be congratulated for ringing "inside" to Rutland as his first peal of Major and first of Surprise, especially as he had expected to ring the treble, and had ten minutes' warning of the change of plan.

In the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Gressenhall (see page 109) the conductor was David E. House, who rang a composition by T. B. Worsley.

The action of Mr. Herrick B. Bowley, captain of Leicester Cathedral band, in standing down to allow another ringer to take part in a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus at the Cathedral on February 10th was much appreciated by the band. "A very fine gesture," writes the conductor.

By ringing the treble to a peal of Cambridge, Andrew Corby "completed the circle" on the new bells at Sevenoaks, which were installed in 1966. He is the first to do so, but only by a short head, as Miss Doris Colgate, the popular secretary of the Ladies' Guild, needs only the tenor.

Mary Pemberton, one of the late George Gilbert's girls, (now married and Mrs. Wells) returned to Burnham on February 10th after nearly 15 years and rang a faultless peal of Double Norwich. Peals in this method had defied her as she had had failures at Highclere (twice), Aldermaston and Blewbury. The band were glad to associate the peal with Reg Rex's 65th birthday, and all spent a happy hour afterwards in the local hostelry.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ECKINGTON

John Taylor has received the order to re-hang the bells at Holy Trinity Church, Eckington, Worcestershire. These are a ring of six cast in 1721 by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, and are stated to be the only complete ring by this founder left in the country. The tenor is 19½ cwt., and we think all the bells are sound. They are hung on a massive oak frame standing about six feet high, and this is the original frame.

The bells will be taken to the foundry to be tuned and quarter turned, with complete new fittings, and hung on a steel frame because the oak frame is past repair. Bonds of Burford carried out repairs to the bells in 1903. They are always rung for Sunday service.

A donor is paying for the extra cost of the frame for eight bells and is giving two trebles, so these bells will then make a good octave. The population of the parish is only about 850, and they have to find about £2,000 to complete the work. The Worcestershire Ringing Association has promised a grant of £50, but there will still be a great deal of money to be found.

NEWS FROM DURBAN

The quarter peal at St. Mary's, Durban, South Africa, on February 4th, breaks a silence of 12½ years at this tower. Previous quarters have been rung. on August 20th, 1955, and in 1929. The 1955 quarter was conducted by S. G. Osborne, a visitor from Rugby. The two quarters rung recently in Durban have been a stimulant to ringers in both towers. Mr. D. G. Armitage returns to the U.K. in April, but before then he hopes to ring a peal. The bells in the two Durban towers have never been pealed.

SHINGLED TOWERS

Mr. C. A. Bassett, of Wadhurst, writes with reference to his article on "Shingling" giving the following additional information: "The highest shingled spire in Sussex is at Horsham (140 feet) with Rotherfield (139 feet) a close second. Wadhurst's is 129 feet and Fletching's 110 feet. I am not sure of Billingshurst's; it has the largest spire of all but stands on a rather short tower."

There was a typographical error—the length of rope with the sets of pulley blocks should read 900 feet, not 90 feet.

WORSHIPPING BELLRINGERS

The Rev. F. H. Mountney, Vicar of All Saints', Hereford, has expressed his strong disapproval of the statement of Mr. M. V. Powell in connection with the Hereford recruiting drive that "there is no stipulation of religious belief for would-be bellringers and that whether or not they attend services after calling everybody else is entirely a matter of choice."

Writing to "The Hereford Times," the Vicar states: "For some years now we have had our own band of ringers, all of whom are members of our church and remain after ringing for service. I should not like new volunteer bellringers to be misled by Mr. Powell's words and I should be grateful if you would give equal publicity to our rule about worshipping bellringers at All Saints."

INVESTIGATING THE SWING AT MONTACUTE

Mr. W. A. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank, came to Montacute, Somerset, on February 9th to measure the movement of the tower during ringing. He set up his instrument in the doorway of the bell chamber and for the purpose of his tests he requested that Doubles should be rung with the tenor covering, so that the maximum oscillation could be expected.

One hundred and twenty changes each of Grandsire and Plain Bob were followed by a plain course of Stedman and then Mr. Hughes joined the ringers to take part in two touches of Plain Bob Minor. The readings obtained were: N–S 1/8th in., E–W 1–16th in. As these readings were taken 56 feet from the ground and approximately two-thirds the way up the tower, the readings at the top could be expected to be at least 3–16th in. N–S and 3/32 in. E–W, assuming the tower bends in a parabolic curve.

Compared with readings taken at other towers, Mr. Hughes considered these to be above average and could only be eliminated by rehanging the bells at a lower level and making the heavier bells swing E–W.

During ringing, the flagpole, which is 27 feet long, whips visibly and the weathercock changes direction like an auctioneer looking for bids at a sale. These factors tend to mislead people into thinking that the tower is moving several inches. G. W. R.

ZUMMERZET AND THE ABBEY

Us doant know! Us be only Zummerzet volk and we baint supposed t'be wot yew mid call "brainy." But up there in Lunnon they be meaking a vine how-de-do about they Abbey bells. Well, all we do zay is this: We be Bath and Wells an' do live down yur be the Yeo an' do call ourzelves "Ilchester," an' wot they be meaking zuch a vuss vor we doant unnerstand.

We down yur do ring our bells on the Zabbath vur the glory of God an' to call volks to His House. We got zum virst class ringers an' zum mighty vine rings o' bells, zo wot do we worry about wot they d'do up in thik Abbey—**leave 'em be!**

An' if there be anybody who d'want to ring, cum on down yur—cos in Zummerzet there baint noo "Strangers."

MONS ACUTUS.

CROSSWORD No. 8

The winner of Crossword No. 8 is Miss Carol Martin, Hetherwood, Dodds Road, Reigate, to whom a prize of 10s. has been sent. The solution is:

Across.—1 Toggle, 4 Top class, 9 Evicts, 10 Sturgeon, 12 Bideford, 13 Missal, 15 Eton, 16 Assurances, 19 Red or black, 20 Emir, 23 Access, 25 Rescored, 27 Islander, 28 London, 29 Generate, 30 Assets.

Down.—1 Tremble, 2 Guildford, 3 Let off, 5 Oats, 6 Carnival, 7 Amens, 8 Singles, 11 Trestle, 14 Quicker, 17 Cambridge, 18 Prisoner, 19 Reading, 21 Ridings, 22 A cross, 24 Colon, 26 Seat.

COME! COME!!

There was a conductor from Brum,
Who said to his ringers "Come, Come,"
When I call a bob,
Please get on with the job,
And don't stand there looking so dumb.

Anon.

OUR COMPETITION

URANGWOT III

I was staying with a ringing friend of mine recently when the telephone rang. "That is awkward," Frank said when he came back from answering it, "they want another one for a quarter of Grandsire Triples at Much Clashing tonight, it's our practice night and we'll be a bit short" "Could I help? You know I can only manage the tenor behind, but I wouldn't mind obliging if they'd have me," I offered. "A tenor man would do. The rest can all ring 'inside,' so here's how you get there," Frank replied. I noted down the instructions and went along.

When I returned Frank had hardly got the door open before he was asking, "Well! How did you get on?" "Very well,' I said, "we rang quite a good quarter." "Did you have a whip round for 'The Ringing World,' who was in it and what bells did they ring?" "They've got you off pretty well," I smiled, "for they gave me the letter to post after showing to you as proof that 'The Ringing World' had not been forgotten, but, as to the second part, they gave me some information to pass on to you and let you work the rest out for yourself!"

I then passed on these points. The ringers were Alice, Brenda. Carol, David, Edward, Fred and George and they came from three families only. Brenda belonged to one family, Fred to another and Edward to the third. Fred and George were just boys and the others were Mr. and Mrs. Black, Mr. and Mrs. White and Mrs. Green. Alice rang the treble, David rang the second and Mrs. White the third. Leaving the tenor ringer out of these considerations, it turned out that no two members of any family were ringing next to each other, and the two men, two boys and three ladies were all separated. It also happened that each of the boys was ringing as far from his mother as the seven bells allowed.

Frank fished out an old envelope from his pocket and asked for the details to be read out again slowly. He was still busy when his wife called out that supper was ready. "Tell you what," said Frank, "that problem might be worth sending up to 'The Ringing World.'"

A prize of 10s. is offered to the first correct answer opened on March 1st. Address envelope: URANGWOT III. "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford. Please do not include Notices in envelope.

GOOD DEEDS WITH HANDBELLS

Scouts of the 2nd Sandgate Troop, near Folkestone. are entertaining old people with popular tunes on handbells. They intend to make handbell ringing a permanent feature and are to buy a new set costing £100.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE FRED SALTER

Friends of the late Fred Salter will know how much of his life he devoted to bellringing, in service to his tower and in Guild offices. He served St. Peter's, Nottingham, for over 40 years, latterly as Master of the ringers.

The St. Peter's Company of Ringers propose to erect a suitable bookcase in St. Peter's ringing chamber to his memory; this will house the ringers' library. Anyone wishing to help towards the cost should send their donations to the undersigned:

David Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

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TOWER BELL PEAL

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PEBMARSH, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Tues., Oct. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 26 methods in seven extents as follows: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (2) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (4) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (7) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt

Philip Thompson	Treble	David E Culham	4
Vivien A. P. Cross	2	Brian J Vaughan	5
Walter Arnold	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Condurted by Stephen D. Humphrey..

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BANWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt 4 lb. in D

*John S Walton	Treble	Peter J England	5
Michael G Bartlett	2	‡Roy W Rice	6
†Geoffrey Hebden	3	Walter S Rice	7
George W. Massey	4	Edgar T Skipsey	Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by George W. Massey
* 100th peal and first in the method. † First of Major and first of Surprise. ‡ First of Rutland "inside." First on the bells since rededication in September, 1966, following extensive tower restoration and rehanging of the bells in a new frame

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr 12 lb.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	John Moore	5
Derek Yates	2	Gerald Moorhouse	6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	Alan McFall	7
Bernard F L. Groves	4	William H. Dowse	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 13 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven extents as follows: (1) St Werburgh and Crowland Delight, (2) Combermere and Vale Royal Delight, (3) Kingston and Capel T.B., (4) Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure T B (5) London Surprise, (6) Oxford T B. (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 14 cwt.

G Richard King	Treble	Denis Mottershead	4
Sidney Hough	2	Alex Richardson	5
Geoffrey R. Gardner	3	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
Rung after meeting short for Major, Miss Margaret Wright kindly standing down.

CHETWYND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr. 22 lb. in A sharp.

David Allman	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
Frank R Morton	2	John R. Scott	5
A. Doreen Edwards	3	Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

Bernard Greasley	Treble	Ivan Barlow	5
Joyce Chadwick	2	George Futers	6
Nora Carlisle	3	John V Chadwick	7
Robert J. Tanner	4	Denis R Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
Rung to the memory of Sir Arthur Heywood.

DERBY.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Thurs., Feb. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr 14 lb. in F sharp

Geoffrey Bridges	Treble	Harold Taylor	5
Gordon A. Halls	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Clive A. Thrower	3	A. Colin Banton	7
Brian A. Tomlinson	4	David W Friend	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Jan. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven extents: Carlisle, Chester, Norwich, York Cambridge Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr

Colin M Shaw	Treble	John Moore	4
Nora Carlisle	2	Ivan Barlow	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	John V Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Feb. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Eleven methods, comprising Carlisle, Chester and Munden, York Durham, London and Wells, Norwich, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr

John Moore	Treble	Ivan Barlow	4
Nora Carlisle	2	John V Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
Most Surprise methods by all.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St Katharine.
On Sat., Feb 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, St Clement's College Bob and Kent Treble Bob, a 2,160 of Cambridge Surprise (C.C.C Nos 57, 54 and 56) and one extent of Plain Bob
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Christopher D. Corby	Treble	Peter T. Dale	4
Robert D Bellamy	2	George E Bonham	5
Julia A. Fellows	3	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 12 methods in seven extents as follows: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise. (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) St Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5 and 7) Plain Bob (6) Oxford Plain and Double Bob Tenor 5½ cwt.

Walter Arnold	Treble	Adrian G Semken	4
*Robert J. Isgar	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
James L. Towler	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Wed., Feb. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 28 methods in seven extents as follows: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (2) College Bob IV Willesden Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (4) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (7) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Alfred E. Honeywood	Treble	Peter G Pitt	4
Vivien A. P Cross	2	Frank B Lufkin	5
Brian J. Vaughan	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin

GREAT TOTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Feb 9, 1968 in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents of Cambridge, one Kent, two St Clement's and two of Plain Bob Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. in B flat.

*Ian V. Foster	Treble	Neil V Avis	4
Josephine A Quilter	2	Peter G Brown	5
†John A. Clarke	3	*James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by James L. Towler.
* 25th peal together † First in four methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HASLEMERE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat. Feb 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt 6 lb. in F sharp.

Peter G. Smart	Treble	†Martin J. Kirk	6
John W Euston	2	†Christopher M White	7
Margaret M. Lewis	3	*Tony Skilton	8
*Felicity S Hamilton	4	Roy Collins	9
*Angela J Smart	5	A Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by H. J Tucker Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.
Rung in connection with the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Guild.

FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb 10 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Kenneth R Davenport	5
David C. Brown	2	Walter G. Knight	6
Alan R Pink	3	William Birmingham	7
Sydney M. Bailey	4	Harold P Reed	Tenor

Composed by C J. Sedgley Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
Rung in connection with the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Guild, of which the conductor is a founder member.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Simon A B. Wigg	Treble	*Malcolm Barden	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Alexander Waddington	3	†Richard Hayes	7
Christopher T. Osenton	4	†Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by J. R Ketteringham. Conducted by C. T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method † 25th peal together. 100th peal as conductor.

NEW ROMNEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb in E.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	†Malcolm Barden	5
*Judith M. Corby	2	Christopher T. Osenton	6
*Richard Hayes	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	7
†Simon A. B. Wigg	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Simon A B. Wigg Conducted by Martin L. Howe.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 3 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb in F.

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Doris E Colgate	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
*Philip J. Simmonds	3	Harold Evans	7
†Maurice Thompson	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton Conducted by Philip A. Corby
* First peal of Surprise † First on eight bells.

GOUDHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt 5 lb. in D.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Olive D. Tester	2	Peter S Muchlinski	6
*Judith M. Corby	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Trevor A Cross	4	Colin A. Tester	Tenor

Composed by C W Roberts. Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* 150th peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Shirley Town on her engagement.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

LAZONBY, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
Being 120 extents of Single Court Bob and 90 extents of Plain Bob, rung in alternate sets of 30 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

Kevin M Price	Treble	†William Kenyon	3
*Mary W. Whalley	2	Joseph Whalley	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M Price.
* First peal in two methods on tower bells † First in two methods First in two Minimus methods by all. The conductor's 25th peal on tower bells. Fastest peal on the bells and first peal in two methods on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	J Henry Fielden	7
W Eric Critchley	2	Rupert A. Clarke	8
Beryl E Cawser	3	Richard J. Parker	9
James R. White	4	E. Alan Jacques	10
J Edward Cawser	5	Russell S. Morris	11
Alan A. Paul	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus by all the band except the ringers of 10 and 11.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, Leics.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being two extents Cambridge S., one each Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

K. Burdett	Treble	*R. M. Wilson	4
Mary Barras	2	J Tickle	5
D Swift	3	F. Chambers	Tenor

Conducted by F Chambers.
* First peal of Minor.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COITY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 360 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Dedworth, All Saints' and April Day, 1,200 of Plain Bob and 2,400 of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

Raymond J. Mayle	Treble	Alwyn R. Lewis	4
William T. Petty	2	Gwyn I Lewis	5
D R. Lynn Jones	3	Derek J. Godfrey	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
Fastest peal on the bells.

TREDUNNOC, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Feb. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

Marion R Bennett	Treble	John Prytherch	4
*Richard J. Hall	2	†David L. Phillips	5
Paul A. Williams	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal. † 25th peal. First of Minor on the bells.

CADOXTON, near Neath.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Clifford's Pleasure, six of April Day, 14 Plain Bob and 16 Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr 2 lb.

W. John Locke	Treble	Gwyn I Lewis	4
Benjamin Williams	2	Alwyn R. Lewis	5
Edmund J Morris	3	David Culpan	Tenor

Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.
First peal as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

Ronald K. Russ	Treble	Jeffrey Britchford	5
Ann Horsford	2	Roger A. Gage	6
Diane M. Mullins	3	Michael J. Palmer	7
David C. Brown	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BELMONT SURPRISE MAJOR
Composition of 27 courses. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

H George Hart	Treble	Alick Cutler	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	G William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
John Hill	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T Blagrove.
First peal in the method: A. J Corrigan's No. 1 (Abingdon, renamed Belmont, rung with 4ths place bob,

BELMONT SURPRISE MAJOR
BX, —58—14—58—16—34—58—34—18, i.e. 3527486.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile
On Tues., Feb. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SINGLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Robert L. Piron	2	Frank Chambers	6
Rev. M C. C. Melville ..	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by G. Ronald Edwards. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb in E flat.

Janet House	Treble	*John R Norris	5
*Angela M. Wright	2	George P Adams	6
*David G. Adams	3	Peter Adcock	7
Leslie F. Bailey	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

Marjorie C. Hibbert ..	Treble	Clifford J. Garlick	5
*Patricia E Hibbert ..	2	Michael Bishop	6
Henry L. Bishop	3	*John H. Napper	7
George W. Bishop	4	Leonard F. Cox	Tenor

Conducted by John H Napper
* 25th peal together.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. H. A. Smith Masters. Vicar of this parish 1921–1961.

GREAT TEW, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968 in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

*Jean Marlow	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke ..	5
*Diana Reeves	2	*Barry J Davis	6
*Ronald K. Russ	3	*Robert A. Reeves	7
*Raymond A. Vickers ..	4	George W. Holland ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by George W. Holland.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev T. W. Griffith

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 10 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Harold W. Dunsden ..	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
†Mary Wells	2	James P Blond	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	David A. Cornwall ..	7
Robert B Blond	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd
* 50th peal † First of Double Norwich.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Reg Rex.

BRADFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In six methods: (1) Fawley, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Carlisle, (4 and 5) Ipswich and 1,440 Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Catherine A. Salter ..	Treble	Jonathan R Rowson ..	4
Robert M. Ashman	2	A. Keith P. Poole	5
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Christopher I. Rowson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
Fawley Surprise (see "Ringing World," page 86) believed to be rung for the first time.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven varied extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B

Frank Taylor	Treble	Patsy M Barnes	4
*Cynthia E. Barnett	2	John G. Mitchell	5
J. Charles Hudson	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
* First peal "inside."

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D.

Maurice F. Edwards ..	Treble	James W Belshaw	7
Susan E. Smith	2	John R. Insley	8
Muriel Reay	3	J Alan Ainsworth	9
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Norman J. Goodman ..	10
James Insley	5	George E. Fearn	11
*Stephen W. Barton	6	David J. Purnell	Tenor

Composed by John E. Chilcott. (C.C.C. No. 31.)
Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal on 12 bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	David J Purnell	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Terry R Hampton	8
Norman J. Goodman ..	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	10
James W. Belshaw	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Feb. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Norman J. Goodman ..	Treble	*Mark Androlia	7
George E. Fearn	2	Terry R. Hampton ..	8
Susan E Smith	3	John R. Insley	9
Maurice F. Edwards ..	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	10
James Insley	5	Peter J. Stretton	11
James W. Belshaw	6	David J. Purnell	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to David James Pipe, born to Gillian and Rod Pipe on the previous day.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 66 lb. in E flat.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	6
*Christopher J. Hughes ..	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
*Philip J. Evans	3	Arthur Pritchard	8
Clifford A. Barron	4	*Ernest F Willcox	9
*Reginald H. Newton ..	5	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

BICTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt in G.

*M. Cecilia Evans	Treble	*Michael Orman	4
Reginald H. Newton ..	2	Philip R. Johnson	5
F. Hector Bennett	3	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Conducted by F. Hector Bennett.
* First peal of Minor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

OGBOURNE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in two methods,: 24 Plain Bob and 18 Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. in F

*Timothy R. Jones	Treble	Rev. Roger Keeley	3
*Ann Toomer	2	Colin D Wilkins	4
		Allan G. Keen	Tenor

Conducted by Allan G. Keen.
* First peal of Doubles First of Doubles as conductor.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of five since 1719.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAWTRY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Harry Poyner	Treble	Harold Denman	4
Paul N Mounsey	2	John A Coates	5
*Philip Rogers	3	Alan Jewitt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Jewitt

* First peal on an inside bell. First as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon N. F. H. White, on his retirement

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

THEBERTON Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan 6 1968 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T B two extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob Tenor 6 cwt

*Robert Cassidy	Treble	Vernon Bedford	4
Stephen Bedford	2	Norman P. J. Cossey	5
Thomas J Brock	3	Stephen F High	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F High.

* First peal in three methods

BENHALL Suffolk —At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Adrian Knights	Treble	Stephen Bedford	4
John Marjoram	2	Peter Bedford	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	Vernon Bedford	Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat. Feb. 3 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb in E flat.

Richard C. Stevens	Treble	Juliet Stoy	6
*John P. Hull	2	‡Keith Game	7
†Christine A. Foster	3	C. Martin Foster	8
†Lesley A. Hawes	4	Nigel Thomson	9
‡Elizabeth Timmins	5	Bernard J. Stone	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Caters.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb in G sharp.

Harry Miles	Treble	W. Reginald Curtis	4
Marion L. Lidgey	2	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
Anthony Locke	3	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by F Malcolm Bowers.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung for the Feast of St. Uny.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

NETHERTON Dudley Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Jan 26 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's six-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Susan F Smith	Treble	Eric Spence	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	6
*Jovce J Barton	3	John N. Lindon	7
Peter J Brown	4	Stephen W. Barton	Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal on eight bells.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Reginald Rowe	Treble	Paul Cattermole	5
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	Reginald Woodyatt	6
Allen Morgan	3	David Franklin	7
Joseph D. Johnson	4	*Thomas W Lewis	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* 50th peal on the bells Rung as a compliment to Mr Roger Lewis (eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. W. Lewis) on his 21st birthday and also on his engagement to Miss Jennifer Nunney. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIGHLINGTON West Yorkshire —At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Jan. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Rev. Nicholas D. J Webb	Treble	Ronald J Snack	5
Iris M. E Lemare	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
Michael R Meadows	3	Henry Fielden	7
Ronald R. Warford	4	H David Holland	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

NORTON Yorkshire —At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr 20 lb.

Sedman H. Steel	Treble	Michael D. Staniforth	5
*Susan Mitchell	2	*Bert Sutton	6
*Jane Carruthers	3	Alan E Hartley	7
*R. Joy Watkin	4	Alan Leggett	Tenor

Composed by C W. Roberts. Conducted by Alan Leggett.

* First peal in the method

SADDLEWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Feb. 10. 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	*Alan Clifton	5
David S Lockwood	2	*Eric Robinson	6
Gail Cater	3	Ian North	7
Robert Cater	4	†Albert E Wood	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal.

KIRK DEIGHTON, West Yorkshire —At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 10. 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods viz.: (1) Cambridge. (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Reverse Canterbury (5) Kent T.B., (6) Southrepps (7) Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
Susan Mitchell	2	Alan Newbold	5
*Suzanne Withers	3	†Charles Maxfield	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in seven methods. † First local ringer to "circle the tower" to peals.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts	1-2	Gerald Moorhouse	5-6
C Kenneth Lewis	3-4	*Lawrence Haines	7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal "in hand."

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sun., Jan. 28. 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Kennington Southrepps, St. Columb, April Day, Old and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*†Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	*‡John R Scott	3-4
		†‡Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6

* 100th peal. † 100th together. ‡ 100th together. First of seven Doubles methods/variations "in hand" by all.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., Feb. 4, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 of Grandsire and 480 each of Rev St Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps, St. Columb, April Day, Old and Plain Bob Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	John R Scott	3-4
		Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6

First peal of 11 Doubles methods/variations "in hand" by all.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., Jan 8. 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1-2	Gerald Penney	7-8
Martyn L. J. Jordan	3-4	John R. Mayne	9-10
Brian J. Woodruffe	5-6	Roger Baldwin (cond.)	11-12

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Rhossilli, Wick Avenue.
On Sun., Jan. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

Gerald Penney	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5-6
Julia A Fellows	3-4	Martyn L. J Jordon	7-8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Hertfordshire.— At The School.
On Sun., Feb. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 22 in C.

Gerald Penney	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5-6
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	Walter Ayre	7-8
Michael D. Frost	9-10		

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA QUARTER PEALS

PERTH.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancie J. Page 1, L. R. Reynolds 2, Heather A. Mann 3, Eileen S. Palin 4, B. E. Potts 5, W. Palin (cond.) 6, T. J. Gregory 7, A. R. Mann 8. A farewell to the conductor, his wife and family. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nancie J. Page 1, Helen J. Henderson (cond.) 2, J. J. Carter 3, T. J. Gregory 4, B. J. Lawes 5, A. R. Mann 6. A farewell to the Dean of Perth.

MIDDLE SWAN.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Eileen S. Palin 1-2, Heather A. Mann 3-4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6, B. E. Potts 7-8. A welcome home to Basil Potts, T. Gregory and D. Green. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Spliced Major (Plain, Little and Gainsborough): Jenny Lees 1-2, Heather A. Mann (25th quarter) 3-4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6, Helen J. Henderson 7-8.

CORRIGAN.—At the shearing shed, "Glen More", on Jan. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jenny Lees 1-2, Helen J. Henderson 3-4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5-6, Heather A. Mann 7-8. Rung to the accompaniment of clucking chooks (hens).

DATE TOUCH

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1968 Grandsire Doubles. Grace Taylor 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, E. Potter 4, D. Bedford 5. Rung for Candlemas. First date touch by all.

ASHFORD, KENT. — On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Bob Triples: Helen Rowland (first of Triples) 1, Margaret Jones 2, R. Swift 3, N. J. Davies (cond.) 4, C. Wylde 5, R. A. Swift 6, D. C. Manger 7, F. G. Huckstepp 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: M. Ruth Hewson (first quarter) 1, Margaret Jones 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, D. Manger 4, R. A. Swift 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, R. Swift 7, J. C. Clark 8. For Evensong.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Vivienne Smith 3, P. A. Lock (first as cond.) 4, Valerie Stephens 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts 7, L. J. Burton 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Vivienne Smith (first in method) 1, A. J. Garbett (first "inside") 2, Valerie Stephens 3, R. F. Shepperd 4, P. A. Lock 5, G. S. Duncan 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. Rung for the wedding of Barry Richards and Sheelagh O'Grady.

BACKWELL, SOM.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. G. Phillips 1, P. J. England 2, Monica E. Horseman 3, J. Brain 4, S. G. Smith 5, L. J. Derrick 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, W. J. Lott 8. Rung to mark the commissioning of the Rector, Rev. J. T. George, as Rural Dean of Portishead.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. J. Curtis 1, Beryl M. Twigg 2, Caroline Stewart 3, J. M. Rice 4, P. N. Mackley 5, R. M. Day 6, E. Shuttleworth 7, D. R. McLean (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong by members of N.U.S.C.R. as a birthday compliment to Peter N. Mackley.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Barbara A. Pales 1, Susan L. King (first "inside") 2, Sheila I. Smith 3, A. S. Smith 4, D. G. Carr 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung as a token of goodwill to mark the opening of the new Baptist Church. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. F. Flint (first quarter) 1, J. G. Flint 2, B. F. R. Mullins 3, D. G. Carr 4, A. S. Smith 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the consecration of the Rt. Rev. J. Hare.

BLAGDON, SOM. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,250 London Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, Brenda H. Boyce 3, D. G. Massey 4, W. S. Rice 5, J. C. Sheppard 6, R. W. Rice 7, G. W. Massey (cond.) 8. First of London Major 3, 6. For the Feast of the Purification.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX. — On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Sitch 1, Miss J. Cullwick 2, E. W. Furbank 3, F. R. Goddard 4, A. Pryke 5, V. J. Dale 6, H. Turner (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Cullwick.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Snoswell (cond.) D. Nibbs, Miss C. Mackie, M. Loveday, V. Sheppard, R. Minton, Miss M. Kemp and one other.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Rose Wratten (cond.) 1, Minnie Watts 2, Elizabeth Todd (first of Kent "inside") 3, Annie Raynor 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, B. T. Watts 6. For the 16th anniversary of the Queen's Accession.

QUARTER PEALS

COTTINGHAM, YORKS. — On Feb. 4th, 1,281 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss I. E. Piper 1, Mrs. J. M. Booth 2, Mrs. J. M. Pybus 3, J. I. Booth 4, G. W. Pybus 5, R. A. Bradley 6, C. C. Brown 7, P. N. Pailing (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX — On Dec. 3rd, 1,334 Grandsire Triples: G. Upton 1, R. V. Johnson 2, J. Jeffery 3, G. Ford 4, S. Upton 5, B. Dixon 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, S. Brett 8. To welcome Jonathan William, son of George and Shirley Ford, born November 5th.

DURBAN SOUTH AFRICA. — At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 4th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: J. I. Maeder 1, C. Chambers (first of Grandsire as cond.) 2, N. J. Ashmore 3, R. J. Philogene 4, G. D. Armitage 5, H. B. Bruiners 6. First quarter 4, 6. First of Grandsire 3, 5. For Evensong.

EALING MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Felton 1, W. G. Wilson 2, A. M. Stacey 3, P. M. Felton (cond.) 4, T. Aldridge 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, N. F. Felton 8. For Morning Service. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Pearce 1, W. G. Wilson 2, A. M. Stacey 3, F. W. Goodfellow 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, F. Bishop 6, M. Sprackling (cond.) 7, G. Pearce 8. For the induction of the Vicar, Rev. Eric Veevers.

EVERCREECH SOM.—On Jan. 26th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. G. Salmon 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, P. J. England 3, Brenda H. Boyce 4, G. W. Massey (cond.) 5, R. W. Rice 6, W. S. Rice 7, J. C. Sheppard 8, D. G. Massey 9, E. I. Skipsey 10. First of Cambridge Royal 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Taylor 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bishop 3, G. W. Shanks 4, D. M. Trueman 5, J. Winram 6, M. J. Uphill 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, E. J. Adams 10. First on ten bells 1, 5, 10. For Evensong.

GODSHILL, I.O.W. — On Feb. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Denness 1, Elsie Wyatt 2, F. Taylor 3, L. Bailey 4, F. Green 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 5. To mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. — At the Cathedral, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Atkins 1, M. Novell 2, Carolyn Tubbs 3, R. Gee 4, J. Collier 5, M. Kirk 6, D. Tubbs (cond.) 7, J. Sewell 8. For the 40th anniversary of the Guildford Guild.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh and H. Carter 1, R. J. Willey 2, G. W. Marsh (cond.) 3, Janet Carey, D. Loach and R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 1st, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): S. M. O'Neill (first quarter) 1, S. M. Anthony 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

KENILWORTH, WARKS. — On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. D. Jones (first quarter) 1, A. J. Cox 2, E. Anthea M. Spamboll 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, P. S. Reading 5, J. Royal 6. Rung non-conducted. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Royal 1, S. J. Reading (first quarter) 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, P. S. Reading 4, A. J. Cox 5, S. F. Royal (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Royal 1, G. A. Jones (first quarter) 2, A. K. Griffiths 3, S. F. Royal 4, Shirley E. Jones (cond.) 5, H. C. Bennett 6.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hollis 1, P. Royds-Jones 2, Jennie Brown 3, Catherine Reed (first as cond. in method) 4, M. Rigby (first in method) 5, R. A. Grant 6, D. Gebbett 7, J. Machell 8.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, Jane Markham 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, A. Foot (first "inside") 5, R. Jones 6. For Evensong.

LONG ASHTON, SOM. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Cambridge, London, Yorkshire): G. Salmon 1, S. Brown 2, Diana M. Chapman 3, E. T. Lee 4, P. J. England 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, P. Bridle 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major 4, 6; similarly as conductor.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Crane (first quarter) 1, E. Stuart 2, L. Seaton 3, T. Barnard (first as cond.) 4, R. Thompson 5, K. Bartle (first quarter) 6. First "inside" 2, 3, 5. Rung on the 16th anniversary of the Queen's Accession; also on the birthday of the tenor ringer.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy Cox 1, C. R. Cox 2, Ann Butcher 3, A. J. Poulton 4, L. C. Meadows 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3, 5. An engagement compliment to Wendy Cox and L. C. Meadows.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,296 Treble Bob Minor: Ken and Oxford): M. D. Trigg (cond.) 1, P. J. Cranfield (first quarter "inside") 2, Mrs. C. A. Agg 3, R. Pettit 4, A. R. Agg 5, D. Butterworth 6.

NORWICH.—At St. George's Church Colegate, on Jan. 21st, 1,360 Minor (London S. and Plain): Angela M. Wright 1, Barbara M. Payne 2, D. Cubitt 3, Janet House 4, D. E. House (cond.) 5, G. H. Pullin 6.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. West (first quarter) 1, Judith H. Harvey (first "inside") 2, Sue M. Heyworth 3, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, P. H. Mackie 6. For morning service.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Maggs 1, R. Tibbles 2, P. Robertson (cond.) 3, R. Liddell 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, M. Maggs 6, R. Newman 7, D. Deakins 8. For the 21st birthdays of M. Maggs and R. Tibbles.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. V. Collison 1, R. D. Divall 2, J. E. Warner 3, Mrs. J. E. Warner 4, C. Bassett (first in method) 5, H. Stacey 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, I. Cockrane (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (J. Reeves'): Erica Pankhurst (first Major) 1, J. H. Thompson (first Major "inside") 2, Kay Whittiker (first Major) 3, D. J. Barnett 4, L. P. Cox 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6, D. A. Burt 7, R. L. Coles 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew (7, 6, 8 covering): M. J. Hawkins 1, J. H. Thompson 2, Erica Pankhurst 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. L. Coles (first in method as cond.) 5, Hilary Jacobs 6, Shirley A. Cox 7, Valerie Thompson 8. First in method by all except 4. A 14th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY. — On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Jill Edwardes 1, Jill M. May 2, Yvonne B. Lewin 3, D. A. R. May (cond.) 4, F. W. Lewin 5, J. M. C. Edwardes 6. Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. First quarter 1, 6. First "inside" 3, 5.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Woodward 1, Jane Mason 2, Susan Harrison 3, P. Fox 4, H. Reynolds 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3. For the Feast of the Purification.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Jan. 28th, 1,309 Bob Doubles: Deborah Bishop 1, Caroline Madge 2, M. Burn (first Doubles) 3, A. Bagworth (cond.) 4, A. Bishop 5.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 Grandsire, 780 Plain Bob): D. F. Willcocks 1, Gloria J. Simpson 2, A. G. Spreadbury (cond.) 3, R. L. Horder 4, G. Clarke 5, W. C. G. Wainwright 6. First in three methods 2, 4, 6. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Jill Williams and David Reed.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Two towers were visited by the Northern District on February 3rd—Weston and Graveley. Some fair ringing was achieved on the five bells by those who found their way up to the tower. A variety of methods were rung, including Spliced Doubles.

From Weston a convoy of cars set off for Graveley, the leaders changing at the successive farm tracks and "no through" roads up which they tried to go. With very few losses, however, we reached Graveley, where ringing had just commenced on the pleasant six. Cambridge, London, Norwich and York were achieved before 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal.

M. R. W.

We regret to hear that Mr. A. W. Coles is in St. Peter's Ward, St. Albans City Hospital, Normandy Road. He would welcome letters.

The new Bolton Branch secretary is Mr. A. J. Illingworth, 352, Bolton Road, Westhoughton, Bolton.

COMPOSITIONS

Some Musical Surprise Methods

By ROGER BALDWIN

MR. S. HUMPHREY in his article entitled "Irregular Major Methods," published on December 1st, 1967, discusses the possibility of obtaining musical methods with other than Plain Bob lead-ends. This is more than just a possibility—in fact two months earlier, on October 5th, at Bushey, I conducted the first peal in such a method—Piccadilly Surprise Major, the composition containing 144 combination roll-ups. As many people have expressed interest in this type of method I am now publishing a short selection illustrating what can be achieved musically.

The musical structure of a method and its lead-end are intimately bound together and must be carefully matched to produce the best effects. To illustrate the point, consider the following, the first two sections of methods M1 and M2. Rung with Plain Bob lead-ends, this backwork is musically very limited and misses out about half the 78's, but rung with the (irregular) lead-end 14258367 it is transformed into a delightfully musical method with 6578's when the treble in 3–4 and peal compositions with 144 combination roll-ups. It is worth noting, by the way, that the changes at the backstroke lead of the treble's dodge in 1–2 up are then the lead-ends (in reverse order) of a course of Plain Bob starting from 12346578.

12345678
21435687
12346578
21364758
23167485
32614758
32167485
23614758
32641578

Finally, Mr. Humphrey requests a formula relating conjugate pairs with a given coursing order. This is best obtained from the lead-end of the method A, say, given by $A = B\,R\,B^{1}$, where B is the given coursing order, B^{1} its inverse and R is one of the cyclic transpositions (R = 3456782, for example).

Surprise Major.

The methods, all with 2nds place lead-ends:

M1:	56—38, 14—12—38—12—38—14—78.	i.e. 4258367.
M2:	56—38, 14—12—38—12—38, 14—12, 78.	i.e. 4258367.
M3:	56—58, 16—56—38—38—58, 14—14, 58.	i.e. 4263785.
M4:	34—38, 14—12—38—14—58—14—58.	i.e. 4257386.
M5:	34—38, 14—12—38, 14—14, 58, 14—14, 58.	i.e. 4257386.
M6:	34—38, 14—12—38—14—58, 14—12, 58.	i.e. 4257386.
M7:	34—38, 14—12—38, 14—14, 58—34—58.	i.e. 4257386.
M8:	—56—14—58—16—34—38—16—78	i.e. 8756324.

Methods M1, M2.

5,088

23456	Vths	In/VIths	W	H
36452		2	—	—
25346	2		—	3
62345			—	
23645		x		

Twice repeated.

Contains 144 combination roll-ups.

First rung at Bushey on October 5th, 1967, to Method M1, which was named Piccadilly Surprise Major.

Method M3.

5,088

23456	B	M	H
34256			2
53246		—	3
56342	x	—	—
26543	x	—	
23645	x	—	—

Twice repeated.

Contains 138 combination roll-ups.

Methods M4, M5, M6 and M7.

The composition for M1 and M2 may be rung to these methods, but it is best reversed as follows:

5,088

23456	W	5ths/Out	M	H
42356				—
32546	—	3		
42635	—		2	—
23645	—			2

Twice repeated.

Contains 144 combination roll-ups.

Method M4 was first rung at Bushey, Herts, on December 7th, 1967, and named Knightsbridge Surprise Major.

Method M8.

5,152

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
63254	—		—
52364		2	2
43265	—		—
62345		2	2
32546	—		3
36245	2		—
32465		—	2
35264	2		—
32654		—	2
23456	2		2

Contains 120 combination roll-ups.

Surprise Royal.

R1.	34—30 14—12—	30—14—50—14—50—12—50
R2.	56—30, 14—12—	30—14—50—14—50—34—50
R3.	78—30. 14—12—	30, 14—14, 50—14—50—14—50
R4	56—50 16—56—	30—14—50. 14—14, 50—14—50
		30—14—50—14—70—58—70

Any of the sets of places to the left of the vertical line may combine with any of the sets of places to the right of the vertical line. e.g. combining the first set on the left with the last on the right:

34—30, 14—12—30—14—50—14—70—58—70.

5,040

23456	M	W	H
25346		2	—
43265	—	—	—
32465		3	2

Repeat.

True to the methods with backworks R2and R4 (places to the left of the vertical line). Contains 24 567890's and 24 657890's for R2 and 21 of each for R4.

(Continued in next column)

REDEDICATION

CHECKENDON, OXFORDSHIRE

HIGH on the southern end of the Chilterns, nestling among the beechwoods of southern Oxfordshire, lies Checkendon, an ancient village, which receives mention in the Domesday Book. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul is almost entirely Norman, built of local flints in herringbone pattern by the monks of Bec early in the 12th century, only the south porch being a later addition. It is considered by some to be one of the finest small Norman churches in the country, with two particularly notable round arches to the chancel and sanctuary. The tower has contained a ring of six by Lester and Pack since 1765, the fourth and tenor being recast in 1879. The ring had its last major overhaul in 1914, when an eight-bell iron frame was installed.

It was a proud moment for the local ringers and the parishioners when the Lord Bishop of Oxford rededicated the bells at the evening service on February 11th. The old six have been retuned, augmented to eight and rehung on ball bearings in the 1914 iron frame. The Bishop, in his address, took a theme of bells symbolising the joy and peace of the Christian faith, and two "bell" hymns were sung, both of which were known to have been used in the 1914 rededication service. These were "Ring Forth, Holy Bells" (Laudate Dominum) and "The Sacred Bells of England" (Aurelia), introduced by the Rector, the Rev. Norman Williams.

Immediately following the service the first quarter was rung on the eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 46 minutes, by D. Cuppock (first away from tenor) 1, Lucy E. Hearns 2, R. K. Russ 3, D. Wesley 4, W. A. K. Gray 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, G. J. Hearns 7, A. Coppuck (first quarter) 8. This was the first quarter on eight for the ringers of 1, 2 and 7. It included five members of the local band, and a sixth ringer who learned to ring in the tower. Thanks were expressed to Bob Blond, who came from Blewbury to conduct.

The local ringers, led by Mr. G. J. Hearns, have a lot of spade-work to do to adapt themselves to eight-bell ringing. Practice night is Wednesday, and visitors are always welcome. The old tenor weighed 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb in G, but was always considered flat. This has been borne out by the 34 lb. of bell metal removed in retuning it. The bell is now 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G. The foundry work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the bells being rehung by Frank White, of Appleton, at a cost of nearly £1,000. All the money has been raised locally, a great credit to this small parish, and perhaps the inscription spread over the two new trebles is particularly apt in this sense. It has been adapted from a prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake:

Treble.—"1967—In endeavouring any great matter it is not the beginning . . . ."

Second.—". . . but the continuing unto the end which yieldeth the true glory—1967."

R. K. R.

5,040

23456	W	M	H
42356			—
25346	—		2
62345		—	(3)
24365	—		2

Repeat omitting (3) in either part.

True to methods with backwork R1 and contains 24 567890's and 24 657890's.

Any composition for Plain Bob lead-end order methods will do for methods with R3 backwork, for example:

5,040 by F. E. Darby.

23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	
36245	2		2
43265	—		3

Repeat.

Contains 21 568790's, 21 658790's and three each of 567890's and 657890's.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

MEW.—To Christopher and Ann, of 32, Wymond Street, Putney, London, S.W.15, the gift of a son, Andrew James, on Monday, February 5th, 1968. 3354

IN MEMORIAM

WORTH, John.—Died February 25th, 1967.
We did not see you close your eyes,
We did not say goodbye,
All we know was you were gone,
and only God knows why.
In ever loving memory. — Wife Betty, children and grandson Simon. 3390

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BIRD.—The Birds have flown! Patrick, Mary, Louisa and David now live at 41, Greenhill Road, Alveston, Bristol. Ringing friends welcome. It's easier to find than our last place! 3364

DENNIS.—The new address of Robert E. J. Dennis is now Jean's Yardling, Tye Green Village, Harlow, Essex. Tel. 25724. Works Tel. 26811, ext. 581. 3387

HILLS.—The address of James M. Hills is now 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex. Postal Code BN4 6PJ Telephone: Shoreham 2231 (work); Shoreham 3729 (home). 3384

KIPPIN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Miss Hilary Kippin is now 21, Kingsway, Chandler's Ford. Telephone Chandler's Ford 3165. 3378

PRYTHERCH.—As from March 1st the address of John Prytherch will be c/o Gulf Oil Refining Ltd., P.O. Box 22, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. 3395

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—From February 28th the practice night at St. Mary's will be on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., instead of Thursday. 3357

PERSONAL

"Who can understand his error; cleanse thou me from secret faults."—Psalm xix, 12.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practice on Wednesday, February 28th, but ringing for Ash Wednesday service 7.30 to 8 p.m.—A. Smart, Tower Sec. 3394

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BRISTOL RINGING FESTIVAL

October 26th, 1968

Book the date now. Fuller details later. 3380

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Advance Notice:—The final of the Horsley Cup contest will be at Horsley on Saturday, May 18th. Entry forms for District heats available from District secretaries. 3373

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

Annual General Meeting

Sat., March 9th, at Edenbridge, Kent.
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.
Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by A.G.M. and evening ringing until 8.30 p.m.

Towers open for ringing:

Hammerwood	2.30–3.30
Cowden	3.00–4.00
Limpsfield Chart	7.30–8.30
Chiddingstone	8.00–9.00

Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Homesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge, Kent, by Friday, March 8th, please. 3369

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — Practice meetings still the second and fourth Mondays in the month (St. John's 6.30–7.45; Christ Church 8–9). Next business meeting, Monday, March 4th, at 7.30 p.m., in St. Stephen's Common Room. — M. J. Hobbs, Hon. Sec. 3379

KESTEVEN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Lincoln Diocesan Guild

Half-Day Ringing School
to be held on
Saturday, March 23rd, 1968
at the
Billingborough Secondary Modern School
Assembly at the School 12.30 p.m.

Instructions in classroom and tower for
Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced Groups.
Twelve changes to Plain Bob Minor.
Plain Minor methods.
Plain and Treble Bob Major and Stedman.

Brochure and enrolment forms from Dr. T. W. P. Golby, Director of Education, County Offices, Sleaford, Lincs. 3338

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
(Established 1755)

The 80th Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner

will be held on March 2nd at the Old Royal, Church Street (near Cathedral) at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 28/6 (limited).

Chairman: Rev. Canon Harry Hartley, Rector of Solihull.

G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025.

ALL SAINTS', TUOTING GRAVENEY
Surrey Association

Saturday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Dedication of the new ring of eight bells. Admission to dedication and tea following by ticket only, available free to those who apply with s.a.e. by Wednesday previous to Rev. A. Clayton, 76, Franciscan Road, S.W.17. 3127

ST. LAWRENCE'S, ALTON, HANTS — Thursday evening practices on February 29th and March 7th are cancelled. 3393

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS
1968 TOUR

will take place in Norfolk and Suffolk **from July 27th to August 10th.**

Any ringers wishing to join the Society are welcome. Subscription (5s.) now due. Tour list is now available (s.a.e., please), from R. Brian Mills, Hon. Sec., 19, Magdalen Drive, East Bridgford, Nottingham, NG13–8NB.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A further series of instructional lectures on change ringing will take place in St. Mary's Vestry, Putney. The first six lectures will be for those in the first steps of learning and will be confined to Plain Hunt, Plain Bob and Grandsire up to eight bells and will be held on Tuesdays commencing February 27th from 7 to 8.30 p.m. A more advanced course will start on April 16th, details later. For further details on either course, contact C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, S.W.15, or phone 788–0733. All ringers welcome. 3355

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY 1968

We regret that the second quarter peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major on page 79 is false.

To the list of officers for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on page 6 please add: Chairman, Miss E. M Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham.—W. H. V., M. H. 3376

BINDING CASES FOR "THE RINGING WORLD"

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Cheddar, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 3358

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Barrington (6 bells) on Saturday, February 24th Ringing 7–9 p.m Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 3365

ESSEX ASSOCIATION —N W. District.—Learners' meeting will be held at Thorley (6), Saturday February 24th. 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 3324

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, Feoruary 24th. Bells from 6 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Weybridge on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.. Tea following for those who notify T. Luxford, 3, Bridge Road, Weybridge, please. 3360

LADIES GUILD.—Kent County District.—Meeting, St. Michael and All Saints', Sittingbourne, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr G Kenwood, 44, Bell Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.—J. Wood, Ses. 3361

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. George's, Bolton (8) on February 24th, 2.30 p.m.-5 p.m. Cups of tea only available. Holy Trinity, Bolton (8) 6-8.30—A. J. Illingworth, Sec. 3368

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Measham, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting (joint with the Central Branch) to be held at Sleaford, Saturday, February 24th. Bells from 6 to 9 p.m.—F. G. Vickers. 3362

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). — Joint meeting, Saturday, February 24th. Bells: Langley (6) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Slough (10) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and social evening. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead.—Hon. Secs.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Meeting at Holme-Hale, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to S H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme-Hale.—C. E. G. Banham, Hon. Sec. 3302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — White Horse Branch. — Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. followed by tea, business meeting and ringing Everyone welcome. Names for tea to C. R Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks. 3307

SUFFOLK GUILD—South West District.—Meeting at Stoke-by-Clare, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Miss E. Cansdale. 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 3287

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Hailsham, Saturday, February 24th Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to G. M. FitzHugh, Cartref, Arundel Close, Hoowswood, Hailsham. —G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 3310

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on February 27th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices: February 27th, St. Paul's Cathedral; March 5th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; March 12, St. Lawrence Jewry; March 19th, St. Giles', Cripplegate. All at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 3303

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Special practice, Kirk Ella, Tuesday, February 27th, 7-9 p.m. No special methods.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting, Church Hanborough (6), Friday, March 1st, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—E. Venn. 3382

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Dunster Branch—Quarterly meeting at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30, followed by tea for those who notify secretary by February 26th.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster. Tel. 346. 3374

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting. SS. Peter and Paul's, Odcombe (5) March 2nd, 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names for tea to Mr. R. Guppy, Street Lane, Higher Odcombe, or Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec., by Wednesday previous. 3337

LAST TIME FOR NOTICES FRIDAY MID-DAY

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hillfarrance (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George Street, Taunton. 3348

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Harbury (6) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5, followed by more ringing until 8 p.m. Ladbroke (5) 2-2.45, and Bishop's Itchington (5) 2.45-3.30 will also be open. Names for tea to R. W. Sheriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa (Tel. Southam 2510), as soon as possible, please. All welcome. 3385

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Cleator Moor on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage. 3372

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. 3377

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Colne Engaine (6), March 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names not required. 3349

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday. March 2nd. Ringing 2.30. Service 4 followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea.—I. R Panton, Dis. Sec. 3322

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Codicote (6) on Saturday, March 2nd, from 5.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3383

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Aldenham (8), March 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, Radlett. Phone Radlett 6188.—G W. Seaman, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Bobbing, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 3356

LADIES' GUILD — Eastern District. — General meeting at Saffron Walden (12) on March 2nd Bells 3.15-4.15, also Wendens Ambo (6) 2-2.45 Evensong at Saffron Walden 4.15. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting Names for tea to me by February 24th — Jennifer M. Andrews. Church Road. Thorington, Colchester, Essex. 3334

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, on Saturday. March 2nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5, followed by business and ringing until about 8 p.m.—Brian Tomlinson. Branch Sec. 3370

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting at Ormskirk (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon Sec. 3371

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at South Wigston, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, please, to Mrs. C. Brown, 14, Westmorland Avenue, South Wigston, Leicester, by Wednesday, February 28th. Everyone welcome.—Ron. Hughes. 3342

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting to be held at Holt (6), March 2nd. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. H. Nibbs, 272, The Gravel, Holt, near Trowbridge. 3236

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Old Bradwell, Sat., March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6. Names for tea to B. R. Eglesfield, Hon. Sec., 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks, by Thursday previous. 3391

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Witchampton, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Wimborne St. Giles (8) 6.45. Names for tea to Rev. C. P. de Candole, Witchampton Rectory, Wimborne, by February 29th. 3176

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Please carry own food; cups of tea only available.—L M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3399

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at West Bridgford, March 2nd. Names for tea to Miss J. Thornton, 19, Fox Road, West Bridgford. Tel. 65686.—S. Adams. 3396

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — A.G.M., St. Mary's, Launceston, March 2nd, 3 p.m. Bells (8) after the meeting. Names for tea to A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyncholme, Barrack Lane, Truro (Tel. 2749), by February 25th. 3386

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting on Saturday, March 2nd. at Alton. Bells available from 6 to 8.30 p.m.—C. E. B. 3397

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice at Kildwick (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 p.m. Methods: Kent, Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Evening meeting at Langdon Hills, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Visitors welcome.—G. Eve, Hon. Sec. 3309

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford on March 9th. Cathedral bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service, conducted by the Rt. Rev G. W. Clarkson, Dean of Guildford, in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, by March 7th. (Tel. 01-393 4986.) 3359

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton (8) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. M. Town, Zephyr, Heath Road, Linton. 3363

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — A.G.M. (postponed from December 9th) at Shillingstone. March 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Please notify M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne (Phone Yetminster 332), by Tuesday, 5th. 3389

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Hinstock (6), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to Mrs. Whittingham, Upper Grange, Hinstock, Market Drayton, Salop, by Tuesday, February 27th, without fail. 3388

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Woodbridge (8), Saturday, March 9th Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, after which will be the Suffolk Guild Committee meeting. Ringing in evening until 9 p.m. All wishing for tea please book with Mr. A. Stanley Woodard. The Flat, 42, Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, March 6th.—Mrs. W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 3392

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice: The annual meeting will be at Accrington on Saturday, April 27th. 3367

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

A peal of Spliced Surprise Royal will be attempted at Christ Church, Bristol, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. The band will be from Bristol and Swindon.

ALL SAINTS', TOOTING GRAVENEY



MR. JOHN BETJEMAN, the well-known writer, poet and honorary member of the Central Council, has written that the splendid Parish Church of All Saints, Tooting Graveney, is "perhaps the finest church in South London." It owes its existence to the friendship of three people. It was designed by the famous architect Temple Moore, under the direction of the first Vicar, who took office at the age of 70, and with funds provided entirely in memory of Lord Charles Brudenell-Bruce by his wife. All these three had been lifelong friends when this church was consecrated in 1906.

The building is distinguished for external austerity. Entering the church, the visitor is struck by the majestic effect of the spacious interior with its forest of grey-green stone columns and its profusion of rich and costly furniture. The fittings are entirely ancient and of the Italian Renaissance. The altar-piece and reredos are from Bologna and the standard candlesticks are Florentine. The choir stalls are quite superb and carved in walnut. The magnificent grille around the sanctuary comes from the mountains above Lake Como and may be as ancient as the fifth century.

The fabric itself is based on the style of the 14th century. By dispensing with a structural chancel arch and by dividing the square area of the body of the church with double aisles to north and south of the nave, the architect has combined a sense of stately length characteristic of a great mediæval church with the maximum of accommodation for a large congregation.

The lovely seven-bayed arcade runs continuously from the east end of the chancel to the west end of the nave. Behind the High Altar is the Morning Chapel with a mediæval French altar-piece. The transepts extend on either hand behind the choir stalls. In the south transept is the fine Harrison organ. Above the north transept the tower rises in three stages.

A frame for eight bells with a tenor of 25 cwt. was installed in 1906, but the other bells were never added. The new light octave, with a tenor of 7¼ cwt., has been obtained through recasting the bells of the now demolished Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Paddington. The large H-pattern frame has ingeniously been adapted by the bellfounders, John Taylor and Co., who installed the original fittings in 1906. They have also had to struggle with a clock and various other hazards which have appeared in the tower since 1906. There is even room now for a ring of ten bells!

Thus with the dedication of these bells on Saturday, March 2nd, All Saints' will be completed after 62 years. Further details will be found among the notices.



In our picture are (left to right):—Back row: Phillip Blacker, Margaret Jones, Mr. C. Baker (churchwarden), Rev. C. Mason (Vicar), Mr. H. Coombs (tower master), Benedict Wilde and Norman Osmond. Front row: Alan J. Coombs, Susan Willis, Susan Coombs and Tracy Tanner.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS, MARKSBURY!

TWELVE months ago the bells of St. Peter's started ringing again at Marksbury after 15 years of silence; and, full of trepidation, we wondered how we would be accepted in the homes of the parishioners. Would our young band stick together through the first few hard months? And, more important, would we be a success?

These and many other questions filled our thoughts but we need not have worried. Although we were a little doubtful at first whether our new venture would survive the first stage of enthusiasm, the kind help of many parishioners and the Rev. C. Mason enabled us to overcome the initial difficulties.

A special vote of thanks is due to Robert Perry, who has seldom missed our practice nights and, being a much advanced ringer, has been of considerable help. Mr. Alan Lee, our Branch secretary, and Mr. Peter Devrell have on many occasions visited us, instructing us and helping us on the road to success.

A very successful ringers' outing was organised combined with Dunkerton, and another is in progress for this year; also, at Christmas, a grand Christmas dinner was served to the ringers by Mrs. R. M. Coombs and helpers. The Rector presided over the happy evening.

Now, as we enter our second year, may I appeal to all our ringers for their continued support and active co-operation during the next 12 months. Congratulations, Marksbury, on your first anniversary; may you have many more birthdays.

ALAN J. COOMBS.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Feb. 3rd, 1,296 Annable's London, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. Bennett 1, Carol Cousins 2, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCS. — On Jan. 24th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. Attwood 1, A. Berry 2, Mrs. G. R. Drew 3, H. Evans 4, I. Lloyd 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6.

BUCKLAND, SURREY. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. C. Stevens 1, N. Thomson 2, Carol Martin 3, R. J. Talbot 4, T. T. Jones 5, K. G. Game (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Relf 1, C. Baxter 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, P. Slight 4, B. D. Hill (cond.) 5, A. C. Crawford 6.

CROYDON, SURREY. — On Feb. 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. M. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, M. Parry 3, F. Mitchell 4, R. Stevens 5, K. Taber 6, N. Brown 7, C. M. Foster 8, A. Brown 9, Miss E. Timmins 10. For Evensong.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Faith M. Riley 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, A. Nunn 3, N. O. Skelton 4, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 5 R,. N. Marlow 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, L. Bishop 2, Mrs. G. Churchman 3, G. W. Bishop 4, S. Wells 5, C. J. Garlick 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. H. A. Smith Masters, Vicar 1921–1961.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,320 All Saints and Fawley Doubles: D. C. Jackson 1, Susan V. Banks 2, L. D. Smith (cond.) 3, T. Matcham 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, J. C. Banks 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles 1, Susan M. Tonks 2, Marion L. Lidgey (cond.) 3, M. Peters 4, Marion Smith 6. For Evensong, on the Feast of St. Uny.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Levick (first quarter) 1, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 2, M. Barden 3, M. L. Howe 4, S. A. B. Wigg 5, Miss M Chidwick 6.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hunt (first quarter) 1, J. Hunt 2, R. Pearce (first quarter) 3, L. Hawkins 4, P. Harding 5, J. Case 6.

PENGE, KENT. — On Feb. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. J. Collis 1, C. J. N. Dalton 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, R. J. Jones 4, L. C. Way 5, R. Leale (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, G. E. Fearn 3, Susan Smith 4, M. F. Edwards 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, V. Green 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

WELLS, SOM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Beck 1, J. C. Sheppard (first of Stedman Triples) 2, V. G. Roberts 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, C. R. Jenkins 5, G. Salmon 6, D. Mackay (cond.) 7, Sheila Y. Hallett 8. For Evensong.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 28th, 1,320 T.B. Minor (nine methods): Rev. C. J. Rees 1, S. Sage 2, D. Mottershead 3, D. Smith 4, A. Sharples 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6.

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Holy Trinity Church, St. Austell, Cornwall

Twenty-Five Peals at Truro Cathedral

By The Rev. A. S. ROBERTS

WHEN the 25th peal was rung at Truro Cathedral on Easter Monday, 1966, this might have been well nigh the 50th if all attempts had been successful. Without any records one can remember some five peals being lost just before and after the bells were rehung at the end of 1964 and at least another five through bells running dry in previous years. There is the memory, too, of Mr. Wilfred Williams' three losses—one genuine failure and two because of a broken clapper—until his success after the Central Council meeting in 1964. There have been many more forgotten failures.

The bells were hung in 1910 and the first peal was one of Grandsire Caters rung on Boxing Day, 1911, by, as one would expect, a band from Plymouth, in which the three towers were represented by their leaders, E. W. Marsh (Charles Church), who conducted, G. H. Myers (St. Andrew's) and J. Woodley (Emmanuel). It must have been a long day out when one remembers that travelling was by train and on foot in those days, for a second peal was attempted at Kea, but lost, and a quarter peal was rung at Kenwyn. The next peal was not until 15 years later.

Early in 1926 that great pioneer of tours, W. H. Fussell, began arrangements for a tour in Cornwall in the September of that year. Peal ringing was almost unknown in the county, the last having been at St. Germans 13 years before, and it was at this tower that his tour was successfully begun. The application to attempt a peal at the Cathedral was made through the secretary of the Chapter but was turned down "for the sake of the citizens of Truro," but on receiving the news he went off armed with several copies of "The Ringing World" to show one of the Cathedral Canons that similar things happened in other places and it was permitted.

THE SPARK

There is no doubt this peal and tour was a spark which set the Truro Guild alight. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung, conducted by George Williams, and the touring party was entertained afterwards to dinner by the Diocesan Guild, at which members of the Cathedral Chapter were present. It was an occasion one never forgets and such a band, of revered memory, is worth recalling: F. White (Cranbrook) treble, G. Williams 2, H. Barton 3, W. H. Fussell 4, E. Barnett sen. 5, G. Martin 6, G. R. Pye 7, F. S. Bayley 8, S. J. Hector 9, G. W. Cave tenor. All have passed on, but with the party was Edward Jenkins—still very active in the North.

This peal was an inspiration and it seems that the citizens of Truro did not murmur, for the next year, 1927, two peals of Grandsire Triples, out of a total of 13 for the Guild, were rung at the Cathedral. Both were conducted by C. R. Lilley, who was then living in Plymouth. Local ringers took part in both, but in those days help had to be sought from over the border. In 1929 the Rev. E. S. Powell conducted Grandsire Caters, and in 1931 C. R. Lilley the same, this being a sign of great progress by the local band, for it was rung by eight members of that band with the help of the conductor and Thomas G. Myers, from Plymouth.

The next year, 1932, the Central Council met at Plymouth, and J. S. Goldsmith brought a band to Truro to ring a peal of Stedman Caters. He conducted the peal. Again it is a band that should be named: E. H. Lewis treble, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher 2, J. S. Goldsmith 3, C. T. Coles 4. G. R. Pye 5, R. Richardson 6, J. H. B. Hesse 7, C. H. Kippin 8, G. W. Fletcher 9, J. T. Dyke tenor. Only two of this band are with us today.

NO BAD PEALS

I think it is true to say that no bad peals have been rung at Truro, for such ringing comes to an end long before the well over three hours is reached on bells like these, but some have undoubtedly been better than others. Great praise was given to the Cambridge Royal after the Central Council meeting. However, one that will long be remembered by those who heard it was the foregoing conducted by J. S. Goldsmith. It was a day of ringing in and around Truro and I remember when on my way to Kenwyn with several visitors, among them J. H. Swinfield (Burton) and John Austen (Gloucester), how we stopped again and again to listen to the perfect and unchanging rhythm. It was amongst the longest peals on the bells—3 hours and 42 minutes.

In 1933 E. Maurice Atkins conducted Grandsire Caters and in 1934 Alan Pink rang the tenor to Bob Major, and this same year William Pye, having waited 21 years since his original application, rang the tenor to Cambridge Royal. It was the first of Surprise on the bells. This, I believe, was his last ten-bell peal, and that he rang only one more—at Heavitree the next day. He was then a sick man and it was only through the persuasion of his friend, Charles Coles, that he joined the tour. It was almost uncanny how he managed the bell for what, so far, is the longest time for a peal at Truro—3 hours and 40 minutes. In the years 1935, 1936 and 1938 there were respectively Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Caters. This last was conducted by Frank Bennett when on tour.

Post-war peals began in May, 1947, with one of Bob Royal rung by Plymouth and local ringers and conducted by Cyril E. Lanxon, who was the first Cornishman to conduct a ten-bell peal. A previous attempt was made by the same band a few weeks before, on the Easter Monday. Another peal of Royal (Oxford T.B.) was rung the next year, when Alan Pink again turned in the tenor; he is still the only one to have done so twice. The distinction of the local Alan (Carveth) is that he has turned the bell in and rung it behind.

Between 1948 and 1958 there was only one peal—Grandsire Caters in 1953 for the Coronation and conducted by T. G. Myers. These lean years were due, no doubt, to local inactivity. In 1958 I had the pleasure of conducting a peal of Grandsire Caters, since when to 1966 there have been nine peals, which shows what local enthusiasm can do, for Alan Carveth in that time has become the leading conductor by calling four of these and taking part in all but one.

TOWER "CIRCLED"

It has been the writer's privilege and pleasure to have taken part in 14 of the 25 peals over a period of 40 years, and to be the only one so far to have "circled the tower." With method ringing in Cornwall moving forward and with enthusiasts like Alan Carveth and Anthony Davidson attached to the tower such a small accomplishment over so long a time should soon be surpassed. The following are the methods that have been rung and a list of conductors:

Grandsire Triples 4, Caters 9; Bob Minor 1, Major 1, Royal 2; Stedman Caters 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Oxford 1; Cambridge 2; Yorkshire 1.

Conductors: A. Carveth 4, C. R. Lilley 3, A. R. Pink, T. G. Myers and A. S. Roberts 2 each, W. H. Marsh, G. Williams, Rev. E. S. Powell, J. S. Goldsmith, E. M. Atkins, William Pye, F. Bennett, C. E. Lanxon, R. A. Southwood, R. C. Kippin, D. G. Clift and W. Williams one each.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Holy Trinity Church, St. Austell, Cornwall

By J. FAIRLESS

THIS church is one of the most dignified and spacious of Cornish parish churches and, though the present fabric dates mainly from a rebuilding at the end of the 15th century, it still incorporates portions, including some Norman work, of the earlier church that it replaced.

No lover of church architecture should fail to visit the church, given the opportunity. Its Perpendicular tower is judged by many authorities to be the most handsome in Cornwall, while it has a richly-carved Norman font and a wealth of sculptures adorning the exterior of the tower and the buttresses of the south nave aisle.

The earliest church known to have existed on this site was erected before 1169, and the Norman portions of the present fabric show that this 12th century church comprised at least nave and chancel, with chancel south aisle or chapel.

Holy Trinity Church as it stands today comprises a nave of five bays, with north and south aisles; chancel of three bays, with aisles, the south aisle being known as St. Michael's Chapel; west tower; south porch with upper chamber; and a modern north vestry.

The tower, 94 ft. high, is surmounted by a battlemented parapet with enriched pinnacles at the angles. The upper stage is embellished with gargoyles and carved heads, with diaper work and with ten lines of carved stone showing nine different patterns. The date of the tower was deduced by Canon Hammond as nearing completion between 1478 and 1485.

With regard to the bells, the earliest records are dated 1552, and it has been suggested that these old bells were probably stationary and the note was produced by striking the outside of the bell with a rope-operated hammer.

In 1747 a ring of eight bells was cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, the tenor bell being 15 cwt. These bells were a true ringing set, being mounted on wooden headstocks and hung in bearings to enable them to rotate 370 degrees.

In 1875 the ring was rehung by William Aggatt, a local blacksmith of Chagford. In 1902 the bells were recast and dedicated by the Bishop, the tenor bell being 18¼ cwt. For the following 65 years St. Austell Parish Church bells continued to be acclaimed as one of the finest-sounding rings in Cornwall, with its notorious "difficult" tenor offering a challenge to the best of ringers.

Finally, in 1967, the brass bearings became so badly worn that, together with the long draught of rope involved, the bells became difficult to ring and major repair work was necessary. This overhaul was carried out by the engineers of Charlestown Foundry, through the generosity of Messrs. English China Clays Limited, who removed the headstocks to the foundry where new trunnions were made and ball-bearings fitted. New bushes and pins were made for the clappers and repairs made to wheels and stays. This unique job was undertaken between Easter and Whit Sunday, 1967. A rededication service was held on Whit Sunday, May 14th, attended by directors and engineers of English China Clays and Charlestown Foundry, together with the band of ringers and a fine congregation.

By tradition, changes are called in the tower.

DEDICATION

NEWTOWN LINFORD, LEICS.

The picturesque little Church of All Saints, Newtown Linford, nestling on the edge of Bradgate Park, the one-time home of the tragic Lady Jane Grey, and now described as the gateway to the Charnwood Forest, was the scene of the dedication of a new treble bell by the Bishop of Leicester on February 11th at Evensong. Over 100 people attended and afterwards were entertained to coffee.

During the service rounds were rung by a Newton Linford band, who all started from scratch less than ten months ago and are making steady progress and ringing for service every Sunday, thanks to the perseverance and good natures of Messrs. Ron Hughes, Richard Wilson and Roger Kendrick, also to local towers who welcome us as visitors.

After the service touches, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, were rung by visiting members, and Newtown Linford ringers were able to join the more experienced ringers for Plain Hunt and Bob Minor.

Lady Jane Grey was certainly familiar with All Saints' Church, which is built of local forest stone and roofed with Swithland slate. She was probably baptised there, and she would have known the sound of the third bell, inscribed "Tomasat," which, according to tradition was moved there on the dissolution of Ulverscroft Priory in 1593.

The new treble bell was cast by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and is inscribed "In memory of the Smith family" and weighs 2¼ cwt. The second is dated 1903, the third is Tomasat. The fourth was cast by John Taylor, and given by the Earl of Stamford; the fifth was cast by Watts, of Leicester, and is inscribed "Celorum Christe Platiat Ibe Iste" and the 7¼ cwt. tenor was recast by John Taylor in 1842.

All the bells were rehung on ball bearings when the new treble was added and are now a pleasant light six, and we hope that with everyone's continuing help and kindness we shall have a commendable local band to ring them before too long. JILL HOWITT.

A SQUARER DEAL FOR LEARNERS

THE EXPERIMENT CATCHES ON By Elizabeth M. Barber

THE response to my December article was most encouraging. I will not pretend that inquiries arrived in countless numbers, but throughout the last fortnight of term they accumulated steadily, and by the beginning of the Christmas vacation had reached the highly respectable total of 15. Many of these inquiries contained expressions of such sympathy with the objects of the Graded Tests system as to cause me to feel increasingly confident that a scheme constructed along these lines has a very real part to play in the field of ringing teaching; for this sympathetic encouragement I am most grateful.

Here is the list of all those who to date have shown interest in the "Squarer Deal." In all cases except one, of whose interest I learned at secondhand, representatives of the towers and Associations on this list have been in touch with me.

Ampthill, Bedfordshire.
*Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire.
Brant Broughton, Lincolnshire.
C.C. Education Committee (Mr. N. Chaddock).
Compton, Staffordshire.
*Curdridge, Hampshire.
†Droxford, Hampshire.
†Essex Association (N.W. District).
Evesham, Worcestershire.
Headcorn, Kent.
†Kenilworth, Warwickshire.
Lincoln Guild
(Sub-committee for local ringing schools).
Oxford Guild.
Oxford Guild (Witney & Woodstock Branch).
†Radlett, Hertfordshire.
Tewin, Hertfordshire.
Totton, Hampshire.
Truro Guild.
†Waltham Abbey, Essex.
†Wymondham, Norfolk.

* Scheme believed in operation.
† Scheme in operation.

Now for details of the operational schemes, so far as they are known. Radlett's learners are working with the C and D cards and appear to be doing very nicely. Droxford wrote in for ten D cards, while Waltham Abbey, with an extensive recruiting campaign in progress, put in an order for 20. Kenilworth is using the C and D tests as a basis, as are the learners at Wymondham, who now possess 14 D and 12 C cards between them. The scheme run by the North-West District of the Essex Association is rather different from the foregoing; their tests, based on my C and D cards, resulted from the discussion of the original "Squarer Deal" article and were distributed, by way of a large-scale experiment, at a learners' meeting at Wendens Ambo in October of last year.

Thus the Graded Tests system has steadily been increasing its sphere of influence; but to what precise extent, and with what precise effect? Only a comprehensive survey will provide the answers to these questions: and I intend to make just such a survey, which, if comprehensive enough, will be submitted for inspection by the Central Council's Education Committee in June.

To be of real value, the survey must incorporate details of all Graded Tests schemes currently running, including details of the type of test being used in each case, and results of all serious discussion of the subject at Association/District/Branch level; so between now and the end of May (but an early reply, if it is at all possible, would be very much appreciated) I shall be delighted to hear from all towers running schemes, from all towers which have attempted to do so but for one reason or another have abandoned the attempt, and from all committees or sub-committees of Associations which have been discussing the use of the scheme. All relevant information will be included in the survey, from which, I hope, the following important facts will emerge:—

(i) The total number of towers involved in the scheme.
(ii) The total number of learners involved in the scheme.
(iii) The types of test favoured by instructors using the scheme.
(iv) The scheme's major drawbacks.
(v) Its value as a generator of enthusiasm among learners.
(vi) Its value an as aid to learners' progress.

Is the scheme, viewed as a whole, a successful enterprise or an ignominious failure? I hope that the answer will be provided by the survey, and I very much look forward to hearing from all those who have been kind enough to give the "Squarer Deal" their consideration.

The address to write to: Miss E. M. Barber, Somerville College, Oxford; or, between March 16th and April 28th: 5, St. Peter's Close, St. Albans, Herts.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1967

		Tower		Hand		Total	
		Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
1	David E Rothera ..	99	1	—	—	99	1
2	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	77	16½	7	7	84	23½
3	Richard Hayes	81	16	—	—	81	16
4	C. Barrie Dove	78	50½	—	—	78	50½
5	Christopher T. O'enton	61	21	14	5	75	26
6	Robert B. Smith ..	36	10	36	25	72	35
7	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	68	16	—	—	68	16
8	Tony Lewis	67	14	—	—	67	14
9	D Paul Smith	66	8	—	—	66	8
10	J Alan Ainsworth ..	65	28	—	—	65	28
11	John Fielden	64	23	—	—	64	23
12	Alan A. Paul	60	1	1	—	61	1
13	Frank R. Morton ..	58	46	1	1	59	47
13	Michael H. O'Callaghan	59	2	—	—	59	2
15	Jack L. Millhouse ..	44	32	14	10	58	42
15	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	39	25	19	14	58	39
17	Leslie F. Bailey	57	40	—	—	57	40
17	Graham C Paul ..	51	29	6	—	57	29
17	Tudor P. Edwards ..	57	25*	—	—	57	25*
17	D. John Hunt	57	22	—	—	57	22
17	John Pladdys	57	12	—	—	57	12
17	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	49	7	8	1	57	8
17	George E. Fearn ..	57	2	—	—	57	2
24	J. Barry Pickup	55	21	1	—	56	21
24	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	56	—	—	—	56	—
26	Ian H. Oram	55	20	—	—	55	20
26	Alan McFall	26	1	29	1	55	2
28	Jeffrey Brannan ..	54	17	—	—	54	17
28	John R Scott	53	3	1	—	54	3
28	Richard S. Starkie ..	54	—	—	—	54	—
31	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	53	27	—	—	53	27
32	David P. Hilling ..	52	27	—	—	52	27
32	Timothy G. Pett ..	48	12	4	1	52	13
32	George E. Thoday ..	52	8	—	—	52	8
32	Barry E. Saunders ..	52	—	—	—	52	—
36	H. William Barrett ..	51	13	—	—	51	13
37	Rupert A. Clarke ..	41	2	9	1	50	3
38	J. Martin Thorley ..	48	27	1	—	49	27
38	Richard J. Parker ..	40	9*	9	5	49	14*
38	Maryl R. Fielden ..	49	1	—	—	49	1
41	Cyril Wratten	27	10	21	20	48	30
41	Richard E. Price ..	48	13	—	—	48	13
41	Neil Donovan	48	1	—	—	48	1
41	Margaret Fort	48	—	—	—	48	—
41	Edward Jenkins	48	—	—	—	48	—
41	Geoffrey R. Parker ..	36	—	12	—	48	—
47	Peter Border	47	27	—	—	47	27
47	Basil Jones	47	6	—	—	47	6
49	R. Kingsley Mason ..	46	30	—	—	46	30
49	Frank Reed	46	3	—	—	46	3
51	Michael Maughan ..	45	17	—	—	45	17
51	Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	45	10½	—	—	45	10½
51	A Patrick Cannon ..	45	9	—	—	45	9
51	John A. Howard ..	45	1	—	—	45	1
51	Harold W. Evans ..	45	—	—	—	45	—
56	D. Kay Adkins	43	31	1	1	44	32
56	Neil Bennett	33	12	11	1	44	13
56	John C. Eisel	42	1½	2	—	44	1½
59	Stanley Jenner	43	22	—	—	43	22
59	Christopher J. Groome	43	5	—	—	43	5
59	Martin L. Howe ..	43	4	—	—	43	4
59	Peter S. Muchlinski ..	43	1	—	—	43	1
59	Anne Fellows	43	—	—	—	43	—
59	John Insley	43	—	—	—	43	—
59	James Insley	42	—	1	—	43	—
66	Derek E. Sibson ..	42	34	—	—	42	34
66	Philip Mehew	42	11	—	—	42	11
66	Derek Butterworth ..	42	8	—	—	42	8
66	Rev. Michael Hart ..	42	4	—	—	42	4
66	James W. Belshaw ..	42	3	—	—	42	3
66	Joan Beresford	41	—	1	—	42	—
66	Gerald Moorhouse ..	9	—	33	—	42	—
73	Barrie Hendry	40	11	1	—	41	11
73	Alan F. Scholfield ..	26	2	15	6	41	8
73	T. Felicity Ashford ..	41	—	—	—	41	—
76	A. Colin Banton ..	30	21	10	9	40	30
76	Roger Baldwin	25	11	15	6	40	17
76	Andrew J. Corby ..	40	7	—	—	40	7
76	David J Marsnall ..	32	2	8	4	40	6
76	Judith M. Corby ..	40	—	—	—	40	—
76	Ian L. Dear	40	—	—	—	40	—
76	Arthur G. Mason ..	40	—	—	—	40	—
76	John K. Smith	40	—	—	—	40	—
76	Roger W. Smith	40	—	—	—	40	—
85	Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	39	22	—	—	39	22
85	Michael J. Fellows ..	37	18	2	2	39	20
85	James R. White	30	5	9	3	39	8
85	Peter C. Randall ..	37	5½	2	—	39	5½
85	George T. Cousins ..	39	3	—	—	39	3
85	Richard J. Tibbetts ..	38	2	1	—	39	2
85	Frederick R. Scott ..	39	1	—	—	39	1
85	Peter D. Sell	39	1	—	—	39	1
85	Joseph W Cotton ..	39	—	—	—	39	—
85	Gillian M. Hunt ..	39	—	—	—	39	—
85	Arthur E. Rowley ..	39	—	—	—	39	—
96	Frank B. Lufkin ..	38	31	—	—	38	31
96	C Kenneth Lewin ..	25	14	13	12	38	26
96	Gerald Penney	30	15	8	3	38	18
96	Cyril Crossthwaite ..	34	9	4	1	38	10
100	Christopher I. Rowson	30	17	7	2	37	19
100	Robert C. Kippin ..	36	8	1	—	37	8
100	Raymond J. Ballard ..	37	5	—	—	37	5
100	Simon Humphrey ..	29	5	8	—	37	5
100	Stanley G. Ponting ..	37	—	—	—	37	—
105	Frank C. Price	16	8	20	20	36	28
105	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	36	21	—	—	36	21
105	Michael P. Moreton ..	36	1	—	—	36	1
105	Derek Slater	36	1	—	—	36	1
105	Frank C. J Arnold ..	36	—	—	—	36	—
105	Robin R. Churchill ..	36	—	—	—	36	—
105	Howard C Palmer ..	36	—	—	—	36	—
105	Patrick I. Chapman ..	35	—	1	—	36	—
105	Alan H Bridges ..	31	—	5	—	36	—
114	Roderick W. Pipe ..	35	23	—	—	35	23
114	Philip J. Crossthwaite	31	3*	4	2	35	5*
114	Brian W. Hall	35	—	—	—	35	—
117	Frank T. Blagrove ..	34	27	—	—	34	27
117	Norman Sherratt ..	34	20	—	—	34	20
117	Herbert E Audsley ..	34	5	—	—	34	5
117	Martin Cubitt	34	1	—	—	34	1
117	Norman J Goodman ..	34	—	—	—	34	—
117	Martin Green	34	—	—	—	34	—
123	W Eric Critchley ..	33	22	—	—	33	22
123	Dennis Beresford ..	32	16	1	1	33	17
123	Thomas J. Lock ..	33	5	—	—	33	5
123	George E. Bonham ..	33	—	—	—	33	—
123	Maurice F. Edwards ..	33	—	—	—	33	—
123	Reginald W. Rex ..	33	—	—	—	33	—
129	Gordon A Halls ..	31	17	1	—	32	17
129	Michael J. Howes ..	32	1	—	—	32	1
129	Richard H Youdale ..	25	1	7	—	32	1
129	Walter Arnold	32	—	—	—	32	—
133	Kevin M. Price	16	7½	15	15	31	22½
133	John Hill	31	2	—	—	31	2
133	Timothy Wylie	31	2	—	—	31	2
133	James L. Towler ..	31	1	—	—	31	1
133	Kenneth R Davenport	17	1	14	—	31	1
133	Alan Newbould	31	—	—	—	31	—
133	Geoffrey H Pullin ..	31	—	—	—	31	—
133	Derek F. Yates	31	—	—	—	31	—
133	Brian Bladon	28	—	3	—	31	—
142	Roger D. Bailey	30	14	—	—	30	14
142	Michael W Crowder ..	25	8	5	—	30	8
142	Henry Tooke	30	1	—	—	30	1
142	Paul J. Coad	30	—	—	—	30	—
142	Ann Jenner	30	—	—	—	30	—
142	Christopher H. Rogers	30	—	—	—	30	—
142	Edgar R. Rapley ..	29	—	1	—	30	—
142	Francis Fairbank ..	9	—	21	—	30	—
150	Stuart Armeson	29	17	—	—	29	17
150	Peter M. Wilkinson ..	28	7	1	—	29	7
150	Frederick J Cullum ..	29	5	—	—	29	5
150	John R. Ketteringham ..	29	2	—	—	29	2
150	Alan R. Patterson ..	29	2	—	—	29	2
150	Leon A. Perry	29	—	—	—	29	—
150	Austin T. Wingate ..	29	—	—	—	29	—
157	J. Henry Fielden ..	28	14	—	—	28	14
157	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	21	9	7	5	28	14
157	Dennis Knox	28	9	—	—	28	9
157	Peter G. Pitt	28	3	—	—	28	3
157	Anthony J. Cox	26	3	2	—	28	3
157	Trevor A. Cross ..	19	2	9	—	28	2
157	William Birmingham ..	28	—	—	—	28	—
157	David Cubitt	28	—	—	—	28	—
157	Peter Pearce	28	—	—	—	28	—
157	Roger N Scholes ..	28	—	—	—	28	—
157	Andrew J. Slade ..	28	—	—	—	28	—
168	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	27	21½	—	—	27	21½
168	Philip A. Corby	27	18	—	—	27	18
168	Philip G. K. Davies ..	27	14	—	—	27	14
168	R. Brian Mills	21	5	6	6	27	11
168	Christopher L. D. Munday	27	4	—	—	27	4
168	Ronald J. Snack	27	3*	—	—	27	3*
168	Christopher Starbuck ..	19	1	8	1	27	2
168	Philip J. Rothera ..	27	1	—	—	27	1
168	Thomas Cullingworth ..	27	—	—	—	27	—
168	Terence J. Hester ..	27	—	—	—	27	—
168	David J. Midgley ..	27	—	—	—	27	—
168	Thomas E Speight ..	27	—	—	—	27	—
168	Jennifer E. Pearce ..	26	—	1	—	27	—

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DAVID ROTHERA MISSES CENTURY BY ONE



DAVID E. ROTHERA

Last year's leading peal ringer was David E. Rothera, of Hendon, who just failed to reach 100 after a run of bad luck during the final week, culminating in the loss of a peal of Glasgow at Great Dunmow after three hours' good ringing with 11 leads to go.

David is a native of Birmingham and spent three years at Cambridge, but it was not until he was living in London that he became interested in ringing, mainly through the influence of his brother Philip. He was taught to handle a bell in 1963 by Ruth Foreman at Hendon, and rang his first peal in 1965.

His 1967 total included four peal of Surprise Maximus, three Stedman Cinques, 19 Surprise Royal in seven different methods, 65 Surprise Major, comprising 22 peals of Spliced in up to 14 methods and 43 peals in 17 different single methods, including Glasgow and Belfast (which he rates the most difficult method he has yet rung). He admits that he still finds conducting beyond him, and that he tends to make more mistakes when he tries to follow coursing orders. He was grateful to all those who conducted his peals last year, and particularly to Jonathan Porter.

Following in George Thoday's footsteps, David also works in Local Government, as a solicitor in the Town Clerk's Department of the London Borough of Barnet. His other hobbies include cricket, badminton, squash and tennis.

THE list of leading peal ringers for 1967 is rather shorter, at 205, than that for 1966. Rather surprisingly, nobody has reached three figures, although David Rothera, the leading peal ringer, came as close to the magical figure as one can without achieving it. In addition, the list reveals a much smaller number ringing 70 or more peals.

In spite of the fall in numbers, standards remain very high and, whilst it is not intended to recall any particular peals, we are left with the impression of a year of sound progress, both in the number of people ringing their first peal (572) and by those, many of whom feature in the list, who are pushing the level of achievement still further ahead.

Before listing leading peal ringers we would like to apologise, in advance, for the mistakes which are bound to appear in the list. It is virtually impossible to keep records of this nature without mistakes creeping in; this has been proved by errors brought to light by the peal totals received from various people. To those who sent in their totals we would like to say thank you and trust we have made no transcription errors. We hope that the numbers of errors in respect of those who did not send their totals are minimal.

The leading peal ringers for 1967 are listed below; we feel that David Rothera's total of 99 is particularly worthy of note, inasmuch as his peal ringing career is a mere 3–4 years old.

Man: David E. Rothera 99 (cond. 1).
Lady: Maryl R. Fielden 49 (cond. 1).
Handbells: Robert B. Smith 36 (cond. 25).
Conductor: C. Barrie Dove 50½.

May we sum up by saying that the trends noted in last year's report have continued. With few exceptions the ladies have not conducted many peals, nor do they feature very largely in the list of over 25's. At the other end, however, the year's list of first-pealers contains a good number of ladies. It is good to see so many people ringing their first peals, no doubt some of them will be regular members of the over 25 club in future years.

Keeping these records has been a most enjoyable and interesting experience. We extend our best wishes to George Thoday, who is taking over from us for 1968.

BARBARA AND DAVID BURT.



MRS. MARYL R. FIELDEN

It was an agreeable surprise to Mrs. Maryl R. Fielden to learn that she was the leading lady peal ringer for 1967, as her total for the year was only 49, of which she had conducted one.

Born at Preston, Lancs, 22 years ago, Maryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Crossthwaite. She thus inherited a strong ringing tradition. Her father taught her to ring in 1958, and to date her peal total is 297, a very high annual average

Most of her ringing has been in the front rank and the notable peals in which she has taken part in 1967 are, for quality, a challenge to either sex. They are:

23 all the work Surprise Major.

8 all the work Surprise Royal.

10 all the work Surprise Maximus.

33 Surprise Maximus.

Of the eight peals she has conducted during her ringing career, two have been all-ladies peals.

The year 1967 was Maryl's lucky year. On March 27th she was married at Preston to John H. Fielden and they now live at Yelverton, near Rugby. By profession Maryl is a teacher.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS

(Continued from previous page)

		Tower		Hand		Total	
		Rung	Cond	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
168	S Kathleen M. Baldwin	13	—	14	—	27	—
182	Neil D. Lomas	26	5	—	—	26	5
182	David W. Friend ..	25	5	1	—	26	5
182	Antony R. Kench ..	26	3	—	—	26	3
182	Edgar T Shipsey ..	26	3	—	—	26	3
182	Eric N. Harrison ..	26	2	—	—	26	2
182	Harold Dowler	26	1	—	—	26	1
182	Christopher C Clarke..	26	—	—	—	26	—
182	Richard J Clifton ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
182	M Susan Jackson ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
182	Anne Pamela Leigh ..	26	—	—	—	26	—
182	Valerie Willard	5	—	21	—	26	—
193	Joe E. G Roast ..	25	22	—	—	25	22
193	Anthony R Peake ..	22	15	3	3	25	18
193	Dennis Mortershead ..	25	13	—	—	25	13
193	Richard F. B Sneed ..	23	10	2	2	25	12
193	Stephen D. Humphrey ..	25	7	—	—	25	7
193	Peter S Bennett ..	25	5	—	—	25	5
193	Ronald R. Wartord ..	25	1*	—	—	25	1
193	Roy Worrall	25	1	—	—	25	1
193	Peter Bridle	25	—	—	—	25	—
193	G Ronald Edwards ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
193	Christopher M. Movley	25	—	—	—	25	—
193	Donald F. Murfet ..	25	—	—	—	25	—
193	John Potts .. .	25	—	—	—	25	—

* Shared conducting with another on two occasions.

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Letters to the Editor

REDUNDANT BELLS

Dear Sir,—Both the Vicar of St. Edmund's, Exeter, and I were surprised to read that St. Edmund's bells were available for rehousing. Whilst the bells are redundant, no authority has been given to place them on the rehousing list, and inquiries received by the Central Council secretary should be ignored.

At least one bell at St. Edmund's is cracked and the present position is that the Parish Church of Heavitree, Exeter, will possibly acquire some or all of the bells for augmentation to ten at some future date.

Your list would appear to be incomplete, there being at least two further octaves in the county which are redundant, namely St. Leonard's, Newton Abbot, and Lundy Island. I have not been in contact with the agent of Lundy recently but I believe the bells have now been removed to the mainland.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN MALLETT.

Exeter, Devon.

INCUMBENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Sir,—Having received a most kindly and courteous reception from the Westminster Abbey ringers on a special occasion a couple of years ago, I am indeed sad to see the amount of unkind criticism and vulgar abuse which has found its way into the correspondence on the subject of the ringing arrangements at the Abbey. I admire Mr. Pitstow for his calm and reasoned explanation, and heartily endorse the views expressed by Mr. D. J. Beach.

As an incumbent, and therefore ultimately responsible for the ringing arrangements at my own church, I should be extremely annoyed if people adopted the attitude of some of your correspondents in trying to tell me and my ringers how we should do our jobs.—Yours faithfully,

R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

NO RIGHT TO RING IN ANY CHURCH

Dear Sir,—In my opinion Mr. Pitstow's letter regarding the position of the ringing at Westminster Abbey answered all the questions that had been asked on this subject.

I am amazed that people are still writing to complain (and some of the letters do not seem much to the point).

Surely one has **no right** to ring in any church. One is usually **invited** to ring as a visitor, or else one asks for **permission** to ring. If sometimes the answer is "No," can the ringers not accept this?—Yours faithfully,

CAMILLA WAY.

St. Margaret's, Westminster.

FIRST OF SURPRISE AT BASINGSTOKE

Dear Sir,—Regarding Canon Felstead's letter on points from 1967 peals, it was stated that the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in December, 1967, was not the first of Surprise on the bells at All Saints', Basingstoke.

The peal of Basing Surprise Major rung in 1966 was false. A letter appeared in "The Ringing World" stating this fact. It was also withdrawn from the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild's report. I can only assume that Canon Felstead failed to see the note in "The Ringing World." So the first peal of Surprise at All Saints', Basingstoke, was the peal of Cambridge rung in December, 1967.—Yours sincerely,

HOWARD E. J. SMITH.

THE ACCRINGTON PEAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letters of Messrs. Pipe and Border, I would like to point out the facts relating to the peal at Accrington.

It was never intended that our peal should be claimed as a record. Although not wishing for nationwide publicity, we decided that notice should be given of the attempt in "The Ringing World" of December 30th, but unfortunately publication was delayed until January 5th. In order to give opportunity for ringers to witness the attempt, the belfry door was left open, despite the church being situated in the shopping centre of the town.

If Mr. Ainsworth had mentioned in his report of the Edgbaston peal that the only reason for not ringing 12,096 was that his band considered the use of half-lead singles unethical, then we should not have rung the peal at Accrington. The fact that the peal was rung on the St Martin's Guild annual meeting day was purely coincidental and not designed to prevent them from coming to listen to it.

The opinion expressed by Mr. Woodruffe in his letter of the same issue, when he states that "a spirit of competition in record peal ringing is not a bad thing for the Exercise," sums up the attitude of the band which rang the peal at Accrington, and I for one will have no hesitation in using "dubious singles" for further record peal attempts.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD J. PARKER.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

RECORD PEALS

Dear Sir,—Reading the letters by Messrs. R. W. Pipe and P. Border ("Ringing World," February 9th) on Glasgow Surprise Major record lengths, I am absolutely disgusted by the attitude they have taken. Surely this grievous nature should not exist between ringers, especially those who many ringers regard with great respect.

Why all the fuss regarding "so-called" record lengths? I would suggest these are purely for personal glorification and not to the glory of God.

If so-called record lengths must be performed for the glorification of the participants, I would suggest they take place at such towers where a ring of bells exists of sufficient number which are not in the House of God, or, alternatively, on handbells.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD W. H. LEATHER.

Monk Soham, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

TRIPLES COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—The Triples Collection dated 1935 went out of print in 1948; since then the Central Council has done nothing for Triples ringers. The publication "Spliced Triples" was presented by me to the hon. librarian but this is of little use to those who do not know the methods. I have sent to Mr. Garner-Hayward a supply of leaflets which he has kindly promised to enclose with future orders. A similar position arises with my "Blue Line F.C.H." Readers who require either or both of the supplements only can apply to me direct. (See advertisement.)—Yours sincerely,

JOHN SEGAR.

16, Green Lane,
Seacroft, Skegness.

TOWER GRABBERS PLEASE NOTE

Dear Sir,—I have noticed that so far no one has offered to compile a list of "Tower Grabbers" this year in "The Ringing World." If this is due to a lack of volunteers to compile the list I would be willing to take on this job.

If you could request all tower grabbers with totals of over 100 rung in 1967 to send their totals to me, I will undertake to make a list. I suggest that three weeks from the date of publishing would be a suitable deadline.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN J. COLLIS.

144, Percy Road, Whitton,
Twickenham, Middlesex.

SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—I refer to the peal of 70 Spliced Surprise Minor rung at South Mymms on November 22nd, 1967.

I am sure I am not the only six-bell ringer interested in the fifth extent and would ask Mr. Bailey if he would publish this.—Yours faithfully,

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Claydon, Ipswich.

IDEAS WANTED FOR COMPETITION

Dear Sir,—In 1895 the Cumberland Association was presented with a shield by the late Canon H. D. Rawnsley, and except for the first world war years was competed for each year until 1939. The present Cumberland and North Westmorland Association would like to have the shield in circulation again.

The old competition was for change ringing and the rules were not very satisfactory and would not be of any use today as so very few towers would be able to compete. I would, therefore, very much like to pick the brains of any of your readers who are interested or who have had experience in successful competition ringing, be it in striking, Sunday service or any other method.—Yours sincerely,

J. W. BROWNRIGG,
Hon. Sec.,
Cumberland & North Westmorland
Association of Change Ringers.

Keswick.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED ATTON

Although he had not been in good health since last spring, the death on February 5th of Mr. Fred Atton, of Braunston, Rutland, at the age of 68, was a great shock to his many friends

Born at Braunston, he served faithfully for many years as a member of the P.C.C., bell-ringer, steeplekeeper, clockwinder and as a tireless worker in the large churchyard. He was ever ready to roll up his sleeves and work for any good cause. A staunch member of the British Legion and Civil Defence Corps, secretary of the Village Hall for many years and umpire for the local cricket club were among his voluntary services.

His most cherished wish was the augmentation of the present four bells at All Saints', Braunston to six. He knew that the bells had been cast but was unable to share in the joy expected this summer of "the two new 'uns." He was laid to rest on February 10th in the shadow of the tower he loved. We thank God for his life's work and remember with gratitude the friendship we had had the good fortune to share with him.

Anon.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LETTERS—Continued

MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Recently you were kind enough to publish an appeal for details of early peals of Minor for me. I would like to thank again the several people who replied and in some cases enabled me to amend my records of first performances. As I expected, there is clearly quite a lot of information that never appeared in the ringing Press at the end of the last century and beginning of this; some I now have but I would still like to see a complete list of the peals of Minor rung at Sunderland between 1907 and 1912. Can anyone help?

I now have, from various sources, the names of several methods that have been rung in peals but whose notations I have so far been unable to trace. May I ask anyone who knows any of the notations or who can suggest where I might be able to obtain them, to get in touch with me, either direct or through the columns of "The Ringing World"? The methods are as follows:

Anston, Baden-Powell, Kitchener, French's and Buller's Surprise, all included in a peal at Anston, Sheffield, on December 10th, 1907; the first three were included in another peal at Anston on December 31st, 1911, but were then described as "Treble Bob."

Brown Edge Surprise (Norton, Staffs, September 29th, 1923)—almost certainly a Double Surprise method, and hence either false or the same as one of the five Double Surprise methods in the Minor Collection.

Buckley's Surprise (Glossop, Derbyshire, December 18th, 1863).

Coronation Exercise (Grappenhall, Cheshire, November 19th, 1895).

Echoes of Airedale (Gargrave, Yorkshire, November 29th, 1879; it was also included in 1,872 Minor at Bingley on May 29th, 1872).

Heston Bob (Heston, Middlesex, December 31st, 1900).

Horsham New Bob (Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire. August 25th, 1902).

Tong Delight (Tong, Yorkshire, February 17th, 1883; included in 2,520 Minor by the Tong band at Shipley, Yorkshire, on May 12th, 1880)

Stansted Court (Stansted, Essex, December 30th, 1899—this may be the same as Stansted Double Bob, but I would like to have this confirmed).

Warnham Court (Warnham, Sussex, December 25th, 1886. and several other peals in various parts of the country in the following years).

At the end of his Index of Minor Methods, published in "The Ringing World," Harold Chant asked for the details of some methods. Mr. C. K. Lewis has now managed to trace four of these and their notations may be of general interest.

British Queen: Snowdrop.

Liverpool: —56—16—12—16—34—16.
6ths. 64523

New Kirk: —56—16—12—16—12—56.
6ths. 35264

New York: Sandal.

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

19, Ravensgate Road,
Charlton Kings,
Cheltenham, Glos.

THOUGHT PROVOKING

DROP THE SEX TITLES

By E. DORICE KELLY

Mr. Ian V J Smith's letter in "The Ringing World" (February 2nd) is very courageous, very honest and very wise. It is also a great compliment for a man to tell the ladies that their Guild is no longer necessary.

I think the biggest trouble is that those in office, having been handed the torch, feel they must keep it going at all cost. For those of us who have seen the wheel turn full circle there can be no doubt in our hearts that the Ladies' Guild has accomplished what it set out to do and that women are now as free as men to come and go in the belfry as they please. This has not been accomplished by demanding our rights but by sheer hard work. (I did 21 years as secretary to a large and cumbersome district, where every meeting meant a lonely (my husband does not ring) and arduous journey, including strange towns in the blackout.

However, during this period it has been gratifying to feel the antagonism change to acceptance, and, believe me, the antagonism was very real, even among the clergy. I have attended Association meetings and tea and then the ladies have been "peeled off" by the Vicar and sent home. Also I have taught a little band of ringers from scratch, fixing stays and silencers, and as soon as the ringers reached a reasonable standard my services were calmly dispensed with by the Vicar.

During all this time there had been throughout the country some progressive and forward looking gentlemen who have held out a helping hand to the ladies, for which they will be for ever grateful.

There were two occasions in the later years that made me feel we had at last "arrived" and that it had all been worth while. One was when I was asked to arrange an all-ladies band to ring the bells at York Minster for the service of rededication of the Seven Sisters Window (after the war); the other was after taking part in a Ladies' Guild peal and finding a gathering of gentlemen outside to congratulate us.

The fading away of Districts in the Ladies' Guild (because the incentive is now gone) should be a clear warning, and during this process, if there is a frequent change of officers, valuable literature or documents appertaining to the Districts can easily become mislaid and lost for ever.

It has always been my opinion that too many Societies weaken the ringing fraternity (excepting the University Guild, which meets the needs of a "floating crowd"), and the Ladies' Guild would do well to study Mr. Smith's letter and many other points and then discuss the advisability of continuing the Guild. Any special effort by ladies can easily be contained in the ordinary Societies. Where there is high density of population, and therefore more ladies, the temptation to keep up the Ladies' Guild for its own sake might be great, but in the interests of women as a whole the last great step of all would be to drop the sex title of lady ringers and let us just be ringers.

DEVON LADIES HAVE THREE-TOWER MEETING

The annual meeting of the Devon Branch of the Ladies' Guild, held at Dartmouth on February 10th, was well attended and, as usual, very well supported by the gentlemen. The six bells at St. Petrox' were made full use of before the ringers moved up to hill to St. Clement's (another good six).

The service was conducted here by the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Philips) with Mr. S. Scardifield as organist. The weather was dry but bitterly cold so a well set out tea at South Ford Schoolrooms down in the town was much appreciated.

After tea the men left to ring at St. Saviour's (8) while the ladies held their meeting presided over by Mrs. H. Boobier. A new secretary, Mrs. Jill Southwood, of Plympton St. Mary, succeeds Mrs. P. Burnham, who is retiring after an agreed term of three years. Mrs. Southwood is the wife of the secretary of the South West Branch of the Devon Guild, so perhaps fewer main meetings in this district will now clash. The ladies then joined the men at St. Saviour's and the successful afternoon taking in the three Dartmouth towers ended at 8 p.m.

Next meeting: May 18th, Sidbury or Littleham.

A. E. R.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 6th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,440 Oxonian Major: R. H. Johnston (comp. and cond.) 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, J. R. Leary 3, P. J. Daniel 4, P. H. Mackie 5, P. G. McIlhone 6, J. R. Pratt 7, S. F. Royal 8. First touch in the principle. Rung by O.U.S.C.R. for 16th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II. (Oxonian Major: -14-38-38-14-12; 4th place bob.)

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Spliced Plain Major Composition

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

A RECENT letter from Mike Hunt, of Wood Green ("R.W." Dec 22nd. 1967), has drawn attention to the various peals of Spliced Plain that have been rung, mainly on handbells, during the past two years. These have been the work principally of two bands —the University team at Birmingham led by Richard Parker, and our own in Cheltenham— and follow after several years of neglect of this type of composition. A similar situation existed during the 1950s, with Daniel Matkin's prolific band at Bournemouth ringing a similar type of peal to those being rung today, and the Lincolnshire band under Jack Bray, while initially in the same class as the rest, ultimately ringing much more advanced and complicated compositions. One of the greatest disappointments of recent years was the discovery, some ten years after they were rung that all the peals by the latter band in more than 26 methods (they reached 50 methods at one point) were false.

In view of the apparent lack of any published articles in the past on this class of peal, it is hoped that the following notes on some of the more elementary aspects of Spliced Plain Major composition may be of interest.

The basis of these compositions is, naturally enough, Plain Bob. Since each has the same rows in a plain course as Plain Bob, Double and Reverse Bob are two obvious extras. Now look at the following methods.

12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
24163857	24163857	24163857
42618375	42618375	42618375
46281735	46281735	.
64827153	64827153	.
68472513	.	.
86745231	.	.
87654321	.	.
78563412	.	.
75836142	68472135	.
57381624	86741253	.
53718264	87614523	46213857
35172846	78165432	64128375
31527486	71856342	61482735
13254768	17583624	16847253
2nds Plain Bob	2nds Gainsborough 8ths Wellington	2nds Little Bob 8ths Crayford L.C.

Every row in a course of any of the last four is present in the corresponding course of Plain Bob—each method simply leaves out all the rows with the treble in 7-8 (Gainsborough and Wellington) or in 5-6-7-8 (Little Bob and Crayford) and has what remains of the Plain Bob half-leads in a fresh order.

It follows from this that, provided only that no half-lead is repeated, any combination of these methods to form a course will be true. Every row within such a course occurs in the corresponding course of Plain Bob; some of the Plain Bob rows may be missing, but no extra rows have been added. This in turn means that any Plain Bob composition may be used as the basis of the Spliced peal.

We in Cheltenham have used the following 5,040 by N. J. Pitstow:

23456	W	M	H
52436	—		3
35426	—		3
42356	—		—
32654		—	3
46253		—	—
42563	—		2
23564		—	2

Repeat twice.

Doubled with Singles, this allows for the wastage of rows that results from the inclusion of the Little methods. (In this form it appears as the first peal of Little Bob in the C.C.'s "Collection of Compositions in the popular Major methods".)

The simplest spliced courses are PPGPP and PLP, the former first appearing in the "R.W." for October 31st, 1919. For handbell peals in particular these have the advantage of keeping 7-8 coursing throughout. By omitting two sets of 3H in each of the six parts of the above composition and calling all courses PPGPP a 5,016 is obtained, this was rung (almost certainly not for the first time) "in hand" at Cheltenham on June 29th, 1966.

If PLP is substituted for PPGPP in all courses with bobs H only and the full calling is used, we get a 5,112. Shortened to 5,032 by omitting a block of 3H in one part, this was rung at Kingham, Oxon, on November 26th, 1966, and "in hand" at Cheltenham on November 28th, 1967. A similar arrangement, with courses called PPGPP and PLP alternately, was rung "in hand" at Nettleham, Lincs, on May 3rd, 1966.

Another course which keeps the tenors coursing throughout and adds Double Bob to the methods is LPDPL; if this is called in place of the PLP courses in the 5,112 above, and 3H is omitted in every part, we have another 5,112 (rung at Cheltenham on July 20th, 1966). Reverse Bob can now be added by substituting LPDRL for LPDPL throughout.

There are several more courses that will keep the tenors coursing. PPWDP (W=Wellington) makes a useful substitute for PPGPP and adds yet another method. Both courses have the musical (and practical) advantage of having 7-8 dodge together at the back whenever the treble turns round in the Little method —a feature shared by PLP, and by RCrD (Cr =Crayford Little Court). The latter calling is, however, suitable only for courses with bobs at Home, and CrDP is often more useful.

It is now a fairly simple matter to dispose these various courses against the basic calling to obtain a 5,000 in seven methods. There is, however, a far simpler way of getting six methods in, the "odd man out" being Crayford L.C. This is to call every course WRDGLP. George Fern has arranged a 5,040 on this plan by using Pitstow's block above for the first three parts, calling a Single in place of the last Bob, and calling the final three parts thus:

32456	W	M	H
36425	—	—	2
34265	—		2
32645	—		2

Repeat twice, calling single for final bob.

All courses are then called WRDGLP. This was rung "in hand" at Nettleham, Lincs, on May 10th, 1966.

Having now got our seven basic methods into the composition, how can this number be increased? The easiest way is to add those methods which substitute a pair of Kent places for one of the half-lead dodges of Double and Reverse Bob, Little Bob and Crayford L.C., i.e., Fulbeck (F) and Cleatham (Cl) (Double and Reverse Bob with places in 3-4 at the half-lead), Hackington (H) and Canterbury (Ca) (the same but with the places in 5-6), and Lansdowne (La) and Cambray (Cm) (Little and Crayford with half-lead places in 5-6).

If these methods are inserted in such a way that, while one of the tenors is dodging "normally," the other is involved in the place-making, no falseness can occur against our original courses. This is because the tenors will break their rigid coursing position for the two rows which differentiate the new methods from their "parents", and these rows cannot therefore repeat in any course which has the tenors coursing throughout.

One such course is PFPClD which, together with PHPCaD, was used, as far as I am aware, for the first time in the 29-method composition by Derek Ogden that was rung at Heptonstall, Yorks, on October 29th, 1960. Other courses are CmDP and LaPDPL or LaPDRL. A certain amount of caution is required when using the first two, since Fulbeck and Cleatham leads in the in-course half of a composition can go false against Hackington and Canterbury in the out-of-course half, and vice-versa.

Various arrangements of these courses to produce peals in from 5 to 13 methods were rung "in hand" at Cheltenham during the latter part of 1966 and early 1967.

The next stage is the introduction of St. Clement's (S)/Crayford College (Co) and their numerous variations. Again falseness can be avoided by parting the tenors while these methods are rung, with one bell working in 1-2 while the other hunts at the back. If PLLPLSL is rung in place of WRDGLP in George Fern's arrangement above the composition again runs to 5,040 changes and was rung in this form "in hand" at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on November 6th, 1959.

In our case it was, however, safer to let the ringer of 7-8 keep his bells together on the front, and falseness became a problem. A lead of St. Clement's with 7-8 dodging together in 1-2 is false against four different half-leads of Plain Bob—two with the treble in 5-6 and two with it in 7-8. There are two ways of avoiding this falseness. One is simply to arrange the methods in the "false" course in such a way that the false half-lead is not present. The other, and rather more subtle, way is to ring the false half-lead in a Little method so that the treble turns back before the false rows are reached:

18674523	15684723	15684723
81765432	51867432	51867432
87156342	58176342	58176342
78513624	85713624	85713624
87531264	**87531264**	87516342
78352146	**78352146**	78153624
87325416	73825416	71835264
etc.	etc.	etc.
St. Clement's	Plain Bob	Little Bob

The following arrangement in 15 methods, in which the false half-leads have simply been omitted, will perhaps serve to illustrate some of the above points. Notice the use of single leads of Double Bob to replace two leads of Plain Bob in the 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th courses; this is done to bring the length of the peal down to 5,040 changes without omitting any 3H sets.

23456	W	M	H	
45236	—		—	PLLSDD
24536			—	PHPCaD
52436			—	LaPDRL
43526	—		—	PLLCoL
54326			—	LaD
35426			—	LaD
42356	—		—	PFPClD
63254		—	—	CrDP
26354			—	CrDP
32654			—	CmDP
46253		—	—	CmDP
25463	—		—	PPGD
42563			—	RRWDP
35264		—	—	DGPP
23564			—	RRWDP

Repeat five times, calling Single for first Bob H in parts 1 and 4.

Rung at Cheltenham on March 8th, 1967, "in hand".

CLOSING DAY FOR NOTICES IS NOW FRIDAY

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

New Officers for South and West District

For the first time for many years Hounslow bells were open prior to the annual District meeting on January 27th. They have been out of action for several years and it was pleasing to find that they were going reasonably well. Ringing also took place at Heston, and an excellent tea and the meeting followed in Heston Vicarage.

A review of the District's activities showed 1967 to be a year of steady progress. There was a great increase in peal ringing, due largely to the efforts of Frank Blagrove, and an encouraging increase in quarter peals and in resident membership, with 25 new ringing members being elected. No less than 23 meetings had been held, mainly on week-day evenings. Bi-monthly Surprise Royal practices at Hillingdon had been introduced to alternate with Surprise Major practices, and the value of the monthly evening practices, for which towers are visited on their practice nights, was again proved. It was decided to continue on the same basis in 1968, and to hold Saturday meetings on May 25th and September 7th, with the next annual meeting at Staines on January 25th, 1969. The annual joint meeting at Hillingdon will be on October 26th.

The accounts showed that the ever hungry "Pink Pig" had collected £21 for the Bell Restoration Fund—a very satisfactory sum.

The election of officers brought a number of changes. In particular, Derek Fowles, who on his recent marriage left the District, regretfully resigned from the post of chairman, and was thanked for his services over the past seven years. His place was taken by John Hill, who was pleased to hand over the Mastership to Frank Blagrove, no stranger to the post. The new officers are: Chairman, J. Hill; Master, F. T. Blagrove; Deputy Master, R. K. Russ; secretary, Mr. J. Palmer (address: 26, Widmore Road, Hillingdon); assistant secretary, Miss A. Horsford; auditor, N. F. Edwards.

Six new ringing members were elected, viz.: K. Capper, R. Jephcoat and Miss J. Jeskins (all of Ruislip), C. Venn (Hillingdon), Miss M. Chambers (Chelsea) and D. C. Brown (Langley, Bucks).

A lengthy discussion followed on the ways of helping the many learners in the District. Various views and reminiscences were heard, and it was thought to be fairly true that the people who make best progress are those who visit other towers and attend meetings frequently. However, learners need encouragement to do this, and to help them more experienced ringers should make efforts to visit the struggling bands of the District as often as possible.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, with particular reference to Robin Collis for his excellent work in repairing Hounslow bells, and further ringing followed at Heston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at St. Mary's, Chatham, on January 20th, at which the Rev. Stanley Evans acted as chairman. Eleven new members were elected including one non-resident life member. Mr. Trevor Cross, one of the District representatives on the General Committee, gave his report on the committee meeting held in November, 1967. From his report members deduced that an increase in subscriptions was imminent. The possibility of electing a District chairman was also considered but was deferred until a future meeting.

It was agreed to postpone the annual striking contest in view of the fact that a large number of ringers would be out of the area on the originally arranged date (April 27th). L. M.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

Unfortunately on the day fixed for the 1967 annual general meeting, December 9th, snow and icy roads in parts of the District made it unwise or impossible to travel to Gillingham, and the business meeting was postponed with much regret. Some 14 members did brave the elements and were rewarded by some good ringing and a sumptuous tea prepared for 50. Thanks and apologies were expressed to the local ringers (correspondent Mr. A. R. Rose) and caterers, led by Mrs. Braddick, for all the trouble they had taken.

It was decided to carry over the business of the annual general meeting to the next quarterly meeting, and this is to be held at Shillingstone on March 9th. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to make up for the disappointment felt in December.

A joint meeting with the Wimborne Branch on April 20th is also planned. Details of this will appear in a Notices column.

Marlborough Branch

The fairly heavy five at St. George's, Ogbourne, attracted a good attendance at the meeting of the Marlborough Branch on February 17th, and visitors from Chippenham and Salisbury were welcomed. The Vicar (the Rev. H W. Dunne) conducted the Guild service and Mr. A. Keen, of Aldbourne, was organist. The village ladies provided an excellent tea.

In accordance with suggestions, the new secretary (Miss H. Jones) submitted a schedule of monthly meetings for the rest of the year and these were unanimously adopted. Copies will be supplied to tower correspondents, and advertised Mr. G. Newman, who presided, proposed the vote of thanks, and ringing was resumed until 7.30 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

Youth to the fore—that was the scene at Sandy on February 10th for the Biggleswade District meeting. Many young ringers came and rang whatever the Ringing Masters offered, from rounds to Plain Bob and Grandsire, with the help of some more experienced ringers. It seemed appropriate that we should have tea in the Youth Club, and amidst table tennis and the latest pop records the ultra-modern surroundings seemed to make the traditional meal a much more lighthearted affair. Even the usually boring business meeting went with a swing!!

Yes indeed, the future looks bright for us, but let us hope we have enough to offer them to maintain their interest, and we hope to see them all again on March 9th at Clifton. L. E.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Northampton Branch

A full programme for 1968 was announced at the annual general meeting of the Northampton Branch at Northampton on January 27th.

Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (8) followed by the Guild form of service and service ringing at St Giles' Church (10). Tea was served to members and friends in St. Giles' Church Rooms and the meeting followed.

The president, the Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner, was reappointed, and the offices of secretary/treasurer, Master, auditor and Branch committee were also filled. New appointments included a social organiser (Mr. G. F. Roome), two Branch instructors (Mr. G. F. Roome and Mr. R. A. Eldridge) and a Press correspondent (Miss Williams). The new social organiser hopes to arrange a Branch outing.

Many items were discussed, including the holding of joint practices, which, with experienced ringers on hand, should improve the standard of ringers amongst young ringers. At a meeting of tower captains last November it was decided that a quarterly news letter could be issued to towers, and the first issue was published in December. This had met with considerable response and the convener of this meeting, Mr. George F. Roome, was thanked for all the hard work he had put in.

The usual votes of thanks were given for the flawless arrangements and all in all the meeting was most successful.

Ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m. at All Saints' Church.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

Over 40 members took advantage of a clear, dry afternoon and evening to visit at least one, if not more, of the three towers open for the District's meeting on February 17th. Ringing took place at Barnby Dun (6)—the first time the District had been there for a number of years—Arksey (8) and Campsall (8). Tea was taken at Arksey. The main item was the annual general meeting in May, when four elections will be held—those of the secretary (not seeking re-election), a General Committee member and two of the District's Committee. The Wakefield Cathedral Sunday service team were congratulated on their recent 12-bell quarter peal—a notable achievement. M. K.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The band who rang the peal of Rutland Surprise at Banwell would like to thank John Walton for ringing at such short notice.

Sunday, February 18th, broadcast after listening to Evercreech bells: "You have been listening to the bells of St. Peter's, Evercreech, ringing Grandsire Triplets." We hope all the children are doing well!

In the Central Council minutes on page 124, a representative member attended from South Derbyshire and North Leicester Association, and not South Derbyshire and North Notts Association.

With an average age of 18, a quarter peal of Minor was rung at St. George's, Dublin, on January 27th, which is claimed to be by the youngest ever band in Ireland. For two of the band, Miss G. Winnett and the conductor, P. W. Brown, it was a 21st birthday compliment.

At Blofield, Norfolk, call changes were recently rung half-muffled in memory of Miss B. Moss, organist at the church for approximately 30 years. The ringers were Mrs. B. Brindley 1, Miss L. Bates 2, K. L. Brown 3, Miss H. Grass 4, C. Tooke 5, H. Ford (conductor) 6.

The University Societies of Durham and Newcastle rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Brancepeth on February 17th to mourn the ending of G.M.T.

The handbell peal at Audlem has enabled F. R. Morton and his two companions to complete 100 peals together as a trio. Their average age is 22 years.

The Hereford County Council, who were proposing to give a grant of £20,000 to help meet the cost of repairs to Hereford Cathedral tower, have been recommended by the County Finance Committee to set aside only £3,000 this year for the purpose.

Duplicates. — The peal at Church Wanborough, page 109, is repeated on page 129. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne on page 107 is an incorrect duplication of the peal published the previous week.

There is plenty of scope for education in the art of ringing by the Oxford University Society. The Balliol College "brains" who appeared in the University Quiz recently were dumbfounded when asked what were the words Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

GENEROUS GIFT FOR IRTHLINGBOROUGH BELLS

A very welcome surprise at Irthlingborough During 1965 Mr. J. Fidler, of Loughborough. came, by request. to St Peter's to make an estimate of the work necessary to put the ring of eight bells in order They were last rehung with two new trebles to make eight in 1893 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Just before the estimate arrived it was found necessary to raise £1,500 for repairs to the roof of the church. This was followed by an appeal for £850 for the complete overhaul of the church organ. Thus hopes for the bells were completely dashed.

Through the unexpected thought and generosity of a sidesman and older members of the belfry, the fittings—all except the bells themselves— have been removed to John Taylor and Co for restoration, rehanging on ball bearings, etc.

Mr. Ernest Shelton, of Irthlingborough, is being responsible for the whole cost of the work—£777. The work is expected to be completed in four months' time.

Many thanks to Ernest. A. B.

NEWS OF YETMINSTER BELLS

Five of the six bells at St. Andrew's, Yetminster, near Sherborne, Dorset, were taken to Loughborough last summer to undergo extensive restoration. When the bells were lowered it was found to everyone's dismay that the tenor was cracked. There was much discussion among members of the tower, the P.C.C and the parish in general as to the best way of dealing with this contingency, and at last the order has been given for the bell to be recast.

Besides being used for striking the hour, these bells are also used for the automatic chiming of a verse of the National Anthem every three hours. This loyal greeting has been sadly missed during the past six months and parishioners look forward to hearing it regularly once more, and the local ringers are eagerly anticipating a really good ring of six.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD

A strong ringing programme was arranged for February 10th, the day of the Guild's annual dinner. In the morning peals were rung at Ashover and Handsworth but the afternoon peal ringing was less successful. Other towers open were Killamarsh, Eckington, Norton and Dore in the morning, and Walkley, Ranmoor and St. Marie's in the afternoon.

The Roslyn Court Hotel was the seat of the evening's entertainment and more than double the numbers who attended the previous two dinners took their places at 8 p.m.

The Guild were very pleased to have with them once again their president, Mr. Paul Taylor, and to welcome for the first time Canon Collins, of St. Marie's (R.C.), the University tower. The toast of "The Guild" was proposed by Mr. R. Farnsworth, and the Master (Miss Patricia Rogers) replied. "The Visitors" was proposed by the Deputy Master (Mr. J. F. S. Eborall), and the Master of Birmingham (Mr. J. R. White) replied on their behalf.

The formal proceedings concluded, the floor was cleared for those wishing to dance and the bar made more accessible for those less energetic.

Many thanks go to all those who met us at the towers, and to the incumbents. C. A. P.

"TEN YEARS AFTER"

Regarding a complaint mentioned in our issue of October 27th last, we again state that the character **"Old Bill"** in the story "Ten Years After," published in our issue of September 22nd last, was in no sense associated with Mr W. T. Froggatt. of Birmingham, or with any living person, and that it Mr. Froggatt has thought it referred to him we can assure him that this was not so We are certainly sorry if the article has caused Mr. Froggatt any distress.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, DARLINGTON

At the annual dinner of the ringers of St Cuthbert's, Darlington, Co. Durham, on February 10th. the captain. Mr Thomas Cooke welcomed among the guests a former Vicar of St. Cuthbert's the Rt Rev G. Holderness. Bishop of Burnley, and Mrs. Holderness. Other guests were the present Vicar, Canon P N Wansey, and Mrs. Wansey and Lady Starmer

APPRECIATION FROM PEACE CAPITAL

St. James', Turramurra, N.S.W (a six-bell tower), where Margaret Goodyer and her two sons ring, had 27 people at a recent practice. A recording of the bells was sent by a local resident to his daughter in Geneva A letter of thanks has been received from Geneva, which reads: "As you pull away wondering whether the surrounding parishioners are cursing or blessing you for disturbing the peace, you may just remember that there are many people to whom your bells are dear and that they are now resounding in Geneva, the peace capital of the world."

EXTENSION BY COMPUTER

We hope to publish shortly an article on "Method Extension by Computer" by Geoffrey Dodds, of 18, Sandfield Road, St. Albans. So far Mr. Dodds has found all the extensions possible of all regular Plain Minor and Surprise Minor methods and he has made a start on the Surprise Major methods. He hopes to be able to offer a service to anyone looking for an extension of a method, provided they send the place notation or other identification and a stamped addressed envelope.

STANDING OVATION FOR YOUNG DERBYSHIRE RINGERS

At the annual general church meeting on February 19th five young Derbyshire Association members—Susan Heeley (17), Denise Lomas (18, Richard Dexter (23), Colin Greenhough (17) and Alan Shore (15)—received a standing ovation for their efforts in getting Wingerworth bells, which not so very long ago were completely silent, ringing regularly for Sunday services

Warmly congratulating them, the Rector (the Rev. N. G Wickham) said it was a tremendous achievement to have had the bells rung for at least one service on almost every Sunday since last Easter. This was particularly so when one realised their young age, the heavy demands of "A' 'and "O" level homework and the numerous other counter-attractions, which, together with the loss of several ringers to college, had made their task more difficult.

The new secretary of the Beverley and District Society is Mrs D. S. Johnson, 5, Redland Drive. Kirk Ella, near Hull, E. Yorks.

ST PETER MANCROFT GUILD DINNER

The Guild held its annual dinner at the Flixton Rooms Norwich, on February 14th, and it was a most enjoyable evening We are fortunate in having the president of the Central Council as one of our members and were happy to see both Canon and Mrs Thurlow among our number.

In proposing the toast of "The Church" the Master, Dr David Heighton. placed particular emphasis on the link between the Guild and the mother church and briefly reviewed the activities of the past year Despite the long periods when no ringing could take place due to structural repairs to the tower, he said that the achievement of a peal of Stedman Cinques by an all-local band was something of which we could all be proud and he hoped that when ringing was resumed progress might be made in the field of Surprise Royal. Best wishes were sent to members unable to be present, particularly to Nolan Golden, who has had to enter hospital again.

In his reply the Vicar (the Rev. W J. Westwood), president of the Guild. thanked the ringers for their services throughout what had been a difficult year and said that it was hoped to release the tower from the hands of the builders in time to ring on Easter Sunday He looked forward to the dedication of the west window in July which is to be a memorial to the late Vicar, the Rev. Frank Jarvis, and he hoped that it might be made the occasion for a commemorative peal.

After dinner a showing of the Washington Film proved to be excellent entertainment and the rest of the evening provided a welcome opportunity for the Guild to catch up with its gossip. D. M. P.

NEW ERA AT BURES

A few years ago Bures, Suffolk, had a local Surprise Major band, but employment elsewhere reduced the band to the Plain Doubles and call changes standard. Of the old company only the Mills family and Evelyn Cansdale were left

After a long period of teaching, the dawn of a new era was witnessed on February 18th —a very proud day for the four of the old team—as the service ringing was again done by an all peal-ringers' band.

RECRUITING IN HEREFORD

The Rev Peter Nourse, Vicar of Eardisland, Herefords. who is a ringer, has written to "The Hereford Times" endorsing the view that only practising Christians should ring church bells. He adds:—

"Church bells exist for the purpose of giving praise to God and of summoning people to worship. and not merely for the pursuit of the hobby of campanology. Anyone who wishes to become a bellringer should, as a matter of course, be expected also to be or at least to become a practising churchman."

STRATTON ANNIVERSARIES

It was very much a congratulatory quarter (Grandsire Triples) that was rung at Stratton, Cornwall, on February 13th. Not only was it for the 38th wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Sangwin. but also his birthday compliment. A still older couple honoured were Mr and Mrs. P. Sluman (their 53rd wedding anniversary and Mrs Sluman's 73rd birthday) Mr. Sluman is the only surviving member of the 12 local men who helped to hang Stratton bells in 1911.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch)

BROMBOROUGH Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt.

*Gillian M. Morrison	Treble	Robert Peers	5
†Anthony Salisbury	2	Anthony P. Foster	6
James M. Pembertonu	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
*John G. Lifton	4	Donald Peers	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal of Triples. † First "inside."

NESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Helen.
On Fri., Dec. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of April Day, 15 extents of Grandsire and 15 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Derek L. M. Williams	2	Henry Norman	6
*Rona M. Cameron	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
Elizabeth L. Williams	4	Donald Peers	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal and first attempt.

HESWALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Robert S. Morrison	Treble	†Gillian M. Morrison	4
†Michael P. Benson	2	†John B. Andrew	5
†John G. Lifton	3	Alexander J. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BROUGHTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part, 7th obs. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Peter J. Key	Treble	Gillian Griffiths	5
*Grahame C. Keay	2	Roger L. Hawksworth	6
Barnabas G. Key	3	Ian Friend	7
E Marion Key	4	John W. Dyke	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal on eight.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter Key (20), Pamela Key (21) and J. W. Dyke (65).

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

Stephen J. Bedford	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	3
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Vernon B. Bedford	4
Michael J. Parker	Tenor		

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Feb. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10cwt.

*Sheila Hebden	Treble	†Geoffrey Hebden	4
Roy W. Rice	2	John Walton	5
Walter S. Rice	3	*Colin Hornett	Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung as a 21st birthday (this day) compliment to Colin Hornett.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Ralph G. Edwards	Treble	Basil Jones	7
D. John Hunt	2	David W. Friend	8
Jennifer M. Taylor	3	Cecil W. Pipe	9
Michael J. Hobbs	4	James R Taylor	10
Ian C. Maycock	5	David J. Purnell	11
Neil Bennett	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Ian C. Maycock	Treble	Edward G. Mould	6
Paul N. Murgatroyd	2	David J. Marshall	7
Michael J. Platt	3	Royston Blacker	8
Anthony J. Cox	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
Arthur R. Wright	5	John C. Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Chad.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Christopher M. P. Johnson	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	2	Vivian Nutton	7
Christopher W. Woolley	3	A. Robin Heppenstall	8
Keith J. Triplow	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	9
Hugh E. Bishop	5	Philip A. F. Chalk	Tenor

Composed by H J. Tucker. Conducted by C. M. P. Johnson.
Rung by members of Selwyn College to commemorate the centenary of the enthronement of Bishop G. A. Selwyn as Bishop of Lichfield, January 9th, 1868.

ICKLETON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

M. Hutchings (Newnham)	Treble	G. H. Jones (St. John's)	5
V Nutton (Selwyn)	2	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	6
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	3	*A. F. Scholfield (Clare))	7
R. S. Bradley (Clare)	4	*R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Alan Scholfield.
* 25th peal together.

LITTLEPORT, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Feb. 3 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr 5 lb. in E.

R. L. Underwood (P'house)	Treble	D. S. Pont (Christ's)	5
F E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	2	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	6
R S Bradley (Clare)	3	*R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	7
A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	4	D. S. Bishop (Caius)	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
* 25th peal for the Guild.
Rung in memoriam Canon W. Telfer, M.C., M.A., Master of Selwyn College 1946-56.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Derek F. Yates	2	Alan McFall	7
Basil Jones	3	Robert B Smith	8
*Lawrence J. Haines	4	Jeffrey Brannan	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by C Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the sixth

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Feb. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's 12-part (5th obs.). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*Valerie Jamson	Treble	Roy Worrall	5
†Norman Sherratt	2	Gerald Parsons	6
Rosemary A. Spicer	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Sandra C. Spooner	4	Hector Ridley	Tenor

* First peal on eight bells † First of Grandsire. First on the bells since rehanging

LONGTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Feb. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*John R Scott	Treble	F. Hector Bennett	5
†Rosemary A. Spicer	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
‡Rosemary E. White	3	†David J. Danby	7
Felicity Ashford	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Surprise Major † First of Surprise Major "inside." ‡ First blow in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
being four extents of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Thomas E. Howarth ..	Treble	Edwin Jones	4
Lucy P. A. Hopkins ..	2	Alexander J. Martin ..	5
Donald Peers	3	Jeffrey J Fox	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Ilkeston District)
SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Christine Browne	Treble	David W Camm	5
Anne Browne	2	Gordon Faulks	6
Alec Humphrey	3	David J Marshall	7
Jack Chadwick	4	Denis R Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung by members of the West Hallam Evening Institute ringing class. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EASINGWOLD, North Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	James Crowther	5
Rev. Fred Ross	2	George S. Deas	6
Kenneth Lawson	3	Michael Maughan	7
Alan H. Bridges	4	Eric N Harrison	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At The Watch Tower.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 26 lb. in G.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	*Malcolm E. Johnson ..	5
*Christine H. Telfer	2	Maurice Edwards	6
Christopher Ottaway ..	3	Michael Maughan	7
John R. Insley	4	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First blow in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F

Janet E. G. Hallett	Treble	Bernard C. Sadler	5
Hubert H. Furminger ..	2	Gerald A. Bacon	6
*Penny A. Halliwell	3	Michael J. Hallett	7
Alfred J. House	4	David Sloman	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David Sloman.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

GREAT YELDHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Elizabeth Campbell ..	Treble	Jean Simmonds	4
Mrs. Joan Poulter	2	Carole Patey	5
*Marion Simmonds	3	Roy Threadgold	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Threadgold.
* First peal. First as conductor. First in the method for all.

WEST TILBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES
In two methods, being 22 extents of Grandsire and 21 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 22 lb. in B flat.

*Josephine P. Sadler ..	Treble	*David Sloman	3
*Gerald A. Bacon	2	Bernard C. Sadler	4
		Frank B. Lufkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge, one of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Edna N. Cooper	Treble	Yvonne A. Murray	4
Anne Edwards	2	Rosemarie A Frith	5
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Claire Hudson	Tenor

Conducted by Rosemarie A Frith.
First peal as conductor in more than one method.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EPSOM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5147 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*John B. Helder	Treble	§Jill P. Oakshott	6
†John C. Davidge	2	Juliet S. Stoy	7
Nigel Thomson	3	§William J. Munton	8
Jean L. Kimber	4	Stewart F Kimber	9
‡Keith Burgess	5	§John F. Oakshott	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Stewart F. Kimber.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First on ten bells and first "inside." § First on ten bells.
Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,728 London, 1,152 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol with 122 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	5
*Christopher W. Woolley	2	David E. Rothera	6
Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	3	Roger Baldwin	7
†John R. Southey	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* 100th peal on the bells. † First peal of Spliced.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb.

Walter Ayre	Treble	*Augustin V. Good	5
*Reginald E. J. Sheppard	2	*Peter W. Harper	6
*C. Valerie Mills	3	*Keith Sheppard	7
*Frank M. Byrne	4	*Brian M. Barker	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung to record the induction of the Rev. B. Jones, late curate in this parish, to the living of Leagrave, Beds, with the best wishes of the ringers. Also a birthday compliment to A. V. Good.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSMONDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Colin A. Tester	Treble	Robert T. Lambert	5
Reginald E. Lambert ..	2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	6
Alexander Waddington ..	3	Martin L. Howe	7
Olive D. Tester	4	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by R. T. Lambert. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ENDERBY, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Jan. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

John Bramley	Treble	Martin Green	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Philip A. Mason	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	Malcolm E. Wade	7
John M. Jelley	4	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by D. R. Carlisle and G. A. Halls.
Conducted by John M. Jelley.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Rung on the "Margaret" eight Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Martin Green	Treble	John M. Jelley	5
Philip A. Mason	2	Malcolm E. Wade	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	John Bramley	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Wed., Feb. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

R. Kingsley Mason ..	Treble	*Philip A. Mason	5
*Dorothy Mason	2	*Martin Green	6
†Monica M. Jelley	3	*Malcolm E. Wade	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Feb. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Frank Chambers	Treble	John K. Smith	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Ron Hughes	3	J. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Feb. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,760 Rutland, 1,440 London and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 144 changes of method Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	Philip A. Mason	5
John M. Jelley	2	Martin Green	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	John Bramley	7
Dorothy Mason	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal of eight Spliced by all except the ringers of second and tenor.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford, two of Single Court and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

Harry Barnes	Treble	Frederick Derry	4
*Geoffrey Spencer	2	J. Edward Brown	5
*Anthony D. Walker ..	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal in four methods
Rung for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

IRNHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being eight extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and ten extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G sharp.

Alec A. Crawford	Treble	Peter A. Slight	3
Frederick W. Pinchbeck ..	2	Charles F. Baxter	4

William A. Holmes .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss P. Codd, of Irnham, and Mr. S. Rodgers, of Stamford, who were married previous to the peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

William J. Goodfellow ..	Treble	David J. Llewellyn ..	6
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	2	Paul S. Reading	7
Thomas Yeomans	3	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland ..	8
Nevil A. James	4	Christopher Ricketts ..	9
Michael Pilgrim	5	*Stephen Fenwick	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* 25th peal.
Rung with the very best wishes to the Dean (the Rt. Rev. Eryl S. Thomas) on his appointment as Lord Bishop of Monmouth.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Feb. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Gillian J. Colleypriest ..	Treble	Andrew W. Bainham ..	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Paul A. Williams	6
Leslie F. G. Bainham ..	3	David J. King	7
*Peter N. Chambers	4	David L. Philips	Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. A. A. and Mrs. Jones on the birth of their twins, a son and a daughter.

NASH, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Feb. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being eight methods in seven extents: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Grandsire, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Stephen Fenwick	Treble	Paul A. Williams	4
Christopher Ricketts ..	2	Charles P. Quartley	5
Paul S. Reading	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BURFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

William A. Godwin	Treble	Kenneth R. Davenport ..	5
Frank Reed	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Peter Pearce	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the 30th anniversary of the institution and induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Fairfax Scott-Tucker, to the Benefice. Also to mark the completion of 30 years 'service of the Rev. V. D. Rogers in the parish.

BURFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
B: —38—14—1258—1236—34—38—16—78.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Douglas Whitlock	Treble	Peter T. Dale	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	Walter Lee	6
Ronald K. Russ	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Roger A. Gage	4	Anthony K. Fortin	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony K. Fortin.
* First peal on eight bells. First as conductor on eight bells, 100th peal, also 75th tower for a peal.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEXHAM SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Martin J. Turner	Treble	Bertram J. Coggins	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Peter Pearce	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First of Minor and of Surprise. First in the method by all the band.

AMERSHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

*Louise A. M. Evans ..	Treble	†Robert H. Newton	4
*Douglas K. Whitlock ..	2	Frank T. Blagrove	5
Monica Blagrove	3	Anthony K. Fortin ..	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony K. Fortin.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First in more than one method.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Feb. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Anne Henman	Treble	*David J. Morgan (15) ..	3
Leslie Battison	2	*Iestyn G. Morgan (15) ..	4

†Allan R. Jones .. .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Allan R. Jones.
* First peal. † 25th of Doubles. The ringer of the 2nd has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a birthday compliment to Iestyn G. Morgan.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Feb. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 55 methods: (1) Marple, Braintree, College Bob, St. Albans, Willesden, Wragby, Newdigate, Charlwood, Old, Oxford, Neasden, Taxal, Humber, Elston and Clarence Delight and Morning Star T.B. (15 methods by A. G. Driver), (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham Surprise, Burslem and Waltham Delight, (3) Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke and Dunottar Delight, (4) Skipton, Knutsford, Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, Hull and Bourne Surprise, Nelson Treble Bob, (5) Vale Royal, St. Werburgh's, Crowland, Combermere, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight, (6) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star T.B. and Disley Delight, (7) London Scholars, Kingston, Capel, Sandal and Oxford T.B., with 108 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb

F. William Midwinter	Treble	William L. Exton	4
Christine L. J. Mills	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Brian M. Buswell	3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

First peal in 55 methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

MUCH WENLOCK, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Jacqueline M. Quickfall	Treble	David J. Midgley	5
*Christopher J. Bennett	2	F. Hector Bennett	6
*Stephen T. Yates	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
T. Felicity Ashford	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Feb. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Ernest G. Pearce	6
Gilbert R. Goodship	3	Neville F. Whittell	7
Clifford R. Lovett	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

Rung as a compliment to James Bennett on his 81st birthday.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb in G.

Raymond J. Talbot	Treble	Brian J. Read	5
Caroline Mackie	2	James M Hills	6
Susan E. M. Davis	3	Robert H. Newton	7
*Peter D. Hepburn	4	John R. Norris	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by John R. Norris.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HANBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb in F sharp.

M. Irene Ellsmore	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
*Margaret A. Swain	2	Robert Edwards	6
†Morley P. Tobin	3	Roderick J. Lees	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Arranged by Henry Johnson.
Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise "inside."

DROITWICH SPA, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton.
On Sat., Feb 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five variations: Reverse St. Bartholomew (three extents), Dedworth (three extents), April Day (12 extents), Plain Bob (12 extents) and Grandsire (two Morris's 240's, one Pitman's 240 and six extents).

Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*Ian L. Dollins	Treble	Walter H. Raxter	4
†John R. Sach	2	Paul Cattermole	5
†Allan Russell	3	*Frederic W. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

* First peal. † First on six bells First peal by a local team since 1928: the ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 6 are associated with St. Peter-de-Witton and those of 3 and 4 with St. Augustine's, Dodderhill, Droitwich.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHOWRAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,120 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 672 Cambridge, 672 Lincolnshire, 576 Bristol, 448 Pudsey, 448 Superlative and 224 London, with 108 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

David Nichols	Treble	*John S Seager	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Neil Donovan	6
Kathleen M. Higgins	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Richard E. Price	4	J Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Feb. 10 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,824 Cambridge, 1,472 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt.

Iris M. E. Lemare	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
Susan Jackson	2	Neil Donovan	6
Geoffrey H. Randalls	3	Philip Mehew	7
Alan R. Bridges	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Gillian and Roderick Pipe on the birth of their son.

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb in F sharp.

Liz C. Duncan	Treble	Colin G. Wright	5
Jonathan S. N. Porter	2	Ian L. Dear	6
Andrew J. Slade	3	*John S. Seager	7
David E. Rothera	4	†Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

* First peal of 9-Spliced. † First of Spliced Surprise Major.

SHAROW, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Enid Lawson	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
James Crowther	2	Alan H. Bridges	6
Christine H. Telfer	3	Michael Maughan	7
Rev. Fred Ross	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

WHIXLEY, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in C sharp.

Lynne L. Clowe	Treble	John A. Brown	4
Susan Mitchell	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	*Suzanne Withers	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in five methods.

WRAGBY, W. Yorks.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
On Mon., Feb. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 58 methods, viz.: (1) St. Ninian, St. Austell, St. Felix, (2) Horsley, St. Cecilia, St. Cleer, (3) Eynsham, St. Jude, Elford, (4) Lapley, St. Mary, Shareshill, (5) St. Leonard, St. Laurence, Austrey, (6) St. John, St. Crispin, Ryton, (7) April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, (8) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Little Aston, (9) St. Werburgh, (10) St. Osmond, (11) St Patrick, (12) St. Ambrose, (13) St. Richard, (14) Church Gresley, (15) St. Chrysostom, (16) St. Remigius, (17) Somerville, (18) St. Simon, (19) Cassington, (20) St. Albans, (21) Nuffield, (22) St. Giles, (23) St. Thomas, (24) St. Nicholas, (25) Magdalen, (26) St. Martin, (27) St. Peter, (28) St. Paul, (29) Wadham, (30) St. Miles, (31) St. Luke, (32) Winchendon, (33) Hudibras, (34) Plain Bob, (35) Old, (36) Kennington, (37) Campion, (38) Southrepps, (39) St. Columb, (40) Reverse Canterbury, (41) Wychbold, (42) Dedworth.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Catherine R. Slater	Treble	*C. Barrie Dove	3
Ronald R. Warford	2	*John Potts	4
		††‡Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* 50th peal together. † 75th peal. ‡ Most methods to a peal. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Students' Union, Edgbaston
On Tues., Jan 30, 1968, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5083 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in G.

Rupert A Clarke	1–2	James R. White	5–6
Christopher I. Rowson ..	3–4	Robert M. Chambers	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by James R. White.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Room 110, Edgbaston.
On Tues., Feb 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.
In 20 methods, being Plain Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little, Little Bob, Crayford Little, Lansdowne Little Bob, Reverse Bob, Rosehill, Briercliffe, Cliviger, Barkby, Birstall, Greengate, Hendred, Abingdon, Radley, Northcourt, Lockinge and Ardington, with 140 changes of method. Tenor size 11 in G.

Christopher I. Rowson ..	1–2	James R. White	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	*Robert M. Chambers ..	7–8

Composed by James R. White.
Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal of Spliced.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Valentine.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At 11, Victoria Street.
On Thurs., Feb. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 13 in E.

R A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) ..	1–2	J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) ..	5–6
V. Nutton (Selwyn)	3–4	B D. Threlfall (Trinity) ..	7–8

A F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 9–10
Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

CAMBRIDGE.—In C3, Selwyn College.
On Fri., Jan. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

R A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) ..	1–2	J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) ..	5–6
V Nutton (Selwyn)	3–4	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) ..	7–8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Brian Threlfall.
First peal of Surprise Major "in hand" by the Guild and by all the band except the ringer of 3–4.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.
On Fri., Feb. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

*John A. Roberts	1–2	David F Moore	5–6
Eric J. Gilbert	3–4	*†Robert Peers	7–8
		*F Leslie Coventry	9–10

Composed by R. B Smith. Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.
* First peal of Royal. † First on handbells. First of Royal on handbells for all except ringer of 5–6. First handbell peal as conductor. First of Royal in the Wirral.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., Feb. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., Feb. 12 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	*Brian J. Woodruffe	7–8
		Gerald Penney	9–10

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells. First of London Surprise Royal on handbells for the Association.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.
On Tues., Jan. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn (cond.) ..	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Penny Cocks 1, N. Bennett (first "inside" in method) 2, Amanda Powell 3, Carol Cousins 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Morris 1, R. Cross 2, A. Knight 3, R. Bartlett (first quarter) 4, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 5, F Pike 6.

BANWELL, SOM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Hebden (first quarter) 1 Miss M Legg (cond.) 2, G. Prescott 3 C. Allen (first in method) 4, G. Hebden 5, M. Hebden 6, W. Rice 7, R. Rice 8. A birthday compliment to C. Hornett.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, on Jan. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Peta Ollen 1, Enid Hammond 2, Marion Kemp (first of Bob Major) 3, Caroline Mackie 4, B. J. Read 5, M. S. Loveday 6, J. M. Hills 7, R. H. Newton (cond.) 8. First of Major for the S.U.G.C.R. Also at St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 4th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: R. I. Vaughan 1, Caroline Mackie 2, B. J. Read 3, R. H. Newton (cond.) 4, Marion Kemp 5, Peggy E Smith 6, A W. Bond 7, D. L. Nibbs 8, D. P. Snoswell 9, M. S. Loveday 10. First of Bob Caters by all except 4, 7. By the St. Peter's Society for Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on Dec. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Bateman 1, J. W. Collard 2, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 3, F. J. Sampson 4 B. Martin 5, D. Rennolds 6, T. Newlands 7, D J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First of Surprise 2, 4, 5

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL. — On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Scott 1, Miss R. Guy 2, E H. Langley 3, P Jeans 4, T. R. Hart (first as cond.) 5, D. Stephens 6 First quarter 1, 2.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, OXON. — On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R Tuckwell 1, C. Woodward 2, V. Fox 3, G. McIlhone (cond.) 4, B. Gray 5, J. Godman 6, C Holloway 7, F Absolem 8. A wedding compliment to Barbara Butler and R. Griffiths.

FAVERSHAM, KENT. — On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. S. Philpott 1, Miss P. A. Winch 2, R. J. Kite 3, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 4, Miss D. V. Petts 5, W. A. Epps 6.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX. — On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Greta Austin (first quarter) 1, A. G. Bartholomew 2, W J Barrett (cond.) 3, D. Hymas (first "inside") 4, J. Harris 5, P. Rayner 6. A birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. E. E. Lendon).

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridgett Gordon (first quarter) 1, Joyce Bills 2, J. Bills 3 D. Bennet (first in method) 4, P. Privett (cond.) 5, R. Winkworth (first quarter) 6. For Valentine's Day.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on Feb. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. J. Spice 1, M. H. O'Callaghan 2, R. V. Fuller 3, T. Lewis 4, K. J. Rider 5, R. A. Ling 6, Miss D. E. Colgate 7, E. J. Ladd 8, P. W. Cave 9, J. W. Smith (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

MIDDLE SWAN, W.A.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Jenny Lees 1–2, A. Mann (cond.) 3–4, Heather Mann 5–6, Nancie Page (first "in hand") 7–8.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Janet Bloomfield (first quarter) 1, W. K. Brett 2, D. Butler 3, R. W. Bloomfield 4, K. Hilton 5 P. Rogers (first as cond.) 6

OXFORD. — At Queen's College, on Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. G. McIlhone 1–2, S. K. Thompson 3–4, S. F. Royal 5–6, J. R. Leary (cond.) 7–8. First quarter of Major "in hand" by all except 1–2.

PERTH, W.A.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Mann (cond.) 1, Nancie Page 2, T. Lambert (first Minor) 3, J. Carter 4, Heather Mann 5, T. Gregory 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples A. House 1, Mrs. M. Hallett 2, T. Sharp 3, F. May 4 P. Sadler 5, M. J. Hallett 6, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8 For Evensong.

SALTWOOD, KENT. — On Feb. 11th, 1,340 Doubles (three methods): M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, B Butcher 4, R Birch (cond.) 5, D. Farmer (first quarter) 6. For Communion Service.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Hallett 1, Jose Sadler 2, Penny Halliwell 3, P Sentance (first quarter) 4, H. Furminger 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6 D Sloman 7, B. Sadler 8. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6 8 covering): Margaret Hunter 1, G. Bacon 2, P. Sentance 3 S. Halliwell 4, P. Sloman (cond.) 5, Anne Hunter 6, B. Sentance 7, J. Crooks 8. First quarter 1, 6, 7, 8. First of Doubles 3, 4.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Pearce 1, K. G. Waller 2, Sandra Pearce 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A 34th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. White. Also on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM. — On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R Jones 1, D Gay 2, E. H. Forrest 3, J Coombs 4, G. Davis 5, S. Lewis 6, J. Walton (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, B. Mills 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 4, 5, 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): Jacqueline Allen 1, P. Butler (first of Treble Bob) 2 L. W. G. Skinner 3, S. Gay 4, A. Long 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Tooke 1, Janet House 2, Catherine M Bew 3, Angela M Wright 4 D P. Mortlock 5 J. R. Norris 6 T Wright 7 M J Bew 8, D. E. House (cond.) 9, J. Dowe 10. For Evensong.

THREE QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: P. Sloman 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, Penny Halliwell 3 P. Bedford 4, D. Bedford (50th quarter) 5, G. Bacon 6, S. Halliwell 7, D. Sloman (cond.) 8. First in method 1 3, 6, 7, 8.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Penny Halliwell 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, S. Halliwell (first in method) 4, D. Bedford 5, G. Bacon 6, D. Sloman 7, P. Sloman 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major Sylvia Bedford 1, S. Halliwell 2, Penny Halliwell 3, P. Bedford 4 D Sloman 5, G. Bacon 6, D. Bedford 7, P. Sloman (cond.) 8.

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. C. Saunders 1, E. Warner 2, F. F. Godsmark 4, H. G. Arthur 5, B. J. Dixon (cond.) 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY. — On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. E. Beeson 1, B. J. Dixon 2, W. H. Harrison 3, P. C. Saunders 4, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 5, H. Arthur 6.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor A. Rance 1, M. E. Denyer 2, P. J. Ostley 3, M. E. Brown 4, P. G. Sherwood 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Judith Vince, ringer at St. Peter's, and T. Parker.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On Feb. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Knewstub 1, Christine Morton 2, Jane Fransella 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Barbara Shaw 5, Valerie Jones 6, D. Bedford 7, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by a local band. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to four local learners.

BATHEASTON, SOM. — On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Blanchard 1, P. J. W. Hardwick 2, J E. Newman 3, Miss J. M. Dennis 4, A. Swatton 5, D C. Hawkins (cond.) 6, P. J. Devrell 7, B. Sarll 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1, 4. First quarter of Grandsire Triples on bells.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. N. Bagshaw 1, Caroline Stewart 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, P. N. Mackley 4, B. S. Payne 5, D. R. McLean 6, P. J. Bagshaw 7, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 4, 7. By N.U.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Care 1, L. Battison 2, C. Longland 3, D. Morgan 4, P. Jones 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Shortland, churchwarden, interred this day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At the Church of St. Nicholas-of-Myra, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. S. Loveday 1, D. L. Nibbs 2, Marion Kemp 3, Caroline M. Mackie 4, A. V. Sheppard 5, B. J. Read 6, D. P. Snoswell (cond.) 7, R. H. Minton 8. For Patronal Festival.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. G. M. Hunt 1, J. Collard 2, B. Martin 3, T. Newlands 4, D. Rennolds 5, P. J. Bird 6, M. J. Hobbs 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire 2, 3, 4.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Tripies: Miss P. Norris 1, T. Norris 2, Miss M. Carruthers (first as cond.) 3, C. Easton 4, L. North 5, E. Edmondson 6, J. Southey 7, Mrs. E. Norris 8. First of Stedman 3, 4, 7. A 21st birthday compliment to Pat Norris.

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Chaplin 1, R. Jones (first as cond.) 2, J. Coombs 3, S. Lewis 4, J. Walton 5, J. K. Baker 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Chaplin 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Coombs (first in 11 methods as cond.) 3, R Jones 4, J. Walton 5, J. K. Baker 6.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Barron 1, Ruth Newman 2, Mrs. Wiggins 3, C. Clark 4 J. Seymour (cond.) 5, T. Glastonbeiry 6. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Barron 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, Ruth Newman 3, C Clark 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, J. Newman 6. For Evensong and the silver wedding of the conductor.

DRAYTON, OXON.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Cooper (first Minor) 1, C. Woodward 2, B. Gray 3, D. Exon 4, G. McIlhone (cond.) 5, C. Holloway 6. First quarter on bells since rehanging, May, 1967 A farewell to Mrs. Chappell and her family who are emigrating to Australia.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. R. Taylor 1, D. A. McEndoo 2, Miss G. Winnett 3, D. H. T. Taylor 4, J. P. O. Barry 5, P. W. Brown (first as cond.) 6, W. Saarsteiner 7. Youngest band ever in Ireland to ring a quarter peal (average age 18 years).

QUARTER PEALS

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Rippingale 1, E. W. Brown 2, R. Martin 3 C. Weavers 4, J. H. Brett 5, T. Bird (cond.) 6.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX. — On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Corpe 1, A. C. Martin 2, Mrs. Mary G. Gage 3, Mrs. Joan Rose 4, R. A. Gage (cond.) 5, Jill Sackett (first quarter) 6.

HEATH, DERBYS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain): E. Chambers 1, A. Smithson (cond.) 2, L. Parker 3, A. Tomlinson 4, W. Riley 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E H. Peat, a tribute for life's work well done.

HEAVITREE, EXETER. — On Feb. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Cann (first of Major) 1, D. J. Roberts 2, W. J. Simmonds 3, G. E. Mudge 4, G. J. Roberts 5, D. R. Bould 6, J. N. Longridge 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS. — On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. L. Plummer 1, R. T. Irish (first "inside") 2, F. G. Baxter 3, J. Sawyer 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, G. M. Moss 6, E. Anger 7, A. C. White (first quarter) 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — On Dec. 31st, 1,275 Stedman Caters: F. W. Goodfellow 1 R. K. Russ 2, Miss R. Myllys 3, Miss P. Copas 4, J Hill (cond.) 5, M. W. Seymour 6, M. J. Palmer 7, R. F. Prime 8, W. H. Coles 9, C. Venn 10. After "Carols by Candlelight" service. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: F. W. Goodfellow 1, Miss R. Myllys (first of Surprise) 2, M. W Seymour (first of Surprise) 3 A. R. G. Twinn 4, R. K. Russ 5, R. F. Prime 6, M. J. Palmer 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Both quarters all locals. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Royal: Joan Beresford 1, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 2, M. W. Seymour (first Surprise Royal) 3, Mrs. G. W Critchley 4, J. Britchford (first Surprise Royal) 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, R. F. Prime 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8, M. J. Palmer 9, P. Beresford 10. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila A. Harfield 1, H. W. Brown 2, R. I. Vaughan 3, S. W. Brown 4, P. D. Hepburn 5 J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, B. J. Harfield 7, R. H. Tribe 8. For Evensong.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Monk 1, K. Lucas (aged 9, first of Doubles "inside") 2, D. Stott (first away from cover) 3, P. Fleckney 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White (first on six bells) 6. First of Doubles by a local band.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 7th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Elizabeth M. Emmett 1, A. J. Cox 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, M. J Platt 4, M. A. Gilbey 5, M. G. R. Zobel 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 8, E. G. Mould 9, P. N. Murgatroyd 10. Rung with the congratulations of the band (fellow members of U.B.S.C.R.) on the engagement to Miss C. M. Webb and 21st birthday of the ringer of the fifth

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, on Jan. 28th, 1,250 Spliced S. Minor (three methods): P. S. Royds-Jones 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, C. J. Easton 4, P. G. Holden 5, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Muriel Pashley 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, C. J. Easton 4, P. G. Holden 5, J. Pladdys (cond.) 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3 H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MARK, SOM. — On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S Body 1, E. Forrest 2, Miss K. Hine 3, I. J. Burrough 4, P. W. Ham 5, J. Creber 6, F. B. Comer cond.) 7, R. Lee 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Blacker 1, A. Coombs 2, R. Perry (cond.) 3, M Jones 4, H. Coombs 5, N. Osmand 6. For first anniversary of new Marksbury band.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Sanderson (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Woodward 2, A. Dempster 3 B. Palmer 4, C. Ottaway 5, P. Bruce (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,276 Cambridge S. Minor: P. Bruce (cond.) 1, Miss S. Woodward 2, R. Scholes 3, B. Palmer 4, C. Ottaway 5, A Dempster 6. First in method 2, 4. Both by the University band for Evensong.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On Feb. 4th, 1,260 St. Remigius Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini and R. Mills 1, Mrs D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,349 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Mrs. D. Bradley 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3 F. Bradley 4 B. Mills (cond.) 5 For Evensong.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Jan 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Margaret Borden 1, Monica Philips 2, Sylvia Knight 3 E Clifton 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, B. Johnson 6.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,480 Plain Bob Tripies: Doreen Elliott 1, M. E. Snape 2, Jackie Holmes 3, Marion J. Glover 4, A Wilson 5, J. Elliott 6, R. Kenrick (cond.) 7, B. J. Glover 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION
Northern District Elect 19 New Members

The annual general meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on January 27th. Ringing in the crowded belfry during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal. The service was led by the Vicar and an excellent address was given by the Rev. D. G. Smith. Tea was prepared by the local tower captain, Miss V. Potter, and her helpers.

Sixty-nine members and visitors signed the attendance book at the meeting and 19 new members were elected.

The committee's report spoke of 1967 as a disappointing year in some respects. Mr. Bill Jackson, the Ringing Master, had moved out of the district in August and the learner instruction had failed to continue during the latter months. The secretary's failure to find a judge led to the cancellation of the striking competition. On the brighter side were the first Association dinner for 12 years and a quarter peal Sunday on May 21st to celebrate the founding of the Association on May 21st, 1880, and on the lighter side the first-ever Association cricket match, the officers taking on the rest.

Membership showed a net increase of 12 to 236. Thirty-three peals were rung, including one of 12 Spliced Surprise Major, the most Major methods rung for the Association. Nine ringers rang their first peal, and Robert Cooles his first as conductor. Leading ringers were M. Uphill (10) and C. Mew and J. Ketteringham (9). C. Mew was also the leading conductor (7). 171 quarter peals (a record) were rung, the leading towers being Addington (51) and Kingston (19). Congratulations were extended to the Rev. Tony Clayton for his work in obtaining a new ring of eight for All Saints', Tooting Graveney.

Following the report, Richard Stevens was thanked for standing in as Ringing Master, and a vote of thanks was given to the retiring secretary, Norman Steere.

The new committee were elected: Ringing Master, A. Bagworth; secretary, E. Godfrey; assistant secretary, N. Thomson; other members: Rev. A. Clayton, Miss J. Armstrong and C. Mew.

Ringing in the evening was on the 12 at St. John's. E. G.

LATE NOTICE

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Droitwich (St. Peter-de-Witton, 6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ricketts Lane. Also Dodderhill (8) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, March 13th. — J. J. S. 3452

LAST TIME FOR NOTICES FRIDAY MID-DAY

NOTICES

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BIRTH

PRATT.—To Margaret and Geoffrey, on February 16th, 1968, a son, John Geoffrey, a brother for David, at 32, Hemsworth Drive, Bulkington, near Nuneaton, Warks. 3441

ENGAGEMENTS

BISHOP—BULL. — The engagement is announced between Hugh Edward, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Bishop, of Scotter, Lincolnshire, and Julia Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D G. Bull, of Bromley, Kent. 3401

OSENTON—CHIDWICK. — The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Osenton. and Phyllis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chidwick. Both of Halling, Kent. 3417

DEATHS

ABRAHAM, William, beloved husband of Flo, on February 11th, 1968, at 3, Brunel Road, Bristol 3, aged 75 years, and Ernest, beloved husband of Elsie, on February 10th, 1968, at Bristol Royal Infirmary, aged 61 years. Sadly missed by sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and many friends. 3450

ARMSTRONG.—On February 26th, 1968, Jessie S. Armstrong, of Morpeth, Northumberland, aged 76. For 25 years she rang the curfew bell at Morpeth Watch Tower and also chimed the hymns. 3448

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GOODALL. — The address of Geoff and Eileen Goodall is now 12a, Westray Drive, Hinckley, Leics. 3439

PRYTHERCH.—As from March 1st, the address of John Prytherch will be c/o Gulf Oil Refining Ltd., P.O. Box 22, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. 3395

PERSONAL

" Receive my instruction and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired may not be compared with it "—Proverbs viii, 10 and 11.

HANDBELLS WANTED

COMMUNITY-MINDED Boys' Brigade Company wishes to acquire set of handbells. Must be in good condition. Details, please, to Mr. Flitter, 352, Feltham Hill Road, Ashford, Middlesex. 3404

HANDBELL OCTAVE required; preferably small.—Hine, 51, Abbotsham Road, Bideford. Devon. 3423

HANDBELLS wanted by four Salvation Army ladies, to be used for entertaining old age pensioners. Please state price, condition and number of bells to: Sleeth, 20, Station Road, Woodhouse, Sheffield. 3406

PUBLICATIONS

SUPPLEMENT of " Blue Line F.C.H " and/or supplement of " Spliced Triples," i.e. the plain courses of 11 methods. Please state which required and elclose foolscap s.a.e.— Free from Segar, 16, Green Lane, Skegness, Lincs. 3404

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HOLIDAY FLAT with extensive uninterrupted views of Cornish coast across Widemouth Bay. Completely self-contained flat. sleep 4: extra double room available; central heating included for early and late holidays: Stratton (8) 3 miles.—B. M Boyle, Longdown Widemouth, Bude. Tel. Widemouth Bay 353 3339

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—From February 28th the practice night at St. Mary's will be on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., instead of Thursday. 3357

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS', EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—As from March 15th, practice night will be on Friday evenings at 7.30 p.m. instead of Tuesday. Visitors always welcome.—N. J. Chesson, Hon. Sec. 3436

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Instruction Course in Bishop's Lydeard Village Hall, March 30th, 2.30. Subjects: Handling, Steeplekeeping, Rope Splicing, Conducting. Fee 5s., including tea. Names to general secretary by 27th. 3449

BOUND RINGING WORLDS, 1967.— As supplied to Central Council Library £4 4s., plus postage 4s. 6d. Binding only, £2 10s. plus postage

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at All Saints' Church, Hoole Chester, on Saturday, May 18th. Details later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 3414

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

Annual General Meeting

Sat., March 9th, at **Edenbridge, Kent**

Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.
Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by A.G.M. and evening ringing until 8.30 p.m.

Towers open for ringing:

Hammerwood	2.30–3.30
Cowden	3.00–4.00
Limpsfield Chart	7.30–8.30
Chiddingstone	8.00–9.00

Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Leigh. Homesdale. Station Road. Edenbridge. Kent, by Friday, March 8th, please. 3369

KESTEVEN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Lincoln Diocesan Guild

Half-Day Ringing School
to be held on
Saturday, March 23rd, 1968
at the
Billingborough Secondary Modern School
Assembly at the School 12.30 p.m.

Instructions in classroom and tower for
Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced Groups
Twelve changes to Plain Bob Minor.
Plain Minor methods.
Plain and Treble Bob Major and Stedman.

Brochure and enrolment forms from Dr. T. W. P. Golby, Director of Education, County Offices, Sleaford, Lincs. 3338

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

Annual Dinner, March 9th

Ringing: 2–3 p.m. W. Didsbury (8); 3–4 p.m. to be arranged; 4.15 Cathedral (10); 5.30 Town Hall (12). Tickets (25s.) from A. Harrison, Moberly Lower Burlington Street, M/C 13. 3444

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GUILD. — The annual general committee meeting will be held at Radley C.E. Primary School on Saturday. March 16th. at 2.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Tuesday. March 12th.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Next meeting, Leeds, Saturday, March 2nd. Towers: Pontefract, All Saints' (8) 10–11; Pontefract, St. Giles' (10) 11–12; Ossett, Holy Trinity (10) 3.45–5; Holbeck, St. Francis' R.C. (8) 5–6; Hunslet St. Mary's (8) 6–7 approx. Another tower will be available from 2.45–3.45.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
1968 Tour

Accommodation will be at the Anchor Bay Guest House, Mumbles Road, Swansea, not as previously notified, and at the reduced charge of 25s. per night b. & b. If you intend coming. please write to me, if you have not done so already.—J. Camp, 15, North Drive, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, Bucks.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS
1968 TOUR

will take place in Norfolk and Suffolk
from July 27th to August 10th.

Any ringers wishing to join the Society are welcome. Subscription (5s.) now due. Tour list is now available (s.a.e., please), from R. Brian Mills, Hon. Sec., 19, Magdalen Drive, East Bridgford, Nottingham, NG13–8NB.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The secretary of the Southern Division is now Mr J. M. Hills, 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham. Sussex, BN4 6PJ. to whom all future correspondence should be addressed. 3442

WANTED.—Calling-in bell for new church opening April. Can only afford transportation or nominal figure Details to Mr. D. S. Johnson, 5, Redland Drive, Kirk Ella, Hull, Yorks.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—In Lent the Wednesday evening practice will be held at Swanage. 3407

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Dedication of 13th bell on Sunday. March 10th, at Evensong (3.30 p.m.) Ringing after the service 4.30 to 6 p.m Light refreshments will be served to those who send in names to J. A Dodd, 5, Ashdown Road, Hiltingbury, Eastleigh. Hants, by March 6th. All welcome. 3340

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

One-Day Course of Ringing Instruction at Knaresborough on March 23rd, 1968. Programme now available on receipt of postal order for 5s. (course fee) and s.a.e from Mrs. D. S. Johnson, 5, Redland Drive, Kirk Ella, Hull, E. Yorks.

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Little Staughton (5), Saturday, March 2nd, 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Keysoe (5) 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Everyone made welcome.—C. M. Payne. 3402

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Harbury (6) on Saturday. March 2nd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5. followed by more ringing until 8 p.m Ladbroke (5) 2–2.45 and Bishop's Itchington (5) 2.45–3 30 will also be open. Names for tea to R. W Sheriff. 20. Warwick Road. Southam. Leamington Spa (Tel. Southam 2510), as soon as possible, please. All welcome. 3385

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres on Saturday, March 2nd, 7–9 p.m.—G. Skinner 3440

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. 3377

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Colne Engaine (6), March 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names not required 3349

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday March 2nd. Ringing 2.30. Service 4 followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 3322

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Codicote (6) on Saturday, March 2nd, from 5.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3383

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Aldenham (8), March 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, Radlett. Phone Radlett 6188.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Bobbing, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, please.—T. Barton 3356

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available 2.30–7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30–5 p.m. approx. Names for tea to Rev. T. C. Ledgard, The Vicarage, Kirkby Lonsdale, Carnforth. 3420

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Benson, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 3408

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Yelvertoft, Saturday, March 2nd. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3411

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at West Bridgford March 2nd. Names for tea to Miss J. Thornton, 19 Fox Road, West Bridgford. Tel. 65686.—S. Adams. 3396

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Beginners' practice meeting at Worth (6) on Saturday, March 2nd. Plenty of rounds, call changes, Grandsire, Plain Bob etc. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me please, as early as possible.—Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. Tel. E.G. 23815. 3405

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A.G.M., Saturday, March 2nd. Walkley bells (6) 3.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Ranmoor (10) 4–5 p.m. and after tea. Tea and meeting at Ranmoor. All welcome. Names please, to Sam Smith, 2, Stone Delf, Fulwood, Sheffield 10 (Sheffield 32188). Secretary not seeking re-election.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 3409

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts District.—Meeting at East Markham on Saturday, March 2nd. N. Notts District meetings will be on the first Saturday of the month in future. Names for tea to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford. 3410

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Evening practice meeting for Surprise Major only at All Saints' Leicester, Monday, March 4th, commencing 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 3416

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 4th, at 7 p.m. 3428

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Hawley (8) on Tuesday, March 5th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 3455

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise practice at St. Mary's, Staines, Wednesday, March 6th, 7.45–9 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3403

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6) on Friday evening, March 8th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 3427

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Royston, Saturday, March 9th. Ringing 3.45. Tea and business meeting at 5.15. Cups of tea; bring own food. Ringing after business meeting. All welcome.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Clifton (8) on Saturday, March 9th. Ringing for everyone from 3 p.m., including Cambridge S.M. as practice method.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 3413

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Kirk Ella (6), Saturday, March 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. D. S. Johnson, 5, Redland Drive, Kirk Ella, near Hull, by previous Thursday. 3415

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Whittington on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. G. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield. Tel. Chest. 5416.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 3431

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, March 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidans Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton, by March 6th. 3418

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barton and Haslingfield. Saturday, March 9th. Bells, Barton (5) 3 p.m. Service, Barton, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Haslingfield Vicarage, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing Haslingfield (5) 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3419

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Evening meeting at Langdon Hills, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Visitors welcome.—G. Eve, Hon. Sec. 3309

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stratton St. Margaret on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Evening ringing. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday, please.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford on March 9th. Cathedral bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service, conducted by the Rt. Rev. G. W. Clarkson, Dean of Guildford, in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, by March 7th. (Tel. 01-393 4986.) 3359

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Bishop's Stortford Districts. — Joint meeting, St. Mary's (8), Ware, Saturday, March 9th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30. Evening ringing 5.30 to 8 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Peter M. F. Searles, 55, North Road, Hertford, by Friday, March 8th, latest.—P. M. F. S., Dis. Sec. 3453

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Northchurch (8), March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 3435

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton (8) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. M. Town, Zephyr Heath Road, Linton. 3363

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, Twerton, Bath, Saturday, March 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Village Hall 5.15, with meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Lee, 10, Ivy Grove, Oldfield Park, Bath, by March 6th.—B. Johnson. 3426

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 3424

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Woolton, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss L. Challinor, 10, Dominic Close, Liverpool 16.—M. E. D. 3446

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, March 9th. No tea arrangements; suggest flask and sandwiches. A.6 road, alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 3430

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Hamer (Rochdale) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) at 3.15 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 3429

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Meeting, Mountsorrel, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Harrald, 15, Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, not later than Wednesday, March 6th. Method for the meeting, Plain Bob Major. 3412

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St. Stephens, Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead, N.W.3, Saturday, March 9th, 3–4 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall 4.15 p.m. St. Martin's, Allcroft Road, Gospel Oak, N.W.5, 5.30—7. St. Mary Magdalen's, Holloway Road, N.7, 7–8. No business.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 3434

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Welton, Saturday, March 9th. Bells available 2.45–7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. 1 Webb, South View, Staverton, by Monday previous. Regret no names, no tea 3438

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch — A.G.M. (postponed from December 9th) at Shillingstone, March 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Please notify M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne (Phone Yetminster 332), by Tuesday, 5th. 3389

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Woodborough (4), on March 9th, afternoon. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Lowdham (5) evening. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 3456

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Woodbridge (8), Saturday, March 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, after which will be the Suffolk Guild Committee meeting at 7 p.m. Ringing in evening until 9 p.m. All wishing for tea please book with Mr. A. Stanley Woodard, The Flat, 42, Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, March 6th.—Mrs. W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 3392

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Tea House, Findon. Ringing in the evening. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 3447

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at East Tytherley on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 5 to 8 p.m. 3451

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Stoulton, Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. A. W. Porter, 12, Claverton, Stoulton, by previous Tuesday. Pershore Abbey bells 6.45 p.m.–8.30 p.m. 3443

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Hothfield, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. S. Sparks, 4, Rippers Cross Cottages, Hothfield, Ashford, by Thursday, March 14th — A.P.S.B. 3432

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Intwood (5), Saturday, March 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45. Also Mulbarton (6) from 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Pole, Keswick Hall College of Education, Norwich, NOR 93B, by Wednesday, March 13th. 3437

THE PROFESSOR DISCUSSES AN OLD LETTER

And Gives Me A History Lesson

"NOT long ago," said the Professor, "I came across a letter written in January, 1935, by that great Spliced Minor authority, A. G. Driver." He produced a closely-written 15-page epistle.

"It was, judging from the context, one of a series in some correspondence that had taken place between him and Arthur Gill, of Wath-on-Dearne. Arthur was one of Dan Smith's band, which had rung a peal of Spliced Minor in 35 methods at Felkirk on November 24th, 1934."

"I was also in the peal at Felkirk," I pointed out.

"Yes, but I understand it was a good peal, nevertheless! At that time there was, I believe, a certain amount of friendly rivalry between Dan Smith's team and what A. G. Driver called 'the Cheshire people,' the object being, as is apparent from the correspondence, a 'race' to reach 42 spliced in seven 720's. The Cheshire band had always forged ahead and eventually rang 42 on February 9th, 1935, in a peal conducted by John Worth."

"Dan's team never did exceed 35," I observed, "a number which was not surpassed in Yorkshire for nearly 20 years."

"It was thought in some quarters that 42 would be the maximum possible and someone had even ventured to predict this in 'Belfry Gossip.' Driver's comment on this statement was (and he quoted from the letter), 'It is quite a mistake to say that 42 is the limit and I have written to the Editor and told him so.' How right he was, although I don't think that even he visualised that peals in the region of 170 would be compressed into seven extents."

"Here is an interesting piece of advice," said the Professor, scanning the pages, "that he gave to Arthur Gill: '. . . . one thing I would strongly recommend to you, which is to pick your 720's so that no method appears in two of them. There is really no rule against this, but all the 'big' spliced peals in many methods have been arranged to avoid it, I think, and I for one should be sorry to see the standard lowered in this matter.'"

"Quite a stickler for purity."

"Yes, but what interests me is the activity that was taking place behind the scenes in order to make it possible to ring 42 methods to a peal."

"You mean by A. G. Driver?"

"Not only by him; there were others, one of whom is often forgotten, but, as is evident from this letter, played quite an important part."

"Who was that?"

"Charles Severn."

"Charles Severn, indeed? No mugs, these Yorkshiremen!"

"Charlie Severn was a ringer at Killamarsh, and Killamarsh is in Derbyshire," was the Professor's icy response to my profound utterance.

"Of course," he went on, "he was a member of the Yorkshire Association, and the report of his death in the annual report of that Association, in 1933–34, describes him as 'a composer of outstanding ability and a great authority on six-bell ringing.' His compositions include a peal of Killamarsh Surprise Major, a method of his own arrangement, which was rung after his death at Wath-on-Dearne on April 18th, 1936. He arranged and conducted a peal of Biddulph Surprise Major (at one time called Double London) at Killamarsh on December 14th, 1931, which was the first peal of Double Surprise Minor ever rung. He rang many peals of Minor in seven methods, quite a few of which were Surprise."

"What about Spliced Minor?"

"I am coming to that. He probably did a little practical splicing although I can find no spliced 720's among his peals, but he made several arrangements by which 42 spliced could be rung in seven 720's and published these in 'The Ringing World.' In some of the 720's he gave the figures and in others merely suggested one or two methods that could be added to, or deleted from, his existing figures without stating how this could be done. He had three plans:

(a) 8+8+6+5+5+5+5=42
(b) 8+6+6+6+6+5+5=42
(c) Seven 6's =42

"The first three 720's in (a) were original and contained the following methods:

I. Waltham and Burslem Delight; Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Primrose and Cambridge Surprise.

II. Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob; Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald and Barham Delight.

III. Evesham, Tewkesbury, Carisbrooke and Donottar Delight; Wooler and Sandiacre Surprise.

"He mentioned that the first two 720's could be cut down from eight to six methods in order to fit in with plans (b) and (c), and how several of the fives of what A. G. Driver called 'the very old 35-method peal' could be turned into sixes, even giving the methods that should be used for this purpose. How to do this he left with his readers, with a warning that 'care must be taken to select the right leads or falseness would occur.'"

"In his letter to Arthur Gill," continued the Professor, tapping the document in question, "Driver proceeded to give his own solutions to the problems Charles Severn had posed to his readers. He cut down the 720 I from eight to six, retaining the Surprise methods, and dealt similarly with No. II, retaining the six Delight methods. (He later extended the eight into thirteen.) He tidied up III, turning it into a symmetrical three-part, whereas Severn's 720 had each part different. Finally he demonstrated how, using Severn's suggestions, the fives could be turned into sixes."

"So really," I commented, "The 720's of the 42-spliced peal in Cheshire were the brainchildren of Charles Severn."

"It is almost impossible in Spliced Minor to define an 'original' extent, as so much is built up on the work of previous arrangements. Nevertheless, I think it is fair to say that most of the 720's in the Cheshire peal owe as much in their construction to Charles Severn as to A. G. Driver, who was credited with them. Charles Severn was dead by the time the Cheshire peal was rung or he might have had something to say."

"I notice that you don't mind saying it for him!"

"Not I!" said the Professor. H. C.

THE TANGLE OVER DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Whilst not wanting to get involved in another discussion in your columns of the type which followed a recent handbell peal in Monmouthshire, I feel I must write in reply to a question in "Belfry Gossip" ("Ringing World, January 26th, page 65). This refers to a peal, in the same issue (page 72), which consisted of several Doubles methods and variations. A claim to the most Doubles **methods** in Wales is, in fact, incorrect. I do not know what the record is—or even what the methods/variations record is—but it is more than they rang.

The peal in question states that 50 methods were rung—this is not in fact so. At a quick count I make it ten methods—the rest are variations and I must admit that I did not count them. This peal may be able to claim the methods/variations record but it certainly cannot claim the methods record for Wales, as this record must be greater than or equal to the number of methods in a peal I myself conducted for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association in 1964. This peal contained 31 methods and 15 variations and was at the time (and possibly still is) the most methods for the Association.

This question brings me to a further point. In our extents for the above peal two of them contained 12 methods each. This meant that in these extents only one lead of these methods was rung—but one was rung. As Mr. C. A. Lewis pointed out in February 9th "Ringing World" (page 102), certain compositions containing variations do not in fact use sufficient leads to justify the number of variations assigned to them. The position starts to bear a relationship to the splicing of Surprise Major in the middle of the lead. (For example, see "R.W.," April 28th, 1967, page 284.) Mr. R. B. Smith has shown us how a lead of Cambridge may be made to contain as much as 16 methods. What a field this opens for Doubles variations! Not only may we share a plain lead with several calls to add variations, but we can pack a few more methods into each lead. For example:—

St. Martin { 12345 / 21435 / 24153 } Grandsire { 14253 / 41523 / 45132 }

St. Nicholas { 42513 / 24531 }

St. Simon { 42351 / 24315 } Reverse Grandsire Single { 54312 / 45231 / 54321 / 45312 }

Winchendon Place { 42135 / 41253 } Union Bob { 54132 / 51423 }

St. Hilary { 14523 / ——— / 14253 } Plain Bob { 15243 / ——— / 15423 etc.

These, of course, are mainly methods. But since there is a Reverse Grandsire single in it, I can also claim the variations produced by using this call in each of these methods. So I have eight methods and eight variations in two leads.

This, I agree, is taking the matter to ridiculous limits, but I feel that composers and conductors in this field should carefully consider exactly what they are and what they are not ringing at any time.—Yours faithfully,

ELLIS N. THOMAS.

St. John's College, Cambridge.

P.S.—The methods in my example are, of course, St. Simon and Braywood Bob. The full extent is SBBS x3. St. Martin and Welford and St. Osmund and Longworth may also be included.—E. N. T.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Miller 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, B. H. Coatsworth 3, M. A. Rose 4, B. J. Bull 5, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Patricia Stocken (first of Minor) 1, Janet M. Bull 2, L. W. Allen 3, Alison M. Mann 4, B. J. Bull 5, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 6, Julie S. Armstrong 7. A farewell to Patricia Stocken who is leaving for Shrewsbury.

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52463	9 – 3	
45263879	1, 3, 4S.	
24563	8 – 3	
52463	8 – 3	
25463978	1, 3, 4.	
42563	9 – 3	
54263	9 – 3	
25463879	1, 3, 4S.	
42563	8 – 3	
54263	8 – 3	
26453978	2S, 3, 4S	
32654	9 – 3S.	
43256	9 – 3S.	
64352879	1, 3.	
36452	8 – 3	
63452978	1, 3, 4.	
63452978		
53462	1S.	
35462879	"A"	
23564978	1 – 3.	
32564879	"A"	
43265978	1 – 3.	
(34265879)	"A"	

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By SIMON A. B. WIGG

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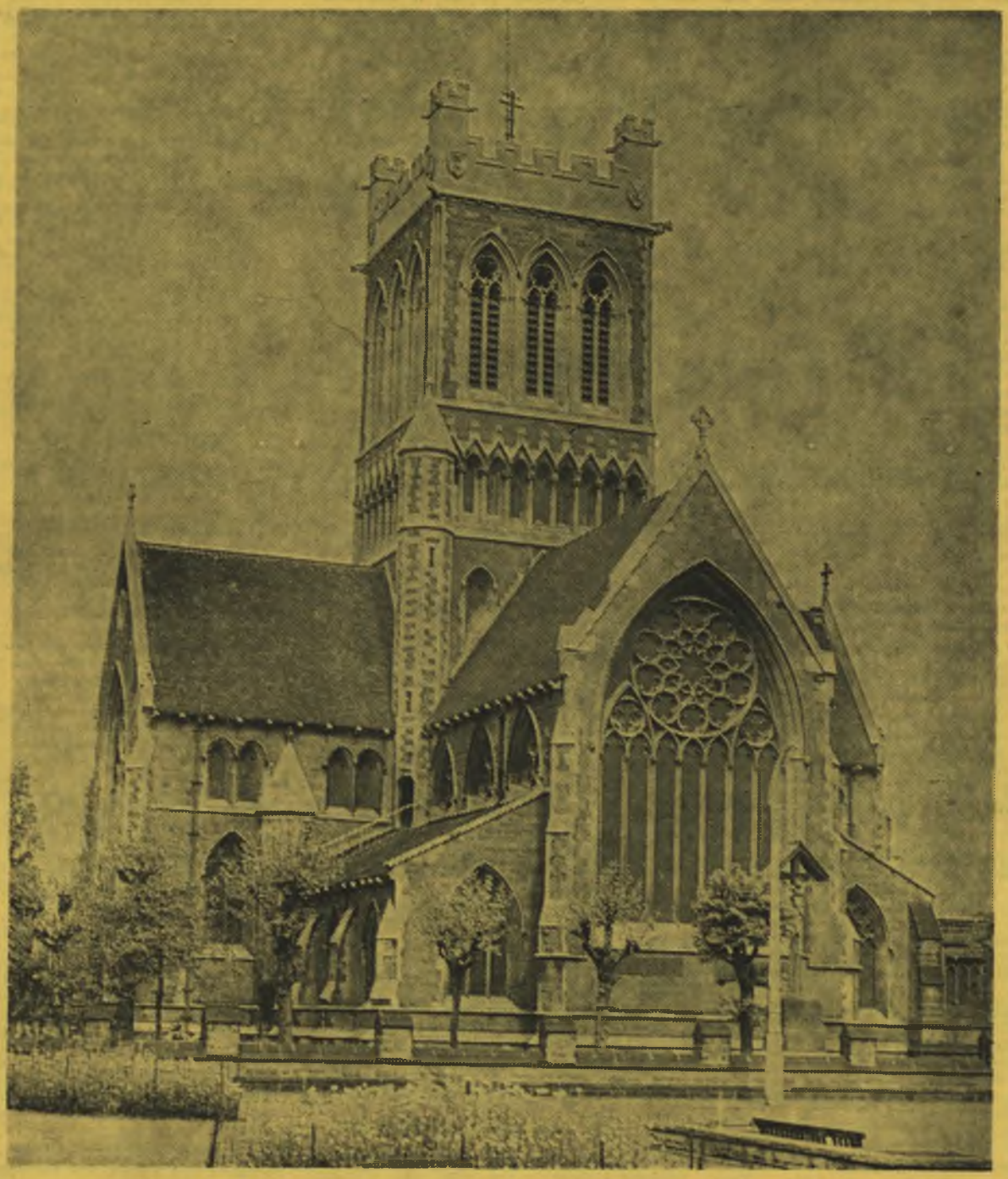
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The Church of St. Paul, Burton-on-Trent

OUR COVER PICTURE

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THE building of St. Paul's Church by Mr. M. T. Bass, M.P., commenced in 1870, a concrete raft being necessary due to difficulties of running sand which is very prevalent here in the Trent Valley. The design of Mr. J. M. Teal, of Doncaster, is cruciform in plan with a massive square tower 123 feet high, and the style generally is Early Decorated executed in Coxbench and Ancaster stone. The belfry stage consists of three massive windows on each face filled in with thick glass louvres, while the ringing chamber (now heated with North Sea gas) is reached by ascending 91 steps, some of which cross the roof of the Lady Chapel. The original ring of eight, 25-3-21 in F, was cast by J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, from specifications prepared by Sir Edmund Beckett, Q.C., and cost £1,050.

Consecration took place on April 7th, 1874, and dedicated to St. Paul with the Rev. James H. Fish as Vicar, who had served curacies at Sheffield and Doncaster. He helped to form the Midland Counties Association and was its first president and also formed St. Paul's Society of Change Ringers. The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples in 1876, conducted by W. Wakley. The Vicar's first peal was 5,024 Kent Treble Bob, rung half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of Archbishop Tait in 1882. His 18 peals included 6,720 Superlative and the first-ever peal of Stedman Triples rung by a band composed entirely of clergymen. Double Norwich, New Cumberland, Superlative, Cambridge, Stedman, Grandsire and Duffield were regularly recorded. The sudden death of the Vicar in his 41st year was a great loss to the church, Association and Society, this coming at a time when his band was poised for the highest achievement of those days, a peal of London Surprise. However, it came less than six months after his death and was the fourth-ever of London to be rung.

Names which readily spring to mind are W. Wakley, Albert P. Wakley, A. Wakley, H. Wakley, W. C. Wakley, E. I. Stone, J. Jagger, J. Griffin, H. Bastable, J. W. Washbrook, H. Dains, F. E. Dawe, G. Robinson, C. H. Hattersley, N. J. Pitstow and A. P. Heywood. The Rev. F. E. Robinson practised his Superlative at Benington and came to St. Paul's to ring his first peal in that queen of methods which was the ninth of Superlative ever to be rung. Three peals of Superlative on consecutive days in 1885 were the 20th, 21st and 22nd ever rung in that method. A silent peal of Stedman Triples is recorded in 1886, each ringer having previously called a peal with the same figures. Miss Edith K. Parker (Edmonton) called Superlative here in 1911 and was the first and only lady to conduct a peal on the original ring of eight.

RECASTING IN 1912

The last peal on these bells before recasting was Stedman Triples; it was also the 220th. The new ring of eight, 28-2-9 in D flat (1912), had as first peals Stedman Triples, these two peals being Pitstow's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part. The Great War of 1914–1918 took Coy. Sgt. Major H. Wakley, Sgt. R. C. Stone and Sgt. A. P. Wakley, who between them had rung 343 peals. With ringing restricted during hostilities and armed forces commitments the band became sadly depleted. However, in 1922 two trebles were added, No. 1 by W. W. Worthington, Esq., and No. 2 by the parishioners, in memory of those who fell in the Great War. The first peal on the ten bells was Stedman Caters.

Around 1925 the "Wednesday" band, with Maurice Swinfield as conductor, continued with Stedman, and some years later the tally was over 230 different callings. R. H. Dove learned to handle a bell at St. Paul's about this time, scoring his first peal in 1926 at a nearby tower. In the 1930s James George, of Birmingham, rang the tenor on his 80th birthday to his 1,201st peal. The year 1945 saw B. G. Key a lively ringer and conductor at St. Paul's. After the ringing ban of 1940 was lifted a peal of Cambridge Royal was rung by a visiting band. Mrs. D. T. Gardiner conducted Grandsire Caters (her farewell peal) in 1955 and Miss J. Toon conducted Grandsire Doubles (also her farewell peal) in 1964 and Miss E. K. Parker Superlative in 1911. They appear to be the only three ladies to have called a peal here.

Although 366 peals have been rung in this tower, attempts are now somewhat restricted to three or four per year, quarters being frequently rung. Visitors on outings are always welcome here at St. Paul's.

Ringing locally before 1874 was very popular as the "Society of Change Ringers at Burton" were subscribers to Clavis Campanologia, 1778. C. T. H.

[Photo by Mr. Roland Stone.

IRRESPONSIBLE TOWER GRABBERS

For about ten years the bells of St. Mary's, Stapleford, Wilts, have not been rung but only chimed, because of the architect's warning against ringing, there being a slight crack in the wall of the bell tower and one bell is cracked.

On a recent Sunday evening the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Adams) was amazed to hear the bells ringing for about five minutes. "I have been here for ten years and have never heard the bells," he told a Press man.

The ringers, who are now being sought by the Wiltshire police, made off in a car when people living near the church went to investigate.

The Vicar added: "Whoever were ringing the bells knew what they were doing. They made a fairly respectable sound. If they had not known what they were doing they would not have been able to have fitted the ropes to the bells."

CALL FOR APOLOGY

Among letters we have received on this incident is the following:—

Dear Sir,—I have reason to believe I know who was responsible and am at present involved in the investigation. Perhaps before the matter becomes too involved the people concerned might care to write and attempt to justify themselves. If they do not do so I intend to pass the information to the responsible authorities together with advice as to what action they can take. In order that the affair does not become too involved, a personal apology to the Vicar and churchwardens might suffice.

This sort of thing has already caused considerable friction in the West, and Wiltshire and Dorset in particular, and must be stopped. —Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
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Wants Joint Ringing Council for London

Follow Yorkshire, says Harold Rogers

An appeal was made by Mr. H. W. Rogers, the Master, at the annual dinner of the London County Association at Chatham Rooms, Victoria Station, on February 24th, to London Societies to organise and co-ordinate themselves as a composite whole by a Joint Council similar to that formed in Yorkshire.

Proposing the toast of "The London County Association", the Master said he would like to comment briefly on the whole aspect of London ringing and the need for tackling its whole co-ordination with first things first.

"At the dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths their Master appealed for the situation of the unringable London bells to be considered in depth by London Societies. Such admirable aims as these—in isolation—is simply putting the cart before the horse.

"Let the London Societies organise and co-ordinate themselves as a composite whole first and then and only then, do these many problems stand a chance of solution. I am personally a member of a relatively small professional body which has now two somewhat smaller contemporaries. A joint council has been formed to consider and plan for their amalgamation.

"In our own sphere of activity we can learn from the experiences of Yorkshire, where no less than ten Societies are co-operating together under the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies. In the absence of a better name—and there may well be one—let us have a Joint Council of London Ringing Societies with aims and objects such as;—

To represent all ringers in the London area.

To co-ordinate the meetings of the individual Societies.

To represent to the Church authorities matters affecting the London bells and ringers.

"And so we could go on.

"But remember this oft-repeated true phrase, 'United we stand, divided we fall.' For this purpose I would rephrase it: 'United we can do our job, divided we must fail to do it'."

Mr. W. G. Wilson followed with the toast "The Visitors", and added: "May I say Amen to the Master's remarks? I cannot agree more." He gave a special welcome to Mr. Frank Lufkin, Master of the Essex Association and a member of the Central Council, Mr. T. W. White and Mr. R. Cooles, of the Surrey Association and secretary of the Battersea tower.

Mr. Cooles, who replied, said he belonged to a different Association from theirs, and their officers were all working long and hard to improve the quality and quantity of ringing in London. Their results were very inadequate for the work they did and the reason was that their system was wrong—they were too divided. Their Master had suggested how it could be improved and he entirely agreed with him.

Mr. Cooles said his own ringers were only interested in their own tower and three or four towers about a mile around. He thought they would create more interest if a Council for Greater London Ringing Societies was formed and the Associations revised their areas to about the size of a London borough. It would, he thought, give the parochial ringers a vision.

The concluding toast, "The Ringing World", was proposed by Mr W. T. Cook and replied to by the Editor.

An excellent dinner was served, the arrangements being admirable. Mr. A. F. Udall acted as M.C. for the evening and he was assisted on the dinner committee by Mr. L. C. Way and Miss J. Spurgeon.

The Master announced that the next meeting of the Association would be held on Saturday, March 9th, at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, from 3 to 4 p.m.; tea in the Parish Hall, then on to St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, from 5.30 to 7, and St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, from 7 to 8.

Report of London County A.G.M. page 183.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT'S TWO RESTORATION PROJECTS

THE meeting on February 17th started with afternoon ringing at South Mymms The six were rung to methods up to York and London Surprise before the service. Tea followed in the hall Unfortunately 42 names were received and 57 people turned up, which made catering rather difficult. Please, do continue to support us, but do try and send names in beforehand.

At the meeting Father Clare, of South Mymms, took the chair. It was decided to hold a formal dinner again on December 7th; there will also be a barbecue and social in the summer. Another coach visit to the A.T.V. studios will be arranged for late March or early April to see a live recording.

The next District practice will be at South Mymms on April 4th.

A lengthy discussion followed on the Voluntary Bell Fund. Two requests had been put forward, from Harpenden (8) who are planning rehanging and retuning their bells, and Wheathampstead (6) who are hoping to add two new trebles. Both had targets in the £1,000 region to aim at. At length it was decided that £30 should go to each tower, which will leave a small amount in hand in case another request should suddenly appear out of the blue. The Wheathampstead ringers are organising a "walk" on Good Friday in aid of their fund and are looking for wealthy sponsors! Please contact the band if you can support this venture.

The District was told that Mr. A. W. Coles is now in St Albans City Hospital, and Mr. George W. Debenham, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, is also in hospital. The District's sincere wishes for a speedy recovery go to both members.

Before the meeting was closed Mr Gerald Penney mentioned the forthcoming marriage between two District members on March 2nd —Miss Barbara Goodspeed, of St. Albans, and Mr. Graham Sillis, of South Mymms. Every best wish for their future happiness goes from the District.

The next meeting will be at Essendon on March 16th. J. A. F.

NEW LONG LENGTH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

Umpires' Report on Record Length of 16,559 Grandsire Caters rung at Appleton on February 10th.

AFTER seeing the band safely settled in the tower, two of the umpires—Bills 1 and 2—settled themselves down round a lighted stove in the church together with a book supplied by Brian White containing the composition and course-ends. The weather was freezing outside but after an early rise the band seemed fit and ready.

After a few preliminary rounds and the usual halt for adjustment, the peal started in changes at 7.20 promptly. Within a short period the bells settled down to a beat ably set by Frank on the tenor that was to be so regular as to be not only of good standard but was of very considerable assistance to the umpires in having secondary checks during difficult periods For a while there were considerable comings and goings in the church, including the arrival of Bill 3 to join the umpires

Ringing was of a very high standard and any small instances of hesitation were in fact such that they could be classed as natural human errors if they could be classed as errors.

The first 5,040 was reached comfortably in 2 hours and 47 minutes and with an almost monotonous time of approximately three minutes per course; with little if any variation, checking was made comfortable.

Umpiring with a constant stream of visitors is not easy, especially when the weather is too cold outside to allow the bells to be heard at their best, but here again the ringing was such that if the umpires were at times distracted, the picking out of check course-ends was made most easy.

Coffee soon came along (not for the ringers) and shortly after 11.30 Bill 1 slipped off for a Guinness.

Here again was an example of the evenness of the ringing inasmuch as on his return he was able to calculate at three minutes a course which course-end should come up and did it independently.

Bills 2 and 3 were now relieved and at last Bill 1 settled down in solitude to do a little much more serious checking.

The 10,000 was now approaching and just as the appropriate course-end was approaching, a bevy of lady ringers suddenly appeared in the church, causing Bill 1 to beat a hasty retreat to the churchyard to carry out the check. The two other Bills returned to start sampling the provided sandwiches. At this period they were joined by, among others, Walter Judge, and the ringing at this period was of a very high standard.

CALLING ROUND

Before the start the umpires had been warned that in the event of trouble the bells would be called round from a certain point, and after this point it became obvious after a while that this course was being taken.

There were certain slips occurring but at no time could the umpires find any really bad fault in the ringing. Courses were still rolling up with the same regularity.

After a while Bill 2 suddenly shouted "He's turned them again," and there was a general exodus into the churchyard. Bill 1 remained for a final check, but it became obvious that this was "it," and the bells duly ran round in 9 hours and 12 minutes at 4.32 p.m after a peal for which all must have nothing but high praise.

The band are to be congratulated on a fine effort, which caused no element of doubt at all. The conductor in particular is to be congratulated not only on his efforts but his insistence that the final figures be checked by the composer before publication.

The ringing was such that no element of doubt arose at all and so the umpires' job was made very easy.

Afterwards the band adjourned for tea, and later a typical Appleton Saturday night was spent at the Plough.

The umpires would like to congratulate the band on their performance and by so doing making the umpires' task easy, and to the White ladies and family for their generous hospitality and refreshments.

Better luck for a longer length next time.

WILLIAM THEOBALD.
WILLIAM HIBBERT.
WILLIAM COLES.

TOLLING THE KNELL FOR DEATH WATCH BEETLE

By MICHAEL FRY, M.I.P.R.
(of the Rentokil Group)

TAP, tap, tap tap in a rapid burst of a dozen with a pause—tap, tap, tap, tap again and a pause, is a sound you might hear in the bell chamber of an ancient church in the stillness of the night any time during April and the beginning of May and sometimes even June.

This is the ticking of the death watch beetle, which the newly emerged beetle makes to signal for a mate. It taps its horny forehead on the surface of the wood on which it is standing, and on which its ancestors may well have stood for many hundreds of years.

Death Watch Beetle, named by the scientists Xestobium rufovillosum, and sometimes referred to by its older name, Anobium tessellatum, has over the centuries done enormous damage in Britain's churches, attacking the ancient oak beams and other oak timbers. It is never known to fly inside buildings, because the temperature is too low. Experts are pretty sure, therefore, that the grubs or eggs were present in the oak when the church was originally built or were brought in with oak used for alteration or restoration.

The adult beetles live only for a few weeks, the maximum known is ten, so that it is very likely that during May, June and July you may find dead beetles on the floors or ledges. Many will have mated and the females will then had laid their eggs to start a new generation.

You can quite easily recognise the dead beetles: they vary in size between a quarter-inch to one-third inch in length and are a dark chocolate brown in colour, with their wing cases having a variegated appearance with yellowish patches on them.

The exit holes that the emerging beetles make are quite large and almost exactly circular, being one-eighth inch in diameter.

Another sign of the active grubs in the wood are the tiny but quite visible bun-shaped pellets of digested wood the creatures excrete. These may get pushed out of the exit holes by live grubs, and will collect on horizontal beams and ledges and, of course, on the floors.

These, then, are the signs to look and listen for—the tapping sound, dead beetles, flight holes and the little heaps of bun-shaped pellets.



Clutches of eggs laid by the female of Xestobium rufovillosum, the Death Watch Beetle. At the top of the picture is an old beetle flight hole ⅛ inch in diameter—a perfect circle.



Xestobium rufovillosum, the Death Watch Beetle. The fine yellow hairs from which it gets its name give it a variegated appearance. This adult beetle is only 6 mm. long.

Briefly the life cycle of the death watch beetle is as follows. The females lay their eggs usually between 40–60 in numbers, either singly or in pairs, in cracks or crevices in the wood or in old exit holes, anywhere in fact where there is safe and firm anchorage. The eggs hatch out after about 3½ weeks, but they are so small you are unlikely to see them. When the tiny grub emerges it fairly soon burrows into the wood, where it may continue quietly tunnelling and growing for up to ten years. It then comes up to the surface and, just underneath, forms a pupal chamber, where it turns into a beetle. This, strangely enough, takes place in autumn and there it remains as an almost perfectly-formed beetle till it emerges in the spring.

The trouble with death watch beetle in churches and elsewhere is that though the individual grub itself does not do much damage, we are not so much concerned with decades of attack but centuries. The effect of this across six or so centuries has to be seen to be believed, for generations of grubs can tunnel out the heart of a beam where the main strength lies, leaving what virtually amounts to a hollow shell, somewhat peppered with exit holes but otherwise apparently sound. Fortunately the massive size of the oak timbers usually found in churches have very considerable leeway as regards safety margins for weight bearing. It would be unwise, how-

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23 Spliced "All the Work" Non-conducted

AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

CYRIL A. WRATTEN'S REPORT

THE silent and non-conducted peal of 23-Spliced "all the work" rung at Longney, Glos, on February 18th, was achieved at the second attempt. A previous attempt three weeks earlier by the same band and at the same tower was lost after two and a half hours' excellent ringing, when a three-bell shift occurred in Cornwall, 20 leads from the end.

The band was a mixed one. Richard Parker and Maryl and John Fielden, from Lancashire, had all rung in the first three peals, using Norman Smith's composition, at Bilsborrow, on December 31st, 1966, and subsequently at Higher Walton in January and at Milnrow in March last year. Tony Peake and Brian Bladon, from Swindon, and Jim Taylor, of Bristol were in the bands that had rung the composition for the fourth, fifth and sixth times—at Weston-super-Mare in May, at North Bradley in June and at Dunstable in July. John Mayne and Roger Baldwin, from Hertfordshire, had both rung in the latter peal. So although the composition had only been rung six times previously, the band was by no means new to it.

The first attempt to ring the peal non-conducted, at Longney on January 28th, had one false start, due mainly to nervousness. But nerves seemed to have been stilled when the bells went into changes for a second time, for the band settled into a good beat almost at once. In fact the third, fourth, fifth and sixth parts were each rung in exactly the same time of 24 minutes and 40 seconds, the first two parts have taken 25 minutes and 5 seconds and 24 minutes and 55 seconds respectively. The shift at the beginning of the last part, which brought the attempt to a sudden halt, was all the more disappointing as a result, for the peal seemed by then to be "in the bag."

However, nothing daunted, another attempt was arranged for February 18th. Ropes adjusted and arrangements about starting and stopping agreed, the bells went into changes at 2.11 p.m. The nerves that had marked the start of the previous attempt were not apparent this time, and the first part-end came up with no trouble in exactly 25 minutes.

Part followed part with little sign of difficulty, the speed varying between 24 and 24½ minutes. My notes showed only 21 clipped blows in the first 4,100 changes, which gives a good indication of the standard of the ringing. However, during the sixth part nerves began to make themselves felt, and there were the occasional hesitations on changing into a new method. Only one lasted more than three blows, and that was corrected before the treble dodged in 3-4 up.

A more serious trip occurred in the lead of Double Dublin in the last part—one lead later than the Cornwall that had been fatal in the first attempt. A word would have sufficed to restore the smooth sequence of changes, but none was uttered and no help of any sort was given. The lead-end came up with one bell and a half-blow too high, but the change to Bristol was made smoothly and all was well. But the ringing in this last part was faster and rather edgy, with a consequent loss of rhythm —only natural, considering the strain. The time of the part of 23 minutes and 40 seconds was the fastest of the seven.

The bells ran round at 5 o'clock precisely, and half-a-dozen pulls later I made my second and final call: "Stand!" Every lead-end throughout the peal was checked, and frequent checks were made of the work of the 2nd's place bells throughout the lead.

The band deserves the congratulations of the Exercise on what must be one of the finest examples of concentration and ringing skill to date.

Death Watch Beetle—continued

ever, to minimise the effect of death watch beetle, particularly in a bell tower with a 23 cwt. tenor poised on a beam. Occasionally the damage may be so severe that ringing has to be suspended, and Dr. N. E. Hickin, Rentokil Scientific Director, a world authority on woodworm, can recall isolated cases of this—but it is rare.

If a bellringer sees any of the signs mentioned in this article he would be doing a service to his church by reporting immediately either to the captain of the ringers or to the Vicar or churchwardens. They can immediately call in a timber preservation expert to examine the problem at first hand and advise on what action should be taken. He will make out a complete report and detailed recommendations, and firms like my own make no charge for this service and offer churches extended methods of payment and special discounts; they also guarantee all their work for 20 years.

I hope this brief article will have proved helpful and I will be happy to write personally, through the Editor, to anyone wishing to raise any queries.

MANCHESTER BRANCH ELECT LADY CHAIRMAN

The annual general meeting of the Manchester Branch was held jointly with the N.W. District of the Ladies' Guild at Manchester Town Hall on January 20th. Although the attendance was small compared with previous years, the business meeting was long and lively.

The Branch chairman, Mr. W. H. Riddle, opened the meeting and welcomed all who were present. After discussing the Branch ringing programme for the year, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Miss Christine Andrew; secretary, Mr. Alan Ward; Ringing Master Mr. Jeffrey Brannan; deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Christopher Movley; committee member, Miss Mary Walshaw.

After a vote of thanks to the Town Hall committee and the Town Hall ringers for allowing the use of the bells and a committee room for the business meeting, a vote of thanks was also made to the retiring officers—

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Mr. W. H. Riddle (chairman), Miss Christine Andrew (secretary) and Mr. Neil Bennett (Ringing Master).

Ringing continued after the business meeting until 9.30 p.m. Methods rung included Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, London S. Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Duffield and Cambridge S. Maximus. A. W.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY DINNER

THE annual dinner was held on February 3rd and again took place in Jesus College. The day's ringing began at noon at Carfax. All the 12 ringable towers in Oxford were available, including this year St. Thomas', which was a substitute for St. Giles', the latter tower having been declared dangerous shortly after last year's dinner.

A large number of people at most towers prevented any very original ringing. However, it was for the most part enjoyable, even if the standard was not consistent. Magdalen College, where the bells are amongst the easiest, was the scene of what was probably the best ringing of the day.

After Evensong in the crypt of the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin we moved to Jesus College, where the Dinner Committee's seating plan received the expected criticism. However, the company proved sufficiently congenial for all to enjoy a very pleasant meal. We were glad to have with us our president, Canon E. C. Wigg, who proposed the loyal toast and introduced the other speakers.

The first of these was the treasurer, Mr. Richard Wilsher, who proposed the toast of "The Church," regretting that all too often it flourished despite us and not because of us. In his reply on behalf of the clergy the Rev. Raymond Lowe mentioned the long connection between bells and the Church, recalling the embroidered bells and pomegranates round Aaron's high priestly robes. He also brought to our attention the great similarity between bells and women, namely that when pulled off balance they are completely out of control.

Mr. Philip Daniel, joint secretary, welcomed the visitors, pointing out that the dinner could not be possible without them. The Master of the Bristol University Society, Mr. Michael Zobel, expressed what he felt were the thanks of all present for such an enjoyable and lively dinner.

As usual the toast of "The Society" was proposed by the Master of the Cambridge University Guild. Mr. Richard Youdale said how much he and his fellow members always enjoyed the joint outings with us. We were assured that they had been thinking of us continually on the last outing and only regretted that we had been unable to meet.

The Master, Mr. Stephen Royal, countered that on the joint outing we had been engaged in satisfying the equation "O.U.S. plus tower plus pub equals dominoes." He then continued with the traditional review of the year's events, mentioning also the proposed joint meeting of the Southern Universities. Members and guests then adjourned to the beer cellar, which for many people seemed to be the highlight of the day. F. E. M.

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Letters to the Editor

THE ACCRINGTON PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that Cyril Crossthwaite, in his letter on page 141, has so misinterpreted the points I made that it is necessary for me to write again.

He states that ". . . to maintain that the record still stands at 11,872 would be quite ludicrous." I agree. But the Central Council is duty bound by its rules not to accept the 12,096 at Accrington as the record, as Cyril well knows Their action thus weakens the authority of the Council.

He also reiterates the hard luck story about the Christmas mail delaying the notice of the attempt. Whilst accepting this, I nevertheless consider that, with a little foresight, the organiser could have realised that letters get delayed at that time of year and could have taken alternative measures, had he so desired. In any case. the **non**-appearance of the notice in the issue of December 29th gave the **organiser** over a week's notice to notify the secretary of the St. Martin's Guild about the attempt. This also is required by the rules and this also was ignored.

I consider the question of the composition to be a less important issue, but I would make the following points. It has long been recognised that record peals require different standards from ordinary peals, hence the reason for umpires to check the truth of the peal and the standard of striking. Peter Border points out that the London Major record, which has stood for a considerable time, can be exceeded by the use of these unusual calls. Yet no one has chosen to beat it, although it has been perfectly legal all these years. It is an unwritten rule, which most people observe. This merely emphasises that the Accrington band made arrangements appropriate for an ordinary peal, and gave little thought to the extra implications of a record peal.

Birmingham ringers have always believed in innovation where this leads to a worthwhile result (and we believe that singles and calls at the half-lead have considerably widened the musical scope of peals), but we also respect accepted codes of conduct. This is neither humbug nor sour grapes, and I think it is regrettable that we should be attacked by Mr. Hopgood and Michael Meadows because of this. I am surprised, in particular. that a person of Michael Meadows' standing in the Yorkshire Association could write a letter so devoid of sense or constructive criticism. — Yours faithfully,

R. W. PIPE.

Birmingham.

Note.—The heading of this peal was not given by Mr. Alan Ainsworth but, like most headings, by the Editor.—Ed.

20-SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I regret that owing to an oversight the peal of 20-Spliced Plain Major rung in Birmingham on Tuesday, February 13th, was submitted as "Composed by James R. White. Arranged by Christopher I. Rowson." In fact most of the credit for the composition should go to Richard J. Parker, who contributed the majority of the methods in the peal. The band would like to place on record their gratitude to him for the use of his ideas. —Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I shall be glad if you will allow me a space in your valuable columns to write a few lines in defence of a number of my ringing friends in London, whom I consider are being unjustly shot at by a number of critics. some of whom are also my friends. I think it is a great pity the critics cannot fight their little battle without dragging the Abbey ringers into it. If they think their grievance is justified, why don't they attack the Abbey authorities? After all, it is they and not the ringers who make the somewhat strict and perhaps unusual but not surprising regulations. It is also they who appoint the Abbey ringers who, when appointed, are expected to perform their duties in accordance with these regulations. The employee does not usually dictate to the employer how he should run his business, and I do not suppose the teacher expects the pupil to dictate to him how the class should be run.

For many years I have known the Abbey ringers and I have no doubt that, given a free hand they—yes, every one of them—would be willing to welcome non-members to the Abbey tower. I have had the pleasure of ringing in company with them many times in many towers and have in fact had the privilege of ringing with them at the Abbey, by kind invitation of their secretary, Mr. H. N Pitstow. Not only do they ring at the Abbey when required; they are all regular Sunday service ringers and indeed devote a great deal of their time for the benefit of the Exercise.

I venture to suggest that Mr. W. Frank Hansard needs to get his facts right before quoting such figures as 17/6 a rope.

I regret that due to a spell of influenza my letter has been held up. This delay has at least given me the opportunity to say how pleased I am to read in the current issue of "The Ringing World" the letter from Mr. William Barton. who appears to have the same views on this matter as I do, and I trust that we are two of many —Yours sincerely.

NORMAN V. HARDING.

King's Lynn, Norfolk.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Dear Sir, — Reading the correspondence about the bells in Westminster Abbey reminds me of my ringing there in 1920 for a special service in connection with a Bishops' Conference. After ringing we found ourselves "locked in" and unable to leave until after the service, which lasted about two hours.

We spent this time in the roof of the Cathedral, watching the service from above.

Another recollection of my visit was the dirty state of the belfry and the absence of a place to hang a coat, but this was a long, long time ago.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Brenchley, Kent.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Regarding a letter in "The Ringing World" of February 23rd by a Mr. Poyntz, of South Devon, I agree that ringers would like to hear the broadcast of Christmas bells, and perhaps the programme could be repeated at a more convenient time. However, if Mr. Poyntz would like to communicate with me I should be pleased to prepare and forward him a tape recording of Christmas bells for the years 1966 and 1967.—Yours faithfully,

S. SAYER.

5, Ebor Avenue, Hornsea, Yorkshire.

PEALS AT CROSTON, LANCS

Dear Sir,—I think Canon K. W. H. Felstead is wrong regarding peals rung at Croston Parish Church, Lancs. I have a record of two peals on the bells, viz.:

A peal of Grandsire Triples of 5,040 changes rung on April 22nd, 1821, by the College Youths of Croston.

A peal of 10,080 Bob Major on April 15th, 1871, in 5 hours 28 minutes, conducted by Thomas Broderick, "being the first peal of the method and the greatest number of changes ever rung at one time on these bells. The professors of the art were stationed as follows: Treble: Mr. T. Statziker, Croston; 2nd: Mr. J. Smith, Preston; 3rd: Mr. R. Smith, Croston; 4th: Mr. T. Broderick. Preston; 5th: Mr. J. Smith, Croston; 6th: Mr. W. Gornall, Preston; 7th: Mr. J. Ditchfield, Croston; tenor: Mr. J. Simpson, Preston.

"We the undersigned professors of the Art having assembled for the purpose and heard the whole peal can testify that it was a fine struck peal.—T. Nelson, Croston; J. Nelson, Croston; R. Boulling, Leyland; E. Halliwell, Leyland. Preston, April 11th, 1832."

There are a number of peals rung on the Wigan parish bells which were never recorded by the local band—one of the peals started at 3 30 in the morning—but they were all Grandsire Triples.—Yours, etc.,

W. O. FARRIMOND.

Coppull. near Chorley.

NOTE.—Canon Felstead writes that he had recorded the first of these two peals but not the Bob Major. In the "Bell News," Vol. 2, p. 159, there is a list of all peals longer than 10,000 changes which had been rung, and this one is not among them. He was grateful for the information.

"THE BACKBONE"

Dear Sir,—We often hear in the "R.W." of great triumphs in peal ringing. sometimes in considerable detail; but the backbone of the Exercise is the local band. Could we hear of triumphs in this sphere?—bands where ringers turn up on time, organisation is efficient, there is a high standard of both method ringing and striking Assuming such bands exist, how did they do it; how long did it take; what were the methods of teaching? Incidentally. to gather a good band by acquiring ready-made ringers from other towers is hardly comparable with training a genuine first-class **local** band. How many local bands in the country can ring London Major or above? — Yours sincerely,

G. VISADE.

Cheadle, Cheshire.

KING'S LYNN PRE-WAR RINGING

Dear Sir,—I would like to comment on Mr. Newsom's article on "St. Margaret's. King's Lynn" (January 19th). where I have been a ringer since the 1920s. The reference to inactivity during the period 1926 to 1952 is incorrect as far as the period prior to the war is concerned.

If service ringing is considered active—and this is surely the main purpose of the bells—we were more active then than we are today. At present we have approximately six ringers for service ringing, and ring only once on Sundays except for special services During the period in question we had enough ringers to ring twice each Sunday. I presume that the writer of the article was not resident in the district at the time and this would explain his not knowing about the Sunday service ringing.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. GREENACRE.

King's Lynn.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—continued

DOUBLE METHODS

Dear Sir,—I refer to Mr Struckett's interesting contribution on this subject in your issue of December 29th. As regards Double Treble Bob methods I agree there appears to be none with "Right Places" only. I would add that there appear to be only two such methods anyway, "A" and "B" below. Method "A" can have alternative places in the first section.

A	B
12345678	12345678
21435687	21436587
12346578	12463857
21436587	21648375
24163857	26184735
42613875	62814753
24168357	26187435
42618375	62817453
46281735	68271543

The Double Delight type of major methods fall into four groups:

4th place at the first cross-section (Example C)

6th place at the first cross-section (Example D)

4th and 5th place at the first cross-section (Example E)

(Three adjacent places excluded)

3rd and 6th at the second cross-section (Example F)

C	D	E	F
12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21435687	21346587	21436587	21435687
12346578	12435678	12346578	12346578
21436758	21436587	21435687	21436587
24137685	24163578	24135867	24163857
42317658	426 5387	42318576	42618375
24136785	24165378	24138567	24168357
42316758	42613587	42315876	42613875
43261578	46231857	43251786	24631857

I do not remember any method of this class being rung. Perhaps Mr. Cooper Bailey will consider compiling a table of them, as he did for Double Surprise.—Yours faithfully,

Westminster, S.W. T. G. HAWKINS.

COMPOSED IN 1894

Dear Sir,—The excellent article on compositions by Roger Baldwin (page 152 of the current "Ringing World" contains a composition of Plain Bob Royal which he kindly but wrongly attributes to me. It is actually a peal by Edward Francis (1894), published in the Central Council's Collection of Peals (1904). Section 2, page 23, No. 9. This information was given to me several years ago by the 'ate John Worth, of Macclesfield, when I had produced a peal differing from the Francis peal only by virtue of the M coming before the W, making the first two course-ends different and appearing thus:

23456	M	W	H
52436		—	
34625	—	—	
36245		—	2
43265		—	3

Repeat.

The peal in this form was first rung (to the best of my knowledge) on April 4th, 1936, at Beddington, Surrey, as London (No. 3). Since then, however, it has been rung very many times over my name. It must be a good one as it has been claimed by others, including a famous and brilliant composer.—Yours truly,

FRANK E. DARBY

London County Association A.G.M.

THE London County Association's annual general meeting on February 10th started with ringing on the 12 bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, where all were catered for and ringing was at a fairly good "meeting standard" with rounds, Cinques and Maximus. Later, ringing was at the two old headquarters of the Association—St James', Clerkenwell, and St. Clement Danes'. The service in St. Clement Danes' was conducted by the R.A.F. chaplain the Rev. L. J. Ashton, and the address was by a member of the Association, the Rev. J. Tomsett. After an ample tea prepared by lady members in the Edinburgh Tavern some 60 members attended the meeting.

The Master, Mr. Harold Rogers, in his report, summed up the past year in the following terms: Although the year had not been outstanding when considered in relation to the 133 years of life of the Association, it had been extremely brisk and busy.

Seven meetings had been held and business transacted at five of these. Additionally, two joint meetings had been held with neighbouring Associations. Four committee meetings had been held and considerable business discussed.

Of the 12 practices held, ten at St. Mary Abbot's had been well attended, but the two at St. Mary's, Holloway, poorly attended, consequently St. Mary Abbot's is favoured for the 1968 practices on the first Thursday of each month, when all ringers are welcome. For new members, 1967 had been one of the record years with 34 elections.

SILENT TOWER SERVICE

One of the valuable contributions to London ringing which the Association members rendered has been to perpetuate the tradition of the past 50 years (established by Mr. T. H. Taffender and ably continued by Mr. C. M. Meyer) in ringing for Sunday evening services at towers which would otherwise be silent for this service. Notably among these Sunday evening activities has been: Southwark Cathedral on 11 out of 12 possible "third Sundays" (with the addition of weekly special occasions, Christmas morning and Whit Sunday), resulting in nine quarter peals consisting of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Little Bob Maximus, Erin Cinques, Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Caters and Triples. The first ringing at Fulham after extensive tower restoration was a quarter peal in May by this company and subsequently six further quarter peals have been rung here. Other towers visited were Holloway, Waterloo Road, Deptford, St. George's-in-the-East and Tottenham. Additionally assistance was given in quarter peals at Aldgate, Bethnal Green and Battersea.

Although peal ringing received relatively little attention, three of these were of note: one of Plain Bob Maximus at Southwark Cathedral conducted by Mr J. Phillip, and two of Stedman Caters at Isleworth. One of these was the 250th peal on the bells—a special 5,250 by C W. Roberts. Of these 250 peals the London County Association headed the list of Associations with 123 between 1797 and 1967.

The other peal of Stedman Caters was the notable composition of Stephen Wood's 5,009, which had a full-page article in "The Ringing World" October 27th) and which turns the back bells in a very musical sequence every fifth course

Finally, the Master expressed his grateful thanks to the officers and members who supported him so admirably and loyally during the year.

THE 1968 TEAM

Mr. H. W. Rogers was again elected as Master, with the following supporting officers: Deputy Master C. M. Meyer; treasurer and librarian, W. G. Wilson; secretary, Miss V. E. Dupré; assistant secretaries, J. Scott and H. Rider; stewards, L. Way and M. Wycherley; trustees, C. Hughes and D. Hewitt.

An attractive meeting programme for the second Saturday in each month was announced, with the locations strategically planned to cater for the whole London area. Two dates mentioned which are of fairly wide interest to ringers are the tower and handbell competition under the auspices of the Richmond-upon-Thames Music Festival to be held at Isleworth on April 6th, and the Association's joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association on July 13th.

Following the business meeting, the London County Association Dawe handbell cup was competed for by bands from St. James', Clerkenwell, and All Saints', Isleworth, with the Clerkenwell company winning the cup with a good course of Bob Major. The Isleworth company rang a mistake-free course of Grandsire Trip'es but with a less satisfactory rhythm than the winning team. A good social evening concluded the day's activities.

LAST TIME FOR NOTICES FRIDAY MID-DAY

DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

A number of members of the Devon Guild held another successful tour on February 24th, when the South Hams was again the venue, the weather being fine but very cold The organiser was Mr Norman Mallett, and accompanying him with his family were Miss Pat Sims, Messrs. A L. Bennett, D. R. Bould, E. J. Cann, G E Mudge, P Perkins, S Pierce, D. Pearse and J. Steer, also Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sims in the afternoon. The following towers were visited:—

Harberton —A ground floor ring with long draught and difficult to handle, and where the Vicar (Rev L. Malsom) said prayers.

Diptford. — A nice ground floor ring, restored since the last war.

West Alvington.—An easy-going ring, where he belfry was full of competition certificates. Ringing was confined to well-struck call-changes in which two local ringers took part.

Malborough — A ground floor ring with single rope ends.

Galmpton.—A very light ground floor six which seemed to drop.

South Milton.—Stedman Doubles was best on this good ring.

Bigbury.—A good-going ring but with single rope ends.

Modbury.—A grand six.

Erming on —A ground floor ring with long draught which was restored a few years back.

The lunch interval was spent at Kingsbridge and the tea interval at Modbury. A L. B.

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SCIENCE FICTION

A Visit to the Foundry of the Future

By G. P. ELPHICK

Yes, of course you may go into the garden and play at bellringing with the clothes line, only don't disturb your father while he is watching the telly.

The programme followed the usual well-worn lines; a visit to the foundry with views of the moulding, casting and tuning shops, also the assembly shop with its completed rings being tested by agile bellhangers using only the wheels to control the swinging bells. This was followed by a visit to a local tower to see the ringers in action, then back to the foundry to finish the programme.

A door opened into the drawing office—that holy of holies seldom visited by visitors. It was a strange room, circular in plan with no visible windows, yet it was filled with light. It had a number of identical doors leading into the various departments of this very modern foundry. The managing director explained how the bell shapes were obtained and drawn by the computer, and was leading forth on the higher mathematics of bell design until one of the party asked him to start at the beginning for the benefit of the less informed members.

It was, he said, about the 1960's when the founders began to pull their heads out of the moulding sand of tradition. The first signs of change occurred when they became interested in repairing ancient cracked bells. Centuries before, when a bell cracked in the crown, often an iron band was shrunk over the inscription band to prevent the crack spreading by compressing the bell. In the mid-20th century a system of repairing cracks was developed in the general engineering trade under the name of "Metal-lock." It was effected by drilling a series of tapering holes adjoining each other on either side of the crack and forcing into them non-rusting alloy plugs linked together across the crack.

In 1964 the Danish welders successfully repaired the tenor from Little Hallingbury, but kept their method a deadly secret. The British Welding Research Association intensified their research into the most difficult problem of preventing tin evaporating during a high tin contact weld. They were successful in 1967, when they welded the soundbow of the treble at Groton, Suffolk. This was a great advance on the methods used by Barimar Ltd., a firm of general engineering welders founded in 1906. But the problem of reducing stress caused by the difference in temperature between the weld and the bell remained.

The "Metal-lock" idea gave birth to the system of electro-plating into the tapered holes plugs of copper, so that instead of a mechanical joint there was a molecular one. This solved the problem of stress caused by hot welding. By the mid-20th century Koehlr had plated out brass, being an alloy of copper and zinc. The bellfounders eventually found a formula for plating out bronze, so that a crack could be repaired by metal of similar proportions to bell metal. They had achieved by cold plating what hot welding could not do. They could join either side of a crack together with a similar metal and not have the area of stress caused by the shrinkage of the molten weld.

In the firm's museum there was a machine that drilled out a hole in the line of a crack and the metal was electrically replaced, then another hole touching the first was drilled and the process repeated along the length of the crack. This process was speeded up by drilling many holes simultaneously.

While this was an improvement on an entirely copper weld, for the atoms of tin were correctly surrounded by atoms of copper, it did not take into account the correct molecular structure of the alloy known as bell metal.

The equilibrium diagram for tin bronze shows that, during cooling, complicated changes occur in the metal during the cooling of a casting so that the molecular structure of the alloy is not the same as that deposited electrically. In order to obtain a metal nearer the original, a system was developed of using electrically deposited bronze as a binding medium round grains of the parent metal—in fact a form of concrete.

The microscope, which was invented by Leeuwenhoek in 1673, was vastly improved by the beginning of the 20th century, when it was used to observe etched samples of bell metal showing the results of alpha, beta, gamma, delta and epsilon phases through which the cooling alloy passed during solidification. In order to study the molecular structure, electron microscopes were developed, one of the earliest being by a German team headed by Professor Ernst Ruska in 1932. By the 1960's this type of instrument, using an electron beam instead of visible light, had not been perfected to the degree that the bell metal molecular structure could be studied.

In those days the atom was often described as a central nucleus (like our sun) surrounded by a number of electrons (like the planets). This was discovered by Rutherford, working at Manchester University. By 1930 Chadwick found neutrons (like dead suns wandering in a solar system) and, later still, Professor Powell, of Bristol University, found that there were many much smaller particles, called pi mesons, that were shot out of the nucleus and fell back again (like shooting stars). By using these very small particles the electronic microscope was able to study the molecular structure of bell metal.

Before this, x-rays had been used to study by diffraction the surface of bells to find out the molecular structure. The giant atom-smashing machines now in use sprang from that built by Crockroft and Walton in 1932. They now produce such powerful beams of particles that the atomic structure of a bell could be studied through its entire thickness. This settled, once and for all time, the thorny argument that raged at the end of the 19th century between Thomas C. Lewis, who held that to remove the skin of a cast bell spoiled its tone, and the other founders who maintained that it was more important to remove it in order to correct the partial tones. Therefore the founders had to modify their cold welding techniques to produce the exact molecular structure according to which part of the thickness of the bell they were replacing.

While this was going on the old ideas on bell design were being re-examined in the light of more recent knowledge. It was found that the bell tone was not so simple as described by Canon Simpson. He considered that it should in its ultimate state of perfection form a common chord covering a complete octave with a hum note an octave below.

It was the introduction of the musical scale of Equal Temperament into Europe that compelled the Continental founders not only to get their bells in tune with each other, but the partial tones as well. The brothers Francis and Pieter Hemony brought the art of bell tuning to a high level in the 17th century. They apparently used metal bars and found the nodes, being the places of least movement, by observing the areas where grains of sand resting on them did not jump about when the bar was struck. The bars were suspended by strings at these points. They also made use of grains of sand to denote when the bars were vibrating in sympathy with the bell tone that was being tuned. This information appears to have been lost until Canon Simpson prodded the English founders into activity over tuning the partial tones of their bells. Practically every bell has five major tones which can be picked out with the aid of adjustable tuning forks. The problem was to get them into a preconceived pattern based on the common chord.

When the clapper strikes the heavy metal ring known as the soundbow it distorts it into an ellipse; owing to its elasticity it springs back forming another ellipse at right-angles to the first, and in doing so forces the waist to follow it. Owing to its shape and varying thickness the surface of the bell becomes covered by areas that vibrate as pure tones at different pitches and these areas also overlap each other.

An examination by E. W. Van Heuven of a Hemony bell cast in 1663 produced these results. The nodal circle on the crown is 1.55 times in height the radius of the mouth. (See table below.) As most of these higher partials originate in the soundbow area, it was this that received the first modification. The upper partials were eliminated by altering the structure of the metal where the nodes would appear

It is due to internal friction that the sound of a bell is damped. Dr. C. W. Kosten showed that this could be considerably reduced by drilling holes in a nodal circle where a meridan passes. From this idea came nodal design, where the structure of the metal was altered to give greater elasticity. The question of elasticity was studied in great detail. Basically, it is the ability of a molecular structure to regain its original shape after distortion. The nodal structures were modified into a complicated arrangement of molecules, similar in some respects to the elastic garters worn to retain stockings in position many decades ago. Thus the bell sound became purer and stronger.

Then came the breakthrough. A master molecule was devised that controlled the complicated molecular structures devised and built up by slow, tedious methods used by the previous founders before the heat of the hydrogen bomb had been tamed. This master molecule, like the D.N.A. molecule discovered in the 1960's, controlled the growth of all metal structures known as bells. It could duplicate a bell to an atom. All that is required is a plentiful supply of plasma, which is matter in its fourth state, where all the constituent parts of the atom by their intense agitation become unattached to each other. The master molecule draws, from this pool of unattached electrons, neutrons and all the other hundreds of particles that constitute each atom and build a bell. It literally grows in the same manner as a child does, by the taking of nourishment. At the end of that assembly line you can see our latest bell taking shape—it is a 500 ton tenor for . . . .

Wakey, Wakey! There's a job for you—the children broke the clothes line ringing the extent of Bob Major.

Partial	Name	Frequency	Number of meridans	Number of nodal circles	Place of nodal circles
1st	Hum	271	4	1	1.55
2nd	Fundamental	547	4	2	.35, 1.55
3rd	Minor third	652	6	2	.74, 1.55
4th	Fifth	818	6	2	approx. .11, 1.55
5th	Nominal	1,082	8	2	.52, 1.55
6th		1,380	8	2	approx. .1, 1.55
7th		1,419	6	3	.28, .76, 1.55
8th		1,625	10	Uncertain	
9th		1,782	8	Uncertain	
10th		2,040	10	2	.52, 1.55
11th		2,934	12	Uncertain	

Method Extension by Computer

By GEOFFREY DODDS

A COMPUTER programme has now been written which removes the labour and inaccuracies which arise from finding extensions of regular Plain and Treble Bob methods by hand, according to the rules in the Central Council Report on Method Extension (1953)*. The programme requires the parent method name, to identify the results, and its place notation, including the lead-head place. About half a minute later the stage, pivot bell and place notation of the parent method and all its extensions, if any, are printed out.

As an example of the speed, the programme investigated a Surprise Major method (Leatherhead) for all combinations of the five extension patterns below the treble, with the five above the treble, for each stage of Royal and Maximus, with all pivot bell sequences possible. The time taken was 27 seconds.

Technical Details.

The programme language is **Fortran 4 (E)** and is at present being used on a punched card input, I.B.M.360, using a standard 80 column field.

Data Input.

Card 1. An alpha-numeric character card, for comparison with characters in the Method input and for producing characters in the Extension output.

Card 2. Parent method.

Cols. 1–20. Parent method name.

Cols. 21, 22. l.h.

Cols. 23—. Place notation, starting with the lead-head place, using blank and/or dot punctuation between changes, number characters for the places made (10 punched as 0) and hl immediately after the half-lead place. The programme copes with irregularities in notation, as shown below

18. Allendale Surprise.
l.h.2— 34—14—12 —36.12— —12.3 h.l.

Card 2a. If the place notation is too long for one card, a continuation card can be used, in Cols. 1–45. The programme looks for "H" in h.l. to end the method input.
Any further methods for extension are set up on cards in sequence.

Last card. Must be left blank.

Extension Output.

Part of the output of the above method is shown as an example. The general classification, name, stage, pivot bell and place notation of the parent method are printed first. Then the extension type, below-treble and above-treble extension codes as given in the Report, stages, pivot bells and place notations of all extensions are printed, unless consecutive extensions are identical.

* Out of print, but probably the Central Council librarian could arrange for photo-copies to be made on request pending reprinting.

T.B. 18, Allendale Surprise.

Minor.
P6 l.h.2—34—14—12—36.12—12.3 h.l.
STATIC EXTENSION.
FRONT C—BACK Y

Major.
P8 l.h.2—34—14—12—38.12—
12.38.12—12.3 h.l.

Royal.
PO l.h.2—34—14—12—30.12—
12.30.12—12.30.12—12.3 h.l.

Maximus.
PT l.h.2—34—14—12—3T.12—12.3T.12
—12.3T.12—12.3T.12—12.3 h.l.
FRONT B—BACK Y

Major. Same as above.
Royal. Same as above.
Maximus. Same as above.

All the Rules in the Report, except part of Rule 11, are incorporated in the programme and it is hoped that results will be published from time to time. It will be found that there are a surprising number of extensions, in many cases with alternatives It is to be hoped that one possible extension series will in future be blessed with the name of its parent. There are already several cases where this is not so, e.g. London Bob Minor to Pershore Bob Major, which is the only line of extension, and Royal and Maximus have yet to be pealed.

The part of Rule 11 not used relates to the method type of the parent being retained in the extension. Delight methods would have to be checked by eye, as these could extend to Surprise.

Anyone who is interested in details of the programme layout, flow diagram, **Fortran** statements or card pack, please write to: Mr. Geoffrey Dodds, 18, Sandfield Road, St. Albans, Herts, enclosing s.a.e.

And Leatherhead Surprise?

T.B., 311. Leatherhead Surprise Major.

Major (f) P7 l.h.2 —58—14—56—36.14
—14.58.14—14.5 h.l..
Pealed at Leatherhead on Jan. 20, 1934.

Expanding extension. Front A—Back V or W.

Maximus (f) PE l.h.2 —5T—56—36—78—58
—90—70.18—18.9T.18—18.9 h.l.

Static extension Front C, D or E—Back Y.

Royal (f) P9 l.h.2 —50—14—56—36.14—
14 50.14—14.50.14—14.5 h.l.

Maximus (f) PE l.h.2 —5T—14—56—36.14—
14.5T.14—14.5T.14—14.5T.14—14.5 h.l.

Royal pealed at Daventry on Sept. 15th, 1967 and named Kegworth.

OBITUARY

MR. W. ABRAHAM

The sudden passing of Mr. W. (Bill) Abraham, of Bristol, has been a particular shock to ringers in Cape Town, for it was there that he took up ringing after a gap of 20 years. The ban on ringing in 1939 followed by war damage to the church broke his long service as tower secretary to St. Thomas', Bristol.

In August, 1958, at Woodstock, South Africa, we learned of his coming and saw to it that an invitation to join us was awaiting his arrival A day or two later he came to practice and at once became an enthusiastic and valued member of St. Mary's. Regularity and punctuality were key notes of his ringing, and his bright and smiling countenance and his ability brought a new enthusiasm to our small band. He took a full part in rehanging the tenor and rang several quarter peals before returning to Bristol in 1959.

Back home at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, he went on to add to his quota of peals, while his house became a port of call to visiting South African ringers. He visited his son in Cape Town on two more occasions, taking part in the ringing, and just a year ago drove up to Rhodesia for a holiday. Woodstock is proud of the part it played in Bill's ringing life and remembers him with affection. A. V. S.

MR. W. ELLERINGTON

A well-known North Yorkshire ringer, Mr. W. Ellerington, of Middlesbrough, died on February 14th, aged 75. He was only in hospital a week and was actually chatting cheerfully to visitors a few minutes before he died.

He lived most of his life in Middlesbrough, coming to the town at the age of 20, and worked for Messrs. Pooley, the weighing machine specialists, until he retired. He learned to ring at Naburn, near York, where he was born, and continued his ringing career at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, joining the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, membership of which he retained until his death.

He was not a great peal ringer but had rung one or two peals of Superlative in his younger days. Bill was always keen on attending District meetings, and his cheerful greeting and happy disposition will be sadly missed. With beginners he seemed to possess an abundance of patience.

His funeral (cremation) took place on February 17th, and on the following Wednesday his friends and fellow ringers rang a half-muffled peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Cuthbert's, Ormesby, the church where Bill finished his ringing career only a few months ago.

We extend our sympathy to his son, Frank, and family, who now live at Scunthorpe.

T. M. C.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Dunholme, Lincs, on February 19th, was arranged for Douglas W. Kirkpatrick, a member of the Chester Guild on temporary work in the District, who has become a regular visitor to the tower during this time.

The exhibition of ringing held at All Saints' Church. Hereford, recently, resulted in 15 men and women signing on for initial instruction. Mr Marcus Sherwood, captain at the tower, and Mr. Michael Powell explained how bells were rung and a touch of Plain Bob Minor was rung.

Mr. J. Penning's one-part of Grandsire Triples rung at Prestwold on February 17th has 160 calls It is taken from Grandsire, 1905 edition. page 104, writes Mr. D. K. Walklate (the conductor).

The Church of St. John, Miles Platting, Manchester, is to be demolished. A farewell meeting is announced for March 16th. (The bells are a ring of eight with a tenor just over 12 cwt.)

Croydon ringers are handbell ringing in Benjamin Britten's production of "Noyes Fludde." After much searching they secured a loan of a set of 12, size 22 in E flat, from Mears and Stainbank.

Congratulations to two learners from St. Leonard's, Bilston, who competently rang their first peal of Surprise Major at Much Wenlock on February 10'h, eleven months after their first bellhandling lesson.

Taking part in a recent peal at Fulbeck was Mr. H Barnes, who rang in the first peal on the bells 63 years ago. He is the only survivor of that band.

The Lancashire Association's Handbook (price 3s. 6d. post free) doubled its sales last year The Association's secretary attributes this success to a weekly advertisement in "The Ringing World." It is, however, a very good guide.

The members of the Fawley and Romsey bands are very proud of their peal of Doubles in 75 methods/variations at Barton Stacey. It was the second attempt, and to check the validity of all methods several quarter peals had been rung. Despite the very chilly draught across an unscreened ringing platform a very good peal was rung with only six slips in it.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

BROMYARD'S EXAMPLE

Behind the augmentation of the six bells of St. Peter s. Bromyard, Herefordshire, to eight and rehanging on a steel frame is a story of a novel scheme and practical generosity.

To meet the cost of £2,000 the P.C.C. launched a loan scheme in units of £10. These would be repaid over a period of ten years by an annual draw of 20 bonds, the first to carry a bonus of £5. In a little over two weeks no less than £1,530 was received on loan and over £50 in gifts. The appeal then received a most generous gift from Mrs. M. Dawson as a memorial to her late husband, which will not only pay for the essential repairs and installation of a new bell frame but will also provide for one additional bell.

Tom Cooper, chairman of the Bell Repair Committee and Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild has offered to meet the cost of the second bell. Steps are being taken to refund the sum loaned.

A party of Bromyard ringers recently made the journey to the Loughborough Foundry to see the two bells cast. It is expected that Messrs Taylors will start the reinstallation and augmentation this month The Bishop of Hereford is to perform the ceremony of dedication on Friday, April 5th, at 7.30 p.m.

GOOD WISHES TO IAN AND MARGARET

A popular wedding, linking Lancashire with Kent, took place at Leigh, Lancashire, on February 24th, between Mr. Ian Oram, peal secretary of the Kent County Association and captain of the ringers at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chislehurst, and Miss Margaret E. Fort, who is also a noted peal ringer. While the wedding was in progress a peal of Stedman Triples was being rung at the bridegroom's tower at Chislehurst by Kent colleagues. Hundreds of ringers will wish Ian and Margaret every happiness in their married life.

BIRTHDAY BELLS AT OLD BRAMPTON

For Mr. P. (Percy) Attwood, the oldest member of the Old Brampton, Derbyshire, band, February 3rd will long be remembered, as he took part in a quarter peal rung at Old Brampton especially in honour of his 70th birthday (the day before). A native of Great Tew, near Banbury, where he first learned to ring over 54 years ago, Percy is a very popular figure in the Chesterfield District, as was evident after the quarter, when he received birthday presents from the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Gordon) and from the other members of the band, the latter being in the form of two complimentary tickets to the Derbyshire Association's dinner that evening.

5,280 WOLLATON SURPRISE MAJOR

Submitted by S. HUMPHREY

M	W	H	23456
		2	34256
	2	2	52436
	—	2	54326
2	2	2	25463
—		2	53462
2			23564

Repeated 2x.
Contains 96 roll-ups.
First rung to Wollaton at Bushey, Herts, on February 13th, 1968.

THE BRAINTREE FOUNTAIN

Twenty members and friends of the St. Michael's Guild of Change Ringers attended the second annual dinner since the custom was revived. It was held on Friday, February 16th, at the new dining room at the King William, Bocking Church Street, Braintree. The curator of the Colchester Museum, himself unable to attend, very kindly lent the Braintree Fountain or Ringers' Jug, which was on view in the dining room for the occasion. This handsome object, illustrated in Walters' "Church Bells of Britain", having a capacity of well over three gallons but now of doubtful practicality, was made at the Stock Pottery in 1685. It is inscribed with the names of the parish, the clerk and the ringers, to whom it was given by "the Mayor". Subsequently for



over 100 years in the possession of the family of a Mrs. Waylett, a publican, it was given to the Museum over 60 years ago. Further information and the time when it was last "at home" would be welcomed by the Guild.

After an excellent meal, Mr. R. J. Lindsell, Ringing Master, proposed the traditional toast of "The Church". He referred to the enjoyment to be obtained from active participation in such pursuits as ringing in an age of armchair enthusiasm, and the important role of the Church still to patronise the arts. Without her the service of ringing would lose much of its meaning. Replying on behalf of the president, the Vicar of Braintree, who had a prior engagement, the Rev. John Nobbs thanked the ringers for regular support—few Sundays pass without morning and evening ringing—and commented on the usefulness of bells and friendliness of ringers. "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as for the Lord" provided an apt motto for the ringers.

The secretary then briefly outlined the known history of the jug, and the hope was expressed that the example of our predecessors in raising funds for the addition of two bells, consecrated at Michaelmas, 1899, in celebration of the 700th anniversary of the foundation of St. Michael's Church, could be followed by us today in the proposed addition of two further trebles to bring the total to ten. Plans for this are under way, and a fund-raising committee is in course of being set up, in view of the estimates received for the work.

The evening ended with tunes and changes being rung by members of the company on handbells, an aspect of the art to which increasing attention is being given. C. H. G.

TOOTING GRAVENEY'S NEW RING

Expressing his delight at a new ring of eight bells installed at All Saints' Church, Tooting Graveney, Mr. Martin D. Fellows writes: "It should be placed on record that were it not for the untiring efforts of its curate, the Rev. Tony Clayton, the parish of All Saints would still be with only one bell in its church. Tony was indeed fortunate in being able to secure the old Warner bells from the redundant Church of St. Michael, Star Street, Paddington, to provide the metal for the new ring.

"I well remember being telephoned and told 'We've got the old bells from Star Street for scrap, and the demolition contractors are having to throw them off the top of the tower as they are unable to get them out any other way'!"

HIS AMERICAN TOUR

Mr. William Theobald has been selected to go to the United States and Canada with the "Daily Express" Jetsell tour representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. He will be visiting Boston, Washington, Atlanta, Minneapolis, St. Louis and Montreal. At the conclusion of the tour he is going to Smith's College Northampton, Mass, to install a new ring of eight.

Mr. Theobald has made certain contacts but if any ringers in America or any going out there at this period would contact him he would be glad to hear from them and, if time permits, to meet them.

RINGERS MAKE MERRY AT EASTBOURNE

On the evening of February 20th the Old Parsonage at Eastbourne fairly rocked with the sound of bursting balloons as ringers and friends from a wide area met within its centuries-old walls. In spite of last-minute apologies from several old friends due to illness, over 70 people of all ages were present.

The holder of the lucky number ticket was found to be Bob Percy, Sussex Association secretary, whose family of ringers turned up in force. They are expected to make short work of his prize—an iced cake surmounted by a tenor of undetermined weight. (Cries of 'Fiddle!" were entirely unjustified!) During the evening the games included the ever-popular musical chairs—played this time with a difference—and a crafty quiz.

A loaded refreshment table was provided by an army of helpers, and the goodies disappeared at the usual speed. When the cider flagon tap snapped off in the middle of things cries of panic produced all manner of containers to prevent the drink being wasted on the woodworms. Harold denies that his beret was in use at this time.

Familiar melodies by the youngsters of the St Mary's Handbell Choir were well received, as were Grandsire Caters by a band representing several towers. And as those from distant parts began to take their leave the festivities came to an end with "Auld Lang Syne".

H. R.

DRAYTON'S PRE-REFORMATION TENOR

Permission has been granted by the Chancellor of the Norwich Diocese to recast the pre-Reformation 6¼ cwt. tenor of St. Margaret's Church, Drayton, Norfolk, which cracked on Christmas Eve This bell is being recast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where it recently arrived. The weight of the new bell will be increased to 8 cwt. and it is hoped to have it back in the tower by the end of March, writes Mr. M. A. Frost, tower captain.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb in C sharp.

Christopher T. Osenton	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Arthur S. Richards	2	Martin L. Howe	7
Thomas Cullingworth	3	Robert W. Hinde	8
Richard Hayes	4	Andrew J. Corby	9
Raymond E. Finch	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall.
On Fri., Feb 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	John Armstrong	5
G William Critchley	2	Rodney B. Meadows	6
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	David P. Hilling	7
Martin C. Faulkes	4	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr 10 lb. in D.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	Bernard G. North	5
Allan Tubb	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
Edgar T. Skipsey	3	Richard J. Bowden	7
John H Taylor	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Feb. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr 6 lb. in D.

Arthur Gibbs	Treble	Frank W. Rivett	6
*Linda Ellison	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Anthony H Smith	3	†Keith H. Fleming	8
Alfred E Rushton	4	†C. Michael Orme	9
David T Darby	5	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal on ten bells and first of Yorkshire. † First of Yorkshire Royal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BEBINGTON. Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*John G. Lifton	Treble	Donald Peers	5
*Gillian M. Morrison	2	Robert Peers	6
*Thomas E. Howarth	3	†Randle T. J. Tinkler	7
Charles F Pocock	4	F. Leslie Coventry	Tenor

Composed by J. R Pritchard. Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.
* First peal of Major † First peal.

PULFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb 17 1968 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 10 lb.

David N. Collins	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Peter K. Goodhew	2	Michael Thomson	6
*Norah M. Randles	3	Christopher J. Jones	7
John W Griffiths	4	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal in the method together.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

(Wirral Branch)
BIDSTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of May Day, Royston, St. Ignatius, Heyford, Churchill, Chilton, Seighford, Little Aston, Elford, Shareshill, Austrey, Ruyton, Besthorpe, Cossessey, Shropham, Norwich, Mileham, Walsingham, Old Bob, St. Columb., Cassington, St. Thomas, St Peter, St Luke, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Evnsham, St. Andrew, St. Leonard, St. John, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Albans, St Nicholas, St. Paul, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, Southrepps, St Simon, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Miles.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Thomas E. Howarth	Treble	J. Fraser Clift	4
Donald Peers	2	Timothy R Marsh	5
Charles B. Pemberton	3	*Paul Studdart	Tenor

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.
* First peal. First in 42 methods by all
Rung as a wedding compliment to Sonia Singleton and Robert Nixon, both ringers at this church, married on December 28th, 1967.

HANMER, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt in F sharp.

*David Ailman	Treble	*John R. Scott	4
*Leon A. Perry	2	*Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
*Frederick S. Sutton	3	†Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in the method. † First of Oxford T.B. Minor. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
ALLESLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G

Ruth Havard	Treble	Frank W. Perrens	5
Clare Dolphin	2	E Gower	6
Ian D. Thompson	3	John W. T Taylor	7
Percy Stone	4	L. Michael Callow	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. (No. 1.) Conducted by L. Michael Callow.
Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of the Rector, the Rev. Glyn Hughes.

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., Feb. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's 10-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr 25 lb. in F.

Robert W. Sherriff	Treble	Terence G. Hill	5
Ian C. Maycock	2	Peter C Randall	6
F. Mark Robottom	3	John F. Thorne	7
Jill Riley	4	Michael Hill	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
Rung by a Southern District band on the 60th anniversary of the first peal for the Coventry Diocesan Guild (also Grandsire Triples).

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
GREAT BADDOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of the seven methods for each bell. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Edward F. P. Bryant	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Joe E. G. Roast	3	J. Michael Lakin	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES OF DURHAM & NEWCASTLE.
BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Mike O. Edwards (N)	Treble	M. Alec Beaumont (D)	5
Charlotte A. Bennett (D)	2	Christopher W. Ottaway (N)	6
*Peter H. Gardner (D)	3	Malcolm E. Johnson (D)	7
*Adrian Dempster (N)	4	Stephen C. Wells (D)	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Stephen C. Wells.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung to mourn to ending of G.M.T.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Mon., Feb. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr.

Jean Sanderson	Treble	Barry J. Couzens	4
Frank Harper	2	John G. Gipson	5
*Roger Collins	3	D William Newman	Tenor

Conducted by John G. Gipson.
* First peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
FEERING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt in F.

Keith W. Brown	Treble	Susan Rothera	5
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Philip J. Rothera	6
Josephine Quilter	3	James L. Towler	7
Peter G. Brown	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 1) Conducted by George E Thoday.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association, and first peal on the bells since rehanging.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARLOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,120 Rutland, 896 Bristol, Yorkshire, 672 Lincolnshire, Cambridge, 448 Pudsey, Superlative and 224 London, with 118 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Keith W. Brown	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
*Josephine Quilter	2	Philip J. Rothera	6
Susan Rothera	3	Peter G. Brown	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major.

GREAT YELDHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Elizabeth Campbell	Treble	Jean Simmonds	4
Mrs. Joan Poulter	2	Carole Paxey	5
*Marion Simmonds	3	Roy Threadgold	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Threadgold.
* First peal. First as conductor. First in the method by all the band. Tenor 7 cwt. in A

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sun., Feb. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, comprising 224 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite	Treble	Roger Baldwin	5
John R. Mayne	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
James R. Taylor	3	John H. Fielden	7
Richard R. Parker	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Silent and Non-Conducted.
Umpire: Cyril A. Wratten, who checked every lead-end throughout the peal

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Jill M. May	Treble	Peter G. Sherwood	6
*Carolyn Tubbs	2	E. John Wells	7
Stanley G. Ponting	3	†John F. M. Maybrey	8
Douglas A. R. May	4	*David J. Tubbs	9
Alan Elsmore	5	Martyn W. Harbott	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters.
Rung in connection with the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Guild. Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. IPPOLYTS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Ippolyts.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Norwich Oxford T.B., Cambridge S. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Michael R. Worthington	Treble	Lewis R. Runnacles	4
Frank W. Croft	2	Alfred C. Harris	5
David L. Gullick	3	Michael D. Trigg	Tenor

Conducted by Michael D. Trigg.
Rung to mark the restoration of the tower and ringing chamber.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Feb. 16, 1968 in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

John A. Howard	Treble	*Maurice Thompson	4
Judith M. Corby	2	Roger Osbon	5
*Philip J. Simmonds	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Thomas W. Hesketh	Treble	†H. Lyndon Hatfield	6
Martin E. Snape	2	*Keith J. Walpole	7
*Frederick Pearson	3	*John R. Bibby	8
Susan D. Cowan	4	Dennis Jones	9
†Geoffrey C. Sparling	5	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First on ten bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Dennis Jones.

(Preston Branch)

HIGHER WALTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Alan Gardner	Treble	†Richard Palmer	5
Margaret Crossthwaite	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
*Betty Palmer	3	*John Nixon	7
Christopher L. Watson	4	Denns H. McCormick	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Feb. 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

*William Richmond	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Diana J. Handley	2	Kevin M. Price	6
Margaret Crossthwaite	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	7
Stanley Anderton	4	Peter Handley	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal.
Rung for the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Percy Hollinrake Tenor 20 cwt.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

John M. Jelley	Treble	*Philip A. Mason	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Malcolm E. Wade	7
*John Bramley	3	Roland H. Cook	8
Martin Green	4	A. Maxwell Lindsey	9
*R. Brian Mills	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Feb. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	*Kenneth Burdett	5
Ronald D. Hughes	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
*Frank Chambers	3	John W. Rawson	7
*Mary Barrass	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

(Syston District)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Feb. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Dedworth, Primrose, Violet, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Cowslip, Grandsire, Newborough, Daffodil, Bluebell and Thrumpton. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Malcolm D. Barsby	Treble	Roger I. Kendrick	4
*Cherrill L. Everard	2	*James Preston	5
B. Stedman Payne	3	*Frederick W. Faulkner	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal in 21 methods/variations.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. S. Payne.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower, at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Alan A. Potts	Treble	Alan McFall	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	Michael W. Crowder	8
Christopher M. Movley	3	William H. Dowse	9
Frank Osbaldiston	4	Robert B. Smith	10
Basil Jones	5	Brian Harris	11
C. Kenneth Lewis	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung to the memory of John Worth and the Rt. Rev. David Colin Dunlop, Dean of this Cathedral 1949–1964.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Fri., Feb 16, 1968 in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 3 qr 24 lb.

William Bains	Treble	Michael W. Crowder	5
Ronald Chafer	2	Harold Judd	6
Jack Bray	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Melvyn Rose	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
First in the method by all except the ringers of 7th and tenor
Rung as a welcome to Judith Nicola, daughter of Frank and Gwen Bloomfield.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Robert T. Harrison	Treble	Harold Judd	5
*William Bains	2	Jack Bray	6
Ronald Chafer	3	C. Aubrey Harrison	7
Geoffrey Bromfield	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* First peal in the method
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Swaby, president of the North Lindsey Branch.

UPTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Feb. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent in each of the following methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Douglas Surman	Treble	John M. Blaikie	4
Melvyn A. Rose	2	John F. Underwood	5
G. Leslie A. Lunn	3	A Robin Heppenstall	Tenor

Conducted by A. Robin Heppenstall.
First peal on the bells since their augmentation to six.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. F. Stephenson.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

G. William Critchley	Treble	*Jonathan S. N Porter	6
Thomas J. Lock	2	John Hill	7
Joan Beresford	3	William S. Deason	8
Claudia A. Critchley	4	John R. Mayne	9
*Christopher H. Rogers	5	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Bristol Royal. First of Bristol Royal on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd has "circled the tower."

WILLESDEN Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Feb 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HONITON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method.

HONITON SURPRISE MAJOR
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's 10-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Norman W. Attaway	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Norman W. Cotton	3	Derek P. Jones	7
William T. Goadby	4	Herbert Shaw	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Feb. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Sheila Parsons	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	John K. Smith	6
William J. V. Conduct	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
BUCKLEY, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Rachel Williams	Treble	George H. Randles	5
*Gale M. Starkie	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
Norah M. Randles	3	David N. Collins	7
John W. Griffiths	4	Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

J R. Pritchard's two-part (C.C.C.170.) Conducted by Geoffrey Parting.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Jones, a member of the Buckley company and a birthday peal for the treble ringer.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GARVESTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., Feb. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	Leslie F. Bailey	5
David Cubitt	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

RECORD LENGTH

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St Laurence.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 9 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 16559 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr 19 lb. in E.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	John H Napper	6
John W. T. Hibbert	2	Brian R. White	7
Dennis Knox	3	Tudor P Edwards	8
Frank D. Mack	4	Stephen J. Ivin	9
Dennis A. Leslie	5	Francis A. White	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
Umpires: William Theobald, William Hibbert and William Coles.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in D.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Andrew N. Stubbs	2	David P. Hilling	6
Sydney M. Bailey	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Alan E. Bagworth	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
100th peal as conductor

DRAYTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Claude Corderoy	Treble	John Seymour	5
Harold W. Dunsden	2	Rev. C. Elliot Wigg	6
Angela M. Ayres	3	Robert B. Blond	7
*Andrew R. D. Cope	4	†Christopher A Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. E. B. Wood and family to Drayton and the North Berks Branch, and also as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. C. Elliot Wigg on the occasion of their 27th wedding anniversary.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Feb. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Stephen K. Thompson	Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone	5
John R. Leary	2	Peter H. Mackie	6
J. Paul Coad	3	Stephen F. Royal	7
Philip J. Daniel	4	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Arranged by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTON COURTENAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb 17, 1968. in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Northumberland, (2) Bourne, (3) Carlisle, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, and 1,440 Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 14 cwt.

John S. Hopwood	Treble	Jonathan R. Rowson ..	4
Catherine A. Salter	2	A Keith P. Poole	5
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Christopher I. Rowson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

Rung to mark the passing of G.M.T.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER Glos.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Richard J. Wilsher	Treble	Jeremy R. Pratt	5
Peter H. Mackie	2	J. Paul Coad	6
John R. Leary	3	Stephen F. Royal	7
Roger E. Burbery	4	P Gerald McIlhone ..	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PATTISHALL, Northants—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods. viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) College Exercise T.B (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Ian Blackmur	Treble	Alan A. Paul	4
Daphne Webb	2	Charles E. Truman	5
William J. Chester	3	James Linnell	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, Dorset.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968. in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five of Plain Bob.

*Robert C. A. Philpott ..	Treble	David W. Grimwood ..	4
Ronald N. Marlow ..	2	Ross G W. Robertson ..	5
William T. Perrins	3	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F Collins.
* First peal of Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTWOLD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb 17. 1968 in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J Penning's one-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur Newell	Treble	H David Oliver	5
Kevin A Betesta	2	Reginald J. Stretton ..	6
William Allsopp	3	David K Walklate	7
Neil Handley	4	Trevor Kirkman	Tenor

Conducted by David K Walklate.

Rung as a welcome to Richard Jeffrey Stretton, a son to Dorothy and Reg Stretton

SUTTON ON-TRENT. Notts—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri. Feb 23. 1968. in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' four-part.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	*Eleanor M. Rose	5
Katherine Burchnall ..	2	*Harry Hawcroft	6
*Percy Holmes	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Colin W. Reed	4	*W. Alan Wilson	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

LANGAR. Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Feb 6. 1968. in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods/variations, being three extents of St. Miles, five of Winchendon Place, four each of St. Luke, Ryton, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, two of All Saints Rushall, and six Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Christine L. J. Mills	3
R. Brian Mills	2	Denis A. Frith	4
Maurice W. Harrison ..	Tenor		

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

Rung in memoriam and as a last tribute to Walter Roworth (aged 73 years) and John Ward (aged 92 years), faithful church officers.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HELMINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Stephen Bedford	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	William J. Button	6
†Vernon Bedford	3	Peter S. Bedford	7
Michael J. Howes	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major.

POLSTEAD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Feb. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

*Jeremy J. Dingwall (15)	Treble	Mrs. Leslie Mills	4
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale ..	2	Leslie D. Mills	5
David J. Reeve	3	Donald L. Mills	Tenor

Conducted by Donald L. Mills.
* First peal attempt.

Rung by the Bures St. Mary Society with their best wishes to Gillian and Roderick Pipe on the birth of a son, and to Pauline and Harry Millatt on the birth of a daughter. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CAVENDISH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*John P. Loveless (12) ..	Treble	David J. Reeve	4
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale ..	2	Leslie D. Mills	5
Mrs. Leslie Mills	3	†Donald L. Mills	Tenor

Conducted by Donald L. Mills
* First peal attempt. † 50th peal.

Rung by the Bures St. Mary Society as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F

George Francis	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	5
Valerie Howard	2	Derek Slater	6
Martin L. Howe	3	John A. Howard	7
Herbert W. Woolven ..	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON. Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968 in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Michael J. Thomas ..	Treble	Kenneth S. B. Croft ..	6
*Katherine Maundrell ..	2	Derek C. Jackson	7
†John S. Croft	3	John Hartless	8
Thomas H. Francis ..	4	Malcolm M. Powell	9
*Colin J. Butler	5	David J. Forder	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
* First peal of Surprise Royal † First on ten bells and of Surprise.

CATHERINGTON Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Feb. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*Alan A. J. Buswell ..	Treble	Raymond Haines	4
William Willans	2	Andrew Howard	5
Helen A. Haines	3	†John E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew Howard.
* Has now "circled the tower." † First peal. Tenor 8 cwt.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HAMPTON. Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Feb. 15. 1968. in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Hugh Evans	Treble	Peter Robertson	5
Frances Fairbank	2	*Ian Lloyd	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	†Arthur C. Berry	7
James Attwood, jun. ..	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. (C.W.C No. 30.) Conducted by G. R. Drew.
* 75th peal for the Association. † 125th peal for the Association.
First in the method for all, at the tower and for the Association.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian.
On Sat., Feb 17. 1968 in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 23 lb. in F

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Roderick J Lees	5
Robert Edwards	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	Gerald C. Hemming ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

Rung as a compliment to Roderick and Gillian Pipe on the birth of a son, David James.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In eight methods, being 880 Rutland, 720 Cambridge, Yorkshire, 560 London, Pudsey, Albanian, 680 Lincolnshire and 320 Clifton, with 14 changes of method. Tenor 34 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	6
Iris M. E Lemare	2	Ian L. Dear	7
Susan Jackson	3	Neil Donovan	8
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Kathleen M. Higgins ..	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

ORMESBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Wed., Feb. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Peter Wishart	Treble	Thomas M. Cox	5
Enid Lawson	2	Jack Roach	6
Ann Lawson	3	Thomas Cooke	7
Margaret Lawson	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Ellerington.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At the University Union.
On Fri., Feb. 16, 1968, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In 23 methods, including: College, Wavertree, Rodbourne, London, Lytham, Westlecott, Briercliffe, Wanlip, Greengate; St. Clement's, Chidwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, Rosehill, Harlesyke, Birstall; Reverse Canterbury; Double, Fulbeck, Plain, with 108 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included.
Tenor size 12 in G.

James R. White	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	3–4
James P Richards (cond.) ..	5–6		

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.
On Fri., Feb. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

John A. Roberts	1–2	*N. David Lane	5–6
Eric J. Gilbert	3–4	Robert Peers	7–8
F Leslie Coventry	9–10		

Composed by Robert B Smith. Conducted by Eric J. Gilbert.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sun., Feb. 11, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Wychbold, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Dedworth, Kennington, April Day and Old. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	1–2	*John R. Scott	3–4
*Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6		

* 100th peal together as a trio First peal in 14 Doubles methods/variations "in hand" by all

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Feb. 16, 1968, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 13 methods in the following extents: (1) Hereward and Double Court, (2) Grandsire, (3) Nicholaston and Mardale, (4) Plain, (5) Evening Exercise, College Little, Single Court, Single Oxford, College Single and Windsor Single II, (6) Plain and Double, (7) Single Oxford.
Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (con.) ..	5–6		

First peal in 13 methods by all.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Jan. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	*Michael Vernon	7–8

Composed by N J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth
* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—In Sick Room, 2, Earnshaw Hall.
On Sun., Feb. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Colin G. Wright	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson ..	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	James R. White	7–8

Arranged by Christopher I. Rowson. Conducted by James R. White.
* First peal "in hand."

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Louise Powell (first quarter) 1, N. Bennett 2, E G. H. Godfrey 3, R. Rayfield 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Piron (first on eight) 1, M. C C Melville 2, Miss C. Harris 3, M. J. Marriott 4, R. L. Piron 5, A. Gibbs 6, S. Ivin (cond.) 7, R. H. French 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 16th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: G. Hebden 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, M. G. Bartlett 3 J Sheppard 4, R. W. Rice 5, Brenda Boyce 6, W. S. Rice 7, P. J. England 8, E. T. Skipsey 9, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 10. First of Yorkshire Royal by all except 2 and 10. Rung as an engagement compliment to Sue Walker and Charlie Wilkinson.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Feb 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana Hayns 1, Hannah Penfold 2, T. Skilton 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 6. A farewell to Ronald Tullett prior to his departure to New Zealand on March 6th.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Harrison 1 J. Mowle 2, C. Catchpole 3, A. Cook 4, D Boast 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the back six in memoriam the Rt. Rev. P M. Herbert, D.D., Bishop of Norwich (1942–1959) and patron of the Norwich Association; also Mrs. Ella Moss, wife of Mr. Harry Moss, former Ringing Master at Diss.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Abrahams 1, P Searle 2, C. Roberts 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, P. Jackson 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3. For Evensong, and with the band's best wishes to Joan A. Hayward and James M. Clarke on their engagement.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. S. Nokes 1, R. M Chambers (cond.) 2, Carol Johnson 3, H. J. Baker 4, J. S. Hopwood 5, R. K. Boultbee 6, D. R Livesey 7, M. J. Allerton 8. By Birmingham University Society for Evensong.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison I. Walker 1, Helen M. Simpson 2, P. Mary Reach 3, Margaret A. Eyre 4, Barbara Hooks (first Minor "inside") 5, D. J. Beach (cond.) 6, G. G. Knighton (cover) 7. For Evensong.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Aldington 1, Mrs. J. J. Barton (first "inside") 2, P. M. Evans 3, J A. Ainsworth 4, G. T. Horritt (first on eight) 5, E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron 7, S. W. Barton (cond.) 8.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Cullwick 1, Mrs. R. M. Cullwick 2, Jacqueline Cullwick 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, E. Potter 5. To mark the coming-of-age of Jacqueline Cullwick.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Earp 1, Barbara Minnion (first "inside") 2, B Hawkins 3, E. W. Taylor 4, A. G. Clark (cond.) 5, M. Earp (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss D. E. Marshall 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, R. A. Bryant 3, C. W. Tidwell 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, P. R. Board 6, E. H. Amey 7, R. J. Mears 8.

LONDON.—At St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Shanks 1, R. Collis 2, R W. Powell 3, R. L. Jones 4, L. C. Way 5 C. M. Meyer 6, M. R. Wycherley (cond.) 7, D. Truman 8. For Matins.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 11th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: A. Hicks 1, Jennifer Qualfe 2, Helen Haines 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Willans 5, A. Howard 6, G. Gammon 7, R. Haines 8, A. A. J. Buswell (comp. and cond.) 9, A. E. Hoodless 10. First on ten bells 1, 2, 5 First of Plain Bob Caters 3, 9. For Evensong and as a 20th birthday compliment to Tower Taylor's granddaughter and a 65th birthday compliment to Arthur Hoodless.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 11th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Crofts 1, Rosemary Snawdon 2 Rosemary Myers 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, D. Bentley 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, R. G. Pearce 3, F. Sangwin 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, B. G. D. Vince 7, G. Halford 8.

STREET SOM.—On Feb 9th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: P J. England 1, M. G Bartlett 2, R. W. Rice 3 W S. Rice 4, Brenda Boyce (first in method) 5, J. Sheppard (first in method) 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/variations): S. Richards (first quarter peal) 1, R Green 2, Betty J. Daysh 3, P. Page 4, E. W. Colley (cond.) 5, J. Pitfield 6

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (29 meth./var.): Wendy V. Cox 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, P G. Hickey 4, J. Ward 5, L. C. Meadows 6. Most meth./var. to a quarter by all the band, and on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Joy Collins.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): A. E. Fullbrook 1, H. V. Booker 2, Anne Carpenter 3, K. Leach 4, H. White (cond.) 5, J. C. Baldwin 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,440 Double Court Bob Minor: H. White 1, Anne Carpenter 2, I. P. Stotet 3, K. Leach 4, A. R. Wood 5, J. R. White (cond.) 6. For first Evensong of the Nativity. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. E. Fullbrook 1, Anne Carpenter 2, P. G Davies 3, H. White 4, A. R. Wood 5, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 6. For Evensong. First in the method on the bells by the Sunday service band.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. M. Smith 1, Gloria M. Wilshire 2, K G. Weeks 3, H. Taysom 4, W Lampard 5 A. W Gibbs (cond.) 6. In memory of James W. Sprules ringer at Abson for many years, and who was a great help to the Warmley band over the past 12 years, who died suddenly on Feb. 11th.

HALF PEALS

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM. — On Feb. 17th, 2,712 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: C. T. Lamb 1, Ann H. Whaley 2 W. Tyson (first half peal as cond.) 3, I. Wintrip 4, A. C. Walker 5, D. Martin 6.

SMARDEN, KENT. — On Jan 1st, 2,520 Minor (2,160 Cambridge S.M., 360 Plain Bob): Diana H. M. Bradford 1, P. F. T. Smith 2, R. N. Bagshaw 3, Rev. P. T. Robbins 4, P. M. J. Bradford 5, P. J. Bagshaw (cond.) 6.

ALLESLEY, WARKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, Lesley Grove 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, P. Stone 4, F. W. Perrens 5, R. Winter 6, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 7, L. M. Callow 8. For Matins.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kersey 1, E. Hedger 2, Miss A. Biddlecombe 3, M. Lockyer 4, G. Noakes 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. For Evensong.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,392 Grandsire Major Elizabeth Gibbs 1, T. B. Porter 2, S. Mortimore 3, K. B. Burgess 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, J. A. Laver 6; P. J. Munday 7, T. Skilton (cond.) 8. First of Major in method by all. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. V. A. Stedman 1, Geraldine Piper 2, Gillian Laver 3, Elizabeth Gibbs 4, Diana Hayns 5, Felicity Hamilton 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, D. Baines 8. First in method "inside" 3, 4. For Evensong.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles. Christine A. Eliason (first quarter) 1, Jane M. Drew (first "inside") 2, M. R. Worthington (first Doubles as cond.) 3, P. C. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, R. T. Falder 6. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to quarters.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: Rosamund M. Rawlings 1, Caroline Stewart 2, E. D. Thomas (first Grandsire Triples) 3, S. J. Curtis 4, J. M. Rice 5, I. V. J. Smith 6, D. R. McLean (first Triples as cond.) 7, P. N. Mackley 8. For Evensong by members of N.U.S.C.R. First of Triples on bells since rehanging.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Rose (first of Triples) 1, J. Brookes 2, I. Booth 3, A. Taylor 4, J. Birdsall 5, R. Bradley 6, J. Chaddock (cond.) 7, M. Watson (first quarter) 8. First in method 4, 5, 6 A birthday compliment to Mr. A. Taylor.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Sansom 1, Sally Stacey (first of Minor) 2, Carol Stacey (first of Minor) 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly (first of Minor and cond.) 6.

BODICOTE, OXON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Belinda Crawford (first quarter) 1, A. Brown 2, P. J. Davis 3, B. J. Davis (cond.) 4, R. Thorne 5, First in method 2, 5. Rung for Holy Communion; celebrant, the Bishop of Oxford.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS. — On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Jones (first quarter, aged 13) 1, P. L. Tomkins 2, J. H. Thomas (cond.) 3, F. J. Bedford 4, R. Bethell 5, G. Corbett 6.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A Boyle 1, Helen E. Gilbert 2, Maureen P. Colley (first quarter) 3, Rosemarie A. Frith 4, M. P. Inskipp 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Feb. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Chatfield (first quarter) 1, Mrs G. Stockbridge 2, Miss F. Templeman 3, J. Stockbridge 4, L. Huckstep 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Elizabeth Cox (aged 13), a member of the choir, who was cremated this day. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Richards (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Templeman 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, L. Huckstep 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Herbert L. Taylor, lay reader at St. Dunstan's for many years, who was buried this day.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Fox 1, C. Woodward 2, L. Cooper (first "inside") 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, J. Godman 6.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles H. E. Green 1, A. G. Richards (cond.) 2, J. R. Derry 3, R. L. Hawksworth 4, D. R. Hawksworth 5, S. Illidge 6. Rung immediately after the wedding, as a compliment to Joan Margaret Lewis and Ronald Paul George.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: J. Bramley 1, Dorothy Mason 2, Monica M. Jelley 3, W. E. Rawson 4, P. A. Mason 5, M. Green 6, S. J. Haines 7, R. K. Mason (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 2, A. D. Collins (cond.) 3, R. S. Lyons 4, P. R. Johnson 5, A. G. Richards 6, J. D. R. Smith 7, H. E. Green 8. First on eight by the Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Col. A. J. Parkes, late churchwarden. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, P. R. Johnson 2, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3, R. S. Lyons 4, A. D. Collins (cond.) 5, A. G. Richards 6, J. D. R. Smith 7, H. E. Green 8. For Evensong.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baker 1, T. B. Holloway 2, J. Scull 3, A. Ingram 4, D. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Jones 6. First quarter 1, 3.

FARNWORTH - with - KEARSLEY, LANCS. — On Feb. 11th, 1,280 4-Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Rutland): J. Thornley 1, J. Cunliffe 2, A. Greenhalgh 3, B. Moss 4, J. E. Andrews 5, R. Starkie 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, J. Ashcroft 8. Rung to mark the birth of a grandson of the tenor ringer.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS. — On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): J. Whalley 1–2, K. M. Price (cond.) 3–4, T. F. Metcalfe (longest length "in hand") 5–6.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and St. Martin's): G. Barnard 1, R. Mann 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, B. Horrell (cond.) 4, A. E. Ling 5, Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. G. Miles, churchwarden.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Sally Stacey (first Major) 1, Carol Stacey (first Major) 2, D. Hughes 3, R. Tipper (first Major "inside") 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly (first Major) 6, B. Walton 7, K. Sansom (first Major as cond.) 8.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS. — On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. D. Clement 1, A. Capstick 2, J. E. Burles 3, J. Bagnall 4, J. Blackburn 5, S. Anderton 6, K. Price 7, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 8. Rung in memoriam Mary Florentia Synge, M.A. churchwoman and benefactor, 1873–1968.

HAWLEY, HANTS. — On Feb 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Jennings 1, Margaret Berndt 2, Valerie Bone 3, Elizabeth K. Leach 4, A. D. Leach 5, K. Williamson (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3, 4. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): H. S. Peacock 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, R. Garrett 3 F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, P. E. Wells (cond.) 6. Also on Jan 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, B. Whatley 2, R. Garrett 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, P. E. Wells (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,320 Minor (Primrose and Cambridge): J. R. G. Spicer 1, T. R. Garrett 2, P. E. Wells 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Feb 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. R. Garrett 1, C. L. Bell 2, J. L. Thorogood (first of Surprise) 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, P. E. Wells 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. R. Ducker 1, Maris Stephenson 2, R. Watson (first quarter) 3, G. F. Terry 4, J. J. Taylor 5, I. G. Campbell (cond.) 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Mann (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2 Mrs. P. Bird 3, Mrs. G. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Bailey 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. King 8. For evening service.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,320 Minor (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Joyce M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh (cond.) 2, W. G. Marsh 3, Denise Loach and R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cecil (first of Triples) 1, C. Pain 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, F. Gant 4, M. Lakin 5, G. Cecil 6, I. Stephenson (cond.) 7, F. Scoones 8. For Matins.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. J. Tyler-Maggs 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Evensong and a farewell to Walter and Mrs. Wright.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. C. Allgrove 1, Rosamund M. Brown 2, S. R. Hare 3, D. C. Brown (cond.) 4, W. R. Hare 5 F. E. Adams 6. Also on handbells, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minimus: Rosamund M. Brown 1–2, D. C. Brown 3–4.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Smith 1, T. Wright (first "inside") 2, W. Avery 3, C. Meakes 4, R. Hazell 5, C. Hagger (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on Feb 2nd, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Monica M. Jelley 1, A. Elliot 2, M. E. Wade 3, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 4, M. Green 5, G. H. Bray 6, W. E. Rawson 7, J. Bramley 8, P. A. Mason 9, R. K. Mason 10.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Tomlin 1, Elisabeth Ottaway 2, Christine Neville 3, Jane Darby 4, Glynis Perry 5, C. A. Ottaway 6 D. Riley (cond.) 7, E. J. Retter (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss C. Neville.

MILTON REGIS, KENT. — On Feb. 10th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Tomsett 1, L. Mitchell 2, J. Clarke 3, F. Dadson 4, R. Bushell (first Minor as cond.) 5, G. Wood 6.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Derrick 3, J. Everard 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. F. Baker, grandmother of ringer of 2nd, on her 76th birthday.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. J. Fletcher 1, S. G. Pick 2, Miss B. M. Pickering 3, J. Wellings (first of Kent Major) 4, C. J. Bennett 5, S. T. Yates 6, P. R. Johnson 7, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 8.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: G. A. Newman 1, Marjorie Yarnold 2, L. Gascoigne 3, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 4, J. D. Arkwell 5, P. Attwood 6 Rung as a compliment to Mr. Percy Attwood, the oldest member of the band, in honour of his 70th birthday (Feb. 2nd).

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Tipper 1, Mrs. A. Hall (first of Triples) 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Sansom 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, D. Cross 8. For Evensong.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Stocken 1, Geraldine Mitchell (first of Plain Bob Minor) 2, L. Smith 3, J. Arnall 4 E. D. Wilson 5, K. Tyler (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to the Rev. F. F. Rigby and Patricia Stocken.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS. — On Feb 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Greenway 1, R. Poston 2, Ann Butcher 3, K. Tyler 4, F. Oakley 5 L. C. Meadows 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, R. A. Brewer 8. For Evensong.

SIDBURY, DEVON. — On Feb. 17th, 1,344 Bob Major: A. Clarke 1, K. T. Clarke 2, Mrs. R. Woodley 3, Miss J. Hayward 4, B. F. Coles 5, G. E. Retter 6, J. M. Clarke 7, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 3, 7. For the engagement of Miss J. Hayward and Mr. J. M. Clarke.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—At the Church of Emmanuel, on Feb 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jackie Holmes 1, Marion J. Glover 2, J. Elliott 3, A. Wilson 4, M. E. Snape 5, K. Wilson 6, R. Kenrick (cond.) 7, B. J. Glover 8.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Roberts (14 years) 1, Sally Stacey (13) 2, R. Tipper (15) 3, Carol Stacey (14) 4, D. Hatherly (15, cond.) 5, Sally Palmer (14) 6. First by a band from Petersfield Secondary Modern School.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. A. Mimmack 1, S. Harris 2, E. Garman 3, C. Hitchman 4, M. Haigh (first as cond.) 5, A. Lee 6. First quarter 1 2, 4, 6. First Doubles 3, 5.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On Feb. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles M. Taylor 1, Joan Horton 2, B. W. Farhall 3, M. Davies (cond.) 4, A. J. Taylor 5, D. Nicholson 6. Rung in memoriam Mrs. R. Horton.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Peake (cond.) 1, I. S. Campbell (first "inside") 2, H. Ball 3, R. Fry 4, S. J. Withey 5, Anita D. O'Brien 6. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Colleen M. Holland (first quarter) 1, R. Fry 2 S. J. Withey 3, Anita D. O'Brien (first of Triples) 4, D. J. Vowles (first of Triples) 5, H. Ball 6, A. R. Peake (cond.) 7, I. S. Campbell (first on eight bells) 8.

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mears 1, P. R. Board 2, R. A. Bryant 3, C. W. Tidwell 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 18th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. C. Case 1, A. Haseldine 2, W. I. Chester 3, R. Haseldine 4, T. E. Roberts 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6, J. G. Shallard 7, C. E. Truman 8. For Evensong.

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BIRTHS

COBB.—To Lewis and Elizabeth, of 1, Avonvale Cottages, Kingston, Ringwood, Hants, the gift of a son, Bernard Lewis, on Thursday, February 22nd, 1968. 3467

DAVIES.—On February 20th, 1968, at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, to Brenda (nee Foster) and Nicholas Davies, a son (Martin Styleman). 3459

GIBSON.—Pearl and Stewart are happy to announce the gift of a son, Hugh Christopher James, a brother for Heidi and Beatrice, on Saturday, February 24th, 1968. 16, Penshurst Road, Maidenhead. 3481

DEATH

STONE.—Jonathan, infant son of Valerie and Michael, of Bridgwater, on Sunday, February 25th, 1968, at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, aged 16 weeks. 3494

RETURN THANKS

GURMIN.—The family of the late Mrs. E. M. Gurmin wish to thank the Almeley ringers for the memorial quarter peal rung on January 10th, 1968. 3480

WARNER. — On behalf of my brother's widow and her daughters, Gladys and Virginia, and myself, I would like to thank the ringers who kindly gave up an evening to go to Cranleigh and ring an excellent quarter peal to my brother's memory; also to Mrs. Beeson, who had everything ready, including pulling up the bells The very high standard of ringing gave great pleasure to all who heard it—Ernest R. Warner. 3474

PERSONAL

"Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."—Romans xiii, 7.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—Norman Tower.—Practices will be held on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month commencing March 12th. All ringers welcome. Please support this effort to start an eight-bell practice. 3473

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Would conductors please note that as from the appearance of this notice no peal will be accepted by the above Association unless a full peal report, together with the appropriate booking fee, is sent to the Ringing Secretary, Mr. J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. This should be done within three weeks of the peal being rung. NO PEAL DETAILS WILL BE TAKEN FROM "THE RINGING WORLD." 3488

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

Annual General Meeting

Sat., March 9th, at **Edenbridge, Kent.** Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by A.G.M. and evening ringing until 8.30 p.m.

Towers open for ringing:

Hammerwood	2.30–3.30
Cowden	3.00–4.00
Limpsfield Chart	7.30–8.30
Chiddingstone	8.00–9.00

Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Homesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge, Kent by Friday, March 8th, please. 3369

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Ashtead on Tuesday, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, London. — J. P O. 3452

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GUILD. — The annual general committee meeting will be held at Radley C.E. Primary School on Saturday, March 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Tuesday, March 12th —Marie R Cross. Hon Gen Sec

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, ABBOTSBURY. —Owing to extensive tower repairs, estimated at £3,000, the bells will not be available until further notice. All donations will be thankfully received.—H. J. Ford. 3490

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM. — Twelve-bell practice, Wednesday, March 13th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 3487

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

St. Peter's, Henfield

From March 6th, the practice nights at St. Peter's will be the first, third and fifth Wednesdays of the month, and Thursdays for the two remaining weeks. Sunday ringing—every Sunday 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the first Sunday in the month for Evensong, 6 to 6.30 p.m. 3493

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Royston, Saturday, March 9th. Ringing 3.45. Tea and business meeting at 5.15. Cups of tea; bring own food. Ringing after business meeting. All welcome.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Whittington on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **without fail, please,** to Mr. G. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield. Tel. Chest. 5416.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 3431

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barton and Haslingfield, Saturday, March 9th. Bells, Barton (5) 3 p.m. Service, Barton, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Haslingfield Vicarage, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing Haslingfield (5) 6 p.m. —B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3419

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — S.W District. — Evening meeting at Langdon Hills Saturday March 9th Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Visitors welcome.—G. Eve, Hon. Sec. 3309

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford on March 9th. Cathedral bells available at 3 p.m and after the meeting Service, conducted by the Rt. Rev G. W. Clarkson, Dean of Guildford, in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory Notifications for tea to Mrs C W Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom. Tel. 01-393 4986. 3359

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Bishop's Stortford Districts. — Joint meeting, St. Mary's (8), Ware, Saturday, March 9th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30. Evening ringing 5.30 to 8 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Peter M. F. Searles, 55, North Road, Hertford.—P. M. F. S., Dis. Sec. 3453

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Northchurch (8), March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 3435

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton (8) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P M. Town, Zephyr, Heath Road, Linton. 3363

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting at Elham (8), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Verney, High Street, Elham, Canterbury. 3465

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Stephens, Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead. N.W.3, Saturday, March 9th, 3–4 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall 4.15 p.m. St. Martin's, Allcroft Road, Gospel Oak, N.W.5, 5.30—7. St. Mary Magdalen's, Holloway Road, N.7, 7–8. No business. —Miss V. E Dupré, Hon. Sec. 3434

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice at Streatley on March 9th. Bells available 7–9 p.m. 3468

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. C. Rogers, 31, Woodbine Terrace, Pembroke.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 3462

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Woodborough (4), on March 9th, afternoon. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Lowdham (5) evening. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 3456

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Woodbridge (8). Saturday, March 9th Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, after which will be the Suffolk Guild Committee meeting at 7 p.m. Ringing in evening until 9 p.m. All wishing for tea please book with Mr. A. Stanley Woodard. The Flat, 42, Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk. — Mrs. W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 3392

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Tea House, Findon Ringing in the evening. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 3447

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting. Stoulton, Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. A W Porter, 12, Claverton, Stoulton. Pershore Abbey bells 6.45 p.m.–8.30 p.m. 3443

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Portbury (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Easton-in-Gordano bells available during evening.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3305

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Practice meeting, West Pennard (6), Saturday, March 16th, 6.30 p.m.—P. Hull, Dinder. 3483

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Archdeaconry of Coventry. — Next meeting at Kenilworth on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Royal, 33, Waverley Road, Kenilworth, by March 13th, please.—H. M. W. 3484

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting at Ashover, Saturday, March 16th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. F Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 3489

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District — Meeting at Yaxley, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Little Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3478

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lechlade (6) on March 16th. Bells 5 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Haydon, 8, Burford Street, Lechlade, by March 14th. —J. Pearse, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Standish (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Haresfield (6) also available after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by Tuesday, 13th, please. 3466

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.— Meeting at Berkeley, March 16th. Bells (6 only) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane. Slimbridge, Gloucester, by Tuesday, March 5th. 3463

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Essendon (6), March 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods as circulated. Names for tea to Miss S. Farnes, 22, Glebe Cottages, Essendon.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3470

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Hothfield, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. S. Sparks, 4, Rippers Cross Cottages, Hothfield, Ashford, by Thursday, March 14th. — A. P. S B. 3432

LADIES' GUILD (North Western District) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch).—Joint meeting at St. John's, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please make an effort to attend, for these are ideal bells for ladies to ring and it may be the last meeting there before church is demolished.—C. Andrew, Dis. Sec. 3486

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (N.W. District). —Joint meeting at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Note: May be last meeting before church is demolished. — A. Ward, Branch Sec. 3471

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Saddington, March 16th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington, Lincs, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding, Lincs, by Wednesday previous. 3461

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch —Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Intwood (5), Saturday, March 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 Also Mulbarton (6) from 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Pole. Keswick Hall College of Education, Norwich. NOR 93B, by Wednesday, March 13th 3437

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch —A combined practice will be held at Arborfield on March 16th at 6 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Surprise Minor. 3469

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch — Meeting at Wootton Bassett (8). March 16th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Brooks. 16. Morstone Road, Wootton Bassett, Swindon. 3491

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SOUTHWELL UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those sending names to Mr. C. J. Copp, North Muskham, Newark.—D. J. Tysoe, Dis. Sec. 3497

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at Pensnett on Saturday, March 16th. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Bells (8, recently rehung, J. Taylor and Co.) available 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs (Tel. Lich. 4539), by Wednesday, 13th, latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Barking (6) on Saturday, March 16th, from 6.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Usual methods plus Norwich Surprise and College Exercise.—M. Page, Dis. Sec. 3477

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Martin's, Epsom (10), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 4.30. Service 5. followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Oakshott, 114, Manor Green Road, Epsom, by previous Wednesday.—E. G. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Uckfield, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J M. Hills 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, B.M.4 6PJ, by previous Wednesday. 3495

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Newton Nottage, March 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and short meeting will follow. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3482

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Droitwich (St. Peter-de-Witton, 6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ricketts Lane. Also Dodderhill (8) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, March 13th. — J. J. S. 3452

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The first quarterly meeting of 1968 will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. and after the business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. J Thurmott, 61, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, as soon as possible.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3455

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W. District. — Evening practice at Stanwell, Wednesday, March 20th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3492

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 20th. Choral Evensong (ringers' choir), Leicester Cathedral. 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Alderman Newton's Main School Hall (next to Cathedral). Any names for tea **not** sent in by clergy, to be sent to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester Ringing arrangements later. Annual Dinner (note change of date), September 28th, at Stanford Hall. Leicester University. Details later.—A. J. Poynor. 3499

LATE NOTICES

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6) on Friday evening March 8th Bells from 7 p.m to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam 3427

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—The address of Newark District secretary is now Mr. D. J. Tysoe. 2, Valley View, Coddington, Newark. 3498

A WEEK-END COURSE IN BELL-RINGING

At Hereford College of Education

From Friday evening, April 19th, to Sunday afternoon, April 21st, 1968.

Tutors: Mr. G. T. Cousins, Mr. P. G K. Davies, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. F. Sharpe and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

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OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT DAVIES

An Appreciation

January 31st, 1968, saw the passing of Herbert Davies at the age of 82, the last member of the celebrated band of ringers which made St. Peter's, Church, Pentre, Rhondda, noted throughout the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

He came to the Rhondda from Kingsland, Hereford, at the age of 26, joining the St. Peter's Society in 1911. He rang 37 peals for the Association, amongst them Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich, but it is for his conducting of Grandsire and Stedman that he was better known, preferring methods in which the heaviest bell in Wales was rung behind.

The 74 steps of St. Peter's finally led to his calling the last bob in 1957, but he will always be remembered by the Society for his patience and perseverance with its younger members, who never once heard his voice raised, even when things were not going quite as they should. W. R. B.

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION

The light and interesting six at Holy Cross Church, Morton, was selected for the Association's first meeting of 1968 on February 17th. The tenor, recast in 1500, is 4¼ cwt. but is not the heaviest bell, the fifth being half a cwt. heavier. Over 40 ringers from ten towers were present at tea in the Rectory Room, and the ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Norwich and London Surprise.

At the business meeting the president, Mr. Brynley Richards, was in the chair. Fourteen new members were elected including eight from Pinxton, of whom one was the Vicar (Rev. R. L. Gwyther).

Notice was given to change the present arrangement of monthly meetings to bi-monthly on the fourth Saturday of each even month. This will come before the A.G.M. on Easter Monday. Mr. S. W Fossey proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. E. B Teale) for conducting the service, to the organist (Mr E. C. Clayton) and the ladies who provided the tea, and ringing continued until 9 p.m

Ripley bells are not available for March meeting. B. A. R.

Randwick's Cycling Vicar has now Six Bells

RANDWICK, Gloucestershire, has now six bells installed in its belfry, through the initiative of the Rev. the Hon. N. R. Morrison, who cycled 1,000 miles on a sponsored journey from Land's End to John o' Groats to raise money for the sixth bell.

The idea of augmenting from four to six bells came to him when Miss Edna Harper offered a bell to the church in memory of her brother, who died four years ago.

The Randwick Church Council then agreed to purchase a sixth bell and, thanks to the Vicar's ride, a grant of £75 from the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers and various sponsors, all but £25 of the £600 or so needed has been raised. The two new bells were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and weigh about 3 cwt. each. The inscriptions are:

"In memory of a dear brother, Russell Harper, 1904–1964, who loved the sound of bells, from sister Edna."

"Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers; Mrs. K. A. M. Wehner in memory of Rev. G. R. Wehner (her husband), J. H. B. Wehner (her mother-in-law) and A. M. Leake (her mother); M. H. Simpson in memory of Eva L. Simpson and the Rev. the Hon. and Mrs. N. R. Morrison," concluding with the words "Behold the Lamb of God."

The new bells were dedicated at a private ceremony on February 17th by the Rev. C. H. J. Wood, Vicar of Standish, with Miss Mary Bliss, chairman of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who struck each bell three times. The public dedication ceremony will take place on Palm Sunday. Commented the Vicar after the new bells had been tried out on February 22nd: "A very pure tone, purer than the old bells."



HOISTING THE BELL.—Left to right: The Rev. N. R. Morrison, his four-year-old son John, Mr. A. R. Barnett (tower secretary) and Mr. H. J. W. Pheby (deputy churchwarden).
[Photo by courtesy of "Stroud News and Journal."

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION WITH SELBY SOCIETY

Was it the joint meeting or was it Howden's bells that attracted over 60 people to put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening? Whatever it was this meeting turned out to be very successful, with plenty of ringing, a pleasant service at which the Vicar played the piano for the hymns, a good tea and the briefest of dual business meetings.

Mr. A. Sheppard and Mr. H. Walker shared the chair and welcomed the Association's president and lady, together with the Association's general secretary with his wife and family, also Mr. H. Hawcroft, from Sutton-on-Trent.

Beverley was proposed for the District A.G.M. on the third Saturday in May. An invitation to hold the 1969 District A.G.M. at Howden from the Vicar was accepted; he added that the Association was always welcome.

Mr. J. Thorley deputised for Mr. L. M. Woodhead (who was absent through illness) and quickly disposed of the Selby District business. Mr. R. Warford proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks. R. D.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The Langford-Beams Cox memorial meeting was held at Bradpole on February 17th. Seven towers were represented and visitors were welcomed, including the Rev. R. N. Longridge, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The Guild service was conducted by the vice-chairman of the Branch, the Rev. O. L. Willmott. His interesting address left much "food for thought." Tea was arranged in the Foresters Hall by the local ringers and lady helpers.

At the opening of the business meeting the chairman (Mr. C. W. Powell) warmly welcomed the Rev. R. N. Longridge, and his visit was much appreciated. Members were told of the Guild Festival at Wimborne and agreed to use their own transport.

Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, including Yorkshire.

Next quarterly meeting: Beaminster, April 27th. Practice meetings: Askerswell, April 3rd; Whitechurch Canonicorum, May 6th.
J. D.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Charing Win District Striking Contest

Eight teams entered for the first striking competition of the Ashford District held at St. Nicholas', Pluckley, on February 17th, and while the competition progressed non-competing members found comfort on the tombstones or churchyard wall and exercised their brains on informal judging. The foremost of these was "The Lurker" (W. W. Ling), who is renowned throughout the District for his criticism of striking.

After tea in the School Room, Mr. C. J. E. Wyld thanked the Rector (the Rev. J. L. Pittock) and the organist (Miss Anne Barber) for the service, and the local band for making the arrangements. The judges (Dr. D. Niblett and Mr. J. R. Cooper) then announced the results with a commentary. Certificates were awarded to the first three teams: 1 Charing, 2 Folkestone, 3 Cheriton. Other teams competing were Brabourne, Little Chart, Lympne, Rolvenden and Wye. The judges and Mr. A. G. Homewood were thanked by Mr. N. J. Davies, and ringing was resumed.

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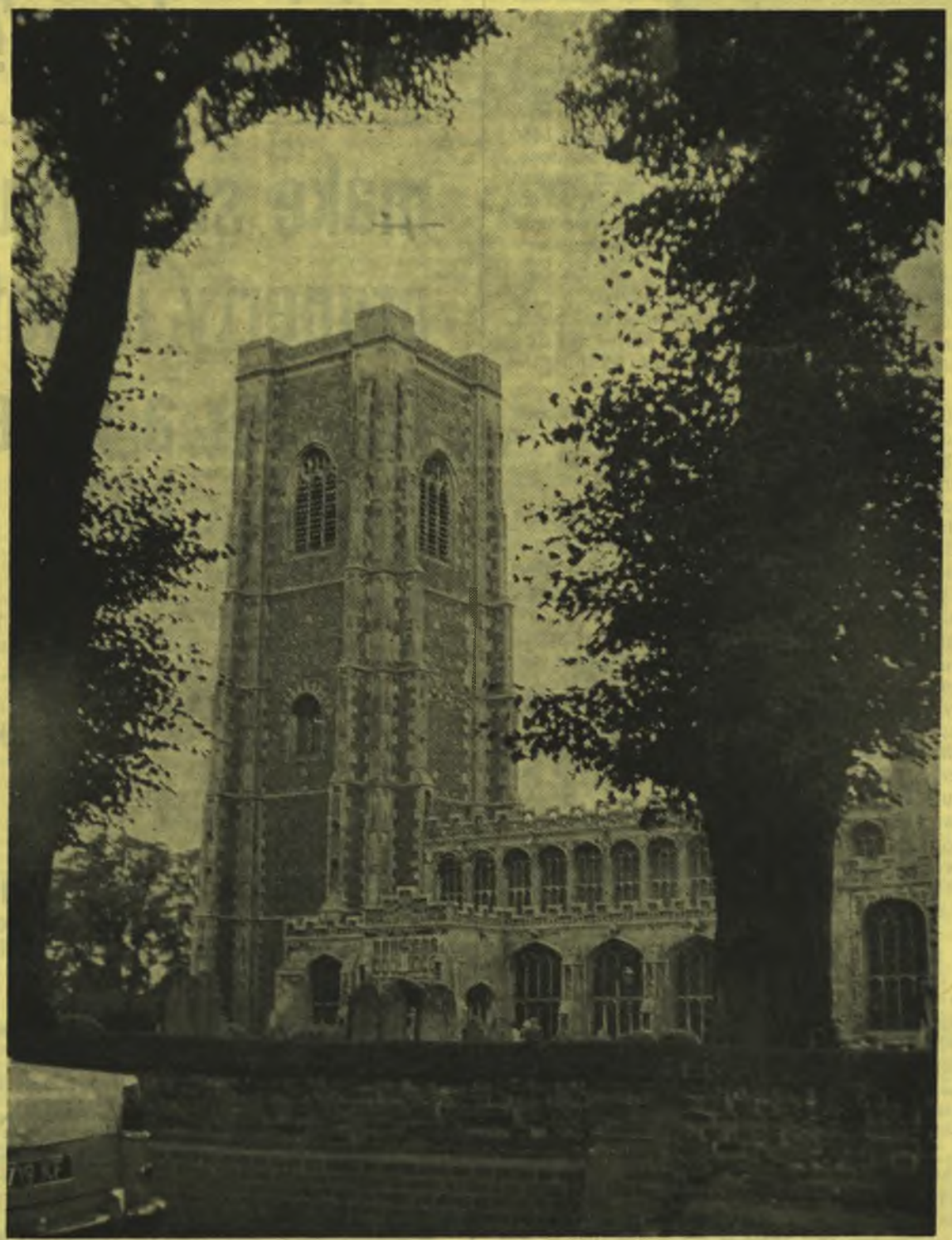
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The Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Lavenham, Suffolk

OUR COVER PICTURE

THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

By GEORGE W. PIPE

WITHOUT a doubt Lavenham is one of the finest churches in the land and considered by some, alongside that of the neighbouring Long Melford, to be the best example of a parish church in the Perpendicular style. Its most notable feature, which can be seen for miles over the gently-undulating Suffolk countryside, is its tower—141 feet high.

The photograph shows that the buttressing treatment is not only unusual but massive. The secondary angle "towers" are 9 feet square and exquisitely dressed with knapped flints and stone. The tower was started in 1486 and by 1523 it had probably reached the louvre windows. The blending of the upper stage is very good although it was not finished until possibly 1550. Whether or not pinnacles should have crowned this masterpiece we have no documentary evidence, but local feeling is that these would somehow look out of place.

The whole church was generously endowed by the Earls of Oxford and the local wealthy wool merchants, in particular the Spring family. Thomas Spring III died in 1523, his will specifying a bequest towards finishing the tower.

The bells are equally famous and one scarcely meets a ringer who hasn't either visited Lavenham or intends to! They have been a talking point up and down the country when favourite eights are discussed. Tonally bell for bell, with the exception of 6, 7 and 8, they are not good—how then their fame? This, I think, is due to three factors. First, the church and tower and its siting in Lavenham; secondly, the almost ethereal atmosphere in that great belfry; and thirdly, the quality of the 6th and 7th covered by the "Matchless Tenor".

And what a truly remarkable bell that is! Cast by Miles Graye in 1625, with a diameter of 52⅛" and a note only a ¼ semitone sharp of D flat (A 440 cycles/sec.), it weighs only 21 cwt. 7 lb. Thus, with these three back bells, the acoustics and this ever-present atmosphere, we have a quite unique eight. One can hardly fail to be moved when Bristol, Stedman or Double Norwich in particular is rung here.

There were five bells in the Ecclesiastical Return of Church Property in 1553, with a tenor possibly heavier than the present one. A treble was added in 1702 and then two more in 1811. Up until 1964 the bells hung in their original c. 1525 oak frame (the main members measuring 17" square), it being impossible to retain it any longer due to death watch beetle. Then in that year the eight were rehung by John Taylor and Co. in a new iron frame with all new fittings.

The founders are well represented: 1 and 2 William Dobson, 1811; 3 Henry Pleasant, 1702; 4 Richard Bowler, 1603; 5 Henry Pleasant, 1702; 6 Richard Bowler, 1603; 7 C. and G. Mears 1845; 8 Miles Graye, 1625.

The first recorded peal we have set a high standard no doubt—5,000 Bob Major in 4 hours 3 minutes on December 2nd, 1813. Since then 170 have been rung there, Arthur Symonds having stood in 100 of them consecutively.

Lavenham is a tower where good striking and hospitality are traditional, and there is no doubt that it will always be a "must" for church and bell enthusiasts alike.

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80th HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

FIRST LADY MASTER AND GLASGOW PEAL

CANNOT CONDONE BREAKING RULES

WEARING the chain of office of the oldest Society in the City of Birmingham—the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers—Miss Muriel Reay received many congratulations at the 80th annual "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner on being the first lady to be Master of the Guild. The dinner was held at the Old Royal, Birmingham, with Canon Harry Hartley, Rector of Solihull, in the chair.

But the new Master faced the problem of the moment—the record peal of Glasgow—courageously: "I feel we cannot condone the breaking of rules; if we did so the Central Council would fall into disrepute as would ringing in general."

The special announcement of the evening was regarding the gift of two new trebles to Solihull, providing the Diocese with another 12-bell tower. Present was Mr. "Bill" Leeson, who for 70 years had been a ringer at Solihull, and the bells are his gift to the church he had served so faithfully. He received a grand welcome from the assembly.

The chairman, after proposing the loyal toast, apologised for the absence of Mr. Frank Smallwood, a vice-president of the Guild, who was too ill to attend. The company concurred with his suggestion that their good wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to Frank.

A bouquet was presented to Bishop Sinker for Mrs. Sinker, who unfortunately had another engagement, and also to Mrs. Hartley and Mrs. Warman.

The toast, "The Memory of the Late Henry Johnson," was proposed from the chair. Canon Hartley remarked that he understood that the toast to this illustrious person, who used to haunt the steeple at Aston, was drunk in silence.

A touch of Stedman Caters followed, rung by W. Williams 1–2, F W. Perrens 3–4, Frank Haynes 5–6, W. G. Wilson 7–8, R. C. Ingram 9–10.

FOUND THE LADY

The Archdeacon of Aston (the Ven. F. F. G. Warman) proposed the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild" with a very happy speech. He recalled that when a young man, while living at Chelsford, he frequently travelled to and from Liverpool Street, and on those trains card-sharpers were to be seen trying to induce a luckless individual to try to "find the lady." These dinners of the St Martin's Guild had been in existence for 80 years and it was only now they had been lucky enough to "find the lady." He would like to congratulate the Guild on the choice they had made as Master in Miss Reay. This was a post that was firmly established in the past in the stronghold of the gentlemen.

The Guild and the Exercise owed a considerable debt to the ladies, and it seemed that each year more and more ladies had learned their art. Perhaps it was because they had new more confidence or perhaps because they felt they were entitled to feel the ropes. They all owed a great deal to the non-ringing ladies who allowed their husbands out on an evening and twice on Sundays to indulge in this practice

Regarding the second part of the toast, "Continued prosperity of St. Martin's Guild," Canon Warman said the clergy were all very grateful to bellringers for the work they did up and down the country. They admired the great expertise and skill of those who indulged in peal ringing and had the great excitement of a long peal which contained "all the work" until that great triumph at the end, when the treble came down to lead for the last time and all the other bells ran down the scale.

The Master, Miss Muriel Reay, was cordially received when rising to reply and said St. Martin's Guild was founded in 1755 and was amongst the oldest ringing societies in the country She also understood that it was the oldest society in the City of Birmingham. The first peal by the Society was rung in 1755 at the Church of St. Philip, which was now the Cathedral, and was of Bob Major. Since then a great many peals had followed and something like 600 peals had been rung at the Cathedral and they had been rung in a great number of methods and on all numbers of bells. A high standard of ringing had been set which they all had to maintain.

Each generation had provided very capable men to fill the various offices. They had been fortunate in their choice of secretaries and long might it last! In the last 100 years or so they had had only five secretaries and each had served for 25 years. Their present secretary had completed 20 years in office and he was extremely capable, efficient and hard-working.

Under the present leadership of their Ringing Master, in 1965 they rang a long length of Stedman Cinques, the next year there was another long length and this year there had been a record length of Glasgow. This peal was surrounded by a lot of publicity. In the first two hours the ringers had to put up with the constant glare of B.B.C. cameras, but throughout their ringing was of a high standard and they would all like to say "Well done." They had a number of records and if any other band of ringers were so lucky to ring another record peal without breaking the rules of the Central Council they would say to them "Well done".

MUST ABIDE BY RULES

"The Central Council have laid down a good many rules and regulations and they have also laid down a code of behaviour. A good many ringers feel that it is time the Central Council revised those rules, but we are of opinion that until that is done we must accept those rules and abide by them. As responsible people, I feel we cannot condone the breaking of rules; if we did so the Central Council would fall into disrepute, and ringing in general would suffer.

"In our towers we had a lot of young people and a number of young ladies who are making good progress. To these young people we look to provide the ringers of the future. Our Ringing Master has a good many ideas for the future and among them is a long length of Royal; what the method will be I don't know."

One other thing they were looking forward to was their fourth ring of 12 in the diocese. Thanks to the hard work of the Rector and ringers of Solihull two new trebles were to be added., She did not know when it would be but she felt they must certainly congratulate the ringers there on what had been done.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Lawson and their two daughters, from North Yorkshire, then rang on handbells a faultless touch of Plain Bob Major.

Bishop G. Sinker proposed the toast of "The Visitors" and said when his photograph appeared as a ringer recently in the Press he understood the professional ringers of St. Martin's Guild were rather alarmed. They had been ringing that night and perhaps they wondered, if they left the bells up, who was pulling the bells that could be heard in various parts of the city. They would have read the next morning that it was the Provost, and that he was still among the living.

[When the news of the passing of the Immigration Bill was received the Provost rang the Cathedral bells in protest.]

Canon Douglas McLean, in reply, said they lived in an age of change, when far too many things were being pulled down for the sake of change. It was so with the Church and so many documents were being produced from the Church Assembly that the poor incumbent did not know what would descend on his head next. There were also changes in dress and hair. He hoped that while they would welcome changes that could be helpful they would strongly oppose changes which were unnecessary. The English man and woman did not like to be pushed about too far and it behoved these innovators to remember this.

LIFELINE OF THE EXERCISE

The toast of "The Ringing World" was submitted by Mr. Norman Harding, who said "The Ringing World" was a wonderful publication and circulated to all parts of the world where bells were rung in the English way. It provided news and good reading to suit every kind of ringer, indeed it could be looked upon as the lifeline of the Exercise.

What would happen if it went out of circulation? He ventured to suggest that it would be a ringing disaster. They would never know what was going on in other parts of the country and in the wilds of North-West Norfolk would never know when George reached his 3,000th peal or the latest score at St. Philip's Cathedral. It was the duty of all of them to see that such a thing never happened. The journal, with its new look and excellent cover, had become very attractive, and all ringers should be encouraged to take it, and, if they did, the journal would be safe for all time

Mr. Harding concluded by thanking the regular contributors for news and articles, "The Ringing World" Committee that had many difficult problems, and the Editor and all those people who were responsible for providing the journal week by week.

(Continued next page)



MISS MURIEL REAY

First Lady Master of St. Martin's Guild

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER—(Continued)

Mr. Vernon Bottomley, who was entrusted with the reply, said a few weeks ago there appeared in "Woman" a letter written by Jill Pipe which stated: "My husband is very keen to learn bellringing. How should he go about it?" Following that letter he had a number of applications for information, the majority being from young ladies at Yardley. He referred most of them to George, and it nice to feel that they had provided some "fodder."

The concluding toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by one of his own ringers, Mr. T. J. Warner, of Solihull. He said that Canon Hartley could ring a bell but his wife was a better ringer. Unfortunately the 55 steps up to their belfry was a disadvantage to his ringing. The Master of the Guild had touched on the hopes they had at Solihull of two new trebles being added to their excellent ring of ten.

The ringing Exercise should know how they came by these two bells. When the Rector learned that the offer of one treble was a firm one, he made it his business to thank the donor and received the offer of a second treble. Having secured the two bells he set about the preliminaries necessary before they could give an order.

THE DONOR PRESENT

The chairman, in reply, recalled that he and his wife rang at Malvern and how Charlie Cann called a bob. Speaking about the gift, Canon Hartley said he had tried to keep it quiet about the 12 bells as they still had one more day to go, during which time people could make objections to the faculty being granted. There were some people who thought that 12 bells made more noise than ten.

They owed those two bells to one person in that room who had given them. He would like to thank Bill Leeson for the gift. Bill had been ringing 70 years at Solihull. He had been through a lot of trouble to get the new bells and hoped to be alive to see and hear them. The twelve would provide a light eight so that their young ringers could have a go.

The chairman read a letter written to him in 1954 by Mr. G. E. Fearn, announcing that Mr. Edgar Shepherd had proposed his election as a member and that the Guild would be pleased to have him as such. The Canon said he could not recall having paid a subscription to the Guild and was prepared to pay for the arrears if they were not too heavy.

Mr. Warner assured the Canon that there were no arrears. "Believe it or not, the churchwardens pay the subscription," he added.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the chairman and Mrs. Hartley on the top table were the Provost (Bishop Sinker), Mr. G E. Fearn (hon. secretary), Miss Reay (Master), Archdeacon and Mrs. Warman and Canon D. McLean.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. V. Bottomley, Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. V. Green, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fielden, Mr. and Mrs. P. Rothera, Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lawson and the Misses Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Foskett, Mr. and Miss Millhouse, Mr. D. J., Mrs. and Miss Purnell, Mr. and Mrs. P. Handley, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Border, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hampton Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Goodman, Mrs. Fearn.

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A VISIT TO NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY DINNER

INVITED by two of our recently lost ringers to their annual dinner at Nottingham University on February 24th, we arrived in sunny mid-morning and were only allowed time to dump our beds before being whisked away to the first tower. Whilst we were enjoying some short touches at Breaston, the University Society was engaged in a successful peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, which was the first peal on the recently rehung bells at Beeston Another successful peal that morning was one of ten Surprise Minor methods at Bunney, arranged for the visitors.

In the afternoon we visited the towers available for ringing, first calling at West Bridgford, where the highlight of our visit at least was the sight of the spotlessly clean bell chamber. After the somewhat crowded conditions here we found plenty of space at St. Mary's, Nottingham. As Jacker Long, our captain, commented in typical Lydney fashion, "Cor, them der sound good, mind, dunnum?"

After being ordered to pay homage to "Little John" striking four, we went to St. Peter's for a 12-bell ring. Here one of us was so unnerved by the shaking of the tower that he could not strike his Stedman Cinques properly! The last tower was the University's home, at Beeston, where we met, at last, the N U.S.C.R. Master, Dave McLean.

The dinner was held in Derby Hall of Residence, where 67—a record number—sat down to turkey. Afterwards the president. Mr. Paul Taylor, proposed the loyal toast and announced a touch of Stedman Triples to be rung on handbells by members of the Society. This was successfully accomplished and Rosamund Rawlings, the Fresher representative, welcomed the visitors and proposed a toast to us. One of the guest speakers, Mr. Paul Cattermole, replied with a speech during which he advertised this year's Central Council meeting at his home town—Worcester.

Mr. John Baldwin, the other guest speaker, having ascertained that he was supposed to be speaking, there being some doubt in his mind lest the Society had confused him with another Baldwin, toasted the Society and reminded everyone that there were still thousands of Surprise methods which could be composed. Finally, the Master replied on behalf of the Society, pointing out the absence of Ted and Beryl Shuttleworth and explaining that they had been married that afternoon. He followed this by obscure references to members of the Society and ferrets, and then told of last summer's tour of the Lake District.

After a "quick drink" we were not allowed to go to bed but were taken ten-pin bowling and then to coffee parties. The activities eventually seemed to finish at about 4 a.m.

R. C. FERRET.
A. PHILPOTT.

KENT LADIES' THANKS TO Mrs. DOBBIE

Despite the rather adverse weather conditions, the Ladies' Guild (Kent Branch) held a successful meeting at Sittingbourne on February 24th Several gentlemen joined the ladies for ringing on the eight bells prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar. There followed an enjoyable tea, which had been organised at short notice, by Mr. Kenwood.

The gentlemen then returned to the tower, and Miss Todd took the chair at the business meeting. The new secretary (Miss Joan Wood) was officially welcomed. The meeting asked that a record of their thanks be made to Mrs. Dobbie for her ten years of service as secretary of the Kent Branch. Two new members were elected Fourteen ladies were present, and Mrs. Mitchell expressed her pleasure on seeing all but one of the Districts of Kent were represented. The attendance was especially creditable as there had been, unfortunately, only short notice given of the meeting

When the business was concluded the ladies rejoined the gentlemen for further ringing, to conclude a pleasant occasion. I. M. P.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Wimborne Branch

A quarterly meeting was held at Witchampton on March 2nd. Ringing on the six bells ranged from rounds for the many learners present up to London Minor. The Guild service was attended by over 40 ringers and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. P. de Candole, with Mr. H. Faulkner, from Swanage, as organist.

After an excellent tea the business meeting was held. Twenty new members were elected (a record); these represented three new towers being affiliated to the Guild, namely Morden, Spettisbury and Witchampton. Plans for the Branch outing on March 30th to the Newbury area were discussed, as were the joint meeting with the North Dorset Branch on April 20th and the proposed joint meeting with the Dorchester Branch in July in conjunction with the Hardy Festival. It is hoped to hold a Branch dinner at Canford School on Friday, August 2nd.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor J. H Allen 1-2, Lucy Allen 3-4, C. M. Smith (first "in hand" as cond.) 5-6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Because Royston bells were again unavailable the Northern District met at Codicote on March 2nd The bells proved rather difficult to strike well but, despite this, methods rung included rounds, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Cambridge, London and Norwich Surprise. Between 30 and 40 members attended throughout the evening.

Next meeting: Baldock, on April 6th (subject to permission).

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LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT
10,784 Oxford T.B. Major

Dear Sir,—I give notice of an attempt to ing 10,784 Oxford Treble Bob Major on handbells on Sunday, March 24th, 1968, commencing at 11.30 a.m. The attempt will take place in the School Hall, Pancake Lane, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, and arrangements will be made for any ringers to come and listen if they so wish. The composition to be used is a shortened version of the 17,824 by T. B. Worsley, rung at Heptonstall on April 18th, 1927, and is as follows:

234567

524367 W
235647 B
362457 B
643527 B
734526 M B 5ths H H
274365 In 4ths
647325 M H
754623 4ths 4ths In 4ths In 4ths B 4ths H H
762435 M In 4ths B 4ths H H
743256 M In 4ths B 4ths H H
725364 M In 4ths B 4ths H H
736542 M In 4ths B 4ths H H
352647 M M In B H

632547 W
356427 B
543267 B
425637 B
752634 M B 5ths H H
372546 In 4ths
427536 M H
563427 4ths 4ths B H

645237 Repeat last 8 courses
265437 W
426357 B H H
346257 W
234567 B H H

If successful this will be, I believe, the longest peal of Treble Bob rung on handbells.
—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing "The Ringing World":—

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GLASS LOUVRES IN A LEICESTER CHURCH



Mr. Julian M. Morley has introduced modern glass moving louvres into the belfry of the Church of St. James the Great, Birstall, Leicester.

Previously the open windows, 5ft. high and 3ft. wide, were covered with chicken wire. This resulted in the metal frame rusting, ropes getting wet and sallies damp. After a heavy fall of snow he had to clear it away from around the bells. It was also damaging the clock mechanism, floors and stonework.

In 1966 the ringers painted the bell frame with a rust resisting paint and bitumastic paint, but by the following year it had started to rust again. After visiting many towers and examining fixed and moving wooden louvres he hit on the idea of using modern glass moving louvres.

Mr. Morley first made a three-inch square frame of Maranti wood, six inches wide and one inch thick. To this he fitted the louvre unit inside, and this left a two-feet high arch at the top, which he filled with quarter-inch plate wired glass. He then protected the whole of the window by fixing chicken wire to the frame inside the tower.

A cord from the ground floor was attached to the lever which operated the louvres. To the top of the lever a spring was fastened to return it so that the louvres could be operated from the ground floor. (See picture with chicken wire removed.) The louvres give complete protection from the weather and also reduce the amount of sound in the distance, but not in the immediate vicinity.

The louvres were supplied by N. V. Appleton Ltd., of Slough, in kit form, the wood and glass cut to pattern, and putty was supplied by a local building firm. The cost was £12 a window. The fitting could be done by anyone who is handy with a hammer and screwdriver. The only difficulty Mr. Morley encountered was in ensuring that the wooden frame was square. If this was not so, the louvres would not operate freely.

OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT W. COLES

A wide circle of friends will regret the passing of Mr Albert W. Coles, of North Mymms, Herts, in St. Albans Hospital on Monday, March 4th. He was 79 years of age.

"Bert" and his brother, Tom, learned to ring at St. George's-in-the-East around 1890. The two brothers became stalwarts of the Middlesex County Association and for many years "Bert" was a vice-president of the Association for the N. and E. District. St. Giles'-in-the-Fields was his particular tower and here he taught many to ring.

At one time he was in the London City Police and later he joined the G.P.O. as a signwriter. The high standard of his craftsmanship can be seen in many towers; probably the best is at Rickmansworth, which embodies a number of peals. To his widow and son, Peter, the sympathy of many friends is extended. The funeral service (cremation) was at Enfield Crematorium on March 8th.

MR. A. E. MORGAN

Kingswinford, Staffs, will sadly miss Mr. A. E. Morgan who died on February 25th, aged 59. For 44 years he had been a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Kingswinford, and secretary and treasurer of the tower for about 20 years.

Although quiet and retiring, he did a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes, writing out methods for learners and organising outings and meetings.

At his funeral on February 29th the whole pull and stand was rung 59 times, half-muffled, by R. A. Peakman 1, C. Peakman 2, N. Whitehouse 3, S. Mallen 4, B. Lawton 5, C. F. Jukes 6, Dudley 7, D. Griffiths 8. C.F.J.

MR. E. T. SNELLER

Mr. Edward Thomas Sneller, of Ilsley, was taken from us very suddenly on the morning of February 23rd. He died in his cottage in the village he passionately loved, and they were very sad villagers who walked up the hill to the old Norman church to attend his funeral on Tuesday, February 27th.

On Sunday the family attended Communion and remembered with love the "Master," as he was affectionately called, and for Evensong a long touch of his favourite method, Stedman Triples, was rung half-muffled, six of the band being very close relations.

He was churchwarden for many years, and although not attempting to beat any records for number of peals rung was yet in the top class of ringers, being faithful to his service ringing and an admirable striker when on the end of a rope. The "Master" had one other love, that of good music, and was no mean player of the clarinet, being in great demand by orchestras around the Reading and Newbury districts.

If ever a man loved his church, his family, his village and his neighbours it was Edward Sneller, and he will be much missed. He rang most of his peals at Ilsley with his famous uncles, Richard T. and William Hibbert, and amongst one of his proudest ringing memories was three courses of Stedman Triples at Westminster Abbey with such illustrious ringers as Herbert Langdon, Alfred Peck, Robert Newton and Challis F. Winney, and his striking in that touch was equally as good as when ringing the fourth at Ilsley.

Superlatives are often ill-used but in the case of the "Master" we can all say "Well done thou good and faithful servant." R.I.P.

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Letters to the Editor

FALSE PEALS AT BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the following peals were false, owing to the front-works of the Rosehill group not being rung in the correct order:—

(1) 18-Spliced Plain Major, rung in Birmingham University Union on October 4th, 1967, conducted by Richard J. Parker.

(2) 35-Spliced Plain Major, rung in High Hall, Edgbaston, on October 17th, 1967, conducted by Richard J. Parker.

(3) 20-Spliced Plain Major, rung in High Hall, on February 13th, 1968, conducted by myself.

As conductor of the last of these I should like to apologise to the rest of the band. —Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

THE EMPTY PLACE

Dear Sir, — At the Society of Rambling Ringers reunion in February one empty place was laid. The idea behind this was to receive, on the empty plate, a collective donation to one of the world food aid organisations. (A similar idea was in operation at one of the Lord Mayor of London's functions last November.)

We hope to make this a practice at future reunions as well, and would like to acquaint readers of "The Ringing World" with the idea for their own consideration.

Our particular donation was sent to Christian Aid. I wonder if anyone (e.g. from the Clerical Guild) would like to write a few paragraphs giving information on the three or four appropriate world organisations? —Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

LADY "CIRCLES" WELLS CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent quarter peal of Stedman Triples rung at Wells Cathedral ("Ringing World," page 156), I have since discovered that Miss Sheila Y. Hallett, by ringing the tenor (56 cwt.), has now rung all ten bells to quarter peals.

The band and her many ringing friends would like to compliment Sheila on this and the excellent way she handled this "man's" bell in the quarter peal.—Yours faithfully,

D. MACKAY.

Midsomer Norton, Bath.

WORCESTERSHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Martin D. Fellows was justified in putting old Alf in his place over Worcestershire bells. It came about in this way. Old "Learcher" Attwood, of Comberton, a humble shepherd but a renowned heavy bell ringer (1897–1906) used to tell us boys at Overbury: "If thee wants to get some good bells ring at Beckford, Bredon, Eckington and finish up at 'Pasha,' they be all Rudhalls's and they take a good plough line with a whipcord for Bredon Norton's bells as they are so light."

Can Mr Fellows tell me the history and castings of the bells at Overbury, Ashchurch and Kemerton?—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading, Berks.

SPLICED MINOR IN EIGHT METHODS

Dear Sir,—I submit the composition requested by Mr. Egglestone.

720 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In EIGHT METHODS

2345		
4523	KBQ	
4235	NPHPKCC	
3542	KBKCC	X
3425	IBKCC	X
2345	X	

Contains 240 Cambridge (C), 192 King Edward, 120 Bourne, 48 each Ipswich (I), Primrose (P), and 24 each Hull (H), Norfolk (N), Queen Mary (Q), with 24 changes of method. —Yours faithfully,

ROGER D. BAILEY.

London, N.W.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Dear Sir,—How deplorable has some of the correspondence been on the availability, or otherwise, of the bells of Westminster Abbey. How gracious and masterly was Mr. Pitstow's reply.—Yours faithfully,

B. E. BARTLETT.
Also the Devon Association's representative on the Central Council.

PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the composition of Pudsey Surprise Major by Simon Wigg, published on page 176 of "The Ringing World," contains only 74 roll-ups, or 72 in the shortened version..

The following not very original arrangement of the peal may prove of interest. It also contains 72 roll-ups, but retains the 18 56's and 65's of the original.

5,088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

B	M	W	5½	H	23456
	—		S		43562
—		—			23465
	—		S		43652
	2	3		—	42356

Yours faithfully,

S. HUMPHREY.

5,039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
(Correction)

Dear Sir,—I regret to inform you that there was an error in the figures submitted of the peal of 5,039 Grandsire Caters by Charles H. Kippin (page 176). The first course should read:

62354978 ' 1, 4S. (Not 2S, 4S).

Yours sincerely,

R. C. STEVENS.

Croydon.

THE NATIVES ARE STILL FRIENDLY

IT is over two years since I, a newcomer to this country, recorded my first impressions of bellringing in England, and these were published in "The Ringing World." Since then I have become acclimatised to England and its way of life, and to a large extent the English have accepted me as a resident in their midst. So how, in these two years, have my attitudes been tempered by time from those exhilarating first months?

I am thankful that I started my English ringing career in the Oxford Diocesan Guild's territory, because the part of suburban London I moved to shortly after my arrival presented a depressing contrast—a no man's land of grimy, almost derelict towers, silent towers, and a general lack of the enthusiasm and fellowship I had found in my first weeks here.

I had always thought of London as the hub of bellringing, but I have found it to be a fragmented hub and running rather dry in its bearings. Four separate territorial Associations just fail to converge at its centre, where academic and the more illustrious Societies dominate, and these boundaries seem to create social difficulties, even if they alleviate administrative ones.

My employment required me to live in London, but I was fortunate that, after a couple of fruitless months, I was introduced to a regularly-ringing progressive North London tower where beginners were being taught, and where some effort was being made to build a better standard of change ringing.

I have been very grateful for that help; after being taught to handle a bell properly (and forgetting 13 years' bad handling and ropesight habits took a little effort on my part) my standard has improved steadily. The encouragement I have received from my ringing colleagues has been wonderful; even peals have been jeopardised to give me opportunities I'd waited years for. With this improvement has come a better understanding of my capabilities and limitations—I realise that I will probably never become a self-assured peal ringer, as each one continues to be a major ordeal to be mastered. Also, the science of conducting still eludes me, despite the patient tuition of friends.

But if I'm not going to be a renowned peal ringer or a noted conductor/composer, where does my aptitude lie? I must admit that, although these days it is almost unfashionable, I derive the greatest enjoyment from service ringing. And I actually enjoy working on frames, painting and maintaining the fittings that will keep the bells turning for, I hope, centuries yet.

I continue finding great pleasure discovering new towers in the beautiful English countryside, and wherever I've gone I've found that wonderful hospitality I now associate with Britain. Old towers, fine old bells and grand people. This is the story of the past two and a half years. Not that there have not been moments of disappointment; such as the time someone with experience of bells nearly succeeded in deliberately causing a tragic accident in a local tower, and petty politics that occasionally boil to the surface in this journal. But these are the sort of things that occur in any human situation, and it would be unnatural for them to be absent from any community, even if it is supposed to be a Christian one.

So, to those overseas ringers who might be contemplating a visit to the Ringing Isle, what can my two years' experience in this country prompt me to advise? Come! You will undoubtedly receive an unforgettable welcome, enjoy ringing at many marvellous towers and, perhaps most important, you will make some of the finest friends. WALTER KNIGHT.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

PRACTICAL

"GOOD HUNTIN'!"

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

(The full-length answer, as promised in these columns in December last, to "How should one attempt to teach 'Rope-sight'?")

MOST tutors of ringing have at times wondered if their way of trying to get their pupils to acquire rope-sight is all it should be. Rope-sight is acquired, of course, through various stages of practice in "hunting." In other words it implies the ability of the learner of method ringing to find his way amongst the movement of the other ropes; with ear and eye acting closely in conjunction. This brief statement looks all very well on paper; but it hardly tells how the objective is to be achieved in practice. It may come as a surprise to some that a close analytical study of what goes on calls for a rather detailed description and explanation.

There are, of course, more ways than one of guiding a learner through the stages of hunting. Yet this period is too often a time of disappointment and even frustration, no matter what form of instruction is being given. This is largely due to the pupils not having grasped precisely what is being required of them. In turn this is probably due to their not having been given a clear-cut concept of what "hunting" actually is. A preferred way of carrying all this into due effect is one which, in part, has been developed and tested by the College of Campanology over a period of ten years, and with considerable success. Described in what follows, it is suitable for one pupil alone, or two or more pupils taken together. It introduces, in a considered form of presentation, several new features. There are five stages

Stage 1: The concept of hunting itself, and its careful introduction.

Stage 2. The "try-out," i.e. by rhythmic beating (Handclaps with positions named.)

Stage 3. Rhythmic beating by handbells, leading to changes.

Stage 4. Preparation for acquiring "Rope-sight." ("The Six Points.")

Stage 5 Pupil-controlled hunting practice.

The first three stages do not employ the tower bells. In the first two we use handclaps to mark the rhythm of striking. In the third stage we employ handbells; at first only as rhythm markers, but later as change producers. In the fourth and fifth stages both handbells and tower bells are used. Whenever hand-claps are used the pupil simultaneously calls the position.

Stage 1. The Concept. — This calls for "paper-work" and must come first. The tutor should write out a plain-set of, say, the Minor stage, and from it point out that change-rows are produced by the exchange of positions of pairs of neighbouring bells. A convenient name for this exchange is "transit," used to avoid misunderstanding of the various meanings of the word "change." Continuously repeated transits produce a trellis-like pattern of bell movement in their intersecting paths, called "plain hunting." In this plain hunting a bell's path can be traced from side to side of the columns, moving one column further across in each successive change-row; and with, normally, two same positions at the row-ends when reversing direction (i.e. at leading and lying). In the actual ringing the process calls for hunting for bell-rope after bell-rope that is to be rung after, or followed or "covered." The process can be seen, from the figures, to be either static or mobile—Static when hunting from the same position in more than one change, and Mobile when hunting while on the move from change-row to change-row Expressed in tabular form (Fig. 1):—

STATIC hunting occurs when
(a) repeating your position at either end of a change-row.
(b) making a place. (Explain by use of figures.)
(c) repeatedly last in the change-rows. (All covering.)

MOBILE hunting occurs when
(d) moving UP (Expanded covering, explained later.)
(e) moving DOWN. (Contracted covering, explained later.)

Fig 1 The Hunting Table.

Experience shows that learning to hunt is easiest if the steps are taken in the order (as shown above), particularly of the last three—(c), (d) and (e)., Before looking into the way of using eye and ear together to acquire the trick of this hunting business, we first check our paper work

Exercise (on paper).—The pupil should now write out the plain-hunt sets for Singles (3), Minimus (4), Doubles (5) and Minor (6). In each set he selects a bell and marks out its path throughout the set. In one set, say the Doubles the pupil is asked to mark in a final figure 6 after each change-row, and is shown that this is an example of a bell performing continuous covering—ringing last. In the modern concept all hunting may be looked upon as resulting in covering, i.e. in the three forms as noted above—Static, Expanded and Contracted.

1	2	3	4	5
	x		x	
2	1	4	3	5
		x		
2	4	1	3	5
	x		x	
4	2	3	1	5
		x		
4	3	2	1	5
	x		x	
3	4	1	2	5
		x		
3	1	4	2	5
	x		x	
1	3	2	4	5
		x		
1	2	3	4	5

Fig. 2
Hunting Exercise
"Chart"

Stage 2. The Try-out. (By rhythm only.)—For this first bit of "ringing" with others, we write on the belfry blackboard, or on a large sheet of paper pinned to the wall, the figures of the plain-hunt set of, say, Minimus, with its four bells and eight rows; and we add a fifth-position bell to ring last each time, i.e. to perform a static cover. (See Fig. 2.)

As indicated above, hunting is most easily learned in the type-order of (c) Static; (d) Expanded: (e) Contracted. So we are beginning with "Static."

First Hunting Exercise.—The simplest hunting—static covering—is performed while remaining in one position in the change-rows, and looking for the bells to be followed in each change In this particular case the pupil sees an exercise of covering, in fifths place, the changes on four bells. In this exercise the pupil(s) will represent the fifth or cover bell and will clap the hands at the moment when that bell should be striking. The bells will be considered as striking when the tutor calls out their positions. For this he uses ordinal numbers — 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th — to avoid confusion with the bell numbers themselves (cardinal numbers). The figures posted up before the pupil(s) are followed as the exercise proceeds. When the exercise is successfully completed, the figures are covered up or removed, and the exercises repeated without them. So this is how it goes: The tutor counts aloud, pointing at each row in turn, "1st, 2nd, 3rd. 4th, Last, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. 4th, Last (Pause)." This he repeats until the plain-set is completed The pause. after the second time round, represents the open handstroke, and enables the tutor to take breath. As the tutor calls "Last,' so also do the pupil(s) with a simultaneous hand-clap. The pupil does this rhythmically, of course; but his attention should be directed (on the figures of the plainset) to the end bell in each change-row on the "chart" as he "covers" that bell.

Second Hunting Exercise.—We pass from Static to Mobile hunting. Our table (Fig. 1) shows this to be of two kinds—(I) Moving UP, or "Expanded," and (II) Moving DOWN, or "Contracted." In this exercise we take the Expanded type of covering. The pupil(s) will "take" a bell, say the treble, and again refer to the "chart." (Fig 2.) The tutor counts and row-points as before. He first explains that "rounds" are rung until after he calls "GO," when, immediately after the ensuing pause, the changes begin. The pupil(s) can see from the chart that the treble moves up from 1st position to 2nd position. So the next clap-and-call will come on the tutor's "2nd," the next on "3rd," and then on "4th." We stop there for the moment and note that we have "moved from front to back," called "hunting up" We also note an important difference between the first hunting exercise and this second one, in the matter of blows struck, or positions passed through, between our own hand-claps. In that first exercise—static covering with bell 5—four blows are to be counted in the intervals between our own two claps. Yet in this "hunting UP" exercise we can see, from the first four change-rows (as far as we have gone), that five blows are to be counted between any two consecutive claps. The interval is expanded, in fact. If we had been ringing a tower bell it would have swung a little higher than in the first exercise; a little more "UP" if you like; or covering one more bell than in the static covering. Hence the terms "up" and "expanded."

Third Hunting Exercise.—Here we tackle the contracted type of covering, i.e., hunting while moving "down," and for this we pick up on the chart (Fig. 2), the point where we left off just now. This was at the treble's first blow in 4ths. We notice that a second blow (hand-clap) is called for in this position i.e. to complete the "lie" So this is a little bit of what we practised in our first exercise, namely static hunting; with reversion to four blows between the hand-claps. But now, with the tutor still counting, we move "down" into 3rds position, then 2nds and finally 1sts, as we "lead" once more Now let us check the intervals, as in the previous two exercises. Here we find only three intervening blows. The intervals are contracted, and if this were being performed on tower bells, their swing would not be quite so high as when "static" —more "down," in fact. Hence the terms "down" and "contracted." Bell-units other than "1" should now be taken on the chart (Fig. 2) and their paths "clapped out," with positions named, right through the plain-set. The pupil should, by this time, have a pretty fair idea of what hunting means—entirely (at this stage) by rhythm only. He should also have realised that in change-ringing there are three rates of rhythm: (a) **Normal**, as in rounds, covering as such, leading and lying and place-making; (b) **Slower**, or "expanded," as in hunting UP: (c) **Quicker** or "contracted," as in hunting DOWN; also that every quick-hunting bell is compensated by a slow-hunting bell.

(To be continued)

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A representative gathering of North, East, South and West Branches met at St. Andrew's, Holme Hale, on February 24th, despite the icy wind that prevailed, when the bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening. The Association's form of service was conducted by the Rev. P. Flather, and Mrs. Heyhoe accompanied on the organ.

At the business meeting the Rev. P. Flather, priest-in-charge, was elected an honorary member.

Votes of thanks were extended to the Rev. P Flather and to Mr. S. H. Waterfield and his band of ladies for arranging a sumptuous tea. Next meeting: Castle Acre, May 25th.

C. E G B.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Feb 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bickerton 1, Carol Parkhurst (first "inside" and Minor) 2, R. J. Lewis 3, P. T. Dale (cond.) 4, A. S. Taylor 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6.

Clevedon Parish Church and its Bells

By EDWARD G. CAPLE



THE BAND (l. to r.)—Back row: R. Tinkling, Rev. A. L. Moore, M.A., Ph.D., F. G. James, N. J. Baker. Middle row: N. S. James, M. Richards. Front row: V. H. James, S. Brown, G. W. Hurd, L. J. Atkins, W. H. Tinkling, E. G. Caple, S. E. James (captain).

THE "old church" of Clevedon, as it is known, appropriately dedicated to St. Andrew, the patron saint of fishermen, lies in a fold between two of the town's seven hills at the western extremity of the parish, within sight and sound of the sea; it is the "obscure and solitary" church of Tennyson's epitaph to Arthur Hallam.

The chancel is said to have originated as a fishermen's chapel and the main fabric has been dated as early as 1080 with good Norman work and additions in the 14th and 15th centuries.

It is cruciform in plan with a central tower, a modest church when compared with some of its magnificent neighbours in the county; the upper storey of the tower is supposed to have been added by John Ken, whose tomb is in the sanctuary, in the reign of Elizabeth I, and there is a record that a beacon fire was lit on top at the time of the Spanish Armada: the tower was whitewashed in early days as a landmark to sailors.

Until 1925 there were but two bells in a cage for five, three having been sold to Bristol by the churchwardens in 1525. Of the two remaining, one was a good bell by Thomas Bilbie, of Chew Stoke (1725), weighing approximately 15 cwt., the other, about 6 cwt., cast by Lewis Cockney, of Bristol (1695); while there are a number of bells in Somerset by William Cockey, of Frome, it is thought there are only two others by his predecessor, i.e. Farleigh Hungerford (1681) and Hinton Charterhouse (1687).

NEW BELLS WITH A BILBIE TENOR

Early in 1925 a lady parishioner offered to give six new bells to form a ring of eight, utilising the existing two with the Bilbie bell as tenor, the work being undertaken by John Taylor and Co. On examination, however, it was found that the Cockey bell was of poor quality and tone and useless in an octave, and the founders suggested it should be recast, retaining the inscriptions and decorations, but the diocesan authorities would not agree and eventually the donor provided seven new bells, the Cockey bell being mounted on a plinth and placed in the church porch.

The Bilbie tenor went to Loughborough for tuning, coming back at a weight of 14¼ cwt., and so good a match with the others few would know it was not cast at the same time although in fact it is exactly 200 years older. When the order had been placed, the next step was to find ringers, and a band of teenagers was raised from the Bible Class, which in turn was mainly composed of ex-choirboys. Tuition began on the somewhat heavy-going five at All Saints', Clevedon, the final polish being given at St. Peter's, Portishead.

Meanwhile, structural alterations took place at the church, the tower being strengthened by grouting, and bats and mice came out as concrete was pumped in, new floors were built and an outside entrance formed, the door to the original belfry stairway being in the nave, having also served in earlier times as the approach to the rood loft; the old oak frame was removed to make place for the new steel one.

SCARED YOUTHS

On September 30th, 1925, the bells were dedicated by the then Archdeacon of Bath, the opening rounds being rung (very badly) by seven scared youths suffering from stage fright, not allayed by the experienced older men standing immediately behind them. After the service a quarter was rung by a band representative of the diocese.

As the new company was entirely composed of novices, it was natural that the Church Council should want an older man in charge, and the first tower captain was the late T. E. Francis, a well-known Somerset ringer living in the town; under his benevolent tuition, ably assisted by Herbert Knight, of Wrington, and some others, progress was slowly made.

Of the eight who rang those first rounds, two are still members, one being Stanley James, who took over as captain and steeplekeeper when Tommy Francis retired; there are also three others who joined soon after.

Against the advice of the Association experts a chiming apparatus was installed; it was suggested this would encourage laziness and the bells chimed more often than rung, but this fear proved groundless as, apart from occasional chiming of hymns for early celebrations of Holy Communion, the Ellacombe hammers are never used, the bells being rung twice every Sunday (thrice on the great festivals of the Church), the only break being the war years.

At the end of that first year, one of the churchwardens, George Marshall, a farmer and, for a short time a ringer, invited the ringers to supper, and these sumptuous spreads continued every year until he died, when this kindly function was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Atkins. Mr. Atkins, a former choirmaster and now a ringer, was a railway official and stationmaster at Temple Meads, Bristol, at his retirement.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Each year-end the band assembles in the tower at 8 p.m and the bells are rung "open" for about an hour, when adjournment is made to Devonia, Tennyson Avenue, where a five-course supper is ready and waiting. When all are replete, appreciation is voiced and baskets of fruit presented to Mrs. Atkins and her neighbour-helper. A return is then made to the tower for half-muffled ringing, and at midnight 12 blows are struck with the tenor, followed immediately by "open" ringing until about 12.30 a.m. A call is made at the Atkins' house on the way home to let in the New Year.

The bells are a delightful light octave, very popular with visitors and much in demand for peals in an area where heavy bell-metal is the rule. At the time the ring was installed the district around the church was sparsely inhabited, two farms and a few cottages, and Old Church Road was a lane, but in the past 40-odd years there has been considerable development so that the farm lands have largely disappeared and hundreds of houses cover the fields, one small Close being a few yards from the churchyard wall, so while the bells were there long before the houses, it is felt that frequent prolonged ringing can be an annoyance and peal attempts are well spaced with a total score to date of only 30. The Portishead band got in first, on December 17th, 1925, with Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples.

WEIGHT OF BELLS

Treble: 3 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. (E); Second: 3 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. (D sharp); Third: 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. (C sharp); Fourth: 5 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. (B); Fifth: 7 cwt. 14 lb. (A); Sixth: 9 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. (G sharp); Seventh: 12 cwt. 9 lb. (F sharp); Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. (E).

HUNTINGTON GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

Compliments at Annual Dinner

THE 1968 annual dinner was held on February 16th at the De Grey House in York. A good company of members and friends sat down to an excellent meal in equally pleasant surroundings. After the meal was over, the president of the Guild, the Rev. Geoffrey Lawn, Vicar of Huntington, welcomed everyone to the dinner and read a letter of apology from Dr Alan Richardson, Dean of York and patron of the Guild, who was unfortunately prevented from attending by a previous engagement. The Vicar mentioned the highlights in the Guild during the last year, including a very profitable visit to some of the local hostelries at Christmas to ring handbells and sing carols. He concluded by thanking the Guild for all its work. He also welcomed the guest speaker, Mr. Norman Chaddock, convener of the Education and Sunday Service Ringing Committees of the Central Council.

Mr. Chaddock complimented the Guild on its work and had a special word of congratulation for the production of the Annual Report. It was most important, he said, that a Guild should get its priorities right, and he was pleased to see amongst its objects the Guild put Sunday service ringing first. He felt that if ringers were keen Sunday service attenders, then the personal interests, such as peal ringing, would automatically follow on. Of course, ringers must be enthusiastic about their work, but there was little doubt, judging by the report, that there was plenty of enthusiasm within the Guild, and this was obviously one of the reasons why the Guild was in such a strong position at the present time.

The final speech of the evening was a reply to Mr. Chaddock by the secretary of the Guild, Mr. A. Colin Banton, who also thanked the visitors for their support and for helping to make the evening so successful. The remainder of the evening was spent in an informal manner.

1968 A.G.M.

This was held on February 17th, when the main purpose of the day was to elect the officers for the ensuing year.

For the first time for many years, all the officers were elected en bloc, and it is hoped that this is not a sign of stagnation within the Guild. However, in view of the successful year, reflected in the Annual Report, the president (the Rev. Geoffrey Lawn) said he thought it was perhaps the best thing to retain all the officers and he hoped that they would achieve another good year's work

The Annual Report was presented for formal adoption and was accepted. The secretary was thanked for his efforts in producing once again a comprehensive report, and also the treasurer for his excellent work in achieving such a successful balance. The total income for the year was £44 and, after the handbells, reports and dinner had been paid for, a credit balance of £27 2s. was left.

A brief discussion on the peal levy then followed, and it was finally decided that the fee should be fixed at 1s. per ringer for both tower- and handbell peals, and that fees should be paid into the Guild's Bell Repair Fund. It was also agreed to try to hold next year's dinner in York.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A large number of people attended the Rochester District by-meeting held at Bobbing on March 2nd. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Joslin, and was followed by a very adequate tea served in the Village Hall by Mrs. B. W. May and her band of helpers Two members from Queenborough were re-elected as their membership had lapsed when ringing at the tower ceased some eight years ago. Following restoration work to the tower, ringing was recommenced. A retiring collection was held in aid of the John Willis Memorial Fund. After the meeting handbells were rung for a while and a return was made to the church for further ringing. L. M.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Annual North and East District Meeting at Pinner

The Church of St. John the Baptist, Pinner, set high on rising ground, looks down on many old houses in this once country village which has in recent years become a growing suburb of London. To non-ringers it is probably better known for its annual fair, which dates back to the 14th century. There were five bells at the Parish Church as far back as 1622, which were recast and increased to eight in 1771. They were put to good use on February 17th on the occasion of the annual meeting of the North East District.

The secretary reported that the experiment of arranging four evening meetings was satisfactory, although the average attendance was not so high as at the Saturday meetings. It was decided, however, to continue to include evening meetings in the programme for a further year. Twenty-one new ringing members were elected to the Association, together with nine non-resident life members.

The officers entrusted with the welfare of the District for 1968 were the same as for the past year, viz.: H. G. Hart (chairman), Mrs. H. G. Hart (Master), T. G. Hawkins (Deputy Master), E. H. Kilby (secretary), D. T. C. Smith (assist. sec.), Miss V. E. Ware (auditor), and Miss G E. Newcombe, D. E. R. Knights and R. Gage (committee representatives).

Nine new ringing members were elected: Miss S. Hughes, Miss J. Sackett, Miss W. Pope, H. G. Corpe, C. Hughes, L. Hunt, S. Talbot-Ponsonby (Harrow-on-the-Hill), Rosemary Sanders (Pinner) and Peter Clarke (Hendon).

Mention was made by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow of the illness of Mr. A. W. Coles, a past Master and vice-president of the District, who had been visited in St. Albans Hospital by the chairman and himself. The best wishes of the meeting were extended to Albert for a speedy recovery.

In place of the bi-monthly Surprise Major practices at Hendon it was decided that in an endeavour to assist any towers in need of extra help on practice nights, whether elementary or advanced, a meeting would be arranged if possible upon notice being given to the secretary. It was felt that this would meet a need and help all grades of ringing.

Before the meeting closed, the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. David Ritchie for the use of the bells and hall; to the Rev. Mr. Beasley for taking the service; to John Sweden for accompanying at the organ; to Mrs. Bardsley and her helpers for providing an excellent tea; and to D. E. R. Knights and K. Sanders for local arrangements.

E. H. K.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We are informed that Mr. Tom Goodyer, of Sydney, N.S.W., will be over in England on a business trip in May. A barrage of peals from ex-Great Adventurers can be expected.

Twenty ringers attended a combined practice at Garveston (6), Norfolk, on February 26th, coming from Barnham Broom Group, Mulbarton, Norwich and Wymondham. Methods ranged from Plain Bob to Norwich Surprise.

The peal at Drayton, Berkshire, reported last week, in which the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) took part, followed a wedding. The timing of the event was disturbed by the bride arriving 40 minutes late.

We hope the Suffolk Guild will note the performance of the re-formed band at Saxmundham, who rang a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles for a youth service. The conductor was 13-year-old Andrew Ellis. There were two other 13-year-olds in the band and one 14

The B.B.C. appeal on March 3rd was for Thatcham, Berkshire, where £7,000 is needed for the restoration of the tower. Michael Hordern, who made the appeal, spoke with affection of Thatcham bells.

The Vicar of Randwick, Stroud, Glos, would be glad to know the date of a peal rung on the four at Randwick.

The peal of Rutland rung at Banwell on February 10th was not J. Walton's 100th peal, as submitted.

Pipe's Pilgrims' tour will be in Yorkshire this year from July 7th to 13th, with H.Q. probably in Sheffield.

At the recent Chesterfield District meeting at Staveley, Derbyshire, Stedman Triples was rung by an all-District band. How long before an all-District quarter?

Miss C. M. Wells, of 30, Forresters Road, Burbage, has succeeded Miss V. Watts as secretary of the Hinckley District of the Leicester Guild.

Many of the older Derbyshire ringers will be sorry to learn that a long-standing member of the Bolsover band, Mr. Joseph Saxton, is in failing health and has not been able to work for a long time.

Will those who rang in more than 100 different towers in 1967 please send their total for the year and grand total to Mr. R. J. Collis, 144, Percy Road, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A MEMORABLE PEAL AT CLEWER

The peal at Clewer, Berks, on February 4th, was noteworthy for a number of reasons. It was the first peal on the bells since 1958, for shortly after the last attempt the third bell was cracked. An ambitious scheme to recast the present six into a light ring of eight had been in existence for some years but had been shelved for lack of money, the church being in the midst of an extensive restoration. At that time no money could be spared even to recast the third. Some members of the band moved out of the district—Bill Butler moving to Thatcham at the other end of Berkshire, and Frank and Monica Blagrove spending a few years in Rhodesia.

Eventually, through the persistence of the remaining members of the band, sufficient money was found to enable John Taylor's to recast the cracked bell provided that the work of removing it from the tower and replacing the new bell was carried out by the ringers. Jim Brooks undertook a great deal of this work and the new bell was finally installed ready to be rung for the first time on Christmas Day last year.

The celebration for the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Cyprian Dymoke-Marr as Rector was an obvious occasion for ringing, attended as it was by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishops of Oxford and Reading. A quarter peal attempted at this time unfortunately came to grief, but a peal attempt on the anniversary of the actual day of the induction was successful. It was originally intended that the band should consist of all the old members, but a serious illness of a member of his family kept Arthur (Dick) Bird from ringing. The band would like to thank David Brown for standing in at short notice in his place. W. B.

SEVENTH GENERATION OF RINGERS

On March 2nd Robert William Elliott, aged 12 years, was elected a ringing member of the Essex Association. Robert rings at Kelvedon Church, carrying on a family tradition which stretches back over 200 years and through seven generations.

In all these years there has been at least one Elliott an active member of the band, and sometimes up to five.

VIDEO-RECORDER USED

The bells of Chalford, Glos, rang on February 27th as a birthday compliment to one of the ringers, Shirley Downie, aged 13, and also Mr. J. Sampson (churchwarden), aged 82.

Afterwards the ringers were able to watch and listen to their ringing on C.C.T.V., as a portable video-recorder was used in the tower. This proved a very interesting experience for all concerned—especially in watching for one's own handling peculiarities!

It is hoped to repeat the experiment soon and also to visit a more spacious tower for easier shooting.

"THE EXPERIMENT CATCHES ON"

With regard to the article "The Experiment Catches On" in the issue of March 1st, the author would like to point out that the words "Oxford Guild" appearing immediately above the line 'Oxford Guild (Witney and Woodstock Branch)" are a printer's error and do not constitute any attempt to misrepresent the Guild. She offers sincere apologies to all those to whom embarrassment has been caused.

ST. MARY'S, TWICKENHAM, BELLS

The bells of St. Mary's, Twickenham, are now at Loughborough and are not expected back until late summer. They are to be rehung in a new cast iron two-tier frame. The present oak frame has held the bells on one level for the better part of 300 years, this being possible by swinging the fourth and seventh bells into the window openings. The other bells when rung miss touching each other by a very narrow margin, hence the advantage of the bells on two levels.

Messrs. John Taylor, who have examined the bells, state that they are sound and of good tone and will not have to be recast, but simply retuned. New headstocks and wheels are, however, necessary.

According to P. W. B. the 19 cwt. tenor was cast at the time of Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1887. The other bells date back to the 17th and 18th centuries, except a very ancient one, John, which was 100 years old when rung to celebrate Sir Francis Drake's victory over the Spanish Armada.

A 15th CENTURY BELL GOES HOME TO BURY

A 9 cwt. bell cast by Reginald Chirche, of Bury St. Edmunds, who died in 1498, is to return to Bury and be displayed in Moyses Hall Museum. For many years it has stood unused in Hollesley Church. Friends of the Museum have offered £80 for it and this has been accepted by the Rector, the Rev. J. M. Gates, subject to the necessary faculty being obtained.

Mr. Claude Rush writes that this bell is the second of the three shown in Raven's "Church Bells of Suffolk." The other two are both dated 1620. Raven also states that David Elisha Davy, a Suffolk antiquarian born at Rumburgh, near Halesworth, in 1769 found a damaged bell when he visited Hollesley Church in 1824. This was a 1637 Miles Graye bell and it had a large hole in its upper part.

Today at Hollesley there is a modern installation of eight bells with a 17 cwt. tenor in excellent order.

HOLY TRINITY, DARTFORD

The bells of Holy Trinity, Dartford, are now practically silent, and if it were not for one or two ringers who come from a distance they would not be rung for any service at all, as the local band has, for various reasons, been diminished to five members, all of whom cannot attend each Sunday.

In an effort to recruit more learners the Vicar has issued an appeal to various likely places around the town, where it is hoped some interested people may be found, and local ringers have been asked to support this appeal by meeting at Dartford on March 13th next so that any would-be aspirants may see and hear our bells being rung as he (the Vicar) would like them to be every Sunday.

We at Dartford know that there are some good ringers at Dartford apart from those of the local band, but they are committed to outside towers and while we have no desire to "poach" ringers, if there are others not already committed and who would care to join us in our endeavours to recreate a band, they will be welcome at the tower on March 13th at 7.45 p.m. Should the outcome of this appeal be worthwhile, practice night will be transferred to Wednesday. R. G. R.

ST. MARY'S, PRITTLEWELL

The bells at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, are again in the tower and 25 ringers, pleased to see them back, turned out on Tuesday, February 20th, to test them. Afterwards in the local everyone agreed that John Taylor and Co. had done a very good job.

Of course, no one dared to disagree with Arthur Fidler, who was present. Arthur has done a good job of rehanging the bells and in doing so has made many friends in Prittlewell. We shall always be pleased to see him when he is again this way.

The rededication took place the following Sunday at Evensong, the Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. W. N. Welch) performing the ceremony in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Southend (Councillor and Mrs. H. E. Davis). Ringing followed until 9 p.m.

Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, Master of the Essex Association and a past Master at Prittlewell, took charge of the ringing, while the present Master, Mr. Bernard Sadler, conducted the Mayor to the bell chamber to see the bells. On returning to the ringing chamber someone suggested that the Mayor stood back while the bells were being rung, to which he replied, "Yes, they tell me there are less painful ways of getting rid of a Mayor than with a bell rope!"

The Archdeacon, a friend of all Essex ringers, joined the Mayor and Mayoress in the ringing chamber and gave us a chance of assuring him that our prayers and peals will be for him when he is consecrated as the new Bishop of Bradwell on April 25th. G. R. E.

NOTTINGHAM RECTOR ANSWERS CRITICS

Criticism of the bells of All Hallows, Gedling, by residents who said they disturbed the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood, have been answered in "The Nottingham Evening Post" by Canon C. H. B. Watson. After pointing out that the bells were no noisier than others in the county and were only rung for two hours a week at the bellringers' practice on Wednesday nights and on Sundays, he comments: "This attack was in bad taste. It has caused alarm and despondency among people who enjoy ringing the bells." Church bellringers—campanologists—had a rigid code of conduct. Special peals were rung only on odd occasions, perhaps once a year, he said.

Because the church bells had been ringing in the parish since 1595, it was residents rather than bells who had intruded upon the peace, he said.

He listed numerous everyday noises which disturbed the peace. These included the roar of traffic, fire engines, police cars and an amplified "pop" group in a hall near the church.

"If we are to live in a real world, we cannot flee these vibrations in our ears. You cannot silence the song of the birds nor laughter of children—nor church bells," said Canon Watson.

COMPOSITION WANTED

Dear Sir,—With reference to recent correspondence from Mr. F. Hector Bennett and Mr. John Acres relative to a peal of Plain Bob Minor, rung at Dorney, Buckinghamshire, without singles, conducted by Mr. Frank Blagrove, is there any possibility of us knowing Mr. F. Blagrove's composition or do we still continue to ring peals of Plain Bob Minor as we know it?—Yours sincerely,

Shrewsbury. ERNEST WILLCOX.

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TOWER BELL PEAL

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
HESSLE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb in F sharp.

Linda Sherwood	Treble	Graham K. Smith	4
*Michael Hawtree	2	Roderick R. Horton	5
†Robert H. Jordan	3	Robert C. Hawtree	Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Hawtree.
* First peal. † First in five methods. First as conductor.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DITCHEAT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	†Philip H. D. Jones	5
Eric Naylor	2	‡David Mackay	6
*Christopher J. B. Marshall	3	Adrian P. Beck	7
Frederick Savage	4	§Edward J. Chivers ..	Tenor

Composed by J Topp. Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.
* 75th peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First in the method. § 150th for the Association. First in the method and touch as conductor.

WINCANTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, consisting of 768 each of London and Rutland, 576 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire and 640 Bristol, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. 29 lb. in F sharp.

David G. Massey	Treble	Richard C. Taylor	5
Edgar T. Skipsey	2	Walter S Rice	6
Roy W. Rice	3	*Michael G. Bartlett	7
Peter J. England	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "inside." First of 8-Spliced by all except the conductor.

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 25 methods, being three extents of St. Bartholomew, two extents each of Stedman, St. Faith Slow Course, St. Julian, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St Botolph, New Grandsire, New Antelope, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Union and New Bob, and one extent each of Reverse All Saints', Huntspill. Oakley Slow Course, Itchingfield Slow Course, Grandsire Antelope, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin. Tenor 12 cwt.

John Chaplin	Treble	Stanley Lewis	4
Raymond Jones	2	*John Walton	5
John Coombs	3	Jesse R. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.
* 100th peal. First in 25 methods by all the band, on the bells and on tower bells for the Association.

ILTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 14 cwt.

Raymond P. Selway ..	Treble	H. E. George Jeanes ..	4
Gilbert W. Rendell	2	Gordon Gaylord	5
Roger J. Fox	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
COPLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Richard D. Brain	Treble	David G. Catt	4
Sheila I. Smith	2	Roger J. Giddings	5
†John G. Flint	3	Anthony H. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONELEIGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr 14 lb. in G.

*Mary B. Suthers	Treble	Ruth E. Havard	4
*Nicholas J. R. Fardon (13)	2	S. Clarke Walters	5
Gillian A. Williamson ..	3	Paul K. Williamson	Tenor

Conducted by Paul K. Williamson.
* First peal

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln with 125 changes of method and all the work of the nine methods for each bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Walter H. Dobbie	Treble	*John R. Pratchett	5
*Jane Foster	2	*Peter M. Wilkinson ..	6
Joan Beresford	3	*Frank J. Matthews	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of 9-Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Margaret E. Fort and Ian H. Oram on their marriage

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln with 125 changes of method and all the work of the nine methods for each bell.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Edward F. P. Bryant ..	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M Wilkinson	6
Joan Beresford	3	J. Michael Lakin	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WEST HALLAM, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid of York.
On Thurs., Feb. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Gordon A. Halls	Treble	Melvyn A. Rose	5
J. Marilyn Astridge	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Joyce Chadwick	3	*Arthur F. Hall	7
Brian A. Tomlinson	4	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

John E. Anderson	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
William J. Davidson ..	2	Denis A. Bayles	6
George S. Deas	3	Kenneth Arthur	7
*Thomas Sewell	4	Alan Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as part of the centenary celebrations of this church.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
EATON SOCON, Huntingdon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Philip Mehew	Treble	*Christopher D. Corby ..	5
Phillip S. George	2	Harold S. Peacock	6
*Ian P. Sawford	3	George E. Bonham	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Paul E. Wells	Tenor

Composed by John R Pritchard Conducted by George E. Bonham.
* First peal of Major First of Major as conductor.
Rung in memory of Mr. A. V. Burley, grandfather of Ian Sawford.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (3 and 4) Kent Treble Bob, (2, 5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

*Jeremy D. Tarrant	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
*Ian P. Sawford	2	D William Newman	5
Robert D. Bellamy	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in more than one method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

4ths place bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
*Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	6
Colin G. Wright	3	Alan J. Frost	7
Christopher H. Rogers ..	4	†George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* 100th peal. † First of Glasgow.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt.

John W. Hope	Treble	*Martin Turner	4
*Bryan Giddings	2	*Thomas Bound	5
Frederick R. Harris ..	3	Robert A. Hatcher	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung to celebrate the birth on February 3rd, 1968, of Valerie, daughter of the treble ringer.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

John E. Ewer	Treble	Michael D. Frost	4
*Robert E. Hardy	2	Gerald Penney	5
Anthony R. Carter	3	Katherine S. Hardy	Tenor

Conducted by Katherine S. Hardy.
* 100th peal. First as conductor.

REDBOURN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Primrose. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

C. Valerie Mills	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
*George A. Reading	2	Reginald E. J. Sheppard ..	5
Walter Ayre	3	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in seven methods "inside."
Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. Ian Leonard Robson, who was inducted to the living the previous Thursday. The ringers are grateful to the Rev. I. and Mrs. Robson for the refreshments provided after the peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Feb 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*Arthur G. Mason ..	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Christopher T. Osenton ..	2	Frederick J. Cullum	6
†Philip J Simmonds ..	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Simon A. Wigg	4	Thomas W. Blewitt	Tenor

Conducted by Simon A. Wigg.
* 150th peal on the bells. † First of Stedman. First in the method as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Percy J. Spice	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Kenneth J. Rider	3	John W. Smith	7
Maxwell F. Oakshett ..	4	Frederick J. Cullum	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Smith.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Ian H. Oram and Margaret E. Fort, married this day at Leigh, Lancs, while this peal was in progress.

BOBBING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
Derek Slater	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Malcolm Barden	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Feb. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet, (2) Cambridge, (3) Surfleet, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Beverley, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Stephen Gay	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	4
John Pladdys	2	Richard Hayes	5
Judith M. Corby	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
Rung with the very best wishes of the band to Ian H. Oram and Margaret E. Fort, who were married at Leigh, Lancashire, the previous Saturday.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Bolton Branch)

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Wed., Feb. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	†Arnold Critchley	5
James Cunliffe	2	Roy Jolley	6
*Neil T E. Burnett	3	R. Keith Lister	7
James E. Andrews	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by F A. Holden. Conducted by R. Keith Lister.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Critchley, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Georgina Burnett.

LEIGH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun. Feb. 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

*Joseph Thornley	Treble	Harold Worrall	5
James E. Andrews	2	*Bernard Moss	6
Geoffrey Fothergill	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
John P Partington ..	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.
Rung with best wishes to Ian H. Oram and Margaret E. Fort, who were married at this church the previous day.

(Preston Branch)

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Feb. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Being 560 Little Bob and 4,448 Plain Bob, with 20 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Neil McCormick	Treble	Edward Houghton	5
Roger Barnes	2	Phyllis Turner	6
Philip Wilson	3	Jeffrey Simcox	7
Dennis H. McCormick ..	4	John Ascroft	Tenor

Composed by G A. Newton. Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Ascroft, tower captain at this tower.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents St. Clement's Bob and four Plain Bob.
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Douglas Deakin	Treble	Raymond Helliwell	4
David Haworth	2	*Michael Bell	5
Roger Leigh	3	Anthony Helliwell	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony Helliwell.
* 25th peal. First peal on the front six of the ten.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Helliwell, also the 16th birthday of Miss L. Parker, a ringer at St. Peter's, Burnley.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, Warks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GOLDSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Samuel J. Haines	Treble	D. John Hunt	6
John Bramley	2	Malcolm E. Wade	7
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Roland H. Cook	8
Martin Green	4	A Maxwell Lindsey	9
R Brian Mills	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Wratten's Collection (No. 146). Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
COLE ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Alan Evans	Treble	Norman Attaway	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	E. Alan Jacques	6
Russell S. Morris	3	Rupert A. Clarke	7
Alfred Ballard	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

(Syston District)
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one extent each of St. Simon with St. Osmund, St. Albans with St. Ambrose, Cassington with St. Patrick, Eynsham with St. Ninian, Elford with St. Felix, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Giles with Church Gresley, St. Nicholas with St. Remigius, St. Thomas with St. Chrysostom, Lapley with Horsley, Shareshill with St. Cleer, St. Miles, Winchendon, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Cowslip, Grandsire, Newborough, Daffodil, Bluebell.

*Andrea North	Treble	Roger I. Kendrick	4
James Preston	2	Frederick W. Faulkner	5
B. Stedman Payne	3	Michael G. Godwin	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal. First in 52 methods/variations by all except the conductor. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
FULBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Harry Barnes	Treble	J. Edward Brown	4
*Anthony D. Walker	2	*Geoffrey Spencer	5
Frederick Derry	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal in five methods. It is 63 years since the first peal on these bells, in which the treble ringer took part.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's son, Desmond.

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Mon., Feb. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents each of Single Oxford, Kent and Oxford T.B. and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Charles V. Cade	Treble	Walter S. Smith	4
Julie Radley	2	Douglas W. Kirkpatrick	5
John M. Blaikie	3	G. Angus Dixon	Tenor

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.
The conductor has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a compliment to Prince Andrew on his birthday.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

David F. Moore	Treble	Michael Pilgrim	6
H. Lyndon Hatfield	2	John K. Foot	7
Susan D. Cowan	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	8
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	Peter S. Bennett	9
Richard S. Starkie	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by K. W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
25th peal for the Society. Rung on Dinner Day.

SHOTWICK, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Jan. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

F. David Keast	Treble	Geoffrey C. Sparling	4
Susan D. Cowan	2	H. Lyndon Hatfield	5
Martin J. Corry	3	David F. Moore	Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

William B. Duncan	Treble	Frederick C. Gunton	5
Peter G. W. Newstead	2	Stephen F. High	6
Henry Tooke	3	Peter Adcock	7
Thomas E. Spight	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
The conductor's 150th peal for the Association.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BEESTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Robert C. Woodward	Treble	B. Stedman Payne	5
Caroline Stewart	2	†David R. McLean	6
Rosamund M. Rawlings	3	†Paul J. Bagshaw	7
*Peter N. Mackley	4	Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Edmund Shuttleworth. Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise Major.
50th peal on the bells and first since rehanging in December, 1967.
Rung on the morning of the Society's eighth annual dinner as a wedding compliment to Edmund Shuttleworth and Beryl Twigg, Society members, married this day at Oldham.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berks.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Jan 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C.

Joan A. Rance	Treble	Kenneth R. Davenport	5
Frank C. Price	2 or 3	John L. Summers	6
		A. Leslie Pearson	7
J. D. Christopher Finch	4	A. John N. Rance	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.
Rung as a tribute to the life and work of Alfred Gough, one-time Ringing Master at this tower.

SHRIVENHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 lb. in F.

*Walter G. Knight	Treble	*Anthony K. Fortin	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
*Valerie Willard	3	*Barry J. Davies	7
*Sara K. D. Woolley	4	*Eric Sutton	Tenor

Composed by George Lewis Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung in connection with the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Incorporated Church Building Society.

CLEWER, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Feb. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Norman R. Phillips	Treble	*David C. Brown	4
Monica Blagrove	2	James Brooks	5
William Butler	3	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by William Butler.
* 25th peal.
Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Cyprian Dymoke-Marr as Rector of this parish.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr 9 lb. in E.

Brian R. White	Treble	William A. Yates	6
*Philip J. Daniel	2	P. Gerald McIlhone	7
*Martin J. Turner (15)	3	George W. Holland	8
Walter F. Judge	4	Francis A. White	9
Edgar J. Smith	5	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
* First peal on ten bells.

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THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Feb. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 changes Yorkshire, 1,280 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 21½ cwt.

Elizabeth M Barber	Treble	Peter H Mackie	5
J. Paul Coad	2	P. Gerald McIlhone	6
John R. Leary	3	Jeremy R. Pratt	7
Philip J. Daniel	4	Stephen F. Royal	Tenor

Composed by P. G K. Davies Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.
First peal of Spliced on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Hugh M Johnson	Treble	Barry E Saunders	5
Raymond A. Vickers ..	2	Roger W. Smith	6
David J Marshall	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Malcolm J V. Chown ..	4	Alan A Paul	Tenor

Composed by Richard F B Speed Conducted by Graham C Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

(Peterborough Branch Officers)

WANSFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob (4) Double Oxford Bob. (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 3¼ cwt.

Alfred Waller (President)	Treble
Bernard Branston (Guild Committee)	2
Roy Spencer (Guild Committee)	3
Frank Sismey (Branch Master)	4
Raymond Daw (Hon. Secretary)	5
John H Bluff (Guild Master)	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
All members are tower captains
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencer.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Feb. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt 13 lb. in A.

*Martin I. Burston	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts ..	4
†Susan Chew	2	†Mark Androlia	5
*John G Perry	3	†David J Purnell	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J Tibbetts
* First peal † First of Minor in the method. First to be rung by the current Sunday service ringers from St. John's, Perry Barr.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

BUNNEY, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being four 720's and one 2,160 in ten methods: (1) London, Wells, (2) Cranford, Hull, (3) Bourne, Caithness, (4) Norwich, (5) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Jenny Brown	Treble	Christopher P Starbuck	4
*Richard A. J. Bower ..	2	Simon Humphrey	5
A. Stephen Taylor	3	*†George A Dawson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* Most Surprise methods to a peal † Most Minor methods to a peal.
Rung on the N.U.S.C.R Dinner Day as a wedding compliment to Beryl Twigg and Edmund Shuttleworth, married this day at Oldham, Lancashire.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAWTRY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat. Feb 3, 1968 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Harry Poyner	Treble	Harold Denman	4
Paul N. Mounsey	2	John A. Coates	5
*Philip Rogers	3	Alan Jewitt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Jewitt.
* First peal on an "inside" bell First as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon N. F. H. White, on his retirement.

CROPWELL BISHOP, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Feb 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being five extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and 12 extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*Irene M. Mayfield	Treble	Robert D. Marsh	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
Sydney Adams	Tenor		

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison and Sydney Adams.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Henry Marshall (aged 86 years), donor of the treble bell.

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Feb. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford one of Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew.
Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Harold Stevenson	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison ..	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	William L. Exton	4
F William Midwinter ..	Tenor		

Conducted by William L. Exton.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev G. H. L. Douglas-Lane, Rector of this parish for the past 29 years.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WALSALL Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

David W. Friend	Treble	*Ian Friend	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Kenneth R. Davenport ..	8
F. Hector Bennett	3	Brian J. Wylde	9
Charles A S. Webb ..	4	Leonard Goodall	10
Philip G. K. Davies ..	5	David J Purnell ..	11
*Raymond J. Ballard ..	6	Cecil T Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by David W. Friend.
* First peal on 12 bells. Tenor 26 cwt 18 lb. in D.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 19 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt 23 lb. in G.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	†Philip G Erith	6
Neville F. Whittle	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	7
Gilbert R. Goodship ..	3	Ernest G. Pearce	8
*Muriel R Page	4	William J. Button	9
Leslie G Brett	5	Cecil W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by George H Cross Conducted by Cecil W Pipe.
* First peal of Treble Bob † First on ten bells.
Rung to welcome David James, born to Roderick and Gillian Pipe.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints
On Wed., Feb. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of St. Clement's and one extent of Plain Bob
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

*Jeffrey M. Lawrence ..	Treble	Cecil W Pipe	4
Dorothy M Durrant ..	2	Roy C. Groom	5
Laurence J. Parry	3	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 10 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Brooks' variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 21 cwt.

George Francis	Trebl.	*Ian Wickens	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	John A. Howard	6
Derek Slater	3	*David D. Smith	7
*Neil Carter	4	E Thomas Latham ..	Tenor

Conducted by David D. Smith.
* First peal of Stedman.

WEST HOATHLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Jan 13, 1968 in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	David D Smith	4
*John Norris	2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5
Derek Slater	3	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise on the bells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CHARLWOOD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Jan. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods as follows: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose, (2) London, Wells and Cunecastre, (3) Munden, (4) Durham, (5) York, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Westminster. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Ian Wickens	Treble	David D. Smith	4
Derek Slater	2	John A Howard	5
Edgar Rapley	3	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.

Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal for the Association and by all the band.

LODSWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Feb. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 43 methods, being (1) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Luton, Rhyl, Bamborough, Broomfield, Fyfield, Sedlescombe, Thorne and Ripley, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford and Linden, (3 and 4) 1,440, Caithness, Bourne, Lodsworth, Cranford, Hull, Wakefield, Monsal, Stanwell, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Eastwood, Hatfield, Redcar, Beighton, Appleby, Pattiswick and Terling, (5) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Netherseale, Annable's London, Primrose No. 2 and King Edward, (6 and 7) as (3 and 4), with 178 changes of method. A plain lead of every method included No method having places in 5–6 above the treble. With 45, 64 and 56 the same way throughout. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in C.

Juliet Fynes	Treble	Dominic O. Haslam	4
Christopher B. Fynes ..	2	Rev. John H. Greene ..	5
	3	Roger D. Smith	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher B. Fynes.

First peal of Spliced Surprise by all except the conductor and on the bells. Most Surprise methods rung to a peal by all the band and for the Association.

LODSWORTH: —36—14—12—1236—34—16. l.h. 2. 42563.
STANWELL: —36—14—12—1236—12—36. l.h. 6. 46532.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LISS, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*Rosemarie J. Walton ..	Treble	Clive W. Chennell-White ..	5
Keith Sansom	2	Bernard S. Gambrill	6
David M. Hughes	3	William T. Perrins	7
†Margaret A. Chennell-White	4	David F. G. Hatherley ..	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Perrins.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. R. May, tower secretary.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents containing the following 79 methods/variations: Stedman, All Saints', Fawley Rushall, Marchington, St. Miles, St. Giles, Church Gresley, St. Luke, St. Thomas, St. Chrysostom, Ryton, Shareshill, St. Cleer, St. John, St. Andrew, Horsley, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Chilton, Heyford, Sarratt, St. Crispin, St. Mary, St. Cecilia, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Cassington, St. Peter, St. Patrick, Elford, Austrey, St. Felix, Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, St. Albans, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius, Churchill, Amersham, St Jude, St. Laurence, St. Austell, Plain Bob, Southrepps, Old, St. Columb Seighford, Little Aston, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, May Day, Royston, Litchurch, St. David, Dedworth, Wychbold, Grandsire, Newborough, Longparish, St. Helen, Daffodil, Bluebell, Middleton Stacey, St Anne, Ladbroke, Zennor, Pink's, Keysoe, St. Quinton, St. Lucy, St. Frideswide, Allestree Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

*Susan V. Banks	Treble	*Lionel D. Smith	4
*Elizabeth A. Banks	2	*Derek C. Jackson	5
†Walter R. Gilks	3	†Paul S. Gale	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Largest number of Doubles methods/variations rung for the Guild.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27¼ cwt.

Ian North	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	6
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ernest S. Padgett	7
Shelagh M. Collins	3	Alan E. Hartley	8
Robin Brown	4	Frederick A. Munday ..	9
Anne P. Leigh	5	Roger A. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts Conducted by W Eric Critchley.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In University House.
On Tues Feb. 27. 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 48 methods: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse, Little Bob, Crayford Little, Gainsborough, Wellington, Lansdowne Little Bob, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Hudson, Leigh, Scholfield, Fishwick, Lesser Wapping, Goldhanger, Fielden, Blackley, Loughborough College, Nelson, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Ogden, Childwall, Wavertree, Rosehill, Briercliffe, Cliviger, Barkby, Birstall, Greengate, Radley Northcourt, Hendred, Abingdon, Lockinge, Ardington, Betterton, Ginge, Edgmond, Cumnor, Rutland, Scarcliffe, Thurcaston, Rearsby, Queniborough, Sandford, Wick, Bolsover; 336 changes of method. Tenor size 16 in C.

Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	1–2	James R. White	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	Robert M. Chambers	7–8

Arranged by J. R. White, R. J. Parker and C. I. Rowson.

—1456—38—38—58, l.e. 12	Betterton	l.e. 18 Ginge.
—1456—1238—38—58 l.e. 12	Edgmond	l.e. 18 Cumnor.
—1456—38—1238—58, l.e. 12	Rutland	l.e. 18 Scarcliffe.
—1456—1238—1238—58, l.e. 12	Thurcaston	l.e. 18 Rearsby.
—1456—1238—38.12.58. l.e. 12	Queniborough	l.e 18 Sandford.
—1456—38.12.38 12.58, l.e. 12	Wick	l.e. 18 Bolsover.

Most methods rung to a handbell peal of Major.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Feb. 22 1968. in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Robert B. Smith	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
		†Brian Harris	9–10

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 50th peal of Royal on handbells and 50th in the method. † First of Treble Bob "in hand."

Rung in memory of John Worth, who died February 25th, 1967.

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.
On Fri., Feb. 23, 1968, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*N. David Lane	1–2	*Robert Peers	5–6
Eric J. Gilbert	3–4	F. Leslie Coventry	7–8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.

* First peal of Major "in hand." First of Major "in hand" as conductor.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Robert Peers and Angela Fenlon.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
DURHAM CITY.—In Room 294, Oswald Wing, Grey College.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in D.

Jean M Berriman	1–2	H. M. Ruth Horwood ..	5–6
Malcolm E. Johnson	3–4	Stephen C. Wells	7–8

Composed by H. J. Howlett. Conducted by Stephen C. Wells.

First peal as conductor on handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Feb. 23, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
		Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Feb. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

*John Vernon	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	7–8

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Feb. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
*Margaret A Parker	3–4	Jack Bray	7–8
		Jack L. Millhouse	9–10

Composed by G. Lindoff Conducted by George E. Fearn.

* First of Grandsire Caters "in hand."

HALF PEAL

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 24th, 2,520 Doubles (four methods): J. R. Sale 1, D. J. Edmonds 2, D. J. Morgan 3, D. Robinson (cond.) 4 r. C. Morgan 5. First half peal by all. Rung to welcome Rev. Mr. Ward as curate.

ABERGAVENNY, MON. — On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Sonia Hughes 1, Jennifer Bradley 2, M. Smith 3, Fiona Lemon 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, R. Horsington 6, G. Lewis 7, M. Roberts 8. First quarter 1, 2. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Brynmor Vaughan, one-time curate of St. Mary's, interred the previous day.

ABSON, GLOS. — On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sprules 1, G. Sprules 2, J. Ferris 3, T. Jefferies 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, G. Mizen 6. Rung in memoriam Jim Sprules (58) who died suddenly on Feb. 11th. He was a faithful ringer at Abson for nearly 40 years.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Miss E. Woodcock (first quarter) 1, E. Rothwell 2, J. Roebuck (first "inside") 3, Mrs. M. Perry 4, J. Lunham 5, D. R. Jones 6, W. E. Court (cond.) 7, J. H. Moorcroft 8. A wedding compliment to J. Roebuck's daughter.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Newark Doubles: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, L. A. England 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5, T. S. Bryant 6. First in the method by all and on the bells. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Erin Triples: D. C. Hawkins 1 Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, P. J. W. Hardwick 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, P. J. Devrell 5, A. Swatton 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8. First of Erin by all. Rung by the Sunday service band for Matins.

BATTERSEA, S.W. — On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. E. Dodds 1, Miss M. A. Robinson 2, Miss R. J. Henderson 3, Miss J. Armstrong 4, R. J. Cooles 5, N. Thomson (cond.) 6. In honour of the birth of Andrew James Mew.

BENINGTON, HERTS. — On Feb. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. M. Hamilton 1, R. T. Falder 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington 5, F. W. Judkins 6. For Shrove Tuesday.

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HANTS. — On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. M. Donaldson 1, R. W. T. Slack 2, R. J. Latham 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong by the Winchester College Society

BRAUGHING, HERTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,680 Oxford Bob Triples: L. R. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Glazebrook 3, P. Warboys 4, P. Chappell 5, E. S. White 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, T. Camp 8.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. Vinnicombe 1, C. Cholwill 2, W. Cholwill 3, J. Bowden 4, R. Pearce (cond.) 5, D. Heard 6, L. Cawsey 7, W. Bond 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for the 91st birthday of the grandmother of the 4th ringer.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen (City), on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine M. Webb 1, Angela Hawes 2, Lydia M. Barnett 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett 4, M. J. Platt 5, M. A. Gilbey 6, A. J. Cox (cond.) 7, J. G. Rose 8. Rung by U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Hayward 1, Mrs. R. Woodley 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, J. Clarke (first in method) 4, K. Clarke 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Denny (first quarter) 1, P. Clewett 2, B. Care (cond.) 3, B. E. Frost 4, D. Robinson 5, D. Morgan 6.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX. — On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Lamb 1, D. Martin 2, C. Baker (first "inside") 3, D. Cobb (cond.) 4, P. Schafe 5, C. Coulson 6. For Evensong and as a ruby wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. B. I. Cobb.

DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,272 Minimus in three methods (Plain, Reverse and Double Bob): K. G. Parker 1, K. Donnison (first quarter aged 12) 2, N. Attaway (cond.) 3, Sheila Parsons 4.

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA. — At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Maeder 1, D. Philogene (first quarter) 2, N. Ashmore 3, C. Chambers 4, G. D. Armitage (first of Grandsire as cond.) 5, H. Bruiers 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five m/v): T. Gregory 1, D. Floyd 2, Mrs. S. Norgrove 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. K. Florey, wife of the churchwarden. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four m/v): T. Gregory 1, B. Coggins 2, Mrs. S. Norgrove 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mr. Rose of Eynsham.

HADDENHAM, Ely, CAMBS. — On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss M. Lant 1, G. Markwell 2, D. Murfet 3, W. Murrells 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar (Ven. G. B. G. Fox) and Mrs. Fox.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7 covering): R. G. Bumstead 1, A. R. Fuller (first "inside") 2, R. H. Rogers 3, B. E. Whiting 4, T. Spurling (first as cond.) 5, Theresa R. Orriss 6, F. J. Potter 7. First quarter 1 6, 7

KEWSTOKE, SOM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): W. Hart 1, Y. Criddle 2, J. Coombs 3, J. Walton 4, C. Avery (first as cond.) 5, R. Jones 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Feb. 24th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. N. Lindon 1, Mrs. M. Barron 2, R. Aldington 3, S. W. Barton 4, H. H. Fearn 5, E. Spence 6, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, C. A. Barron 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Anne Parr 1, Margaret James 2, M. Harrison 3, Pauline Smith 4, A. H. Smith 5, P. Ford 6, D. Robinson 7, A. J. Smith (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. Smith 1, R. Ann Cass 2, R. Snack (cond.) 3, S. Cass 4, R. Mitchell 5. Louise Evans 6. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of 2 and 4. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Knowles 1, R. Snack (cond.) 2, Louise Evans 3, B. Edwards 4, N. Cox 5, D. Whitlock 6. A peal attempt called round due to the indisposition of one of the band.

LONDON, W.C. — At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mary Wilkinson 1, J. S. N. Porter 2, C. G. Wright 3, Jane Franzella 4, D. Wright 5, G. Lucas 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, K. Warner 8, D. Hewitt 9, D. Bedford 10. First on ten 6, 10. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. A. Birch 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Matins and as a compliment to Adrian Neilson and Jean Overton on their engagement.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Manby (first in method) 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, Miss I. E. M. Manby (first of Major "inside") 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, R. Holt 6, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 7, A. Ward (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Precentor, the Rev. A. H. F. Luff, who was inducted at Penmaenmawr the following Wednesday.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Giles-on-the-Hill, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Iris Golden 1, Gwendoline Sayer 2, G. A. Sparks 3, K. Gilbert 4, A. S. Brothers 5, S. W. Gall 6, G. Sayer (cond.) 7. C. Bird 8. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. S. A. Boar, former ringer and chorister at St. Peter Mancroft.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the middle six): Susan Perry 1, Jackey Pillinger 2, Pat Buckland (cond.) 3, Sara Cornock 4, R. Cornock 5, Joanna Slatter (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

PATSHULL, STAFFS. — On Feb. 24th, 1,380 St. Simon's Doubles: I. A. Sheffield 1, A. J. Fletcher 2, S. T. Yates 3, C. J. Bennett 4, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 5. First Doubles "inside" 2, 4.

PILTON, SOM.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Veronica M. G. Frewin (first of Minor) 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, Sheila Y. Hallett 3, G. G. Salmon 4, C. R. Jenkins 5, R. C. Taylor (cond.) 6.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Donnall (first of Minor) 1, Jean Sanderson 2, R. Collins 3, N. Woodward 4, R. W. M. Clouston 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6. For evening service.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gainey 1, R. Hill 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, D. Price 4, P. Bennett 5, T. Bennett 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Hallings, interred this day.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS. — On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Cambridge): J. H. Allen 1, Angela Bagnall 2, Penelope Sedgwick 3, C. M. Smith 4, C. T. Collins 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6

SOUTHGATE, LONDON. — On Feb. 18th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. Willcocks 1, G. Austin 2, Miss P. Healing 3, Miss G. Simpson 4, Miss S. Farnes 5, A. Spreadbury 6, T. Hawkins (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the men who lost their lives in the recent Hull trawler disasters.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Glyde 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, C. Gratton 3, Miss L. Leggett 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, E. Rice 6. First quarter 1, 6. Rung on the back six as a compliment to Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Jelley, for their silver wedding, also ten years' service at the parish church.

SOUTHWARK, S.E. — At the Cathedral, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the middle six): Mary Lewis (first quarter) 1, F. J. Hurrell 2, T. Culver 3, K. Small 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, P. Shonk 6. For Evensong.

SPAXTON, SOM.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Cooke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. L. Ford 2, S. Parish 3, E. J. Ford 4, J. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. Webber 6. To welcome the Rev. Mr. Coffee.

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Feb. 18th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Brown 1, Mrs. M. Slater 2, W. Hughes 3, R. Hunt 4, G. King 5, H. Weedon 6, T. Bailey 7, J. Slater 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, A. Cuthbert 10. First on ten 1, 10. For Evensong.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Offen 1, C. Wyld 2, J. Spree 3, M. French 4, P. Staples (cond.) 5, A. Small (first quarter) 6.

STRENSHAM, WORCS. — On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hilary Clark (first quarter) 1, R. Sadowski (first "inside") 2, Marilyn Jackson 3, Anna K. Sadowska (cond.) 4, R. Liddell 5. Rung for the wedding of Susan Clark and John Andrews at Bishop's Cleeve, Glos, on February 24th, and Margaret Smith and Roger Brookes at Swindon Village, Glos, on March 2nd.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Newson 1, W. Cousins 2, D. Gagen 3, C. Cousins 4, W. Houghton 5, L. W. Houghton 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, P. Gagen 8. For a special service at which the Bishop of Thetford preached.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX. — At the Church of All Hallows, on Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sybil Aldridge 1, T. Aldridge 2, Anne Horsford 3, Julie Armstrong 4, C. Harris 5, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. F. Edwards 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, B. C. Burroughs 3, Anne Horsford 4, A. M. Stacey 5, P. W. Bevington 6, R. Overington 7, D. Randall 8. For Evensong.

ULCOMBE, KENT. — On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: Margaret Borton 1, Jennifer Manger (first in method) 2, B. Johnson 3, H. Deacon 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. To celebrate the birth on February 20th of Martin, a son to Brenda and Nicholas Davies.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cheeseman 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, D. H. Stone 3, J. L. Riley 4, P. Joyce 5, H. J. Payne (cond.) 6. Rung by S.U.G.C.R. for the 21st birthday of Roger W. Price, the Guild's retiring vice-Master.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS. — On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Angell 1, A. Dando 2, J. Powell 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, N. Smart 6. A wedding compliment to Jenny Coombs and Bernard Robinson, married this day at Westerleigh.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Roy Long (first quarter) 1, Jackie Allen 2, S. Gay 3, M. Gay 4, A. H. Long 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Val Hayward.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY. — On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Thirtle 1, Mrs. A. Smith 2, Hilary Bailey 3, D. Boniface 4, A. Luxford (cond.) 5, J. Bailey 6. Rung for the wedding of the verger's son.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON — On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Bould 1, D. G. M. Pearce 2, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 3, S. G. Pierce 4, J. C. Mitchelmore 5, E. J. Cann 6. First "inside" 2, 4.

YORK.—At the Minster, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Johnson 1, Susan Mitchell 2, D. Clegg 3, A. Hartley 4, A. W. A. Leggett 5, H. Walker 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, P. Balchin 8. First of Triples 1, 2. For Evensong.

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"And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his son Jesus Christ, and love one another."—I John, iii, 23.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FOOT.—John and Linda now live at Verdigris, Croft Lane, Staverton, Daventry, Northants. Telephone No. Daventry 3408. 3541

FROST.—The address of Michael and Pat Frost is now 27, Parsonage Lane, Welham Green, near Hatfield, Herts. Friends always welcome 3508

WELLER. — Leslie and Joyce have now moved to Old Place, Pulborough, Sussex. (Tel. 2219). 3535

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

PRACTICE at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, will take place on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. as from April 18th. 3525

MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch. — Practice at Exton (6 bells), March 16th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Hon. Sec. 3526

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—Regret no Monday ringing after March 25th. Practice 7 to 8.15 on Fridays from April 5th.—R. Cooles, Sec. 3537

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Ashtead on Tuesday, March 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, London. — J. P O 3452

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general committee meeting will be held at Radley C.E. Primary School on Saturday, March 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks.—Marie R. Cross, Gen. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Surprise Major practice at St. Giles', Northampton, Saturday, March 16th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 3503

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, YORK. — Any past/future members of the College interested in joining ringing tour in North Yorkshire, April 16th–20th, 1968, contact Joy Watkin, St. John's College, York, for further details. 3504

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ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.—All ringing now ceased until Easter Sunday 6 a.m. —E. F. Hancock. 3542

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
COUNTRY MEETING
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Saturday, April 6th.
Ringing details later, with lunch and tea arrangements. 3524

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—No Wednesday practice during Lent. Saturday tea-time practices arranged for 16th, 23rd and 30th, 5 to 6.30 p.m. Bring own cup.—H.F. 3500

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Archdeaconry of Coventry. — Next meeting at Kenilworth on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Royal, 33, Waverley Road, Kenilworth, please. H. M. W. 3484

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting at Ashover, Saturday, March 16th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. F Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 3489

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District — Meeting at Yaxley, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Little Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3478

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Standish (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p m. **Hardwicke** also available after tea, not Haresfield, as previously published. — P. Screen, Branch Sec. 3540

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Essendon (6), March 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods as circulated. Names for tea to Miss S. Farnes, 22, Glebe Cottages, Essendon.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3470

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington, Lincs, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding, Lincs. 3461

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at Pensnett on Saturday, March 16th. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Bells (8, recently rehung, J. Taylor and Co.) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. —C. M. S., Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District — Practice meeting at Barking (6) on Saturday, March 16th, from 6.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Usual methods plus Norwich Surprise and College Exercise.—M. Page, Dis. Sec. 3477

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at **Putney**, not Epsom, Saturday, March 16th Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Miss J. Armstrong, 38, Upper Mall, Hammersmith, W.6. Tel. RIV 5012.—E. G. H Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 3512

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Uckfield, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J M. Hills 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, B.M.4 6PJ. 3495

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch method ringing practice will be held at St. Stithian's Church (6) on Saturday, March 16th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided; please bring your own food. 3505

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The first quarterly meeting of 1968 will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. and after the business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. J. Thurmott, 61, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, as soon as possible.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3455

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting at St. Mary's, Willesden, Tuesday, March 19th. Bells from 7.30 to 9.15.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 3506

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Thorne (8) on Tuesday, March 19th. Plain Bob and Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman Triples J. Thorley and/or E. Dalingwater as Joint Ringing Masters. 3213

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W. District. — Evening practice at Stanwell, Wednesday, March 20th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3492

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Evening Surprise practice meeting, Birstall (8), Thursday, March 21st. Ringing 8 p.m. 3507

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath, Chew, Frome Branches.—— The striking competition finals will be held at Wookey (6) on Saturday, March 23rd, commencing at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. V. Roberts, 30, Holmlea, Wookey, Wells. Definite —no names, no tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3523

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Curry Mallet (6) on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, business meeting to follow. Ringing after. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, March 19th. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Branch Sec. 3530

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Blagdon (8) on Saturday, March 23rd, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 3536

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Husborne Crawley, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. 3527

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Sprotborough (8), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Short, 310, Melton Road, Sprotborough. 3515

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District —Meeting at St. Osyth (6), March 23rd. Ringing 3 Service 4.30 Names for tea, please, to J. Avis, 39, Barn Hall Avenue, Colchester. 3517

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Next meeting, Littledean on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Notify Mr. Shott, 19, Church Street, Littledean, Cinderford, Glos, before 20th, for tea 3539

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewhurst, March 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting and tea Church Hall 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided but please bring your own food.—Y. L. Eloie, Dis. Sec. 3472

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Thurlaston, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Pickering, 17, Desford Road, Thurlaston, by the Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 3501

LAST TIME FOR NOTICES FRIDAY MID-DAY

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Clewer, near Windsor (6 bells) on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 3502

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District. — Meeting, Warsop (6), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. for those notifying Mr H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 3521

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual District meeting at Thames Ditton, March 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey. Telephone No. 01–398 4681. 3531

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswood, Saturday. March 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Taylor 71 Shelvers Way, Tadworth, by previous Wednesday.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 3520

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Rochester on Easter Monday, April 15th Service 12 noon, followed by luncheon and meeting.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3509

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 20th. Choral Evensong (ringers' choir), Leicester Cathedral, 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Alderman Newton's Main School Hall (next to Cathedral). Any names for tea **not** sent in by clergy, to be sent to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester Ringing arrangements later. Annual Dinner (note change of date), September 28th, at Stanford Hall, Leicester University Details later.—A. J. Poynor. 3499

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LATE NEWS

MR. WILLIAM LANGLEY

With regret we report the death on March 3rd, at the age of 86 years, of Mr. William Langley, of Monken Hadley, Herts.

A regular Sunday service ringer for the past 40 years, Bill was known mainly for the very even beat he would maintain on the tenor when drumming for peals or quarter peals. He will be sadly missed by us all at Hadley for a very long time. A. R. S.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The Ilchester Branch held two very successful events recently. On Pancake Day (February 27) they revived the Branch Dinner after a lapse of many years. This was held at the King's Arms, Montacute, where 39 sat down to an excellent meal, at which the Archdeacon of Wells (the Ven. J. du Boulay Lance) was the principal guest. The Rector of Ilchester (the Rev G. Thomas) said Grace, and the chairman (the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, of Long Sutton), proposed the loyal toast. Other toasts were proposed and responded to by Mrs. R. E. H. Rendell, the Archdeacon of Wells, Mr. Roger Fox (deputising for Mr. T. J. Setter, who had met with an accident), Mr. Billy Turner. Mr. Gordon Rendell and Mr. George Legget. The Branch hon. secretary (Mrs. M. M. Legget) was toastmaster. The evening finished with an impromptu skittle match, which resulted in a win for the Hardington-Yeovil Six over the Ilton Plus's (2), the Archdeacon's (3), Long Sutton (4) and Montacute (5).

On March 2nd the Branch held its quarterly meeting at Odcombe. Between 35 and 40 attended The Guild service was taken by the Rev. A. C. Dean, with Mrs. Egren as organist. An excellent tea was provided in the Village Hall and this was followed by the business meeting. Sympathy was extended to two accident victims—Mr. T. J. Setter and Mr. J. Drew. Five non-resident life members were ratified and new Branch members elected as follows: Mr. Robert Venn (Stoke), Miss Sarah Cox and Mr. Richard Stark (Montacute) and Mr. J. Worledge (Odcombe). Certificates were presented to Master Raymond Turner (Hardington). Messrs. M. Bailey, N. Bailey and D. Groves (West Coker), D. Hammonds, (Preston), Miss Linda Drew (Stoke), Mr. Christopher Morey (Martock), Mr. Eric Rice (South Petherton).

Messrs. Gilbert W. Rendell, Robert Parker and Gordon Rendell were confirmed as diocesan instructions, and Mr. Billy Turner also allowed his name to go forward.

Congratulations on peal ringing were offered to the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, Mr. W. E. Turner and Mr. R. Selway, and Mr. Turner also was thanked for his 14 years' service as Ringing Master The Branch is holding a half-day family ringing outing on May 11th.

Ringing on this good-going 13 cwt. five was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr Gordon Rendell, and included rounds, call changes Bob Minimus, Bob Doubles, Grandsire, Stedman, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Feb. 25th. 1,320 Beverley Surprise Minor: Carol Cousins 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 3, I. Wiltshire 4. R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Feb 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Pike 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Mrs. P. Aplin 3, G. W. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, W. White 8. For the memorial service to the Rev. H. A. Smith Masters.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, on Feb 28th, 1,292 Spliced Plain and Gainsborough Major. C. I. Rowson 1–2. J. P. Richards (cond.) 3–4, J. R. White 5–6. J. S. Hopwood (first of Major on handbells) 7–8. Also on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. S. Hopwood (first on handbells) 1–2, C. I. Rowson 3–4, J. P. Richards (cond.) 5–6.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Bonham 1, M. F. Stallard (first "inside") 2, A. K. Peck 3, I. Sawford 4, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 5, P. George 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Christopher Davies.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS. — On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Codd (first Triples) 1, M. Humphrey 2, Catherine Pedley 3, Jennifer Dunning 4, W. Pedley 5, P. Town 6, D. Town (cond.) 7, G. Harrison (first Triples) 8. For Evensong. A tribute to W. H. Johnson, of West Tanfield.

OXFORD.—At New College, on Feb. 25th, 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues 1, P. H. Mackie 2, J. P. Coad 3, P. J. Daniel 4, J. R. Leary 5, J R. Pratt 6, P. G. McIlhone 7, A. P. Foster 8, S F. Royal (cond.) 9, P. A. Brand 10. 25th quarter together 3, 4. Rung by O.U.S. for Evensong.

PUTNEY S.W. — On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Patterson (first attempt) 1, Janet M Bull 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, Rev. M. Hart 4 M. I. Uphill 5, B. J. Bull 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, Christine M. Cobb 8. For Evensong, as a compliment to Janet and Brian Bull who are leaving for Nottingham.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At St. Chad's Church, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Broadley 1, C. F. Thompson (first quarter) 2, Kathleen Miller 3, L. Miller 4, C. S. Taylor 5, J. P Partington (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Michael Boardman, a local ringer

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples Mrs. K. S. Hardy 1, G Dodds 2, R. F. Ewer 3, A. R. Carter 4, W. Little 5, R E. Hardy 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, M. D. Frost 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. D. Nicholls.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D R. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Worboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, R. Hayden 5, T. Camp 6. For morning service.



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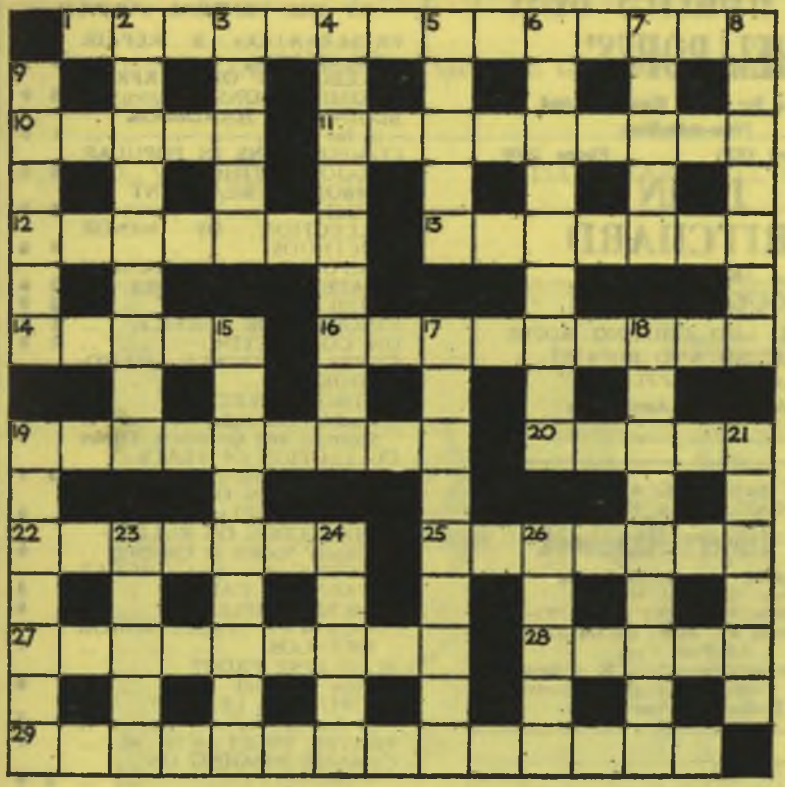
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11. Is it part of the bellfounder's job to take these? (9)
12. A true set can produce this official (7).
13. Your godfather was one—and so was your godmother (7).
14. Billy's female counterpart (5).
16. Records are made this way—but not in ringing (9).
19. Norwegian spot provides the answer here (9).
20. Share that sounds like the answer to "What does George Fearn ring?" (5)
22. A bel ami can be lovable (7).
25. Sal backs into cars and foreign seamen appear (7).
27. Selfish ringers give this for the neighbours (2, 7).
28 It has its course in France (5).
29. One of each of these can be an attractive combination after a peal (5, 3, 6)

DOWN

2. Former independent state now part of U.S.S.R. (9).
3. If you want pure gold take this and twenty-three more like it (5).
4. Response expected after a call (9).
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6. This lady is seen in Florence and Rome dancing (9).
7. With 9d, held London Major record for many years (5, 6).
8. Made safe (7).
9. See 7d.
15. Annual publications with up-to-date information (4-5).
17. Descriptive of the sick of the palsy (9).
18. Put a tin with 26d, and it could describe an army (9).
19. Part of the steeplekeeper's equipment (7).
21. This Kentish ringer is a trier (6).
23. Very small quantities (5).
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AUGHTON, LANCS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss H. Winter 1, R. Larkey 2, M. Nicholson 3, Mrs. M. Perry 4, A. Draper 5, W. E. Court (cond.) 6. For joint Ash Wednesday evening Communion service.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Longhurst 1, E. F. Fosberry 2, H. Wood 3, C. Fynes 4, R. Franklin 5, R. A. Banner 6, G. Rix 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CASTLE CARY, SOM.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Watford Surprise Major: P. J. England 1, W. S. Rice 2, R. W. Rice 3, G. Hebden 4, M. Bartlett 5, J. Sheppard 6, Brenda Boyce 7, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by all except treble ringer.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. M. Barrett (first quarter) 1, J. Armstrong 2, D. Ralls 3, Mrs. V. Copelstone 4, G. King 5, Miss J. A. Pullen 6, D. E. Potter (first as cond.) 7, R. Copelstone 8.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFORD.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. A. Boulton (first quarter) 1, Christine H. Boulton 2, Hilary Evans 3, A. W. Haslop 4, A. S. Whittall 5, P. R. Harris (cond.) 6.

FECKENHAM, WORCS. — On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Draper (first in method) 1, Angela Styler (first in method) 2, Jennifer Newton 3, R. Hunt 4, E. Styler (cond.) 5, M. Leek 6. Rung half-muffled before Evensong as a tribute to Mrs. Martha Shakels who died on February 16th, aged 90 years, a lifelong worker for Feckenham Church.

HEANOR, DERBYS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Farnsworth 1, M. Camm 2, R. J. Marchbank 3, D. Colson 4, D. W. Camm 5, G. Faulks (cond.) 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Naysmith 1, P. Brentnall (first in method) 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, K. D. Waples 4, D. J. Goodman 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Bryony P. Moorby 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, J. P. Hull 6, D. M. Wilkins 7, C. D. Collin 8, B. J. Stone (cond.) 9, M. C. Belcher (first on ten) 10. First of Caters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

QUARTER PEALS

LANCASTER, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. Lloyd 1, M. Houghton 2, B. Penmark 3, K. Lewin 4, P. Coddington (cond.) 5, A. J. White 6, M. J. Glen (cover). For Evensong.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On Feb. 17th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: T. Lewis 1, R. Bauer 2, Maureen Carruthers 3, Jennie Brown 4, D. Hollis (first Surprise) 5, J. Pladdys 6, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 7, S. Humphrey 8. Rung to mark the final day of Greenwich Mean Time. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Machell 1, Catherine Reed 2, Jennie Brown 3, D. Gebbett 4, P. Royds-Jones 5, M. Rigby 6, C. Starbuck 7, D. Hollis (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 4 and 7. For Evensong.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. H. Cook 1, Mrs. M. Stimson (first quarter of Royal) 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, R. J. Hill 4, M. T. Stimson 5, R. Preston 6, R. Looker 7, H. Clayton 8, O. Homewood 9, R. E. Manton (cond.) 10. Rung following the wedding of Miss Pamela Clamp, only daughter of the tower captain (Mr. W. Clamp) and Mrs. Clamp, to Ronald Shadick.

OXFORD.—At the University Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Feb. 4th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. M. Heyworth 1, S. F. Royal (cond.) 2, J. R. Pratt 3, P. J. Daniel 4, J. P. Coad 5, A. P. Foster 6. By O.U.S. for Evensong.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Elbourne (first quarter) 1, Rachel Kistruck (first "inside") 2, S. K. Thompson 3, R. E. Burbery 4, S. F. Royal 5, J. R. Leary (cond.) 6. By O.U.S. for Matins.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Cooper 1, C. Woodward 2, D. Woodward 3, B. Gray 4, B. Benstead 5, C. Holloway (cond.) 6, C. Coles (cover). Rung without 2nd bell, and tenor covering.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods with variations): W. Seward 1, J. Squirrell 2, P. Grace 3, C. Beeching 4, D. Petts (first as cond.) 5, D. Sara 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. R. A. Penney.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. Fynes 1, C. B. Fynes 2, E. Fosbery 3, M. R. Etherington 4, D. Barton 5, H. W. Franklin 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, R. Heeseman 8. For Matins. First of Stedman 4, 5.

PILTON, SOM. — On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Atwell 1, J. Metcalfe 2, P. Hull (cond.) 3, W. J. Tiley 4, H. Smith 5, R. Talbot 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Fred Harvey, aged 94, captain of this tower for a number of years.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,240 Kent and Plain Bob: Rosemary Willey 1, H. Hanson 2, A. Haines 3, A. King 4, A. Lygo 5, D. Stainsby (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. Ann Smith 1, B. Whitworth 2, S. Hodgkins 3, G. Muncey 4, L. Priestley 5, T. Smith 6, R. Coley 7, L. Hall 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Cox 1, Ann Butcher 2, Howard Meek 3, F. Oakley 4, L. Meadows 5, J. J. Webb 6, K. Tyler (first as cond. in Triples) 7, Harold Meek 8. For Evensong and as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Malsom.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Feb. 10th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford and Cambridge): P. T. Dale (cond.) 1, D. O. Fellows 2, S. J. Crawley 3, A. W. R. Wilby 4, K. D. Waples 5, B. M. Barker 6.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): R. J. Cassidy 1, S. J. Bedford 2, V. B. Bedford 3, N. P. J. Cassidy 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Coral Spiller (first quarter) 1, Doris E. Colgate 2, P. J. Simmonds 3, Judith M. Corby 4, A. J. Corby 5, R. W. H. Hayes 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, A. Pearce 8. For the baptism of Michelle Reader.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 St. Valentine's Doubles: C. Moyers 1, F. Faulkner 2, J. Preston (cond.) 3, C. Mobbs 4, D. Lowe 5, K. Whitehouse 6, J. Hunting 7, C. Winter 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. First attempt at the method by all the band.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX. — On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Connell (first quarter) 1, E. W. Brown 2, Marion Simmonds 3, J. G. Brett 4, Jean R. Simmonds 5, T. Bird 6, J. H. Brett (cond.) 7, A. T. Bareham 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Jeffrey Brett.

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Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor.

6A. g. P.3. lh6—16—16—16.34.5hl.

Canterbury Pleasure.

8A. g. P.3. lh8—18—18—18.34.7hl

Cleatham Imperia..

8B. g. P.3. lh8—18—18—18.56.7hl

Canterbury Imperial.

10A. g P.3. lh0—10—10—10—10.34.9hl
10B. g. P.3 lh0—10—10—10—10.56.9hl
10C. g. P.3. lh0—10—10—10—10.78.9nl

12A. g. P.3. lhT—1T—1T—1T—1T—1T.34.Ehl
12B. g. P.3. lhT—1T—1T—1T—1T—1T.56.Ehl
12C. g. P.3. lhT—1T—1T—1T—1T—1T.78.Ehl
12D. g. P.3. lhT—1T—1T—1T—1T—1T.90.Ehl

Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor extends in two ways:—

Static extension:
A / W, X, Y
Expanding extension: 6A → 8A → 10A → 12A
A / W, X, Y
6A → 8B → 10C → 12D

Neither Major has the full parent name, but Canterbury Imperial is sufficiently close perhaps to give this name to 10C and 12D in the second extension line. This would then make Cleatham (8A) into a parent method and this in turn extends in two ways:—

Static extension:
A, B, C / U, V, W, X, Y
Expanding extension: 8A → 10A → 12A
A, B, C / U, V, W, X, Y. 8A → 10B → 12C

Whichever Royal or Maximus is named first will determine the extension line of Cleatham. Notice also the overlap, shown in some more advanced extensions of methods:

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Incidentally, surely Hunslet Bob Major should be called Reverse Cleatham?

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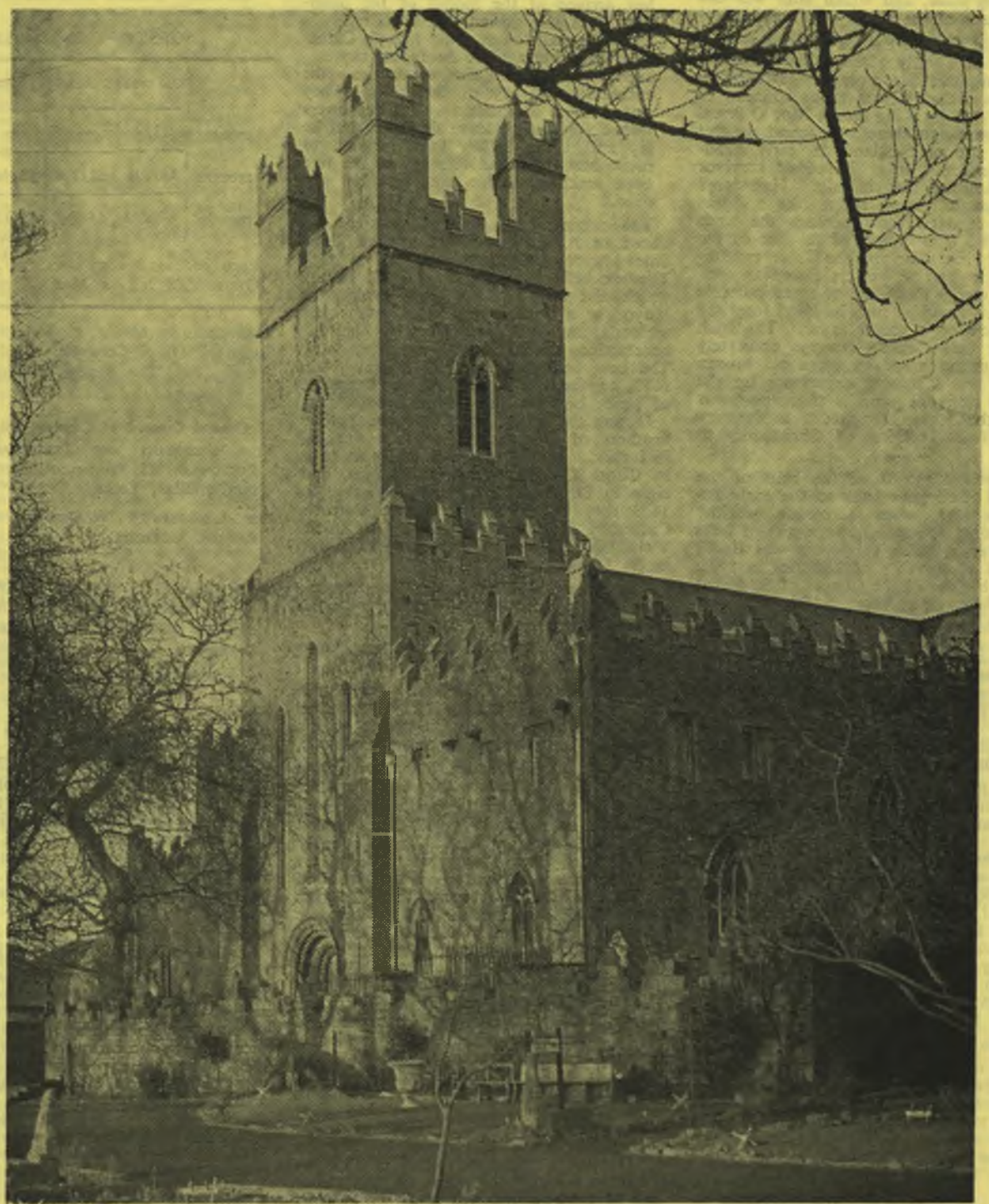
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ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick (1168-1968)

By the Rt. Rev. R. W. Jackson, LL.D., D.Litt., D.D., Bishop of Limerick

THE City of Limerick, situated on the broad Shannon, which is the longest river in these islands, is dominated by the great tower of St. Mary's Church of Ireland Cathedral—one of the largest medieval churches in Ireland. It stands on the highest point of a river-encircled island on a site which once held the Norse "Thingmote" or meeting-place, and which later was the royal palace of the Kings of Thomond.

It is said that St. Patrick of Ireland once preached at a hilly place called Singland, overlooking this island in the marshes on which the cathedral was to be founded in the year 1168 by King Donal Mor O'Brien. A few years ago there was found on this patrician site of Singland an early handbell of bronze. It is the oldest survivor of the Limerick church bells. Hammered into a rough oblong shape like a Swiss cow-bell, it dates from perhaps the tenth century and it is typical of the rise of the Celtic Church. Before the Irish twelfth-century adoption of Western European uses, the Irish clergy made use of small portable bells which could be rung by hand from the top window of a round tower. The Irish name for bell—"clug"—conveys accurately the dull sound made by those old bronze bells. It was a moving experience for the writer to ring one such, a thousand years old, at the fifteen hundredth anniversary service of the coming of Christianity to Cashel.

The earliest record of the bells of the Cathedral itself goes back to the early fifteenth century, when a certain wealthy citizen, John Budstone, gave a gift of bells to St. Mary's. This gentleman was Bailiff or Sheriff of the City of Limerick in 1401, and was builder of the Chapel of St. James and St. Mary Magdalene, which now contains the original altar-slab of the Cathedral, the longest in the British Isles. His grandson wrote: "John Budstone, whose bells sound in the Shrine of the Virgin, made a gift to the Church of four brass bells." (We need not take the word "brass" literally.) As the belfry is known to have been built about this time, no doubt it housed Budstone's ring.

More than two hundred and fifty years pass before we hear any verifiable information about the bells, but two pieces of local folk-lore may be interesting to mention. One is that on the eve of the Reformation thirteen silver bells were hidden in the Abbey River, which flows close to the Cathedral. The second has come back from the Far East, where in 1966 a student in Tiawan called Meh Chih Cheng wrote out the story from a local lesson book and sent it to the Dean. It is charming, though clearly mythical. We have sent a tape of the bells to Formosa in reply.

Here is the story:

"A marvellous chime of bells, made by a young Italian, were hung in a convent near Lake Como—the maker had spent years upon the bells. . . . With the money he bought a house . . . so that he might live always within sound of the bells.

. . . and he lost . . . everything he had . . . and his beloved bells had been taken away. No one knew where they were now.

It happened that one day he met a man from over the seas. The stranger told him that at Limerick in Ireland he had heard a wonderful peal of bells. The poor Italian trembled and said to himself, 'These can be no other than my bells.'

So he took a ship for Ireland, and at last arrived at the mouth of the Shannon. He was rowed up the river. . . . There the tall tower of St. Mary's Cathedral stood out against the fading sky . . . and suddenly from that tower came the enchanting melody of the bells. They were indeed his bells. . . . The rowers waited for him to leave the boat; but he lay still. . . . They tried in vain to rouse him. He had found what he had been seeking all his life, and he was dead."

The origin of the existing ring can be traced to Alderman William Yorke, three times Mayor of Limerick, who died in 1679. The six bells were hung in 1673, during which and the following years Yorke was Mayor, at a stipend of £100 a year. His memorial in the Cathedral shows that his benefactions were many times that total. The new bells first rang on March 14th, 1673, on the occasion of the proclamation of peace between the English and Dutch.

During the years from 1670 the Perdue brothers of Gloucestershire were working in Ireland. In 1670 they had hung six bells in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and eight in St. Patrick's Cathedral nearby. In 1673 they hung six bells in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, and in 1674 six in St. Werburgh's Church, Dublin, and also one in St. David's, Naas.

The initials of William and Roger Perdue were on the third bell until 1923, with the inscription:

"Vivat Rex et Floreat Grex Anno Domini 1673. W.P. R.P."

During October, 1673, William died, and the seventeenth century Irish traveller Dineley notes a punning inscription to his memory. This epitaph has now vanished:

"Here a bell-founder, honest and true,
Until the Resurrection lies Perdue."

In 1703 the treble (6¼ cwt.) and second (6¼ cwt.) bells (recast (1938) were added by Tobias Covey and "E.C.," who probably was Edward Covey, suggested to be a Perdue by descent. (Note given by Mr. Fred Dukes.) There is a record that this ring of eight bells was used in 1712 to welcome to the City James, Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The third bell (6¼ cwt.) by Perdue was recast in 1923 by Taylor at the expense of Sir A. W. Shaw. The fourth, a new bell of 8¼ cwt., was cast in 1907 by Taylor, at the expense of Mr. Everard Hewson of Castle Hewson, a generous enthusiast, who all his life loved the bells and gave munificently for their maintenance. The fifth, sixth and seventh bells, respectively 10, 11¼ and 16¼ cwt., were cast by Mears of London in 1829: the last of these was recast by Murphy of Dublin in 1873 and again in 1938 by Taylor. Finally, the great 24 cwt. tenor bell of Yorke's ring was recast in 1930 by Taylor at the expense of Mr. Hewson. The name of Alderman Yorke was preserved in the recasting.

During the last fifty years constant work has been done on the tower and on the bell-frames and the ring today is in regular and effective use. It marks, as it did throughout the centuries, great historical occasions; it also calls Sunday by Sunday to worship—as is inscribed on a certain old bell:

"I ring to sermon with a lusty bome
That all may come and none may stay at home."

This year we in Limerick have the joy and privilege of sharing in the 800th Anniversary Celebrations of the Foundation of our Ancient Cathedral Church. Amongst the various Festivals arranged to commemorate such an historic occasion will be a Ringers' Festival Week-end, to be held on September 7th and 8th, 1968, to which bellringers and friends are extended a Cead Mile Failte—A Hundred Thousand Welcomes.

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GUILDFORD GUILD

HEALING A FORTY-YEAR-OLD BREACH

Joint Recommendations with the Surreys

AFTER two amicable meetings of a joint sub-committee of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and Surrey Association, agreement has been reached on the question of boundaries, subject to ratification by annual meetings of both bodies.

With only two votes against, the Guildford Guild agreed to the recommendations at its annual meeting on March 9th at Guildford Cathedral. The main point is that when the report of the Archbishop's Commission on the organisation of dioceses in London and South-East England is implemented, ringing societies in the area should consider reorganising on a diocesan basis.

The service in the Lady Chapel, which was crowded with ringers, was memorable as it was the last Guild service Bishop George Clarkson would attend as Dean. This was the seventh year since the Cathedral's consecration and the Dean in his address said he did not expect in that time so much would have been fulfilled or that they would have a full ring of ten bells. For that he thanked the Guild for the keenness and generosity of the members that inspired others.

"I am very proud to be Dean," he said, "for we have a wonderful lot of people in this diocese who, in the last ten years, have given £50,000 to £60,000 each year. I want to leave with you my personal gratitude for a great job well done and for that I thank God."

He left with the assembly the thought that when they rang their bells they were ringing for Jesus.

The tea in the Refectory had been prepared by Mrs. Munday and helpers and was attended by the Dean. The Master (Mr. P. G. Smart) voiced the thanks of the Guild to him during the seven years he had been in charge of the Cathedral

BUSINESS MEETING

The most important matter on the agenda at the meeting, presided over by the Master, was the relationship with the Surrey Association. On behalf of the Executive Committee the following motion was presented:—

This annual general meeting accepts the following recommendations of the joint sub-committee of the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild:—

(a) When the report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on the organisation of the Church by dioceses in London and South-East England is implemented, ringing societies in the area covered by the report should consider reorganising on a diocesan basis.

(b) Until any such reorganisation takes place

(i) The Surrey Association should hold no meetings (other than joint meetings with the Guildford Diocesan Guild) in the present Diocese of Guildford except in the following towers: Ashtead, Banstead, Dorking, Egham, Epsom, Epsom Common, Ewell, Leatherhead, Ranmore and Thames Ditton.

(ii) Ringers who live in that part of Surrey which is within the Diocese of Guildford should be entitled to become either resident or non-resident members of the Surrey Association.

Presenting the motion, Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey (liaison officer to the Surrey Association) said exactly the same motion would be submitted to the Surrey Association annual general meeting in May and nothing would be done until the report of the Archbishop's Commission was implemented. The motion was the result of two meetings of three members from each Guild and they were all pleasantly surprised by the way they got on together.

The Master said the report of the Boundary Commission was received a week before the second meeting In the light of the Boundary Commission's report they thought there would be no advantage in making sweeping changes.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: There is not much that we can say, as the Guildford Guild has won hands down, but to support the motion. What will happen at the Surrey Association meeting I don't know. If I were a member of the Surrey Association I would ask where were the negotiators? Negotiations mean give and take. It seems to me that all the giving has been from the Surrey Association.

Mr. M. M. Powell commented that they could not dictate to the Surrey Association. If the Surrey Association decided to hold a meeting in one of their towers what were they going to do about it?

Mr. Maybrey said the list was drawn up by the Executive Committee of the Surrey Association. The idea was to stop the bickering that had been going on for years. They were not proposing any rules with the motion.

The Secretary: This is an honest effort to overcome troubles which have existed for 40 years.

The motion was carried, there being only two members against.

DROP IN MEMBERSHIP

The annual report was presented by the Master, who regretted a decline in membership of 33. Totals were: Chertsey 93 (against 119), Farnham 169 (187), Guildford 140 (136), Leatherhead 142 (137). With associate members the grand total was 558 (591).

The members stood while the names of those who had died since the last meeting were read, viz.: W. A. Dollimore (Aldershot), B. G. Grover (West Clandon), G. P. Hammond (Wonersh), Miss H. F. Mills (Aldershot), Mr. J. Mills (Cobham), Mr. F. Oldroyd (Guildford), Mr. L. Warner (Cranleigh) and Mr. W. R. Robinson (late of Holy Trinity, Guildford).

MORE PEALS

The Master said there were 36 peals rung last year, which was three more than in 1966. These were rung in 23 towers (18) by 119 members (130) in 24 different methods or number of methods. There were 20 conductors (16), six members rang their first peal and three their first as conductor. Quarter peals reported in "The Ringing World" numbered 114 (92).

The report mentioned that sound-absorbent panels had been placed on the walls of the ringing chamber of the Cathedral. This work, done at the expense of the Cathedral Council, had made ringing at the Cathedral easier and much more enjoyable. An oak plaque to commemorate the dedication of the bells on May 17th, 1965, had been provided partly by donations from the president (the Bishop) and partly by the Guild. It had been placed in the ringing chamber.

The Master said they were very pleased with ringing at the Cathedral. Great strides had been made by the young band but he stressed that they still needed help, particularly at night.

Miss Eloie, in her report as librarian, said they had acquired "Lord Grimthorpe" and a small booklet by Mr. Harold Pitstow on "Westminster Abbey and Its Bells." An important acquisition was an album containing records and photographs of the dedication of the Cathedral bells, which was compiled by Mr. F. W. Housden and bound by Mr. C. W. Denyer In the changes that had taken place pending removal to the Cathedral, 14 books or manuscripts had been missing.

Looking Forward

Cover issues already booked are as follows:

March	29th.	St. Clement Danes', London.
April	5th.	Edington Priory, Wiltshire.
April	12th.	Rochester Cathedral.
April	19th.	Andover District.
April	26th.	St. Thomas', Stourbridge.
May	3rd.	Wimborne Minster.
May	10th.	Bromyard, Herefordshire.
May	17th.	Meldreth, Cambridgeshire.
May	24th.	St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.
May	31st.	Worcester Cathedral.

PROFIT ON YEAR

The accounts were presented by Mr. C. H. Kippin, who had held the office of treasurer for five years and retired on moving to Chandler's Ford. The Benevolent Fund balance of £166, he said, had been transferred to the General Fund, and the year ended with a balance of £254. On the working of the year there was a profit of £20 14s. 8d., which the retiring treasurer regarded as quite satisfactory.

APPEAL TO PARISHES

Earlier in the meeting it was stated that a copy of the annual report and of "The Ringing World" would be sent to each P.C.C. where there was a ring of bells in the tower, and a suggestion of an annual subscription of one guinea.

A member: What are you going to do with the money?

The general secretary said there were several things needed. An article in "The Ringing World" suggested that they were not keeping pace with the restoration of bells and in a few years there would be a big lag. They would then be in a position to make handsome donations to parishes to help in the work.

The following officers were re-elected unopposed: Master, Mr. P. G. Smart; general secretary, Mr. C. W. Munday; auditor, Mr. P. G. Sherwood. Two nominations were received for treasurer, a ballot resulting in the election of Mr G. K. Wilkinson (Aldershot), the unsuccessful candidate being Mr. M. M. Powell (St. Nicholas', Guildford).

PEAL ELECTIONS

There was an interesting discussion on a desire to amend the Guild's rules governing election of non-resident members prior to a peal attempt. At present before such an election the majority must be Guild members; the desire of the amendment in the names of Mr. D. A. R. May and Mr. T. Page was "at least three members present."

Mr. May said in recent months there had been several peals in which there had not been a majority of Guild members present. With travelling so much easier, there were more people coming into the diocese to ring peals.

Mr. T. Page quoted two incidents. A recent peal at the Cathedral had five members and five non-members, and a peal at Farnborough four and four

Mr. G. K. Williamson suggested that the words "participating in a peal" be substituted for "present."

Mr. Harold Reed said in regard to the Farnborough peal the number was five members and three non-members. One of the four had been elected previously.

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DEDICATION

All Saints', Tooting Graveney

The new ring of eight bells at All Saints', Tooting Graveney, cast by John Taylor and Co., was dedicated on Saturday, March 2nd, by the Archdeacon of Southwark (the Ven. H. H A. Sands) before a large congregation of about 360 people. The lesson was read by Mr. Paul Taylor. The bells were put to good use after the service for three and a half hours, when about 100 ringers signed the visitors book. The ring is a great success. Both inside and outside the tower the bells are very pleasing on the ear. The volume is well controlled and the bells mix well without the common fault of certain bells predominating.

INSCRIPTIONS

Each bell is inscribed with the founder's names and the name of a saint of local interest.

Michael and All Angels.—The dedication of the former church in Paddington, whose old bells made this project possible.

Birinus. — Saint and founder of Wessex Christianity. Tooting was in the Diocese of Winchester for centuries.

Justus.—Saint and first Bishop of Rochester. Tooting was in the Diocese of Rochester.

Mellitus.—Saint and first Saxon Bishop of London. Tooting was in the Diocese of London for a short period.

Augustine.—Saint and first Archbishop of Canterbury. Founder of Christianity in South-East England. Tooting has always been in the Province of Canterbury.

Alfege.—Saint and Archbishop of Canterbury. Martyred on the site of Greenwich Parish Church in the Diocese of Southwark, of which Tooting is now part.

Anselm.—Saint and Archbishop of Canterbury. As Abbot of Bec in Normandy, he became known in England when he visited his Abbey's possessions here, one of which was Tooting Bec.

Nicolas.—Until this century the Parish of All Saints was part of the Parish of St. Nicolas, Tooting Graveney.

The tenor weighs 7 cwt. 19 lb. (note B). Ringers will be very welcome at the practice night, which is Thursday, 7 to 8.30 p.m.

Guildford Guild—continued

Eventually Mr. May withdrew the motion in favour of another for next year, which limited the application of the proposed change to towers in the diocese.

Major Bragg, the Guild peal recorder, was unhappy about those peals that did not comply with the rule being recorded in "The Ringing World" as rung for the Guild. He took his peals for his records from "The Ringing World"

The Master: We shall now keep our eyes open.

A voice: When people lose a peal they don't become members.

The Master: You must rely on their honesty.

The motion was not proceeded with in the light of the proposed amendment. Perhaps the position will be clarified next year, but Major Bragg urged that conductors calling peals that did not comply with the rules should notify him.

A desire was expressed by Mr. Dudley Elsmore that the Guild should give a personal gift to the retiring Dean and it should not be just a set of handbells for the Cathedral. A retiring collection was made for this purpose.

Towards the Cathedral handbells the hon. secretary has received £50 but in addition a number of people have promised to give bells.

OBITUARY

MR. W. ABRAHAM

William (Bill) Abraham will always be remembered as the ringer who came back, and it was with regret and great sorrow that the St. Mary Redcliffe Guild members and many other ringers heard of his death on February 11th, aged 75 years.

Bill had been a member of the Guild since his retirement nine years ago, when he returned to ringing after a lapse of 20 years. His regularity, punctuality and genial disposition have been a wonderful example to other members of the Guild.

Before 1940 he was a most active member of the St. Thomas the Martyr (City), Bristol, Guild and was for many years the tower secretary. His work, associated with towers and Guilds and ringers' social occasions, was his joy, and many outings were enjoyed by Bill and his party.

There is no record of his peals but the requirement for good striking was always one of his endeavours and all ringing was of equal importance

It was a curious happening that William died a few hours after his younger brother, Ernest, who had endured a serious illness and much suffering.

Ernest was an active member of the Guild at All Saints', Long Ashton, and had also been a member of the St. Thomas' Guild. Like his brother, he gave only of his best and will be sadly missed by many.

The combined funeral service took place at St. Mary Redcliffe on February 15th and was attended by a very large number of ringers and friends.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by members of his Guild and friends.

We extend our sympathy to the two widows and the members of their families. E. F. H.

MR. W. J. ROBINSON

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William J Robinson, at New Cross. London, suddenly on March 5th. For many years he was associated with Holy Trinity, Guildford, in latter years undertaking the duties of steeplekeeper.

The funeral service was at Honor Park Crematorium on March 12th.

(See also page 234)

MR. E. B. WILLIAMS

"The Cornish Churchman" reports the death of Mr. Edgar Bice Williams, of Perran-ar-Worthal on January 26th at the age of 76. He had been captain of the ringers for more than 50 years, and as a tribute to his long service the bells were rung half-muffled on the Sunday after the funeral. His widow, Mrs. Olive Williams, was the organist for many years, and together they gave 100 years of service to Perran-ar-Worthal Church.

MR. W. GORRINGE

An old and esteemed Kent ringer, Mr. W. Gorringe, of 10, Thornhill Place, Maidstone, died on February 27th at the advanced age of 89. For many years he was associated with St. George's, Gravesend, and Milton-next-Gravesend with the band captained by the late Mr. Fred Mitchell.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY. — On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Warner 1, M. J. Kirk (120th quarter peal) 2, Carolyn Tubbs 3, Pat Laycock 4, J. Collier 5, P. G. Sherwood 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, H. Arthur 8. Half-muffled in memory of O. Leslie Warner late captain of the tower.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOM. — On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Popplestone 1, P. Popplestone (cond.) 2, C Rixon 3, Rev. M. J. Odlum (first "inside") 4, I. Atkinson 5, L. Hellings 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. T. Bray, sometime churchwarden.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The third session of the 26th Council (71st Annual Meeting) will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, 1968, at the Giffard Hotel, Worcester.

Committee Reports (Rule 12 (1)).—Conveners are reminded that reports must be made in writing to me by March 31st, 1968. They will recall the Standing Committee's request that these should be reasonably brief.

Notices of Motion (Rule 14).—Notices, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the Secretary by April 23rd, 1968. Members are reminded that an alteration will be proposed to the rules dealing with notices of motion with the object of overcoming the difficulty which has arisen from the change in "Ringing World" arrangements. In the meantime they are invited to co-operate by submitting notices by April 16th.

Affiliation Fees.—Those who have not yet remitted are asked to do so forthwith.

ACCOMMODATION

Members are reminded that in order to ensure accommodation at the Giffard Hotel, Worcester (Headquarters), reservations must be made before April 1st, 1968. When booking, reference must be clearly made to the meeting of the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

Members, and other visitors, are also reminded that details of other Hotel and Guest House accommodation in Worcester and the surrounding areas are available upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope from the Accommodation Secretary, 32, Badsey Fields Lane, Badsey, Evesham. Members are urged to make reservations without delay; the above details will **not** be forwarded with the notice of meeting

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Full details will be published later, but members may like to know in advance that the usual "own transport" ringing tours are being arranged for Whit Saturday and Whit Monday. There will be two different routes available each day, commencing at 9.30 a.m. A coach tour of selected towers will also be run on Whit Monday.

PEALS

A limited number of towers has been provisionally reserved for peal attempts on Whit Saturday and Whit Monday. Applications for towers by peal organisers will be taken in order of receipt Individual ringers, whether members of the Council or not, will also be placed in peals (as far as it is possible to arrange) if their requirements as to methods, etc., are notified.

Peal organisers are especially requested to apply for Worcestershire Association towers only through the Peal Secretary.

The subscription for a non-resident life member of the Association is 5s.

Applications (enclosing s.a.e.) to Mr. G. L. Bowen, Peal Secretary, 35, Chesshire Avenue, Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
45, Westercroft Lane, General Secretary.
Northowram, Halifax.

METHOD EXTENSION BY COMPUTER

Warkworth Surprise is another "Diary" method. There are three independent lines of extension, each with only one extension stage. The two Major are very similar, the first having slightly less dodging in 5-6, and the Royal is monotonously simple. One of these will be Warkworth when rung to a peal. Take your choice.

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12.3hl.

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Major: mx, P2 lh8—34—14—1256—36.14
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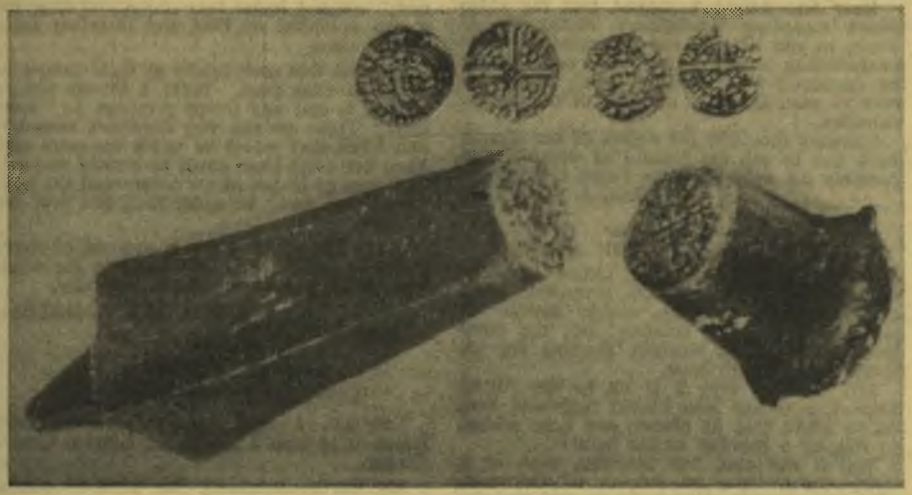
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Major: mx, P2. lh8—34—14—12—36.14
—12.58.16—14.5hl.

Static extension: B, C / Y.
Royal: mx, P2. lh0—34—14—12—30.14
—12.30.14—12.30.14—12.3hl.

G. DODDS.

More about Coins on Bells

By P. AMOS



SINCE writing my article on coins on bells that appeared in the issue of December 8th, 1967, I have come across a silver halfpenny issued during the period of the Black Death.

The pictures I have provided for "The Ringing World" tell how these hammered coins were made—a craft that existed from Roman times to the reign of Edward III (1327–1377).

These silver halfpennies have a cross with three pellets in each corner and on the reverse is the royal head of Edward III.

In the coin picture is the die from which they were hammered out. This will give those seeking a 14th century bell with impressions on it a guide for what to look for. I might add that there is little likelihood of finding such a bell except in a tower with less than five bells where the bell has not been rung to any extent or subject to any great vibration.

Of the other picture, you may wonder whether it depicts a blacksmith's shop or a wedding over the anvil at Gretna Green! It is neither. It is a memorial in Italy of moneyers of the fourth century.



THE LADIES' GUILD — WESTERN DISTRICT

There was a good attendance at the annual general meeting of the Western District at Twerton on March 9th. The afternoon's ringing included a touch of Grandsire Triples rung by members of the Guild. The service was conducted by the Rector, after which tea was served in the Village Hall. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lee, who undertook the catering arrangements, and it was good to see so many members and friends, about 35 in all.

At the meeting which followed, officers for 1968–69 were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. E. Chapman; secretary, Miss B. Johnson; Central Council representatives, Mrs. Parfrey and Mrs. Bennett; committee, Mesdames Parfrey, Eyles. Lampard, Bennett and Miss Davis. New members elected were: Mrs. Massey (life member), Mrs. Jones, the Misses J. Bell, J. Fletcher and K. Jones.

The present arrangement of holding monthly evening practices, with the exception of those in which the quarterly meetings occur (i.e. March, June and September), is to be continued.

Good wishes were sent to Mrs. D. Bennett, who was undergoing a period of convalescence following an operation, and it was hoped that she would be well enough to be with us at the next meeting.

On Saturday, June 8th, there will be a joint meeting with the South Wales Branch in Bristol. Please watch "The Ringing World" for details of practices, the next being on Friday, April 26th, 7.30 p.m., at Corston. B. J.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. David's Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Pembroke, on March 9th. About 40 members were present representing the towers of Bosherston, Burry Port, Cardigan, Llandeilo, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev R. C. Davies, assisted by the Rev R. Doxey, curate, the lesson was read by the Rev. R. W. Thomas (Master) and the organist was Mr. W. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the parish in the Church Hall. The Vicar of Pembroke presided at the business meeting and opened the proceedings by extending a warm welcome to the Guild. The traditional touch on handbells was rung.

The Master welcomed the Rev. G. R. and Mrs. Ball from Bosherston to their first meeting of the Guild since their ringers became members, and also friends from the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

Apologies for absence were received, including those from the secretary and treasurer, both due to illness.

Eight new members were elected and three probationers were made ringing members.

Mr. Rees, of Llanelli, invited all members of the Guild to the dedication of the restored ring, which will take place at St. Elli's on April 20th at 3 p.m.

Ringing was resumed until 9 p.m. B. M. R.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

The venue of the 41st annual general meeting on March 9th was changed to Edenbridge for easy accessibility. It was a fine and sunny day and some members rang at Hammerwood and Cowden before assembling at Edenbridge for the service taken by the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Bartleet.

Tea was served in the Primary School, where the wives and families of the local band had prepared a glorious spread. Mr. B. V. Collison opened the meeting by thanking the ladies for making the tea, and the local band for donating it. A voluntary collection was then taken, which raised £5 6s. 6d. for Edenbridge Bell Fund.

There were ten apologies for absence and two new members were elected. The annual report was adopted, the only query being the condition of Hammerwood's ropes after a grant had been made for a new set out of the E. J. Oliver Fund.

The officers were re-elected for 1968, the only change being in the committee, where Mr. M. Thompson replaces Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Arrangements for the outing and the dinner have been left in the hands of Mr. C. A. Bassett and Mr. E. J. Ladd respectively.

No Guild meetings will take place in April or May but on June 8th the Guild will meet at Leigh, Surrey (afternoon) and Sharlwood (evening). W. G. Wilson's book "Change Ringing" was then presented to the young ringer who had made the most progress during the year. This was Maurice Thompson and he received the book from the donor, Mr. B. V. Collison.

Ringing then continued at Edenbridge, Limpsneld Chart and Chiddingstone. R. J. E.

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Letters to the Editor

REDUNDANT BELLS

Dear Sir,—I refer to Norman Mallett's letter on page 162. I have amended my records.

The information I have published has been given to me in good faith and it is not regarded as important to verify it, since it is unlikely that anyone will attend with lifting tackle and transport without first making inquiries

It is hardly surprising that the list was incomplete in view of Norman's silence hitherto. I had, however, been advised in the meantime of the availability of the Lundy octave, one bell of which (unidentified) is cracked in the crown.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary,
The Central Council of
Church Bell Ringers.

HIGH HALSTOW BELLS NOT FOR SALE

Mr. E. W. Buffin, Rector's warden of St. Margaret's, High Halstow, Kent, writes regarding the list of redundant bells published in the issue of February 16th that:—

"Neither the Rector of High Halstow, the Rev. S. G. Davidson, his churchwardens, of whom I am one, or members of the Parochial Church Council are aware of any desire to dispose of the bells. Nor is there any intention of future disposal."

Note.—The Secretary of the Central Council has written to Mr. Buffin expressing regret and stating that he published the information received in good faith.—Ed.

FIRST-CLASS LOCAL BAND

Dear Sir,—Apropos Mr. Visade's letter re a genuine first-class local band, St. Mary's, Reading, has a resident band for eight-spliced. (If we had four more bells we would have enough for Cambridge Maximus.) We also supplied six people for a peal of Bristol Maximus.—Yours faithfully, F. W. LEWIS.

Reading.

IRRESPONSIBLE GRABBERS

Dear Sir,—I read with very much regret of the despicable actions of some irresponsible tower grabbers in ringing the bells of St. Mary's, Stapleford, Wilts, without any permission. I have been responsible for organising a good many ringing tours and, like most other ringers, am eager to ring at any tower which I have not visited before. I have found that in nearly every case a request for permission to ring is generally granted, but if it is not there is a very good reason. The action of these selfish people is to be deplored as they bring other ringers whose behaviour is more constitutional into disrepute.

Mr. Theobald's letter, printed adjacent to the article ("Ringing World," No. 2,968, page 178), offers a way out for these people with which I strongly disagree. If he knows who they are he should give the information to the authorities, whether or not they make an apology to the Vicar and churchwardens. They should be exposed not only to the authorities but also to their Association, the officials of which should expel them from this Association and the fact published in "The Ringing World," so that all other ringers may have the opportunity of excluding them from their activities. A newspaper publishes details of those who offend against the rules of society and this should be the case in ringing circles.—Yours faithfully,

LAURIE MITCHELL.

Sittingbourne, Kent.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Might I suggest that the arguments regarding Westminster Abbey should cease, as the letters have degenerated into a mud-slinging match. The space could better be employed in instructing young ringers in how to man the bells in some of our village churches.

I always thouught the object of our church bells was to call the faithful to worship, and certainly not mud-slinging.—Yours faithfully,

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading, Berks.

WHO DECIDES AT THE ABBEY?

Dear Sir,—We are often forced to smile when we read the statements, sometimes naive and sometimes sweeping, which appear in your correspondence columns, but the plum must surely go to Norman Harding for his letter in March 8th issue.

Mr. Harding says it is up to the Abbey authorities to say who should ring—and goes on to admit that he himself has been invited to ring by a member of the band!

Was it not you, Mr. Harding, who, in a hotly-worded letter in defence of Grandsire during the 1966 controversy, suggested that the instigator of that correspondence probably could not ring that trivial method—without realising that the gentleman in question was in fact a College Youth?

Yes, indeed, Mr. Harding, contributors should get their facts right.—Yours faithfully,

W. BRUCE WARNE.

Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

PEAL RINGERS THANKED

Dear Sir,—The arranging, travelling for and ringing of a peal is no doubt often not appreciated by those whose names are recorded in the footnotes, in whose honour the peals are rung. Would you allow me, through your columns, to express my appreciation of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Peter's, Drayton, on February 24th, to welcome my family and myself to Drayton Vicarage and the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild?—Yours sincerely,

Drayton, Berks. ERIC WOOD (Rev.).

P.S.—The wedding was not 40 minutes late, as stated in "Belfry Gossip."—E. W.

APPRECIATION!

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns express thanks and appreciation to Mr. Cyril Wratten for his excellent article on "Spliced Plain Major Composition"? He has obviously gone to a great deal of trouble and the result is a splendid example of how theory should be set out and explained. — Yours faithfully, F. L. COVENTRY.

Bebington, Cheshire.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—The peal of 5,088 Bob Major rung at Holy Trinity, Rothwell, on April 15th, 1967, which was composed and conducted by myself, has now been found to be false, and I would ask all concerned with the recording of peals to strike this performance from their records. I should at the same time like to apologise for the inconvenience this will undoubtedly cause.

I should also like to offer my apologies to the rest of the band and to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gill, for whom the peal was rung as a wedding compliment.—Yours faithfully,

IAN NORTH.

Rothwell, Leeds.

LOOSE LEAF METHOD BOOKS SUGGESTED

Dear Sir,—Recently I bought a copy of "A Collection of Surprise Methods in Place Notation," which I found very useful and clear but it was compiled in 1964 and therefore much out of date.

I realise that such books as these cannot be reprinted each year. What I should like to suggest is that any future printings be "loose leaf." These are not very expensive nowadays and I feel they would be worth the extra cost. Then one extra sheet could be printed and sold each year to be put in the cover—and the book would then never be more than one year out of date.

Every five or six years a new set of sheets could be printed and sold bringing the whole collection up to date.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY R. DREW.

Tewkesbury, Glos.

LONDON COUNTY DINNER

Dear Sir,—I regret that there is a little confusion as to what I said at the London County Dinner.

My words concerning the work of officers referred to all the London Associations.

To cater for "parochial ringers" I ventured to suggest that the Districts of the Associations should be about the size of the London boroughs.—Yours sincerely,

R. J. COOLES.

London, S.W.

EARLY ESSEX RINGING

Dear Sir,—In conjunction with my work for History "A" level, I am doing a project entitled "What was the effect of the formation of the Essex Association of Change Ringers on the growth of bellringing in Essex." I am writing it with special reference to the towers of St. Nicholas', Fyfield, St. Andrew's, North Weald, and St. John the Baptist's, Danbury. However, I would be grateful for information on any tower in Essex concerning pre-1879 ringing, the effect, if any, of the Essex Association and the history of ringing since 1879. Anything and everything would be very welcome. Thank you.—Yours sincerely,

ANNE SIMKINS.

The School House, Fyfield,
Ongar, Essex.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Eastern District at Low Ebb

Although the day fixed for the meeting was rather cold, a coachload of members and friends travelled from Suffolk to Saffron Walden on March 2nd. An all-ladies' touch was rung at Wendens Ambo. At the business meeting it was noted that support for the Guild in the District was at a very low ebb and that serious thought would have to be given at the next meeting to winding up the District if the situation did not improve.

Mrs. Pipe was re-elected as vice-president, and the new hon. secretary is Mrs. Lester, of 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Suffolk. A short service was held in Saffron Walden Church after the afternoon's ringing.

I. M. A.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

PRACTICAL

"GOOD HUNTIN'!"

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

(Continued from page 203)

So far rope-sight has not entered into the proceedings, and before we turn to it some useful progress can be made by the use of handbells. If handbells are not available, Stage 3 can be performed by hand-claps, with hands raised up for handstroke and lowered for backstroke.

Stage 3. Rhythmic Beating by Handbells.—For the next step in this business of learning to hunt, each pupil takes a handbell, and the hand-claps are replaced by handbell strokes (hand and back). If more than one pupil, the bells will, of course, be sounding altogether at this stage. The discord must be ignored. This "ringing" also accustoms the pupil to the correct manipulation of the bell, and to **anticipation** of the handbell stroke, for its correct striking. In a short time, when the pupils can hunt correctly by these means, the group (if several pupils) can be divided into two, each group representing, and sounding as, one bell unit. Or, if only one pupil, the tutor can join with him in this "divided" exercise. It teaches the pupil to work out (without being "put off") his own bell-path, while simultaneously others are carrying on with theirs. If the whole group consists of, say, four pupils, then the first division will be into two sub-groups of two each. Then each sub-group may divide into two single pupils, each independently working out his own path. We have now arrived at independent hunting rhythmically by each ringer pupil. In some cases it may be helpful to include one or more experienced ringers in the group, in place of some of the pupils, who will take turn in due course. And still we are "ringing" by rhythm, and not by rope-sight, to which latter we now turn.

Change-ringing by Sight with Handbells. — By "rope-sight" is usually understood the ability, while pulling into position in any given change, to spot the rope next to be followed. Then, while following (or "covering") that rope, to spot the next to be followed. And so on. For practice in this on handbells we refer again to our chart (Fig. 2), and take once more the three hunting exercises, with one pupil and four ringers. Each takes a handbell The procedure is primarily to look for arm movements—up and down; but the rhythm is nevertheless to be maintained—by ear. The tutor does not need to count but calls "Go" and watches the pupil's performance, correcting as necessary. (Without handbells use clapping with arm movements.)

For the first hunting exercise—static covering—the pupil takes the fifth bell and hunts (while remaining in fifths place) for the bells he is to "cover." In fact he looks for arm movement of the **last bell** in each change. In this case the bells are 4.3.3.1.1.2.2.4.4. It must be impressed upon the pupil's mind that if he fails to spot his bell-to-be-followed, he must not hold up his own bell-action (and thereby break up the ringing) but must maintain the rhythm, just as he has learned to do in the original first hunting exercise.

In the second hunting exercise—expanded covering—he now has the treble and is to hunt UP. For this purpose he looks round (or "hunts" for the bell (arm) that is following him, in each change, and in the **next** ensuing change he follows **that** bell (arm). In this case the bells are seen to be 2.4.3. The treble's next stroke is a static covering one, since it remains in the same position (4ths in this case), striking over or "covering" bell 2.

In the third hunting exercise—contracted covering—the pupil finds himself striking over, or "covering," one less number of bells at each stroke; as we can see from the chart, beginning at the row where we left off, i.e. 4.3.2.1.5. Here the treble is covering three bells—4. 3. and 2. In the next row it is covering two bells—3 and 4, and in the next row covering one bell—3. Next it is in the 1st position—leading. The process, looked at in this way, is seen to be one of eliminating or discarding the bell just covered, at the same time covering the remainder.

Stage 4. Preliminaries for Rope-sight on Tower Bells.—The faculty of rope-sight comes into its own on tower bells, though the ability to hunt by rhythm, acquired on handbells or otherwise, remains most useful in tower bell ringing. In the latter it is essential that for full and rapid achievement the following **six points** be carefully observed:—

(a) Orientation or "Facing." The ringer must stand to face the approximate "centre" of the rope "circle," so as to command as good a view as possible of **all** the ropes, by swinging the eyes from side to side, without any appreciable turning of the head. Consider the following: Suppose, for example, the ringer of, say, the third, in taking his position to begin ringing, faces towards the rope he will follow in rounds, i.e. in this case the second, which is, of course, on his right—the sort of thing one sees with beginners (and others) in tower after tower. Now, when the call is heard for change-ringing, say Plain Bob, and this 3rd bell ringer is to start hunting up, he must necessarily look round to his left to see the ropes "above" him. He will then find much of his field of view in that direction cut off, **until he turns himself to face centrally,** and with eyes swinging to his left. So, Point 1 is—"Stand with body facing centre of rope circle."

(b) "View Line." Since rope-sight virtually means "sally-sight," keep the view line horizontal. So Point 2 is—"Look across the ringing chamber at approximately eye-level."

(c) "View Interference." Most beginners find the sally tending to interfere with the view, and some will even incline the head sideways, "to look round it." Insist on looking "through" the rope, from the start. The rope will soon disappear altogether. So, Point 3 is—"Ignore sight of own rope."

(d) "Instant Look-round." The tutor's insistence on the pupil's application of this idea from the very beginning of trying to hunt, brings its own reward. As soon as the pupil has decided which bell he is to follow next, and has looked to that rope in readiness to pull after it, he must **instantly** look round to find the next rope to follow, and so on. The most favourable point in time-of-action for this is just as the ropes are coming up to the point of reversal of direction, so that "picking up" the next rope and sounding after the last one become simultaneous. So, Point 4 is "Look round at the start of the stroke." (At end of stroke the rope-sight will have gone!)

(e) "Aural Pickup." But the visual check is not enough. The ear is even more important than the eye. The totally deaf are rarely good strikers, but blind ringers can strike perfectly, with practice. Moreover, the attentive ear usually can pick up the bell-to-be-followed more quickly than the eye can range round, and select it from, the "circle" of rapidly-moving ropes. In expanded covering, or hunting up, it is the bell coming **after** one's own that is to be next followed or covered; and it is the pitch of its note—high, middle or low—that can help to tell the position, in the "circle," of that bell's rope, i.e. checks direction in which to look for it. Similarly in contracted covering, or hunting down, it is the bell coming just **before** one's own that is to be spotted, covered and then eliminated from those yet to be covered. The ear can give the first intimation of this, for directing the eyes; and at the same time it checks the striking. From this it may be understood how the process of hunting is sometimes referred to, quite seriously, as achieved by "ear-sight." The pupil must be taught, from the start, to listen for the sound of his own bell. Tone-telling exercises can be given, by the tutor tapping handbells—or even a child's toy "dulcimer." The common chord and well-known changes such as "Queens" will be found to be helpful in the practice of tone-telling. So, Point 5 is "Listen all the time!".

(f) Hunting Rules. We have seen that the modern concept of hunting is based on the idea of "covering," i.e. ringing "last" of a number of bells, and in one of two ways—"static" or "mobile": and all the time looking for the "bell-to-be-covered." In static hunting one's bell continues to strike in the same position, but covers different bells, except in adjacent place-making, when it covers the same bell for more than one stroke. In mobile hunting one's bell covers different bells while changing position. It is either "expanded" (hunting up) or "contracted" (hunting down). We may express all this hunting in three working rules:—

Rule I. In static hunting cover the "last bell down" continuously.

Rule II. In expanded hunting (mobile and **up**) cover the bell now coming over you.

Rule III. In contracted hunting (mobile and **down**) cut under the bell just covered, while covering the last bell of the remainder.

So, Point 6, "Look for the bell to be covered, and look early."

(To be continued)

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting at Ware

It is many years since the Eastern and Bishop's Stortford Districts held a joint meeting, and there was a very full belfry at Ware on March 10th.

Afternoon ringing included Cambridge in a variety of methods. Owing to only a few names being sent in for tea this had to be cancelled, but a local cafe was able to supply needs.

In the evening the rope of the second bell broke twice in succession, limiting the ringing to the back six. In spite of this the meeting was a very successful one. B. S. W. F.

MISTLEY, ESSEX. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. R. Honeywood 1, G. Waterman 2, J. A. Avis 3, N. V. Avis 4, A. E. Honeywood (cond.) 5, P. G. Pitt 6.

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TECHNICAL

SOME NEW MINOR METHODS

By M. S. BRUCE

APART from methods with places in 5-6, 4th's place lead-heads and bells lying three or more blows in one place, all available Plain and T.B. Minor methods have been rung and named. There are 64 Plain and 360 T.B. methods conforming to these standards, and while they provide enough variety for most ringers, there are those who enjoy the challenge of doing something for the first time. It is to these, and for the average ringer in search of novelty, that new methods have appeal. Since it is impossible, short of lowering standards, to find original material in the existing systems, I have jotted down a few notes on three new Minor systems which I hope will be of interest.

(A) DOUBLE-LEAD METHODS

It is a characteristic of Plain Minor methods that, until a single is called, all the changes with the treble in a certain place have the same character—all +ve or all −ve. Hence the need for singles, which T.B. methods avoid by having the treble strike twice in each place hunting up and again hunting down. Is there another path for the treble which will have this effect? In fact there is. Consider a single called, in any Plain Minor method, when the treble is in 6ths place. The bells will then be out of course, and if another single be called similarly 12 changes later, a +ve lead-head will be produced, 24 changes after the original lead-head. It is on this basis that this system has been produced.

Consider the simplest example, that of Plain Bob Minor. This can be adapted into a double-lead method with a plain-hunting treble and a lead of 24 changes. The half-lead is at the treble's −ve lead, not (as in more usual methods, at her blows behind), and in this example the 6th is the pivot bell, making 4ths, while the conjugate pairs 2-3 and 4-5 exchange in 2-3 and 5-6. As in conventional methods, there is symmetry around the half-lead, and the lead-end comes at the treble's next (+ve) lead. In the 24 changes the treble is twice in each place going up and twice coming down; once in a +ve and −ve change each time, as in T.B Minor. Compositions are exactly as for Treble Bob. Calls are made only at the lead-head, despite the tempting similarity of the half-lead, and there are, of course, no singles.

	123456	1u+	
—	214365	2u−	
16	241635	3u−	
—	426153	4u+	
16	462513	5u+	
—	645231	6u−	
3456	465231	6d+	
—	642513	5d−	
16	624153	4d−	
—	261435	3d+	
16	216345	2d+	
—	123654	1d−	
Half-lead,			
14	132645	1u−	

This is only one, and the simplest, of the 374 methods available to this plan.

A double-lead method may be constructed from any two plain methods which are "opposite half splices"—i.e. which have the same succession of +ve and −ve changes in a half-lead, as in this method, compounded from St. James's Youths' Exercise and Bala Bob:

36 14—16—1256—36—14 36.
h.l. 12, l.h. 12, 56342.

(B) THIRD'S PLACE LITTLE METHODS AND THEIR ALLIANCE

There are three 3rd's place Little methods, given below.

1. —14 h.l.36 l.h.12 42563
2. —16 h.l.34 l.h.12 42563
3. 34 16 h.l.34 l.h.12 35264

If single changes are rung, as in double-lead methods, when the treble is behind, and the treble then hunts down to a half-lead turning place in 4ths's, the problem of providing all the in- and out-of-course changes above 3rd's place will have been neatly solved. The following examples are given:

1 —16—16—3456—16 h.l.34 l.h.12, 64523.
2. 34 16—36—1256—36 h.l.14 l.h.12, 56342.

Ring Alliance in-course and Little out-of-course, or vice-versa The system is, of course, valid, mutatis mutandis, with Alliance designed to be rung with 2nd's place or 4th's place Little methods.

(C) OPPOSITE HUNT METHODS

Like Grandsire, these have two bells plain-hunting at any time. In this case, however, the bell in the hunt is not coursing after, but opposite to the treble, and in the plain course is the 6th, not the 2nd. The plan is self-explanatory, and the only details necessary are an example and a list of methods.

Example	123456
34	213465
16	231645
—	326154
16	362514
—	635241
1256	632541
—	365214
16	356124
—	531642
16	513462
34	153426
16	135246

A moment's examination will show that the work of an inside bell is double in this instance. Because the structure is symmetrical about the treble's path, there is only one false lead: 53426. Singles are unnecessary but are sometimes used, especially in short touches.

	Bob	Single
	513462	513462
	153426	153426
	135462	135426
	315426	315462

720

23456	—	34652	Five times repeated, omitting (—) in alternate parts.
— 35462	—	45362	
— 56423	—	56324	
— 62435	(—)	62345	
23645	—	24356	
		45236	

List of methods.

These methods are necessarily simple and are few in number. They are given below:

1.	—16—16— .	1256 .	16 .	35246
2.	—16—16 34 .	1256 .	16	35246
3.	34 16—16— .	1236 .	16 .	34526
4.	„ .	1256 .	16 .	35246
5.	„ .	1456 .	16 .	52346
6.	34 16—16 34 .	1256 .	16 .	35246

All the systems outlined extend easily to Major. Caution must be used with double-lead Major, which is as liable to falsity as Treble Bob or Surprise; the falsity is easily identified by any T.B. proof system.

COMMENTS

By HAROLD CHANT

"A" Group Methods.

(Using Mr Bruce's classification.)

Mr. Bruce asks: "Is there another path for the treble that will have this effect?" (i.e. avoiding singles by having the treble strike twice in each place hunting up and down). His own solution is given, ingenious and worked out with commendable thoroughness.

The question was solved over 100 years ago by Benjamin Thrackrah in his book "The Art of Change Ringing," published in 1852. I append the method "Horbury Delight," which I believe was rung in the Dewsbury area. He based his method on "Evening Delight," from "Campanalogia," 1702, which had the same treble path but, as Thackrah pointed out, was false, as it lacked the necessary "single" changes.

Horbury Delight	
+	123456
−	214365
−	124635
+	216453
+	261543
−	625134
−	652314
+	563241
−	536241
+	352614
+	325164
−	231546
−	321456
+	234165
+	243615
−	426351
+	462351
−	643215
−	634125
+	361452
+	316542
−	135624
−	315264
+	132546
	135264

I hope I may not be accused of sour grapes when I say that I think the layout of this system is far superior to that devised by Mr. Bruce. The plan is, I think, as widely adaptable as the double plain bob system.

I was aware that asymmetrical plain methods could be incorporated in a 720 and was careful to say that asymmetrical plain methods were false **under normal circumstances**, when I wrote the Minor Alphabet a few years ago. It is possible to remove falseness under certain circumstances by using diametrically opposed asymmetrical methods.

This can be accomplished without "single" changes (except as an ordinary standard call at the lead-ends) but "single" changes are necessary to obtain a continuous 24-row lead unless the ordinary Treble Bob path is used.

"B" Group.

Hunting up to 3rds with the treble in a "Little" method and down to 4ths in an Alliance was suggested to me by Mr. W. F. Moreton several years ago. Neither of us followed up the suggestion as I believe we both were not fond of the idea. Perhaps Mr. Bruce may consider the methods worth trying; all kinds of queer stuff are rung nowadays!

"C" Group.

I have not actually met this type of method before. Albert Nash, of Wath-on-Dearne, once told me that he had experimented with twin hunting methods but he never showed me any of his efforts. I never discovered anything of the kind in his notes and records of Minor methods which I examined after his death.

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

"B" Group.

This idea is even older than Mr. Chant realises, since it appears in Annable's "Notebook" of c. 1730 under the name of "Novelty." Annable's system differs in detail, although the principle is the same as in Mr. Bruce's article. but it has the advantage of simplicity. I can provide details if required.

The Introduction.

Not all "Plain and T.B." methods have yet been named: cf the recent **Fawley Surprise**. I have details of a number of such methods that have yet to be rung. I also believe (but cannot check immediately) that not all named T.B. methods have yet been rung to 720's, let alone peals, and their "C.C. Collection" names are consequently not sacrosanct!

(A quibble on facts, which, of course, has no bearing on the validity of the article in general.)

CLOSING DAY FOR NOTICES IS NOW FRIDAY

MARCH 4th AT APPLETON

SATURDAY, March 4th, was the 150th anniversary dinner of the famous Appleton Society, and, although it is one of the highlights of the ringing year, no rules or minutes have ever been recorded, and one can assume the only difference between the first and 150th dinner would be the numbers attending, as it can be readily understood that the first and the yearly dinners since have always been very happy.

This year, as has been the practice during the past several years, visitors began to arrive on the Friday, and a very pleasant evening was spent in the Plough listening to the rehearsing of handbells for the next night, with the locals—Bob Mordaunt and his missus, Bill Coles, Tudor Edwards, Derek Jewell, Roy Bould, Les Walters, Farmer Sangwin, Frank Mack—all of whom had arrived to be sure of getting into the Village Hall the next afternoon.

The traditional peal attempt was started at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, but the conductor was so unnerved at starting without such stalwarts as Frank White, Fred Sharpe and the C.O.S. that he went utterly to pieces, mentally called himself into the hunt, but forgot to call the "bob" aloud to let others know what was going on. However, at Appleton there are no heart searchings or inquests, so by 12 noon everyone was at headquarters until the brief respite from 5.30 to 6 p.m., when the Plough closes and the bar opens at the Hall. During the afternoon the friends began to arrive.

SOME OF THE COMPANY

Nelson and his friend Mottershead from the North, the usual ex-University contingent, Stubbs, Bennett and now Mr. and Mrs. J. Camp and Mr. and Mrs. David Derby (and as far as one can see it makes no difference to the lads "being on the chain") and Chris Johnson.

Then came John Lott and his London crowd, Ernie Gower with his Warwick youngsters, who, were it not for the restraining influence of Doctor Mackie, would soon get out of hand, Jack Prior and his two ministering angels and a host of others from long distances whom Appleton welcomed.

Then there was the hard core, Walter Judge, Fred Wilkins, Neil Allnatt and Dick Chaundy, from Oxford, the Hibberts from Ilsley, the Hagbourne chaps, Bryn, Reg and Ray from Bristol, Trevor Bailey and his young friend, and a lot of other good people who must not be hurt because they are not mentioned.

At seven o'clock precisely the company sat down to a meal under the chairmanship of the Rector, whom we were all pleased to see accompanied by his good lady, and he was supported by Frank White, Canon and Mrs. Wigg, Sir Basil Blackwell and his two sons, the Appleton doctor, Miss Cross and Frank's co-churchwarden. It was a hot meal and everyone was delighted with the effort as it is not an easy feat to organise a hot meal at the Village Hall. Coffee, cheese and biscuits having been finished, the Rector proposed the loyal toast and the evening got under way with a very nice homily from Geoff Gunn proposing "The Church" and aptly responded to by the Rev. Mr. Tuckwell (Rector).

NATURAL BERKSHIRE BROGUE

Fred Sharpe then most admirably proposed "The Appleton Society" and we were all agog for the reply, which is undoubtedly the speech of the evening, by Frank White, and this year was no exception, being well worth listening to in that unspoiled natural Berkshire brogue. Roger Mitty (grandson of Cuthbert White) proposed "The Visitors" in a very friendly manner and Anthony Foster thanked the Appleton Society for their happy day.

It is very doubtful if there is another gathering, in other spheres as well as ringing, where a crowd of 120 get through a most entertaining evening without modern methods such as a compere, microphone or a pop band of some sort. But it is done at Appleton and no doubt the highlight of the evening was "lapped" Spliced Stedman and Erin Cinques; in fact later in the evening the Whites and Bob Mordaunt "lapped" a bobbed course of Stedman Cinques, because one well-known Northern visitor heard the Spliced but didn't see it, voting it an amazing performance.

The usual traditional Appleton songs were rendered by Fred Sharpe, Harry White, the Doctor, Bill Coles and Bill Hibbert, and the Whites entertained us with their stylish tune-ringing on handbells, but directly the opportunity arose the company were soon singing the typical Appleton songs and any hymn that anyone cared to "pitch" and start—and it has to be heard to be realised, in spite of a steady flow to and from the bar—was sung with reverence and the harmony was something out of the ordinary.

NUNC DIMITTIS

At 11.30 p.m the company sang the Nunc Dimittis and then it took quite a long while for old friends to say "Goodnight" and make arrangements for future happy meetings and start for home, some with many miles to go.

The visitors staying at the Plough wended their way over to the hostelry to prepare for bed, but it was quite a surprise to find the number of people who "fell by the wayside" and popped in with the residents to have one for the road before proceeding onwards, but each car driver had been carefully vetted and detailed for driving duty.

So ended another happy March 4th, thanks to Frank White and his loyal band of ringers who can still go to the tower and ring Grandsire Caters with two more listening outside. Not bad for a village of only a few hundred souls. Thanks are also due to the "White" ladies, who do a lot of hard work to ensure the visiting ringers are well looked after. W. H.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The March meeting was held at West Bridgford, where the very pleasant light eight were put to good use, methods ranging from rounds to Stedman and Cambridge. The steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Ratcliffe, is to be congratulated on the condition of the bells and belfry. In the absence of the District Ringing Master Mr. J. Miller took charge.

A splendid tea was provided by Miss J. Thornton and Mrs. Butler. At the business meeting it was announced that Daybrook bells would not be rung for the Crawford Cup so it was decided to inquire if Basford bells were available.

The May meeting was tentatively fixed at Attenborough. D. S.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

One cannot tell whether it was the rustle of spring or the anticipation of ringing on fine-toned bells that brought the ringers out of hibernation, but on Saturday, March 9th, all roads seemed to lead to Royston for the monthly meeting.

Because of weddings, a late start had to be made but, once started, good use was made of the bells from rounds and call changes to more exotic material and, although close-lead ringing enjoyed pride of place, open-lead was certainly not neglected.

Among the visitors the Society were pleased to welcome were the president of the Yorkshire Association. Mr. V. Bottomley (who has also certain connections with the Central Council), and his talented wife, who can drive a car (we hear) almost as well as she can ring bells. Furthermore, after the tea and meeting, which were held in the adjacent Church School, the members of the Society who were fortunate enough to be in the ringing chamber at the time witnessed the rare but welcome spectacle of Jean and Vernon partaking in a touch of Woodbine (an irregular method, may it be softly spoken!), rung in the approved South Yorkshire "cartwheel" fashion with a striking and rhythm that would have done justice to Barnsley Shield Contest ringing!

As the next meeting was due to be held on Holy Saturday it was decided to hold a joint meeting with the Halifax and District Association on Saturday, April 20th, which is a week later than Barnsley and District's normal meeting day. H. C.

5,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By N. J. CHESSON

23456	W	B	M	H	
42356				—	A
54263	—	x		—	A
34265			S	3	A
32645	—			2	A
23564	A				
53426	S		—		B
54236	—			2	B
35246	—			3	B
32456	—			2	B
23645	A				
32564	B				
23456	B				

Contains all the 5678, 6578, 4678, 5478 and five courses of 4578 and four courses of 6478. First rung at Appledore, Kent, on October 28th, 1967. Conducted by the arranger.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Ormesby on page 191 was rung under the auspices of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

Our attention has been drawn by those keeping peal records for the need of accuracy in submitting names of ringers in peals.

Is it true, inquires an Ashford District member, that recently a ringer at a Canterbury college arranged for members of his tour to ring at Strood, Kent (ten tubular bells)?

New bell ropes have been provided at St. Wenn's Church Cornwall. According to "The Cornish Churchman" ringers from the Diocese and beyond find St. Wenn a good place to visit.

Mrs. Mary I. Edgecombe was a ringer at St. Mary's, Callington, Cornwall, for 38 years. To commemorate this her sons have given three chairs for the ringers' gallery. They now stand, suitably inscribed, with the table Mrs. Edgecombe herself gave in 1964.

The peal at Great Yeldham (page 168) is duplicated on page 188.

Dublin University Society are planning a tour to Limerick to include five new recruits.

Mr. Tom Chapman reports four first quarters from Bishopstoke. One of the signs of new life.

The band who rang the quarter peal at Radley for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hadland are grateful to Mr. A. K. P. Poole who deputised for Miss Daphne Pollard, who unexpectedly had to spend a few days in hospital.

During the machining of "The Ringing World" of March 1st four incidentals were cut off peals on page 198. They should read: Birkenhead peal: *Thomas E. Howarth treble (first peal of Treble Bob), †Lucy P. A. Hopkins 2 (first peal). Sawley peal: *Christine Browne treble, *Anne Browne 2 (first peal on eight bells). The errors are regretted.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

WARMINSTER FIVE-TON PULPIT MOVED

The massive five-ton stone and marble pulpit at Warminster Parish Church hides the high altar from some of the congregation and the voice of the preacher is partially muffled by a pillar. Since before the last war plans have been afoot to move the pulpit, and a building firm recently estimated that the cost would be at least £250.

Thanks to a small body of volunteers, this tricky operation has been carried out at a cost of only £4 spent on quick-setting cement. Organising the moving was Mr. Brian Price, former Minster ringer, who now teaches at King's College, Taunton. The building firm said the pillar would have to be broken down into sections before removal, but the volunteers simply dug underneath it and moved it in one piece by the use of a borrowed hydraulic jack. The task took a week.

The pulpit has been moved five feet and now the entire congregation can see the altar, and thte troublesome pillar is now behind the preacher and acts as a sounding board. Helping Mr. Price were two Lord Weymouth School masters—Mr. Philip Terry and Mr. Howard Marsden—and two Minster ringers—Messrs. N. G. Knee (captain) and E. E. Frampton—and Mr. Edwards (verger).

MISSIONARY WORK

Miss Ann Gardner, a former member of the Washington Cathedral band, has taken her zeal for change ringing to Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. Here she has instructed two of her room mates in handbell ringing and with great enthusiasm they send to "The Ringing World" a quarter of Plain Bob Minor. Ann concludes: "I am doing my best to spread the Exercise in this country even in the absence of towers. I may be able to come to England this summer and learn a great deal more first-hand. I certainly hope so."

50 YEARS A RINGER AND NOW HIS FIRST PEAL

Mr. James Wood, of Sharnford, Leics, has been a ringer for 50 years (since he was eight years old) and has just rung his first peal. The peal was rung as a compliment to his father, Harry Wood, on his 80th birthday (which was also James' 58th birthday). Harry has been a ringer at St. Helen's, Sharnford, for nearly 70 years and it was on these bells that the birthday compliment was paid.

KITCHEN BELL PEAL

Some years ago alterations were made to the Old Sarratt Rectory, Herts, when Joe Goodman received 13 servants' bells which used to call for "service." Joe and Mrs. Goodman extend hospitality on the Feast of St. Stephen and on one occasion it was suggested that a peal should be rung on the six Joe had sorted out—complete with springs. However, the conductor did not fancy this, so equipped them with straps and partially muffled the clappers—ordinary hooked ones, which roll—and they needed it. The first attempt, a fortnight earlier, was lost through a slip appearing at the wrong time, when brains would not respond quickly enough. This time all went well, as our peal columns reveal. (See handbell peal at Common Wood, Chipperfield.)

MISSING PEAL BOARDS OF HOLY TRINITY, SOUTHWARK

Those ringers who were present at the dedication of the bells of All Saints', Tooting Graveney, on March 2nd, will have noticed three early 19th century peal boards in the ringing chamber. These very fine boards record peals by the College Youths and the Junior Society of College Youths. They originally hung in the tower of Holy Trinity, Southwark, in company with a number of smaller boards

Some years ago I was given permission to remove these boards for safe keeping, on the condition that they should one day be placed in a belfry. While I was making these arrangements all the smaller boards disappeared, leaving a mark on the wall where they had been.

I have reason to believe that another ringer removed these boards and I would appeal to him to get in contact with me so that all Holy Trinity's peal boards may be together again and preserved for generations to come. Any information leading to the recovery of the board will be gratefully received by me at 76, Franciscan Road, London, S.W.17, and treated with complete confidence. Should the present possessor of the boards read this I assure him that his name will not be disclosed but I would remind him that he has stolen property in his hands!

REV. A. CLAYTON.

"PROOF WITHOUT FEARS?"

Mr. J. R. Taylor, of Bristol, writes that, as a result of an idea originated by Mr. S. J. Ivin, of Bedford, he has written an Algol computer programme which proves touches of Major (Treble Bob hunt) of any length in any number of methods. Total storage used is less than 2,000 words.

The peal of 23-spliced all-the-work has been proved in about 75 seconds. Mr. N. J. Diserens has written a similar programme in Fortran, which he has used to prove his peal of four-spliced all-the-work in about 15 seconds.

PEAL AT BARBON, WESTMORLAND

The recent peal of Minimus at Barbon, Westmorland, is believed to be the first peal of Minimus in the county and was arranged without the band's knowledge of the condition of the bells. When they arrived at the tower they found a ring of four by J. Taylor and Co. hung on plain bearings in a wooden frame with pits for six bells. Although the bells go well and are in good condition, the noise in the ringing chamber is tremendous and it was decided to attempt just one method instead of the proposed three so as not to mistake the conductor's instructions. Details of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—As thou does knit them Lord in one so bless them evermore. Given A. M. D.6. By grateful parishioners July 1st, 1896. The silver wedding of Sir Uchtred and Lady Kay-Shuttleworth. 24 ins. high, 28½ ins. diameter.

Second.—In memoriam of Margaret Harrisson, O.B. 1878, and Mark Harrisson, O.B. 1877. Vincit Qui Patitur. 17 ins. high, 29 ins. diameter.

Third.—In memoriam of Eleanor Eastham of this church, benefactress. Given by grateful parishioners and friends. James Harrison, incumbent, 1893. 27 ins. high, 31½ ins diameter.

Tenor.—Hora Fugit Ora. A. M. D.6, and in memory of Richard Willan, of Darlington. The gift of his loving sister. MDCCCXCIII.

ALFRED H. WEBB'S 40 YEARS' SERVICE

A peal was rung at Hagbourne, Berkshire, on March 19th, which marked the end of an era. In 1927 Alfred H. Webb became foreman at this tower; he gave 40 years' devoted service to that office until he was stricken with illness in December of last year. Although he is now thankfully on the road to recovery, Alf decided that the time had come to relinquish the foremanship of the Hagbourne Society and also the posts of Ringing Master of the North Berkshire Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and people's warden of Hagbourne Parish Church, which he has held with equal distinction for many years.

The peal was conducted by his successor, Michael Bishop, grandson of Thomas East, who was himself tower foreman for the first quarter of the century, and who was ringing at a time when James W. Washbrook and the Rev. F. E. Robinson were frequent visitors to the tower.

Though Alf has relinquished the foremanship, he intends to be an active "back-bencher," and we look forward to his speedy return to the belfry. M. B.

RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES MUSIC FESTIVAL

The annual tower- and handbell ringing contest in the festival is to take place at Isleworth Parish Church and Church Room on April 6th, starting at 2.30 p.m., when tower bell teams will have five minutes' practice ringing followed by the ringing of 250 changes or more in any standard method on eight bells and upwards, Triples or Caters being accepted. After tea in the Church Hall the handbell ringing contest will take place. The festival awards two shields for competitors annually and the adjudicator this year is Mr. A. Patrick Cannon. Entries will be accepted on the day but it would be helpful if teams intending to enter could notify the chairman, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, as long before that date as possible.

CONSTITUTION WIDENED BY UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

During the recent ringing tour of South Wales the University of Wales Society held its annual general meeting at Hawarden, when it was decided to amend the constitution by admitting ringing members of the new University of Science and Technology and all those pursuing academic work in the University To strengthen contacts with former members it was decided to appoint a past members secretary. Officers elected were: Master, Margaret Twigg (Aberystwyth); secretary, Roger Harpole (Cardiff). Arrangements are being made for a tour of Kent from September 18th to 23rd. The annual dinner will be at Swansea on December 7th.

The tour started on Friday, February 23rd, when members from University Colleges at Aberystwyth, Cardiff, Lampeter and Swansea assembled at Machynlleth. Afterwards there was ringing at Dolgellau and Portmadoc.

On the Saturday they were joined by members from the college at Bangor for ringing at Beaumaris, Ruthin and Hawarden. Later, Rhyl, Abergele, Llandudno and Bangor were visited. Some of the party were able to stay for Sunday ringing. The Society is grateful to those incumbents who gave permission to ring.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers	7
Alan F. Scholfield	2	Andrew J. Corby	8
David P. Hilling	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Richard H. Youdale	4	Philip A. Corby	10
Christopher M. P. Johnson	5	S. Clarke Walters	11
David E. Rothera	6	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. John-at-Hackney.
On Sat., Feb 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Timothy G. Pett	Treble	Richard O. Humphries	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	David E. Rothera	6
George E. Bonham	3	S. Clarke Walters	7
Roger W. Powell	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Ian M Holland. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 REV. CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB TRIPLES
Henry Hubbard's ten-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Kay Whittiker	Treble	Julian E. Newman	5
Peter J. Devrell	2	David A. Burt	6
*Ian P. Cox	3	Alan F. Lee	7
Andrew Swatton	4	Robin L. Coles	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* 25th peal (all rung with the conductor). First peal of Triples in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
LITLINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Katharine.
On Fri., March 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 220 methods/variation: (1) Stedman, (2) New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, (3) St Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, (4) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, (5) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, (6) St. Albans, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, (7) Maseley, St. Adwena, Wychbold, (8) Snodsbury, Dedworth, St. Clement's, (9) St. David, Clifford's, Royston, (10) Litchurch, April Day, May Day, (11) Gower, Grange, Rev. New Antelope, Burry Port, Sparsholt, De Freville, (12) Laugharne, Litlington, Upham, Cardigan, Barton Stacey, Harston, (13) Dyfed, Modbury, Catherington, Rev. New Newark, Abbotsworthy, Rev. New Grandsire, (14) Martyr Worthy, Ryton, Crawley, Itchen Abbas, Owslebury, Headbourne Worthy, (15) Redberth, Marple, Preston Candover, Caldy, Chernocke, Chinley, (16) Lamphey, Hyde, Bramston, Tenby, Moberly, Abberley, (17) Penally, Stoughton, Fearon, Lydstep, Kingsgate, Kingsworthy, (18) Jameston, Stoney Middleton, Chesil, Manorbier, Itchen, Shincliffe, (19) Selwyn, St. Non, Rev. Antelope, St. Catharine, Corpus Christi, St. Bene't, (20) Winton, St. Dingad, Sidney Sussex, Petty Cury, Queens', St. Illtyd, (21) Sidgwick, St. Florentius, Newnham, Rev. Newark, Emmanuel, Rev. Grandsire, (22) Lady Margaret, St. Ystyffan, Trinity Hall, New Hall, Downing, St. Brynach, (23) Darwin, St. Elli, Gonville, Grantchester, Caius, St. Padarn, (24) Cavendish, St. Bride, Girton, Ditton, Pembroke, St. Tielo, (25) Chesterton, St. Cleer, Clare, Ridley, King's, Fen, (26) Fairbairn, Cam, Fitzwilliam,, Barton, Peterhouse, Granta, (27) East Leake, Rylsun, New Antelope, Wysall, Gunthorpe, Fulmer, (28) Broughton, Cropwell Bishop, Upton, South Bonington, Caythorpe, Dell (29) Tavistock, Lambley, Woodborough, Rolleston, Wheatley, New Grandsire, (30) Stafford, Churchdown, Uppingham, Baldeston, Woodthorpe, Gonalston, (31) Eastrey, Wensley, Stowe, Kirklington, St. Callen, Cowley, (32) Eythorpe, New, Bucknell, Halstead, Ardley, Weatwell, (33) South Collingham, Mitre, St. Aldate, Fyram, Bulcote, Eastleigh, (34) Whatton-in-the-Vale, Oxbridge, Westleigh, North Collingham, Netherfield, Ferncliffe, (35) Allestree, Antelope, Uttoxeter, St. Swithin, St. Quintin, Saxondale, (36) St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, Northleigh, St. Lucy, Tuxford, (37) St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, St. Margaret, Grandsire, Newark, (38) Longparish, Freeland, Oxton, Oxford, Newborough, Southwell, (39) Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Gresford, Ladbroke, Waxham, (40) Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monachorum, St. Tydfil, Zennor, Xanxene, (41) St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Isis, Daffodil, Pinxton, (42) Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme, Beckley, Bluebell, Quantoxhead. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

M. Hutchings (Newnham)	Treble	R. L. Underwood (P'house)	4
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	2	*†A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	5
*R. S. Bradley (Clare)	3	G. H. Jones (St. John's)	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal for the Guild. The greatest number of methods/variations yet rung to a peal.
Rung for St. David's Day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Mon., Feb. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

David Allman	Treble	Frederick S. Sutton	4
John R. Scott	2	Leon A. Perry	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the Vicar of Audlem, the Rev. A. C. Gould, being inducted as Vicar to the united parish of Burleydam.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
PETWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative, and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Christopher B. Fynes	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*John R. Pratchett	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
C. Martin Press	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Edward F. P. Bryant	4	Peter Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal of seven-Spliced Surprise Major.

TONBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Feb. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

Edward F. P. Bryant	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Derek E. Sibson	2	Tom Page	6
David D. Smith	3	Frank J. Matthews	7
Douglas A. R. May	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Feb. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

C. Michael Orme	Treble	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Joan Beresford	2	Frank W. Rivett	6
*Christopher B. Fynes	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Derek E. Sibson	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of nine-Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Albert C. Sinfield on his return home from hospital that day.

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., Feb. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 416 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

James M. Hills	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edward F. P. Bryant	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
*Christopher B. Fynes	3	Frank J. Matthews	7
Douglas A. R. May	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal of eight-Spliced Surprise Major.

PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr 4 lb. in F.

John R. Pratchett	Treble	S'anley G. Ponting	5
Edward F. P. Bryant	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	Peter Beresford	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by Albert J Pitman. Conducted by Edward F P. Bryant
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Ian H. Oram and Margaret E. Fort, who were married this day.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CLENCHWARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 6½ cwt (approx.) in A flat.

Stanley G. Elsey	Treble	*Walter H. Spiller	3
*Helen Spiller	2	†George H. Rich	4
Ernest H. Mastin	Tenor		

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Doubles. Previous peal on these bells, 1912. Rung for the 700th anniversary of this church.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Thurs., Feb. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

Janet E. Hallett	Treble	Michael J. Hallett	5
Roy D Tomlin	2	Christopher C. M. Pain ..	6
*Gordon I. Lucas ..	3	David Sloman	7
Alfred J House	4	Frank V Gant	Tenor

Conducted by Frank V. Gant.
* First peal of Major.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., March 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Ian Foster	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
*Joe E. G. Roast	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Josephine A. Quilter ..	3	George E. Thoday	7
Andrew J. Slade	4	†James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 50th different Surprise Major method to a peal. † 25th peal on the bells. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 5th, on the bells and for the Association.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,728 London 1,152 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol, with 122 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Dennis A. Hewitt	Treble	Peter G. Brown	5
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	Andrew J. Slade	6
Colin G. Wright	3	George E. Thoday	7
*Kenneth Warner	4	†Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	Tenor

Composed by R. G. Crosland. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Spliced. † 100th peal on tower bells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In 50 methods, comprising 120 changes each of Abergavenny, Abingdon, Albanian, Aldenham, Appleton, Banbury, Bedminster, Cambridge, Chepstow, Clifton, Enniskillen, Feltham, Gosforth, Haslemere, Horfield, Inveraray, Langley, Leek, Lincolnshire, London No. 3, Marsden, Metropolitan, Ossett, Pontefract, Poole, Pudsey, Redcliffe, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Staffordshire, Stapleton, Swindon, Sunderland and Yorkshire, 80 changes each of Belgrave, Evercreech, Diseworth, Oakham, Wallington, Wembley, Wrington and York and 40 changes each of Bishopsworth, Fishponds, Lindsey, Merrywood, New Durham, Osgathorpe, Ranmoor and Yeovil, with 125 changes of method.
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Maurice A. New	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	6
Diane M. Chapman	2	Michael J. Hobbs	7
Jennifer M. Taylor	3	Gordon W. Land	8
James R. Taylor	4	D John Hunt	9
Brian Bladon	5	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal as conductor. The greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to a peal.

Appleton	—30—16—50—18—14—50—16—50. 78.16.78. 5.	f
Bishopsworth	—50—16—50—36—1470—58—36—1450—38—3	f
Chepstow	—30—14—50—16—1470—38—16—70. 18.56.18. 7	f
Evercreech	—30—14—50—16—70—18—36—70—18—7	f
Fishponds	—30—14—50—36—1470—38—16—30. 14.38—3	f
Horfield	—50—14—50—12. 30—14—50—14—50—34—5	f
Merrywood	—30—14—50—36—70—18—16—30.14 38—3	f
Poole	—30—16—50—38—1270—18—16—50—18—3	e
Stapleton	—50—14 50—12. 30—14—50—14—50—12—5	f
Wrington	—30—14—50—16—1270—18—16—30.14. 38—3	f

BRISTOL EAST.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Andrew N. Brock	Treble	David Rennolds	5
†Lydia M. Barnett	2	Jonathan G. Rose	6
‡Mandi McCallion	3	Anthony J. Cox	7
Elizabeth M. Emmett ..	4	Michael J. Platt	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.
* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ 25th peal First on eight bells as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.
Rung to mark the election of the treble ringer as Cupid of the U.B.S.C.R.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Feb. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis	Treble	*David D. Smith	5
*Alison M. Mann	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Christopher B. Fynes ..	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*David J. Tubbs	4	*Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of nine-Spliced Surprise Major.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LUGWARDINE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

R. George Morris	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
Jillian Sims	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	6
Frederick Harris	3	Peter D. Sell	7
Martin Smith	4	John Clements	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by R. George Morris.
Rung for St. Matthias' Day and to celebrate the engagement of Miss Monica Greenway and Mr. Neville Little.

ROSS, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

Alan R. Pink	Treble	Brian W. Hall	5
Austin T. Wingate	2	George T. Cousins	6
Christopher C. Clarke ..	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Peter J. Wycherley	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Wed., March 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

David Redfearn	Treble	S Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3	David E. Rothera	7
Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 12 methods, comprising the following extents: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (2) London, (3) Wells, (4) York, (5) Durham, (6) Netherseale, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Augustin V. Good ..	4
*C. Valerie Mills	2	*Keith Sheppard	5
*Francis M. Byrne	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in 12 methods.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat. Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Walter H. Dobbie ..	Treble	Paul J. Dye	5
*Vernon J. Benning	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
*Lawrence T Pope	3	Tony Lewis	7
Edward F. P. Bryant ..	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Rode ick W Pipe. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method
Rung with best wishes to Paul and Erica Dye on their departure from the district. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Paul J. Dye	Treble	†Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Joan Beresford	2	Robert W. Hinde	6
Margaret E. Oram	3	‡Ian H. Oram	7
*Tony Lewis	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Albert J Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of nine-Spliced "inside." † First of nine-Spliced.
‡ Has now "circled the tower." First of nine-Spliced as conductor.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., March 8. 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

Herbert E. Audsley ..	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	John W. Euston	6
John W. Smith	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Christopher T. Osenton ..	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
Rung in memoriam Albert W. Coles and to the memory of John Worth.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
Colin J. E. Wyld	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Simon A. B. Wigg	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

PLUCKLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*Janet B. Gordon	Treble	†Philip Jackson	4
Richard Bushell	2	Peter D. J. Beal	5
Pamela Thomsett	3	Nicholas J. Chesson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.
* First peal. † First "inside."

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B., one of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Stephen Gay	Treble	Christopher J. Easton ..	4
Martin Gay	2	*Peter G. Holden	5
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* 50th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Arthur S. Richards ..	Treble	Christopher M. Movley ..	6
Alison M. Mann	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	7
*James E. Andrews	3	D. Paul Smith	8
Ian H. Oram	4	Stanley Jenner	9
Doris E. Colgate	5	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Royal. First of Lincolnshire Royal by all the band.
Rung with best wishes to Ian Oram and Margaret Fort, married later in the day at St. Mary the Virgin's, Leigh.

TARLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Nigel Goulding	Treble	William E. Court	5
John Ridley	2	John Elliott	6
*Jackie Holmes	3	Martin E. Snape	7
Mary Perry	4	Dennis R. Jones	Tenor

Composed by T. B Worsley. Conducted by Martin E. Snape.
* First peal attempt.
Rung to wish Tom Hesketh, of Liverpool, a speedy recovery.

(Bolton Branch)

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., March 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, comprising two extents St. Clement's College Bob (one calling), two Cambridge Surprise and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt

Joseph Thornley	Treble	James Cunliffe	4
*Neil T. E. Burnett	2	A John Illingworth	5
R. Keith Lister	3	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by James E. Andrews.
* First peal in three methods. First of Minor as conductor.

BARBON, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINIMUS
Being 210 extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. approx.

Kevin M. Price	Treble	William Kenyon	3
*Mary W. Whalley	2	Joseph Whalley	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* 50th peal. First peal of Minimus in the method by all. First peal on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHARNFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., March 2. 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Richard T. E. Hubbard ..	Treble	Michael Vernon	4
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Michael E. Brown	5
Christopher M. Sturgess ..	3	*James Wood	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal
Rung as a compliment to Harry Wood (head ringer at this church). on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 3½ cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Vaughan P. Evans	Treble	Dennis A. Frith	6
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	2	†James R. Holmes	7
*Edgar A. Cole	3	William A. Holmes	8
*Thomas A. Relf	4	‡H Reginald Woods	9
*Charles F. Baxter	5	*H. Leslie Squires	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Dennis A. Frith.
* First peal on the bells. † First of Royal. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung to mark the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Relf, and the 17th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holmes, also as a birthday compliment to E. A. Cole.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Paul S. Reading	Treble	*John Prytherch	5
Charles P. Quartley ..	2	Michael Pilgrim	6
Peter S. Bennett	3	Christopher Ricketts ..	7
*Paul A. Williams	4	David J. Llewellyn ..	Tenor

Composed by A Craven. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a farewell to John Prytherch, who is leaving for Milford Haven, and the Rev J. T. E. Davies (Vicar), who is leaving for Llantarnam, and as a birthday compliment to Ann Pilgrim.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 17 methods as follows: (1) York and Durham Surprise, (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford T B., (5) Grandsire, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (7) Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb. in A flat.

*Andrew W. E. Bainham	Treble	Paul A. Williams	4
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	2	Charles P. Quartley ..	5
Christopher Ricketts ..	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal on six bells. Most Minor methods rung in a peal on the bells, for the Association and by all the band except the conductor.

WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 extents of Reverse Canterbury, 10 Plain Bob, 20 extents and one 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Frederick J. Bailey	Treble	†Richard Hall	4
*Roger Harpole	2	†William H. Harford ..	5
Thomas Yeomans	3	William Dare	Tenor

Conducted by William H. Harford.
* First peal. † First in three methods and first as conductor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Wed., Feb. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of London S., Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

Graham W. Elmes	Treble	John Pladdys	4
*Michael W. Coleman	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
Christopher P. Starbuck	3	Robin R. Churchill	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* Has "circled the tower" to peals.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Feb. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	E. Frederick Gobey	6
John K. Smith	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
Rung for the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gobey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Frederick W. Soden	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Alan R. Pink	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B., one of St. Clement's and two each of Southrepps and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb.

Diane Presdee	Treble	Douglas K. Whitlock	4
*Christine T. Wilkins	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
†Louise A. M. Evans	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Minor "inside." † Most methods to a peal.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., March 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WHITLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

G. John Collett	Treble	*Brian W. Hall	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Bertram J. Coggins	5
Peter Pearce	3	*D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

HINTON WALDRIST Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) York and Durham Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinchurst Bob, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Richard H. Johnston	Treble	John R. Leary	4
Stephen F. Royal	2	Jeremy R. Pratt	5
Richard J. Wilsher	3	Peter H. Mackie	Tenor

Conducted by Peter H. Mackie.
Rung to mark the 150th anniversary of the Appleton bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOIS WEEDON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Mary the Virgin and Peter.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Daphne Webb	Treble	†Betty Mansfield	4
*Ian Blackmur	2	Charles E. Truman	5
William J. Chester	3	James Linnell	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
* First peal "inside." † First in seven methods.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat. March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, all singles.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in A.

*Joseph W. Marshall	Treble	†Christopher W. Tidwell	4
Philip R. Board	2	Ernest H. Amey	5
Roderick A. Bryant	3	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal "inside."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5065 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	John Hartless	7
Michael J. Best	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
*Christopher M. Movley	3	Neil Bennett	9
Thomas H. Francis	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
Philip N. Tubbs	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (No. 14.) Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Stedman and of Cinques.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Denis A. Frith	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Thelma E. Staples	2	Colin W. Reed	6
Christine L. J. Mills	3	Peter Wakefield	7
Beryl N. Reed	4	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner Conducted by William L. Exton.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

OFFTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., March 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 19 methods in seven extents as follows: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (6) Double Court Bob, (7) Oxford and Kent T.B.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	*Alan R. Bridges	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Neville M. Whittell	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lockwood on their 15th wedding anniversary Tenor 9 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUTNEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Christopher F. Mew	Treble	Len Goodall	6
Stanley G. Ponting	2	*Rev. Michael Hart	7
Peter J. Munday	3	†George A. Dawson	8
John R. Pratchett	4	Alan R. Patterson	9
Christopher P. Starbuck	5	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 150th peal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Andrew James, a son for Christopher and Ann Mew.

PUTNEY SURPRISE ROYAL
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	*Martin Powell	5
Robert Edwards	2	Gerald C. Hemming	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Roderick J. Lees	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. Tenor 14 cwt. in F

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Ernest F. Willcox	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
John R. Insley	2	Robert Edwards	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	James Insley	7
Reginald H. Newton	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COLLINGHAM, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Mon., Feb. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Catherine R. Slater	Treble	Susan Mitchell	5
James S Webb	2	Ronald J. Snack	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	H David Holland	7
Ronald R. Warford	4	C Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HEMSWORTH, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Lynne I. Clowe	Treble	‡J. Richard F. Parkin ..	5
C. Barrie Dove	2	Ronald J. Snack	6
†Susan Mitchell	3	Kenneth B. Sissons ..	7
George Hancock	4	John Potts	Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major in the method.
‡ First peal attempt. Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb. in A

LEEDS, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Feb. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 MINSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Catherine R. Slater	Treble	David Nicholls	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Stuart Armeson	6
Ronald J. Snack	3	J Henry Fielden	7
H David Holland	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

Stuart R. Armeson ..	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	David Nichols	6
Ronald J. Snack	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
*Christopher Walker ..	4	Neil Donovan	Tenor

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the fifth.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	Treble	*Eric J. Booth	5
Dorothy T. Gardiner ..	2	†Ronald G. Pike	6
Daniel T. Matkin	3	John Hartless	7
Fred Price	4	Colin Conway	Tenor

Composed by Joe Pigott. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major † First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger Price, son of the ringer of the 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/variations, being 240 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury. Marston, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Foike, Plain Bob, Tichborne, April Day, Kennington, Old, Dedworth and Cadbury Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4

Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5–6
First peal in 21 Doubles methods/variations "in hand" by all.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., Feb. 18, 1968, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 31 methods/variations, being 120 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Marston, Wychbold, Broadwas, Oldswinford, Farnsfield, Salwarpe, Little Aston, Folke, Tichborne, Dedworth, Shenley, Seighford, Wollaston, Windrush, Norfolk and Cadbury, and 240 each of All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St Columb, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Old. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4

Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5–6
Most Doubles methods/variations "in hand" by all and for the Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At Rhossilli, 55, Wick Avenue.
On Sun., March 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11¼ in F sharp.

Gerald Penney	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Brian J. Woodruffe	7–8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At Rhossilli, 55, Wick Avenue.
On Thurs., Feb. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Frederick W. Ellis	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	3–4

Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) ..5–6

COMMON WOOD Chipperfield, Herts.—At Cotoneaster.
On Fri., March 1, 1968, in One Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents On "Kitchen Bells" in E flat.

Michael D. Frost	1–2	Gerald Penney	3–4

Walter Ayre (cond.) 5–6
The band appreciate the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Goodman after the peal and on many other occasions.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

LIVERPOOL, Lancashire.—At 25, Crosgrove Road.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1968, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Susan D. Cowan	1–2	Bruce Wakefield	3–4

David F. Moore (cond.) .. 5–6

LIVERPOOL, Lancashire.—At University Hall.
On Tues., Feb. 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Susan D. Cowan	1–2	David F. Moore (cond.) ..	3–4
Bruce Wakefield	5–6		

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Sun., Feb. 25, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Kenneth R. Davenport ..	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4
*Susanne Sargeant	5–6		

* First handbell peal away from the trebles.

NEW DOUBLES VARIATIONS NAMED

Dear Sir,—May I suggest the following names for variations rung at Litlington on March 1st:—

Bob	Single	Rev Grandsire	Rev. Antelope	Rev. Newark
A	A	St. Non	Rev. Antelope	Selwyn
A	G	St. Benet	Corpus Christi	St. Catharine
A	P	St. Dingad	Sidney Sussex	Winton
A	W	St. Illtyd	Queen's	Petty Cury
G	A	St. Florentius	Newnham	Sidgwick
G	G	Rev. Grandsire	Emmanuel	Rev. Newark
G	P	St. Ystyffan	Trinity Hall	Lady Margaret
G	W	St. Brynach	Downing	New Hall
P	A	St. Elli	Gonville	Darwin
P	G	St. Padarn	Caius	Grantchester
P	P	St. Bride	Girton	Cavendish
P	W	St. Teilo	Pembroke	Ditton
W	A	St. Cleer	Clare	Chesterton
W	G	Fen	King's	Ridley
W	P	Cam	Fitzwilliam	Fairbairn
W	W	Granta	Peterhouse	Barton
		Rev. New G'sire	Rev. New Antelope	Rev. New Newark
A	A	Grange	Rev. New Antelope	Gower
A	G	De Freville	Sparsholt	Burry Port
A	P	Litlington	Upham	Laugharne
A	W	Harston	Barton Stacey	Cardigan
G	A	Modbury	Catherington	Dyfed
G	G	Rev. New G'sire	Abbotsworthy	Rev. New Newark
G	P	Ryton	Crawley	Martyr Worthy
G	W	Headbourne Worthy	Owslebury	Itchen Abbas
P	A	Marple	Preston Candover	Redberth
P	G	Chinley	Chernocke	Caldy
P	P	Hyde	Bramston	Lamphey
P	W	Abberley	Moberly	Tenby
W	A	Stoughton	Fearon	Penally
W	G	Kingsworthy	Kingsgate	Lydstep
W	P	Stoney Middleton	Chesil	Jameston
W	W	Shincliffe	Itchen	Manorbier

A, Antelope; G, Grandsire; P, Pink's; W, Wallflower. (Single is in fact a Reverse All Saints' P.L., but it is more convenient to think of it as Wallflower Single.) All calls are made when the treble is at the back.

If any variations have already been named, or any names have been duplicated, I would be grateful for corrections.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD UNDERWOOD.

DATE TOUCHES

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Feb 29th, 1968 Plain Bob Major: P. D. Hepburn 1, R. I. West (first in method) 2, Marion Kemp 3, Caroline Mackie 4, B. J. Read 5, V Sheppard (50th quarter) 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, R. H. Newton (longest length as cond.) 8. First date touch by all.

SOUTH BENFLEET, ESSEX.—On Feb. 29th, a date touch of Doubles, consisting of eight six-scores and 30 changes, in 29.2.68 leads of New Grandsire (29), Reverse S. Bartholomew (2) and Grandsire (68): D. Bedford 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, S. Halliwell 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, G. Bacon 5, P. Sloman 6. First date touch of its type for at least 100 years.

BENSON, OXON.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wells 1, C. Woodward 2, F. Absolam 3, F. Godden 4, A. Cope 5, B. Gray 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, J. Cherrill 8. For the 100th birthday of Mrs. MacQueen. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. I. Fox (first on eight) 1, M. Journeaux 2, C. Woodward 3, J. Godman 4, D. Woodward 5, B Gray 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, V. Fox 8.

BERROW, WORCS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Clarke (first quarter) 1, J. Clements 2, ... Walters 3, P. Young 4, D. Price (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. W. G. McAvoy.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Sansom 1, Sally Stacey 2, Gillian Read (first "inside") 3, D. Hatherly 4, D. Hughes (cond.) 5, J. Read 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wadey 1, J. Hallett 2, R. Le Marechal 3, J. Colliss 4, T. Chapman (cond.) 5, M. Anstey 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Forder on their wedding anniversary.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. G. Brown 1, Miss J. Millbank (first as cond.) 2, Miss J. Quilter 3, A. Whiffen 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, C. H. Gillingham 6, C. Barker 7, A. R. Syder 8 For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Feb. 13th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: R. H. Newton (cond.) 1, Marion Kemp 2, Enid Hammond 3, M. S. Loveday 4, R. I. West 5, Caroline Mackie 6, Peta Ollen 7, D. L. Nibbs 8, J. M. Hills (first of Caters) 9, B J. Read 10. First of Caters "Inside" 3, 7. First on ten by the Sussex University Guild. For St. Valentine's Day.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: K. Oliver 1, F. Sismey 2, P. A. Smith 3, G. Davis 4, G. Oliver 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CHALGROVE, OXON. — On Feb. 25th 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): V. Fox 1, C. Woodward 2, L Cooper (first m two methods "inside") 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, T. Hurst 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Wickens 1, Carol Gosling 2, D. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. Rung for the last Sunday of Greenwich Mean Time

CHELTENHAM, GLOS. — On Feb. 28th, 1,296 Double Norwich C.B.: Miss F Fairbank 1–2, Miss V. Willard 3–4, H. N. Evans 5–6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7–8. First of D.N.C.B. "in hand" by all.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 29th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): Margaret Jones 1, N. J. Davies 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, C. J. E. Wyld 4, D. C. Manger 5, F. G Hucksteppe 6, J. R. Cooper 7, R. Swift 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major 4, 5. For the birth of a son to Brenda and Nicholas Davies.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Gardner (first quarter) 1, A. B. Lucas (first "inside") 2, A E. W. Baines 3, B. M. Baines (cond.) 4, A. J Butcher 5, W J. Sale 6. Rung for the christening of Mark Anthony Baines, son of ringers of 3 and 4.

DEENE, NORTHANTS. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. S. Russell 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3 M. Hawkins 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5, S. B. Bell 6. For the wedding of Keith Oram and Viviane Dolby.

DOULTING, SOM. — On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Metcalfe 1, P. Wareham (first of Minor) 2, T. Nicholls 3, D. G. Massey 4, D. Orledge 5, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 6.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Alison Cooper (first quarter) 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Susan Main 3, M J. Wake 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, P. Wills 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

FROME, SOM. — On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sally Baker (first of Triples) 1, E. Overend 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. Orledge 4, G. W. Massey 5, N. Abbott 6, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. For Evensong.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,400 Kent T.B. Royal: D. Knox (cond.) 1, G. W. Massey 2, Miss J. Cornwall 3, D. Francis 4, A. Newton 5 M. J. Best 6, R. H. Newton 7, A. K. Fortin 8 D. A. Cornwall 9, S. M. Bailey 10. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: C. Royal 1, A. Newton 2, A. K. Fortin 3, R. J. Snack 4, G. W. Massey 5, S. M. Bailey 6, D. Francis 7, M. J. Best 8, D. A. Cornwall 9, D. Knox (cond.) 10. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,296 Kent T.B. Maximus: M. J. Best 1, D. Knox (cond.) 2, R. J. Collis 3, L. C. Way 4, A. Newton 5, A. K. Fortin 6, D. Francis 7, A. L. Timms 8, R. Biggs 9, R. H. Newton 10, S. M. Bailey 11, D. A. Cornwall 12. First on 12 for 3, 8, 10. First of Kent T.B. Maximus 5, 6.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Whiting 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, C. R. Nunn 3, J. A. Underwood 4, T. Spurling 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6, A. R. Fuller (covering) 7.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Gagen 1 W. Cousins 2, P. Gagen 3, R. Newson 4, R. Harrop 5, E. Greenacre 6, L. Houghton 7, C. Tovell 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 3.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 4, 8 covering): N. Whitehouse 1, C. Peakman 2, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 3, V. Whittaker 4, D. N. Layton 5, F. Preston 6, R. A. Peakman 7, W. Bassam 8. Half-muffled for Evensong and in memoriam Mr. A. E. Morgan, ringer and secretary of this tower, who died this day.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS. — On March 3rd, 1,500 Doubles (four methods): R. T. Falder 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, M. R. Worthington 3, P. C. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, D. M. Hamilton 6. Most methods for all the band. Rung to welcome Andrew Paul, third son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. Rumsey.

LONDON, E.C.—On March 25th, at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 1,140 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob): R. Horder 1, Miss M. Carruthers 2, C. J. Easton 3, R. R. Churchill 4, J. Pladdys (cond.) 5. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. Blake 1, R. Horder 2, C. J. Easton 3, P. G. Holden 4, J. Pladdys (cond.) 5. First in method 1, 2. For Matins by U.L.S.C.R.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: Gladys D. Northway 1, Susan V. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, T. Matcham 5, J. Hartless 6, R. Allinson (cond., 50th quarter) 7, K. Tatt (first on eight) 8. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

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LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's and other methods): M. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. Rung for the birth of a son (Martin Stileman) to Brenda and Nicholas Davies Also on March 3rd, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: M Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Family Communion.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS. — On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. E. Godfrey 1, Miss F. Stocker 2, Miss F. Riley 3, W T. Godfrey 4, F. Harris 5, A. Nunn 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Godfrey.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. Willett 1, Joan Hills 2, D. Stott 3, H. Smith 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Mason and George Hull, both members of the local band, married at Orsett the previous day.

OXFORD. — At St. Ebbe's, on Feb. 6th, 1,440 Oxonian Major: R. H. Johnston (first as cond.) 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, J. R. Leary 3, P. J. Daniel 4, P. H. Mackie 5, P. G. McIlhone 6, J. R. Pratt 7, S. F. Royal 8. First touch in the principle. First of a Major principle by all the band. Constructed and composed by conductor. Rung by O.U.S.C.R. for 16th anniversary of Accession of Queen Elizabeth II. (Oxonian Major: .14.38.38.14.12 (4ths place bob).)

POOLE, DORSET.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stubbington (first of Triples) 1, J. I. P. Davis 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. C. A. Philpott 4, J. Price 5, F. Price (cond.) 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, C. M. Heawood 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd's son, Dudley, who was married to Elaine Parish the previous day at St. George's, Oakdale, Poole

RADLEY, BERKS. — On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Diana Brind (first quarter) 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Valerie Hook 3, Susan Alexander 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5, Margaret Allen 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hadland, grandparents of the ringer of 1. Mrs. Hadland has been a manager of Radley C.E. School for many years. All the ringers with the exception of the 5th, are present or past members of the school.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jose Sadler 1, Janet Gasson 2, Penny Halliwell 3, F. May 4, B. Sadler 5, L. Beal 6, H. Furminger 7, D. Sloman (cond.) 8.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Rose 1, D. Rose 2, C. Hancock 3, B. Coley 4, D. Tamberlin 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For morning service and as a 21st birthday compliment to John Ottley, deputy organist.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): R. Cassidy 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, V. Bedford 3, S. Bedford 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Rung after peal attempt failure. Believed to be the first quarter in ten Double methods on the bells. Also on Feb 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Adrienne Evans (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Nigel Rogers (13) 2, Wendy Ellis (14) 3, Andrew Ellis (13, first as cond.) 4, J. Ramplay (17) 5, Michael Baldry (16) 6. First "inside" 2, 5. Rung for the Youth Service, the preacher being Rev. R. Bird, a member of the Suffolk Guild. First quarter by a complete Saxmundham band since being reformed in 1965.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): N. Brazier (11 years) 1, Julie Horne 2, P. A. Keene 3, D. R. Brazier 4, T. P. Harris 5, T. R. Harris (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the Rev. R. d'E. A. Byrn, former Vicar and Guild president.

SOLIHULL, WARKS. — On March 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. E. Fearn 1, H. C. Spencer 2, Susan Smith 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, V. Green 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, R. J. Cann 8, F. E. Collins 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SOUTH PERROTT, DORSET. — On Feb 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. J. Mears 1, P. R. Board 2, R. A. Bryant 3, C. W. Tidwell 4, T. F. Collins 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6 Also on the same day 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mears 1, P. R. Board 2, R. A. Bryant 3, C. W. Tidwell 4, T. F Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6.

WELLS, SOM.—At the Cathedral, on March 3rd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. G. Beck 1, Sheila Y. Hallett 2, Jacqueline S King 3 G. Hebdon (first of Stedman C.) 4, M. G. Bartlett 5, C. R. Jenkins 6, D. J. King 7, R. C. Taylor 8, E. Naylor (cond.) 9, V. Savage 10. For Evensong.

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BROOKES.—To Lesley (née Eames) and David, on February 23rd, 1968, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, a son, Timothy Charles. Present address: Flat 3, 4, The Drive, West Wimbledon, S.W.20. 3544

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

DUKE—DYKE. — The marriage between Richard Henry Duke and Betty Joan Dyke will take place on Saturday, March 23rd, at St. Peter's Church Dorchester, Dorset, at 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. 3582

RETURN THANKS

COLES.—Mrs. A. W. Coles and Peter wish to thank all the ringers who wrote to and visited Albert Coles during his recent stay in hospital, and those who attended the funeral. —Peter J. Coles. 3552

PERSONAL

"Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death." — Proverbs xi, 4.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DUKE.—The address of Richard and Betty Duke will be 2, River View, St. George's Close, Fordington, Dorchester, Dorset. All friends welcome All communications referring to St. Peter's, Dorchester, should be sent to this address. 3583

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Coach trip to Embleton (6) and Bamburgh (8) on Saturday, May 4th. Coach will leave Bewick Street (opposite Central Station), Newcastle, at 2 p.m. Approximate price 12s. (including tea). Names to reach D. Martin, 25, Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay, by Saturday, March 30th. 3554

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour in Yorkshire, July 7th to 13th H.Q., Sheffield. Party limited to 30. Applications, with s.a.e., to Cecil Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 3570

RICHMOND-ON-THAMES MUSIC FESTIVAL.—Tower- and Handbell Ringing Contest, Isleworth Parish Church, Saturday, April 6th. Tower bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Handbells after tea. Entries accepted on the day. Names for tea, please, to H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. 3560

VETERANS' REUNION, LONDON.—Your "get together" has been "booked" at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 22nd next. All welcome. Write to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 3559

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING

at

CAMBRIDGE

on

Saturday, April 6th.

Ringing: Trumpington (8) 11 to 12.15; St Andrew-the-Great (8) 2 to 3.15; Roman Catholic (8) 5.15 to 6.30; St. Mary-the-Great (12) 6.45 to 8.

Lunch (approx. 10s. 6d.) 12.30 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, Trumpington. Meeting at 3.30, followed by tea. Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London S.W.15, by **Thursday, April 4th.** 3576

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Parish Church of St. Thomas, Newbey, near Rochdale.

Dedication of a new ring of eight bells (tenor 4½ cwt. in C sharp), installed by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

Service to be conducted by The Lord Bishop of Manchester.

Sunday, March 31st, at 10.15 a.m.

The tower will be open for visiting ringers from 2.30 p.m. until Evensong at 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 3569

Preliminary Notice.

MELDRETH, CAMBS

Service of Dedication of the augmented ring of eight by the Rev. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. 3556

UNIVERSITY of LONDON SOCIETY

The summer tour this year will be held in Norfolk from July 6th–14th inclusive (please note change of date). Will all interested in going please write to me for further details by March 30th. — R. R. Churchill, 21, Cornwall House, Allsop Place, London, N.W.1. 3522

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS

First annual dinner will be held at the University on May 4th. Tickets (25s.) from Miss P. Ollen, 683, Kenton Road, Harrow, Middlesex. Ringing arrangements later. Please send names and s.a.e. 3580

ST. MARTIN'S, EPSOM.—Bells now rehung; ringing as usual.—J. C. Davidge, Capt.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Hilary's, March 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 3549

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at All Saints (Stranton), Hartlepool, on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. W Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham. 3548

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District —Meeting at St. Osyth (6), March 23rd. Ringing 3 Service 4.30 Names for tea, please, to J. Avis, 39, Barn Hall Avenue, Colchester. 3517

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewhurst, March 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting and tea Church Hall 4.45 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided but please bring your own food.—Y. L. Eloe, Dis. Sec. 3472

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church, St. Peter's, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. p.m.–5 p.m. Cups of tea only available. Business meeting, then ringing until 8.15.—A. J. Illingworth, Sec. 3558

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Copt Oak (6) on Saturday, March 23rd, 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. —R. M. W. 3543

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Clewer, near Windsor (6 bells) on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 3502

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Surprise practice, Wem, Shropshire, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. All welcome. 3566

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District. — Meeting, Warsop (6), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. for those notifying Mr. H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop. —D. J. Beach Dis. Sec. 3521

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Burwash, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to me at Hailsham 3515 as soon as possible, please.—G. M. FitzHugh. 3568

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Evening meeting to be held at St. Peter's, Derby, on Monday, March 25th, at 7 p.m. 3550

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C. 4, on March 26th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: March 26th, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 2nd, St. Mary-le-Bow; April 16th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 3529

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Yorktown (8), Tuesday, March 26th, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. 3577

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Plain Bob practice, Pebmarsh, March 27th, 7–9 p.m All learners welcome—no age limits. For further details contact District Secretary. 3578

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Bath Branch. — Practice meeting, Keynsham, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 6.30 p.m No practice on Thursday, March 28th.—R. M. Virgin. 3555

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Cramlington (6) on Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3 p.m Names for tea to reach D. Martin, 25, Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay, by Wednesday. March 27th. 3553

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Parks, Dis. Sec. 5575

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch. — Next meeting at Shipton Moyne on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bells in evening until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to D. Carey, 5, Eastern Avenue, Chippenham. 3567

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bitton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. **Most essential** names for tea to R. H. Driver, 361, Church Road, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol, before Wednesday, March 27th.—R. H. D. 3581

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Practice, Holme Lacy (8) on Saturday, March 30th, at 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 3518

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual District meeting at Thames Ditton, March 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey. Telephone No. 01-398 4681. 3531

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Thornhill, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) available 3.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. to Mrs E. Wood, 38, Valley Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury, by previous Wednesday. 3565

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Inns, 1, Woodsfield, Brixworth, by Wednesday previous, please. Evening ringing at Pitsford until 8.30 p.m. 3519

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wappenham on March 30th. Service 4 p.m. Lois Weedon bells available 7 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates. 3572

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, Loughborough, Saturday. March 30th. Foundry bells 3 p.m. Tea at Church Hall 5 p.m. Parish Church bells after business meeting. Names for tea to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford (Phone Nottingham 233506), by March 28th. 3571

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Ten-bell practice at All Saints', Kingston, Saturday, March 30th, 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—N Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 3573

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingswood, Saturday March 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Taylor 71 Shelvers Way, Tadworth, by previous Wednesday.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 3520

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Priors Marston (6), April 6th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 More ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Napton (6) will also be open 2.30–3.30. Business includes election of Dis. Sec. and committee members. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam. Leamington Spa. Tel. Southam 2510. Regret—no names, no teas for this meeting. 3516

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Annual meeting of the above on Saturday, April 6th, at Egremont, Cumberland. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by April 1st. **No names, no tea.** 3574

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Holbeton on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Noss Mayo (8) 7.30 to 9 Numbers for tea please, to R. A. Southwood. Branch Sec. 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone Plymouth 36891) by Monday, April 1st. 3532

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Frampton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by April 1st. 3551

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Rochester on Easter Monday, April 15th Service 12 noon, followed by luncheon and meeting.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3509

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be at Accrington on Saturday, April 27th. Towers open: Whalley 10.30–11.30, Darwen 12.30–1.30, Blackburn Cathedral 1–2.30, Oswaldtwistle 2–4, Accrington 2–4.15. Service 4.15 at Accrington. Tea in Willow Street School 4.45, followed by the annual general meeting. Ringing afterwards at St. Peter's, Burnley, till 8 p.m., and Accrington till 9 p.m. Requests for other Blackburn Branch towers to J. Pilkington, 407, Whalley Road, Accrington. St. Michael's, Blackburn (morning), Holy Trinity, Burnley (evening) will be open if required. Names for tea (4s. each), including money with stamped addressed envelope, to Mr. A. V. Williams, 289, Whalley Road, Accrington, by April 19th.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 3514

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM J. ROBINSON

With the passing of Mr. William J. Robinson (Robbie), one more link with Alfred H. Pulling's famous pre-war band at Holy Trinity, Guildford, has been broken. Robbie, who was 86, passed away peacefully on March 5th at the home of his grandson in New Cross, London. Although in failing health for several years, his death came suddenly. He was a very active man and right to the end he had his daily walk.

Because of his health he had not been able to ring for the last six years but he was still keenly interested in ringing affairs and, until his failing eyesight prevented him from doing so, was an ardent reader of "The Ringing World." He was a kind and gentle man, although his bushy eyebrows and gruff voice gave him a fierce appearance, enough to frighten the timid and the not-so timid.

Robbie started his ringing career at Olney, Bucks. After serving in the R.A.M.C. in the first World War he moved to Dorset, following his trade as a basket-maker. In 1926 he moved to Guildford and joined the band at Holy Trinity. Until then he had rung little more than the standard methods and only a few peals, but he quickly mastered the more intricate methods and was soon ringing peals of Surprise Major in many methods. He was a safe and reliable ringer and a good handler. For this reason Alf Pulling nearly always placed him for peal ringing on the 3rd at Holy Trinity, which with the 4th and 7th was well known for its habit of dropping suddenly on the unwary, but Robbie was seldom caught out.

His record of peals is not immediately available but it is believed he rang over 300, about half of these after he had reached his 60th birthday. They included the first ever peal of Spliced Surprise Major and a long length of Double Dublin He did not aspire to being a conductor, but did call about a dozen peals, including Holt's Original, on a number of occasions.

He was steeplekeeper at Holy Trinity for many years and was never absent from the tower for Sunday ringing and practices right up to 1958, when circumstances beyond his control necessitated his leaving Guildford and his beloved tower.

He was a good and faithful friend and his passing will be mourned by all who knew him.

F. A. M.

MR. ALBERT W. COLES

Appreciations

Albert W. Coles was one of two highly respected and admired brothers whose main ringing activities were centred in and around the London area. "Bert" and "Tom" Coles earned their tributes by personality, hard work and achievement.

In 1903 at St. George-in-the-East Albert was invited to be taught to handle a bell—only after having "sat through and watched" the two previous practices! However, within three years he had, in this tower, rung his first peal. He was elected a member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in 1905 and served this Association very well for many years, culminating in being Master (1935–39) and a vice-president (1943–53). He represented the Association on the Central Council in 1948. His great service to the Exercise was as an instructor, either leading or assisting, and just some of the towers which benefited from his tuition were St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bethnal Green, Clerkenwell, Cubitt Town, Holloway, Islington and North Mymms.

He achieved fame by being a member of the William Pye band, during which time many records were made, such as 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow; first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Exeter Cathedral; first of Spliced Surprise Maximus at Chelmsford Cathedral; 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow; first of Spliced Surprise Royal at St. Magnus', London Bridge. and the pioneering series of Spliced Surprise Major in 3 to 12 methods. His peal total was 479, conducted 12, all on tower bells. This seems unusual, for he was quite capable of conducting more and of ringing a handbell peal. Stedman remained his favourite for ringing and conducting.

Mention, of course, must be made of the Veterans' Reunion, which Albert originated and put into effect so successfully. He had done some excellent signwriting of peal boards, usually gold leaf on a black background to his own significant design, and made some beautiful pen and ink drawings of church towers, all of which will remain a memorial to him. He was a lover of the open countryside, and had walked many miles in various parts of the country, though the Sussex beauty spots were his favourite visiting places.

To his widow, son and daughter-in-law are extended sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

T. J. L.

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I first met Bert Coles when I was a bashful "teenager"—in the days when ladies were not always welcome in the belfry. Always ready and willing to help inexperienced ringers, he had great patience together with a quiet, unassuming manner, which did much towards making the beginner feel at ease.

Little did I know then that we were to be neighbours in North Mymms for nearly 30 years. Tom and I will always be grateful to Bert for introducing us to the village where he had himself settled and where we subsequently made our home. May he rest in peace.

KATHLEEN M. LOCK.

QUARTER PEALS

BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. W. Carbutt 1, G. Scourfield 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. First quarter 2, 4. For evening service.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Caroline Stewart 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, D. R. McLean 3, J. M. Rice 4, R. M. Day 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6, P. N. Mackley 7, P. J. Bagshaw (25th quarter) 8. By N.U.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURITON, HANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. N. deCombe (first quarter) 1, K. Tipper 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, H. deCombe 5, Mrs. A. Hall 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Richard A. J. Pocock.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Rose Wratten (ocnd.) 3, Annie Rayner 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, W. Beeching 6. A farewell to the Rev. J. Lambourne.

CANTERBURY, KENT. — At the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ, on March 2nd, 1,121 Grandsire Cinques: R. J. Birch 1, K. I. Davis 2, J. Hedgcock 3, Rachel J. Sinden 4, Pamela E. Powell 5, Dr. D. H. Niblett 6, D. Chatfield 7, P. Tombs 8, P. Heritage 9, R. J. Carr 10, E. R. Venn 11, J. B. Keeler 12. First on 12 for 1 and 12.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine Murray (first quarter on eight) 1, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 2, Yvonne Murray 3, E. G. Roast 4, T. Spurgeon 5, P. J. Came 6, J. West 7, I. J. M. Saunders 8. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Rowling 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, E. W. Roast 3, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 4, P. J. Came 5, T. R. Roast 6, J. West 7, Yvonne Murray 8. A farewell to Martin Rowling who is leaving the district.

DINGLEY, NORTHANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): R. S. Russell 1, J. G. Mitchell 2, R. J. Cowley 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4, S. B. Bell 5.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. R. Owen (first quarter) 1, D. A. McEndoo 2, Miss G. G. Winnett 3, C. J. Reede 4, D. H. T. Taylor 5, Miss H. M. Hubert (first as cond.) 6, J. P. O. Barry (first "inside" of Triples) 7, L. R. Taylor 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Geraldine Winnett.

EDMONTON, MIDDX. — On Feb. 25th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Trudy Newcombe 1, Beryl Platt 2, Carole Francis 3, Gloria Simpson 4, Jacquie Hedges 5, Teresa Langdon 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. Willcocks 8. For Evensong. A birthday and engagement compliment to Beryl.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on March 3rd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, M. J. Uphill 2, Deborah Bishop 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, R. L. Jones 5, A. J. Hampton 6, L. C. Way 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, E. J. Adams 10. First of Stedman Caters 4, 5. For Evensong.

GRANTHAM, LINCS. — On March 3rd, 1,205 Grandsire Caters: Ann Woodhouse 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, V. P. Evans 3, D. A. Frith 4, C. F. Baxter 5, J. R. Holmes 6, J. W. Watson 7, P. A. Slight (cond.) 8, H. R. Woods 9, A. W. Crawford 10. First of Caters 1, 5. For Evensong.

GROTON SCHOOL, MASS, U.S.A.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. S. Cheeve 1, P. L. Chandler 2, A. G. K. Solbert 3, G. Davies 4, F. E. Ulen 5, A. McDonald (first as cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. E. Ulen 1, A. G. K. Solbert 2, G. McC. Johnson 3, J. T. Erichsen 4, P. P. Bundy 5, A. McDonald (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. E. Ulen 1, A. G. K. Solbert 2, G. McC. Johnson 3, S. B. Prudden 4, G. Davies 5, A. McDonald (cond.) 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS. — On March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Shilvock 1, L. Clisset 2, A. Pickering 3, T. Greenhall 4, M. Lashford 5, M. I. Ellsmore 6, P. Brown 7, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

KENTISBEARE, DEVON. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Summers 1, F. Stamp 2, B. Coles 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6. First of Bob Doubles 2, 3.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Hull 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, Lesley A. Hawes 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, C. D. Collin 7, B. J. Stone (cond.) 8. First Bob Major "inside" 2, 5. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

LONDON. — At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Feb. 18th, 1,253 Stedman Caters: Ruth E. Havard 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, R. R. Churchill 3, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 4, M. W. Coleman 5, J. S. Seager 6, L. Barry 7, R. O. Humphries 8, S. C. Walters 9, R. W. Powell 10. For Evensong by members and friends of the U.L.S.C.R.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Angela Quick 3, R. Williamson 4, H. G. Keeley 5, F. Knight 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, M. Simmons 8. In memory of E. G. Keeley (father of 2 and 5) who died on Feb. 24th, nearly 80 years a choirman.

MARCH, CAMBS. — On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Readshaw (first of Minor) 1, P. H. Langton 2, W. Moore 3, M. Goakes 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For Family Service.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Bradley 1, J. R. Whittaker (first "inside") 2, M. F. Brook 3, R. Carey (first "inside") 4, J. L. Birdsall (first as cond.) 5, D. R. Garner (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Johnson.

NORTHAMPTON. — At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hughes (first in method away from tenor) 1, W. J. Allen 2, H. Bryan (first in method) 3, T. Wooding (first Grandsire Triples) 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, C. Lamberton 6, W. J. Dove (cond.) 7, F. A. Farey 8. Rung with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Farey on the occasion of their golden wedding. Mr. (Bill) Farey was for many years a chorister and ringer at All Saints'.

OBERLIN, OHIO, U.S.A.—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ellen Moore (first quarter) 1–2, Lynette Olson (first quarter) 3–4, Ann Gardner (first as cond. and first "in hand") 5–6.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Georgina Gray 1, B. G. Benstead 2, Elizabeth M. Barber (first in two methods as cond.) 3, R. Benstead 4, R. H. Allsworth 5, A. E. Ivings 6. For Evensong and to celebrate the 63rd birthday of Mr. R. H. Allsworth.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: B. Branston 1, R. W. Smith 2, M. Parker 3, G. Davis 4, P. A. Smith 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung by a Sunday service band in memoriam Mr. A. W. Spencer, on the day of his funeral.

PETHAM, KENT.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Southon 1, Felicity Wood 2, Dawn V. A. Petts 3, C. W. J. Beeching (cond.) 4, H. Seward 5, P. Southon 6. For the wedding of Janet Brown and Robert Wallace.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana Birkett (15, first quarter) 1, H. Milward 2, Mrs. Ann Hall 3, C. Milward 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, Cecily Roberts 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Church.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Everest 1, Miss J. Leppard (first of Minor) 2, Miss C. Cheseman 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. P. Sherlock 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6.

UPHAM, HANTS. — On March 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Edwards (first quarter) 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, P. Page 4, R. Green 5, E. W. Colley (cond.) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On Feb. 11th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Murfitt (first away from tenor) 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Susan F. Thomas (first of Caters in method) 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, June Whitcher 5, D. J. Hawkins 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, R. Durrant 9, R. J. Chapman 10. For Matins.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Carter 1, P. Carter 2, Linda Frankland (first "inside") 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Carter 1, Anne Oakley 2, P. Carter 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. A welcome to the Rev. Ronald Smith, new curate.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Morris 1, D. Sayers 2, R. Repton 3, D. Franklin 4, P. Cattermole 5, R. Sheppard 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. Stanier 8. For Evensong and in memory of Canon A. P. Shepherd, former Canon of the Cathedral for 20 years.

YATTON, SOM.—On March 1st, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: W. S. Rice 1, Brenda Boyce 2, R. W. Rice 3, I. Sheppard 4, P. J. England 5, G. Hebden 6, M. G. Bartlett 7, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 8. First of Bristol 2, 4, 6.

BEVERLEY DISTRICT WARNED ABOUT FLOPPY STYLES

THE Beverley Society annual general meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Hull, on February 10th. Because of the market being held adjacent to the church, it had been decided to hold the business meeting before the service. Perhaps this arrangement affected the attendance as only 34 members were present.

The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mr. K. Kirk, and the annual report and financial statement were formally approved. Eleven meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 41, and in September a "one-day course" on various aspects of bellringing was well attended. Subsidy of the course was partly the cause of the financial situation being not quite as good as last year. Only 15 new members were elected compared with 37 in 1966 and 44 in 1965.

During the year 19 peals and 39 quarter peals were rung for the Society.

RINGING MASTER'S REPORT

Mr. K. Ducker, the Ringing Master, stated that progress had been maintained during 1967, but perhaps regrettably not at enough "new" towers. Beverley St. Mary's, Cottingham, Kirk Ella, Hessle, Sutton and Walkington still seem to be the "strongholds," with they would hope, Market Weighton, Hedon, Rise and Roos plugging away, trying to improve their lot with insufficient support at their practice evenings. He hoped this would be overcome by the arranging of "open" practice evenings at convenient towers. Be not afraid. It was never the intention for these "open" practices to be for the advanced ringers only. "Something for all" should be the motto.

"Methods mean little if attention is not paid to striking. I have noticed one or two 'floppy' styles during the year. It is most irritating when people allow their bells to drop spasmodically, so spoiling what might have been a good touch. Mr. W. F. Moreton's illustrated lecture was well worth attending at the one-day course; doubtless there were some attending other more 'advanced' stuff, when they would have profited much from a lesson or two in handling. Style does matter, and it is basic to good striking."

Concluding, Mr. Ducker writes: "As long as I've been ringing there has never been more interest in the area as there is at present. Certainly we have reached heights in Surprise Major ringing hitherto undreamed of in this area."

The president, vice-president, Ringing Master, assistant secretary, hon. auditors and librarian, Mr. K. Kirk, Mr. N. W. Castle, Mr. K. Ducker, Miss J. Gray, Mr. F. Scorney, Miss C. Ham and Mr. A. B. Cooper were re-elected. Mr. Cooper resigned from the office of secretary and was succeeded by Mrs. D. S. Johnson, and Mr. N. Pailing followed the Rev. F. Ross as Assistant Ringing Master. The committee consists of Messrs. I. Booth, D. S. Johnson, J. Brook and two new members—Miss I. Piper and Mr. R. Horton.

After the meeting the service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Bridgman, and handbells were rung during Psalm 150.

Tea was taken in the Choir School, after which the president of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. V. Bottomley, presented the Albert Sellars Memorial Cup to Mr. R. Ducker, representing Sutton, the band who were judged to have made the most progress during 1967.

More ringers arrived after tea and the bells were put to good use until 9 p.m.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At All Saints' Church, on March 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Chamberlain 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, Judith Corby 3, J. H. Bluff 4, P. A. Corby 5, A. J. Corby (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Tibbert, of Stamford, Mrs. Tibbert being aunt to the 5th ringer.

OUR COMPETITION
URANGWOT III

Forty-five entries were received and the author is grateful for several encouraging remarks. One entry even came from a non-ringer—a great pity, when he writes from New Court, St. John's College, Cambridge—an address to delight any campanologist! Ladies supplied 16 entries (81 per cent. correct), while gentlemen supplied 29 entries (72 per cent. correct). Is it time to form a Gentlemen's Guild?

From the correct entries the name drawn as the winner was B. J. Couzens, 110, Debden Road, Saffron Walden, Essex.

Solution:

David is not a boy and is not Mr. White, being next to Mrs. White. He must be the other man and Mr. David Black. The remaining adult male Christian name, Edward, must go with White to give Mr. Edward White. Alice is not Mrs. Black, being adjacent to Mr. Black, and is not Mrs. White so must be Mrs. Alice Green. Edward is a White, so Brenda and Fred are not Whites. Mrs. White must be Carol, leaving Brenda to be Mrs. Brenda Black. Fred is of the third family and must be Fred Green.

Thus far and with the restrictions on neighbours we have

(Ignored)		8	1	Alice Green
Not a woman or a Green	7		2	David Black
	6		3	Carol White
		5	4	Not a woman or a White

Fred Green to be as far away from Mrs. Green must be 4 or 5. The remaining woman, Mrs. Black, must be 5 or 6, and if George were her son he would have to be on 1, 2 or 3 for furthest separation. George must be George White as he could not achieve satisfactory separations from Mrs. Green and Fred Green. This leaves very few combinations to try and the only acceptable one quickly emerges as:—

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5 Mr. Edward White — 6 Mrs. Brenda Black
7 Master George White — 8 [T. Surr]

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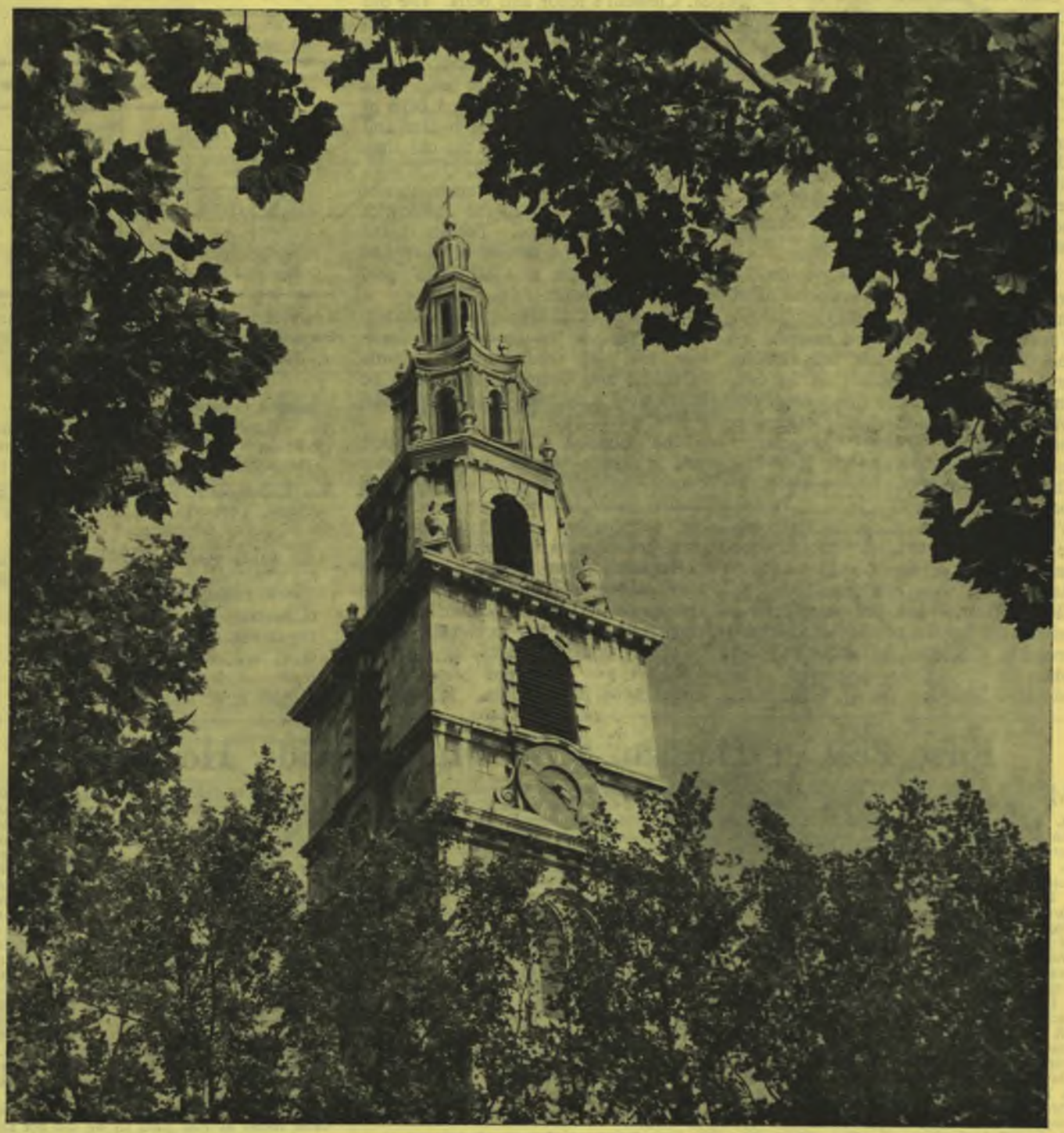
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The Church of St. Clement Danes, London

OUR COVER PICTURE

The Church of St. Clement Danes

NO! our unusual front page photograph is not in the depths of the country, but in the heart of London —the Royal Air Force steeple of St. Clement Danes in London's Strand, added to the original Wren's Church in 1719.

Both the names of St. Clement and "Danes" have been associated with churches on the present site since the ninth century. St. Clement was a Bishop of Rome and is commemorated by the anchor motif on some of the present church finishings. In the ninth century it is alleged that when King Alfred expelled the Danes from the City of London, those who had married English wives settled just outside the city walls—the site of St. Clement Danes.

Spanning some ten centuries to the twentieth, we arrive at that grim night on May 10th, 1941, when the famous Wren church was reduced to ruins by one of the enemy's last fire assaults on London. The grand old 24 cwt. ring of ten bells came down from the tower in pieces and shortly after this the London County Association learned of the passing of its Hon. Chaplain, the Rev. Pennington-Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes. Without his beloved church and bells he had no will to live. In 1839 the headquarters of the London County Association was established in St. Clement Danes and 102 years later a substantial portion of the Association's property was burnt in the tower room when the church was destroyed. The late E. Alexander Young, F.R.I.B.A., a parishioner of St. Clement Danes, included in the design of the L.C.A. certificates references to St. Clement's.

These are the anchor and escallop shell, allusion to the world-famous folk songs with swags of handbells, oranges and lemon, also the signature E flat major which was the key of the old St. Clement's tenor and bells. The old bells were a product of the Whitechapel Foundry, being cast in 1693, and prior to the war were an extremely fine 24 cwt. ring of ten.

Today, the new ring of ten bells at St. Clement's is somewhat lighter and of a different character to the old ring. They were first rung in 1958, and with all the fabric and other furnishings of the church are now in the custody of the Royal Air Force. Tablets in the tower record the details of that fine performance—the first all-ladies' peal of Stedman Caters.

An eleventh bell has been added to enable the electrically-operated carillon to play the nursery rhyme "Oranges and Lemons", which can be heard at 9 a.m., mid-day, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day.

The London County Association still continues its close links with this church, holding the service prior to its annual general meeting in it and ringing the bells for Sunday service on at least one Sunday in each month.

Regularly year-by-year the L.C.A. also rings handbells at the annual Oranges and Lemons service and the ringing is frequently broadcast afterwards. On the last occasion—March, 1967—it was seen and heard in all Pathé news programmes. H. W. R.

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First Peal at Durban, S.A., Met Outside Hostility

MARCH 9th dawned nice and cloudy, which augured well for our peal attempt at St. Mary's, Greyville, Durban. Fortunately the weather stayed cool and we were able to complete our peal in 2 hours and 49 minutes in a temperature of only 70 degrees F., this being the coldest day for months.

The peal represented the culmination of three months of intensive effort by St. Mary's ringers aided and abetted by Cyril Chambers of St. Paul's, and Geoffrey Armitage, a ringer from the West Riding of Yorkshire, who has been in Durban since December and who is returning to the U.K. at the end of March.

However, the peal was not rung without incident! One of the ringers had forgotten all about the peal and had gone to the cinema! Thus, at very short notice, i.e. five minutes, Robert Philogene's younger brother, David, was roped in to ring the second. David is 14 years old and has only been ringing for three years. David is at school, as is his 16-year-old brother, Robert, who has been ringing for five years. Our tenor man, Roderick Callum, is 17, also still at school.

John Maeder is the manager of the Glenwood, Durban, branch of Barclays Bank—Barclays ringers in England please note! John has been a faithful member of St. Mary's band for over 25 years, during most of which time he has managed to keep a Grandsire Doubles band ringing for Sunday services He and his team are now beginning to make progress with Plain Bob Doubles and Minor.

Cyril Chambers learned to ring 35 years ago at Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire. He has been the mainstay of ringing here for the last 23 years. This was his first peal for 32 years. It was only his fifth peal, all of which have been of Grandsire, his last one being Grandsire Caters at Kidderminster on June 6th, 1936, conducted by Charles H. Woodberry. During recent years he has had to devote a little less of his time to ringing as his wife is now crippled with rheumatoid arthritis. However, he is always happy to welcome any visiting ringer to Durban. He can be contacted during business hours at phone number 62722, and during other times at 878274.

Just after the halfway mark in the peal we were subjected to ten minutes of banging on the ringing chamber door and much switching on and off of lights. Fortunately, as the daylight began to fade, the caretaker came to the church and saw that we were in darkness and restored our lights. All was quiet for a while after this until about six extents from the end, when the banging began afresh. We were later told that about 20 people were outside the church, along with a posse of the South African Police. As the end was in sight someone finally managed to break the ringing chamber door down. Fortunately we were able to keep the intruders at bay and finish the peal.

Right at the end of the peal the Rector arrived and was able to disperse the crowd. It is much to the credit of the first-pealers that they kept going through all this, although the striking did suffer in places. We should also like to record our gratitude to the Rector for allowing the peal attempt and quarter peals.

This is the first time a peal has ever been rung in Durban, and change ringing (particularly in long lengths) is completely foreign to the bulk of the population here. The peal came round at 7.20 p.m., so we did not keep too many children from getting to sleep! It is hoped that any future efforts will meet with a better reception! The following day we made front page news in the local paper. G. A.

Truro Guild's Year of Progress

THE 1968 annual general meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Launceston on March 2nd and was attended by about 65 ringers. The president, Mr. Alan Carveth, opened the meeting by ringing the Guild bell, and prayers were led by the Vicar of St. Mary's, Canon W. G. R. K. Steer, who welcomed the meeting to Launceston. There were several apologies for absence, including one from the Guild treasurer, Mr. S. J. Robinson, who was stricken down with bronchitis only a few days earlier. Silent tribute was paid to the members who had died since the last meeting—E. Friend, S. Gerry, W. C. Osborne, G. W. Read, E. B. Williams and P. R. C. Williams.

There were no matters arising from the minutes and, on behalf of the treasurer, the general secretary presented the accounts, balances of £101 in the General Fund and £48 in the Badge Account being recorded.

In his first report as Ringing Master Mr. W. C. Boucher spoke well of the various functions he had attended, making special mention of the warm welcome he had always been afforded. The highlight of the meeting was the comprehensive report of the peal secretary, Miss Marion L. Lidgey, in which she mentioned the 15 peals rung during 1967, of which four were by entirely resident bands, and four ringers rang their first peals. Sixty-five quarters were rung with 94 "firsts" amongst them.

The general secretary gave a brief account of the Central Council meeting at Nottingham and the chairman gave a report on the library on behalf of his wife. The library was always in need of more books and particularly of gifts of "The Ringing World between the years 1924 and 1966.

The election of officers followed and all were re-elected with the exception of the librarian as the office was vacant, Mrs. Carveth having undertaken to run the department until the annual general meeting. Mr. Robert Peel Pearce was elected to that office, the fact that he lives next door to the general secretary being purely coincidental!

It was decided to hold the summer festival at St. Winnow on July 6th (if convenient) and the 1969 annual general meeting at Helston on March 1st.

Under the general heading of any other business several matters were dealt with. The elections during 1967 of the following non-resident life members were confirmed: C. J. Clarke, E. M. Cooper, P. J. Dye, H. Griffiths, D. K. Knowles, F. D. Mack, G. E. Mudge, L. A. Perry, J. R. Scott, E. E. Speake, M. J Stone and B. J. Wylde. The chairman drew the attention of the meeting to "The Ringing World" with the Cornish tower on the cover and the general secretary offered anyone details of the new scheme "A Squarer Deal for Learners," which raised a certain amount of interest. Mr. Ted Langley proposed that the Guild donate £10 to the Rev. A. S. Roberts towards the cost of completing his church at Carbis Bay and this was approved. Mr. Roberts was unable to attend the meeting due to work on his church.

The meeting was then closed and followed by tea, for which the Launceston people were thanked by Mr. Harry Miles. The bells in the neighbourhood were soon put to good use.

A. J. D.



MR. ROBERT PEEL PEARCE

the new Guild librarian, who was born in 1952, has the distinction of being the youngest person to have learned to ring at Truro Cathedral, being only 9½ years old when he started. He is one of a family of five, four of whom are ringers at the Cathedral—the youngest being at present too young. Mr. Pearce has been responsible for several improvements, including the belfry carpet.

THE HIGHER SIDE OF RINGING

By the Rev. D. G. SMITH

ADDRESSING the Surrey Association at its meeting at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, on January 27th, the Rev. D. G. Smith looked at ringing from a new angle. He presented the ringer as an interpretative artist, and change ringing not as an anxious hit-and-miss affair but potentially a glorious and joyful art. His text was familiar to all ringers:

"Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals, Praise him upon the loud cymbals."

"I should be belittling your calling were I to say that the ringing of bells was a sentimental exercise, or something that merely served to remind us of the past. The ringing of bells is an art, and art is always a serious matter. True art is always concerned ultimately with praise of God. That doesn't mean to say that the only pictures worthy of the name of art have religious subjects, or that the only true poetry is devotional. It doesn't mean that the only music of real worth is that heard in church.

"Dylan Thomas, the Welsh poet, who was ribald and Rabelaisian at times, and whose poems, deeply felt as they are, are anything but pious in the churchy sense, claimed that they were written for love of Man and in praise of God, and, he added, 'I'd be a damn fool if they weren't.' This was not merely a superstitious looking over the shoulder. He knew that the very rhythms and cadences he used in his verse were an echo of the harmonies of God's creation. In using them he was offering them back to God, who had given them: offering them in thanksgiving and praise. Therefore what he wrote was poetry and sometimes great art.

"Michaelangelo, releasing titanic human figures from the blocks of stone he carved gave back praise to God for the creation of Man. So his work is great art. Henry Moore, the English sculptor, echoing natural stone and rock-formations in his strange carvings of men and woman and abstract shapes gives back praise to God for the creation of the hills and dales of his native Yorkshire. So his work attains the dignity of true art.

INTERPRETATIVE ARTIST

"In music the composer is the great creative artist—echoing the music of the spheres, the dance of the planets, the alternation of the seasons, life, death and resurrection. But in music we have, too, the performer, the interpretative artist, the solo violinist or pianist or trumpeter—or the orchestral player.

"The change ringer is, or should be, an interpretative artist—a performer or one of the a band of performers like the orchestral player. Like all interpretative artists, he or she will have to serve a long apprenticeship and be prepared to submit to a stern and exacting discipline. Perhaps in change ringing there is more call for teamwork and less chance for individual prowess than in any other art.

"And what are the elements of this art? As I see it, and I'm no expert, strong, simple rhythm and tunes of considerable subtlety and complexity, the whole being the product of manual skill and mental concentration and sheer dedication to mathematics. These elements, at their best, echo the rhythms and order of God's creation."

"I have observed this, as it were, from the outside, not being a ringer myself. But I think I have been able to detect in the tower here at St. Peter's the point at which change ringing passes from being an anxious hit-and-miss affair to being potentially a glorious and joyful art. One notices it, naturally, more often with more experienced ringers but sometimes in the course of a few rounds of call changes with beginners there comes a moment when the team—or band, as I suppose I should call it—achieves a kind of unity and accord. The individuality of the ringers is lost. Hand, eye and brain are dedicated to a rhythm and a tune, the striking is rhythmic and true, and the tower itself will rock in sympathy; ever so slightly!

TRANSMUTED INTO AN ART

"It is not for me to say how often this moment of accord is reached in this or any other tower, but I expect you know what I mean, I expect you recognise what I have tried to express in non-technical terms. This to me is the essence of bellringing—or change ringing—and as I see it this is all transmuted into an art at the point where it is offered back to God. The moment of perfection and the working towards that moment—both must be offered.

"I say 'must' because art carries with it obligations and responsibilities. Bellringing carries with it obligations and responsibilities. Ringers handle the largest and loudest of percussion instruments. The tunes of the bells, for good or ill, can be heard from one end of a small town to another. But ringers are handling more than this. They are dealing with the rhythms and cadences of God's universe, and these can only be approached and learned about in humility and with a sense of dedication.

"I have heard it said, and you have have heard it said, too, that bellringing is a folksy and backward-looking art; a thing stuck in the past. Perhaps where people are frivolous about it—and by 'frivolous' I mean where they see it as an end in itself—this can be true. Such an attitude pulls any art down from its true place of dignity. But the ultimate end of bellringing, as with all art, is to praise God, and where this ideal is maintained it will always be relevant and valuable and an adornment of life. Many of you, I expect, strive for this ideal already. It is up to you who do to encourage your fellow-ringers to follow your example. It was the peculiar genius of the Jews that they saw everything as coming from God and returning to Him. The humblest percussion instrument was used as a means of offering praise: 'Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals,' sang the psalmist. In an age when God's praises are sung but faintly it is your proud responsibility to summon by bells, to call men back to a truer sense of God's creation and of their dependence upon his might and mercy and love."

Plain Bob Minor Without Singles

F. T. Blagrove Gives the Long-awaited Answer

Two types of bobs are used—the common bob in which seconds place is moved to fourths place, and the Holt bob in which sixths place is moved to fourths place. These Holt bobs are called so as to affect the treble, viz.:—

426153	416352	436251
462513	461532	463521
645231	645123	645312
654213	654132	654321
562431	561423	563412
526341	516243	536142

The first Holt, in which the treble dodges 56 up, puts the changes out of course. The second Holt, in which the treble makes fourths and in, retains the bells out of course. The third Holt in which the treble dodges 5–6 down, puts the bells back in course. The above three Holts form a Q-set, but one which cannot be used to join together three plain courses.

To obtain the extent of Bob Minor without singles, any one of the C.C. Collection Extents Nos. 1 to 6 is used to give the in-course 360. Anywhere within this 360 the out-of-course 360 can be inserted by means of one of the following:—

By John Holt:
Call the treble 56 up, followed by BPPPBPPPPBBPP, call the treble to make fourths, followed by BPPPPBPPP BBPPPPBP, call the treble 56 down and finish the in-course 360.

By F. T. Blagrove:
Call the treble 56 up, followed by BBPBBPBBP, call the treble to make fourths, followed by PBBPBBPPBBPBB PPBBPBBP, call the treble 56 down, and finish the in-course 360.

TWO ANSWERS

BOB MINOR WITHOUT SINGLES WAS IN "CLAVIS"

Dear Sir,—I have no idea what composition of Bob Minor Mr. Blagrove rang at Dorney, but the information on ringing 720's without singles has been available in print since at least 1788. In the "Clavis" of that date, on page 28, is given the following 720:—

	123456	—	132564
		—	465321
—	123564	—	145236
—	465213	—	145362
—	153264	—	134562
—	142536	—	125346
—	154236	—	125463
—	154362	—	142563
—	456123	—	135426
—	135462	—	135264
—	143562		123456
—	125436		
—	125364		

The trick, of course, lies in the calls which affect the treble; examination of the nature of the rows shows that between the first and third calls affecting the treble the bells are out of course.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD SPEED.

Hillmorton, Rugby.

DIXON'S AND HOLT'S VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—Plain Bob Minor without singles is not a new invention; the surprising thing is that it has been lost sight of for so long. A 720 is attributed to John Holt, and for all I know this may have been one of those used by Mr. Blagrove.

The Central Council recommends that only one type of bob and single should be used in any composition, and that although it is preferable to have them at the "traditional" place there is no reason why they cannot be elsewhere. Holt put three of his fourths-place bobs inside leads. At one of these the treble makes fourths at the others it dodges in 5–6. The dodge means that it comes back to lead two blows late, and because of the nature of the rows (which is not changed by a bob) the bob has the effect of a single without being a single change. However, the call is a single according to the Central Council rules, since the coursing order of only two of the working bells is changed.

There used to be rung in this area a variation of Plain Bob known as "Dixon's Variation," in which one of these internal bobs was made (non-conducted) every time 2 or 4 was leading. Plain Bob plain leads, bobs and probably singles occurred at the treble leads. I believe that a 10,080 was rung at Glinton about a century ago.

720 PLAIN BOB MINOR
(No Single Changes)
Attributed to John Holt.

W	H	23456
—	x	
—	2	54236
—	Y	
2	—	25436
2	Z —	45236
2	—	25346
2	—	35426
—		23456

This is basically the standard "6 without 5" calling, with the addition of three internal bobs as follows:—

X—Bob after tenor wrong. Treble dodges up. Note that tenor is wrong again at the next lead-end.

Y—Bob after tenor makes seconds. Treble makes fourths.

Z—Bob after tenor 3–4 up. Treble dodges down.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE CROFTS

Many of the older generation of ringers will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. George Crofts, of Castle Bromwich, Warwickshire, in hospital on March 3rd, at the age of 83 years.

For over 60 years he had been a regular ringer at SS. Mary and Margaret's Church, Castle Bromwich, but his work as a railwayman precluded him from peal ringing. He did, however, ring one peal. George will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

To his memory and with the bells half-muffled 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung in the tower he had served so faithfully, by Alice M. Rhodes 1, Anne Deebank 2, Catherine Licquet 3, Lynda Deebank 4, H. Fetter 5, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 6.

MRS. F. W. LACK

A very old friend of Huntingdon District ringers, Mrs. Lack, of Great Staughton, died on March 1st after a short illness. She will be remembered for her hospitality to ringers visiting Great Staughton and as the wife of the late Mr. F. W. Lack, who for many years was president of the District.

At the funeral service, which took place at St. Andrew's, Great Staughton, on March 5th, many District ringers were present and the bells were rung half-muffled before the service and again as the cortege left for the nearby cemetery.

On March 9th a memorial peal was rung consisting of six Minor methods. H. S. P.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANDAFF BRANCH A.G.M.

Report Delayed

The annual meeting of the Llandaff Branch was held on February 10th at St. John's Church, Llanblethian, Glamorgan, where the long-draughted and somewhat idiosyncratic six (12 cwt.) provided interesting ringing.

The bells are an assortment of Evans and of Rudhall castings dating from 1695 to 1769, the treble being recast in 1907 by Carr, of Smethwick. The bells were rehung at that date in a wooden frame.

An encouraging number of members attended for ringing, with various methods up to Cambridge, and for the service and admirable address by the Rector, the Rev. S. H. Mogford, M.A. A sumptuous tea, provided by the ladies of the parish, was then enjoyed in the Church Hall, with nearly 50 present.

The Rector took the chair at the business meeting after Mr. Michael Pilgrim had proposed a well-deserved vote of thanks to the ladies for their catering. In the unavoidable absence of the Branch secretary, Mr. David Llewellyn, due to a severe attack of influenza, the secretary's report was read by the Association's general secretary, Mr. Jack Pryor. This told of a good year with attendance up at Branch meetings, with 32 peals rung—from Doubles to Royal. Specially mentioned were: a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, in which three generations of the Lewis family took part, including the 36-year-young Mr. Derek Lewis; a peal of Grandsire Caters at Llandaff Cathedral by the local band, which included two first-pealers; and a peal of 15 Minor methods at Peterston-super-Ely, surpassing the Association's old record of 14.

Mr. T. Yeomans, who this year passed the landmark of 175 peals, was also leading Association peal ringer with 18. Mr. N. W. H. Simon was leading conductor with eight. Miss Susan Harber was leading Branch lady peal ringer with eight. Further peal landmarks passed were 150 by Mr. G. Lewis and 25 by Mr. D. L. Jones.

The hon. secretary's report was adopted, and a motion was carried nem con that he be thanked for this report; and also, as he was not seeking re-election, for his excellent work for the Branch throughout his secretaryship.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Master, Mr. William T. Petty; Secretary, Mr. I. Davies; auditor, Mr. Trevor M. Roderick; Central Council representative, Mr. Trevor M. Roderick. Eight new members were elected.

The usual Bell Fund collection was taken and realised £1 15s. In the evening the bells of Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge (8, 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E) were available and were put to good use. I. D.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

Clifton always proves popular and although the Biggleswade District meeting had been delayed a month it was an excellent gathering with again a very heavy accent on youth. Ringing commenced promptly at 3 o'clock and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the Rev. Mr. Hill held a short service before 46 ringers walked to the nearby hall for a superb tea prepared by local ladies.

After tea we heard from the organiser (Mr. Rogers) that it is proposed to visit Berkshire for the annual District outing this year. Many of the young ringers were from six-bell towers and had their first real attempt at ringing on eight bells. The more experienced present were delighted to see the way in which the determined youngsters mastered the light ring.

Next meeting: Old Warden, Easter Saturday. L. E.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The tower for the St. Albans District meeting on a very windy March 16th was Essendon. During the afternoon methods up to Surprise Minor were rung on the six until the service at 4.30 p.m. Tea was served in the Village Hall.

Before the business meeting the Rector, the Rev. J. A. Davies, apologised for being unable to stay for the meeting, and was thanked by the District for permission to ring. Mr. Reg Sheppard took the chair for the business meeting. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. Albert Coles, who lived in St. Albans, although he was a more active ringer in London.

Miss Rosalind Thorne, of Essendon, and Miss Rachel Gregory, of Harpenden, were elected new members.

It was announced that the District Dinner will be held on December 7th at Pré Hotel, St. Albans, and the barbecue and social will be held on September 7th. The next District practice will be on Thursday, April 4th, at South Mymms, and the May practice will be at Barnet on Monday, 6th. Please make a note of these dates!

Mr. Gerald Penney, the Ringing Master, spoke for a while on this year's District peal programme. Will members who would like a peal arranged for them, or would like to take part, make sure to give their names to either the Ringing Master or the secretary.

The April meeting will be the annual general meeting of the county at Hitchin on April 20th. Please make every effort to support the District at the meeting. The next ordinary meeting will be at Wheathampstead on May 18th.

The Wheathampstead ringers reminded everyone that sponsors are still wanted for their 30-mile walk on Good Friday to raise money for the addition of two new trebles.

A vote of thanks went to the ladies for tea and to the organist. After the meeting was closed, evening ringing continued until nearly 8.30 p.m. J. A. F.

Arch of Bell Ropes for Bride



It was very much a ringers' wedding at St. Lawrence's Church, Swindon Village, Cheltenham, on March 2nd. Not only were the bride and bridegroom ringers at this church, but also both the bridesmaids and one of the ushers. The happy couple passed under an arch of bell ropes as they left the church. The next day a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles was rung at St. Lawrence's Church in honour of the occasion.

The bridegroom, Mr. Peter R. Brooks, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Brooks, of Yew Tree Cottage, Swindon Village, was formerly tower captain of Swindon Village bellringers. This post has now been taken over by his brother, Mr. David Brooks.

The bride, Miss Margaret A. Smith, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Smith, of 2, Drayton Close, Swindon Village, was given away by her father. She wore a full-length white velvet dress with a long gathered train which she had designed and made herself. Her white tulle headdress was patterned with small flowers and she carried a bouquet of deep pink roses and white freesias. The Rev. F. B. Knowles conducted the ceremony.

The bridesmaids were Miss Susan Smith, the bride's sister, and Miss Katherine Brooks, sister of the bridegroom. After a reception attended by 70 guests at the Cross Hands, Cheltenham, the couple left for a honeymoon in Devon.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brooks are making their home at Burton Latimer. The bridegroom is a quantity surveyor with a Northamptonshire building contractor.

LOOKING BACK

JIMMY GEORGE AND BURTON-ON-TRENT

Dear Sir,—The name of Jimmy George in the article on St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, brought back to me memories of this outstanding personality. My first meeting with him was on a Sunday in 1908, when I was a member of the band at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

We were preparing to ring for morning service when a man came into the ringing room in the uniform of a railway official. After the usual "Good morning" he was asked if he was a ringer. He replied that he could pull a bell. Next question: "Can you ring Stedman?" Answer: 'Just a bit." This was followed by "Will you take a rope? That's the treble, pick where you like." He chose the seventh, and after the touch he was asked to sign the visitors book. Judge our surprise and consternation when we saw his signature—"James George, Rugby."

Years passed and in 1932 I was living at Burton and had joined St. Paul's company. The captain was John Swinfield, and his son Maurice was leader and composer of the Wednesday Stedman team. We were to ring three new peals composed by Maurice. The first was at St. Paul's, and we had been ringing nearly two hours when Jimmy George asked me if I had had my dinner and made several more remarks, all of which I ignored. (I was chewing some raisins. I think I must have got the idea from the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who kept a few in his waistcoat pocket and would pop one in his mouth just before he called a bob.) We finished the peal in peace.

The following week's attempt was at Netherseale and Jimmy George was there and selected his victim, but we got the peal.

For the third attempt we returned to St. Paul's. We stood as follows: Jimmy George 7th, myself 6th and Charlie Draper (Derby) 5th. We were nearing the end when Jimmy George was about to open an attack on Draper, who was ready for anything that might happen. Just as Jimmy was about to address Draper, Charlie said: "Look here, Jimmy, if thou says another word I'll stick her up." We got our peal, but before Jimmy had hung up his rope Charlie was giving him a lecture on behaviour when ringing.—Yours sincerely,

Worksop, Notts. T. R. FLINT.

NORTON, HERTS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Dear 1, R. Vigor 2, A. C. Harris 3, M. R. Worthington 4, A. W. R. Wilby 5, M. D. Trigg 6, D. Butterworth (cond.) 7, R. Pettit 8.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Hollands 1, M. Lacey 2, Miss P. Tomsett 3, F. Dadson 4, R. Bushell (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to R. Bushell.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss V. Ballard (first on ten) 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Mrs. P. Wilton 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, Mrs. E. Jaques 5, R. Hulme 6, E. Sutton 7, M. New 8, M. J. Stanley (cond.) 9, M. Sutton 10. Rung prior to Evensong on Ash Wednesday.

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Letters to the Editor

SOLIHULL'S NEW BELLS

Dear Sir.—Would you kindly allow me to correct a serious mistake in your otherwise excellent report of the 80th Henry Johnson Dinner in your issue of March 15th, 1968?

The two new treble bells to make up a ring of 12 for Solihull are **not** the gift of Mr. "Bill" Leeson One of them is from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bragg to commemorate 50 years ringing by Charles at Solihull. The other is given by Alderman W. E. Wright and his sisters. Miss Elsie Wright and Mrs. Eric Vanstone, in memory of their mother, Mrs. Eliza wright. who died recently.

The reference I made to Mr. Leeson was to the effect that he was probably the oldest ringer present at the dinner and had 70 years' service at Solihull, and to the fact that his enthusiasm to see the addition of the two new bells had helped in no small way to its achievement.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY HARTLEY,
Rector of Solihull.

Note.—The Editor expresses his sincere regret at the misconception in his mind of the speeches and references to Mr. Leeson. He expresses his apology to all concerned.

THROUGH MALE EYES

Dear Sir, — Commenting on the Ladies' Guild (Kent) report ("Ringing World," page 200), I must admit that in view of the recent adverse publicity directed towards the Guild I went to Sittingbourne on a tower-grab, expecting to find a fiasco. What a pleasant surprise I got.

The local ringers had organised a sumptuous tea, for which only a nominal charge was made, and which would do credit to any highly organised territorial Association. The ringing, too, was of a comparatively high standard, particularly during the evening.

Special mention must be given to the ladies' touch of Grandsire Triples on the old 20½ cwt. octave The Misses R. Sinden, F. Cannon and E. Todd handled the back bells in a masterly fashion, whilst the more mature members, including Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Wratten, demonstrated their skills round the lighter end. The other ladies, who I cannot report on by name, rang equally as well, and must share in the credit that is due. Well done, ladies!—Yours faithfully,

JIM HEDGCOCK.
Canterbury and Liverpool.

TOM GOODYER'S VISIT

Dear Sir.—As you noted in "Belfry Gossip" on March 15th, Tom Goodyer, of Sydney, expects to be in England for a while this summer on business; and very welcome he will be, too.

I am trying to arrange some ringing for him during the three weeks' holiday that he hopes to take in July. I have got him fixed up for July 6th–13th. Is there anybody who is organising a tour or outing during the weeks June 29th to July 6th or July 13th to 20th in an interesting part of the British Isles who would like to invite a big, strong fellow who is an excellent ringer and conductor to join them? If so, would they please get in touch with me.—Yours faithfully,

PHILIP GRAY.
11, Eastmead Lane,
Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9

ACRIMONY OVER RECORD PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I endorse the opinions expressed by Mr. Harold Leather ("Ringing World," March 1st) regarding the attitudes of correspondents concerning the recent record peals of Glasgow?

Such acrimonious exchanges among people whose duties are primarily to call folk to God's worship are disgraceful, and the participants poor examples of Christians (which one presumes they profess to be).

What is the purpose of "record" peals chiefly? In what ways do they contribute to the furtherance of God's work? For whose glory are they rung?

Let it not be thought that I am writing against the ringing of such peals. It must be admitted that. these performances are fine feats, as such, both mentally and physically, but the matter ends there. Church bells are in the tower for the purpose of calling people to worship, not for the personal pleasure and self-glorification of those on the end of the ropes. Those of us who ring for pleasure as well as for Sunday service ringing would do well to remind ourselves of this fact occasionally

It is a peculiar exhibition of the Christian spirit that when bands of the Church's ringers, and some of the more "famous" ones to boot, get together in attempts to outdo one another in umpteen thousand changes they at times break out into catty arguments about the rights and wrongs of this or that performance.

Let us remember that, if need be, the Church can easily do without ringers, or even bells, come to that. The reverse is certainly not the case, unless of course record-peal-mad fraternities are prepared to get together and raise money to build themselves secular bell towers. —Yours sincerely,

RONALD D. HUGHES.
Markfield, Leicester.

PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Recently I have been investigating the composition of Plain Bob Triples to see if I could produce an extent based solely on my own ideas and work on Bob Major. I came up with the following two peals—a 3-part and a 6-part:—

23456	W	M	H
62534	—	2	
23564	2		
63524	S	3	
32564	2		
54236	S	—	S
64532		2	
24536	3	S	
64235		2	
52436	3	S	S

Repeat twice.

23456	W	M
62534	—*	2
42536	3	S
62435		2
52436	3	S

Repeat 5 times S at * at 3rd and 6th parts.

When I discovered that the first one contained only 81 calls and the second 78 I was rather surprised. since I had been led to believe that 90 calls was considered the minimum. I would like to know if these two compositions are original, if this plan has been used before, and if 90 calls was considered the minimum number and, if not, what is the minimum number?—Yours faithfully,

COLIN J. E. WYLD
Wye. Kent.

CLOSE WESTMINSTER ABBEY CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest all the correspondence on the Westminster service ringing since my first letter on this matter; much of it has been beside the point but one thing in particular I have observed is that the majority of the letters that agree with the present state of affairs have been by ringers who have rung at the Abbey, either by gate-crashing or by introduction; there have been exceptions, but these have been by people expressing their personal views.

I have been accused by Mr. Pitstow of being "disgruntled," by Mr. Beach the "whine of a pampered child"; another correspondent writes "No right to ring in any church." May I remind your correspondents that my letter in the first place was to ask a question—simply, why the bells were not rung on Sundays, not, as so many of your correspondents seem to think, why I was refused permission to ring.

This question was answered by Mr. Pitstow —"The Dean prefers the Ting Tang," which is exactly as described by two bells chiming. The Dean's letter to Mr. Dodd seems to confirm this, although Mr. Dodd went to a great deal of trouble to explain to him the other arrangements made for Sunday service ringing in London and the rest of the country.

That it will always remain the same there remains no doubt, but as the person responsible for raising the matter I have no regrets for doing so. May I say, Mr. Editor, we now know it all and, however distasteful it is, I for one accept the facts as they are and am happy to know there is only one Church authority in the country with rules like this.

May we now, sir, close the correspondence. —Yours faithfully.

F. TONGE.
Longparish, Hants.

TOWER GRABBING AT ABBEY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pitstow and his band cannot, of course, be held responsible in any way for the quaint regulations governing ringing at Westminster Abbey.

What does seem very ludicrous and exceedingly pathetic, however, is that other ringers who have themselves, by some means. succeeded in a "spot of tower-grabbing" at the Abbey should now so loudly acclaim and defend the archaic rules which they personally have managed to evade.—Yours faithfully,

ONLOOKER.
Lancashire.

DISSATISFIED WITH PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am writing on the subject of a peal published as having been rung at Ashby-de-la-Launde, Lincolnshire, on January 6th (page 71) in which I took part. Some of the extents were flagrantly miscalled, thus rendering the performance invalid. I have been in contact with the conducto. in regard to this bu: have been unable to elicit any direct reply beyond the observation to the effect that "the peal was no worse than many others."

In view of these circumstances I wish to dissociate my name with the so-called peal. I regret having to call attention to this unfortunate occurrence, but the persistent neglect of the conductor to attend to the matter personally has left me with no alternative.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD A. HUNT.
Palmer's Green.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

PRACTICAL

"GOOD HUNTIN'!"

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

(Continued from page 223)

Stage 5. Pupil-controlled Hunting Practice.—Primarily, as we have seen, a pupil learning to hunt has to practise listening and looking for the bell-to-be-covered. The normal rate of change-ringing is too fast, at first, for him to do this successfully. Ideally the whole business should be slowed down in effect, until the pupil has found the bell he is hunting for. Clearly the speed of continuous change-ringing cannot be slowed down to that degree. But there is the technique that is similarly employed in the projection of cine-film, when a "frame" is momentarily held stationary, for some detail or effect to be spotted. The idea can be applied to our purpose in this way.

Three exercises in hunting are to be introduced, each based on one of the three "Rules" (as above) in turn. Conveniently, five bells may be employed, four as "working" bells and the fifth as a "cover." This calls for four ringers, or three and the tutor, together with the pupil. (Note: Only one pupil is taken at a time, others watching and awaiting their turn.) The exercises all ring the Minimus plain-set, as shown in Fig. 2. The tutor explains that in these hunting exercises the pupil himself will call for the starting, continuing and stopping of the changes, from rounds, through a plain-set and back to rounds, but that his moment of calling will be entirely in his own good time, i.e. when he will be calling "Change!" The band will then make the next change of the set (at the next ensuing handstroke, of course) and continue to ring it, until the next call "Change!" Meanwhile the pupil, ringing his bell with a steady, rhythmic stroke (as he will have learned to do earlier in the exercise of "Following" in ringing rounds), is looking round to find, and strike over his new "bell-to-be-covered." (See one of "Rules" above, according to type of hunting.) When he has found that bell, and not before, he will call "Change!" and move into position with the others. The process is repeated until the exercise is completed. The tutor helps and corrects the pupil, but only if he seems to get lost. The two important points here are that the pupil is no longer harassed; and that he actually has time to, and does from the start, find each bell that he must strike over or "cover." Correct application of this practice calls for the exercises (the true approach to hunting) in the order as given below. The pupil is already familiar, of course, with the three forms of hunting, having practised these forms in the hand-clap and handbell exercises.

Rule I Exercise.—"Tenor Behind." The simplest form of hunting, Static, is taken first, the pupil taking the 5th, "last" or tenor, the exercise starting with rounds, settling into a steady rhythm. Pupil notes the bell he is covering, i.e. the 4th. When ready he calls "Change!" The working bells move into the first change of the Minimus plain-set—2143 and continue to ring that change. Meanwhile the pupil, ringing rhythmically in 5ths place, is looking round the ropes for the bell he should now be covering, i.e. "last bell down"—the 3rd of course— that has come into 4ths place just below him; and he checks his striking over it. As soon as he is satisfied he again calls "Change!" and the process is repeated until, after the eighth "Change!" he finds himself covering the 4th again, with the bells back in rounds. He should have noted that in covering plain hunting he covers the same bell in its two blows "at back." The exercise should be continued until the pupil calls at every handstroke, when the calling may be dispensed with, as changes are made at every stroke. The practice of covering on higher numbers (6, 8, etc.) may now be taken, depending on the weight of the covering bell and the pupil's ability to ring it properly. It is interesting to note that pupils have been known to "cover" at first attempt, without this first exercise; and in such cases they ring entirely rhythmically as the result of their hand-clap exercises and use of ear. In fact their ringing in this way helps them to gain rope-sight, since they keep a steady pull whilst looking for the bell to "come up under them."

Rule II Exercise.—"Hunting up." This is mobile hunting, of the expanded type. Pupil takes the treble this time. Applying the appropriate rule he looks round, during the preliminary ringing of rounds, for the bell coming over him (2nd). As soon as he feels "sure of himself" he calls "change" and moves up to cover this bell while the rest of the working bells move into their respective positions, and continue to ring that change. Meanwhile the pupil can see that he is in the second position in the change and he looks round to see which bell is covering him. As soon as he spots it (4th) he calls "change" and moves up to cover that bell. All working bells, including the one the pupil is moving up over, move into their new positions, and so the process is repeated until the pupil finds himself striking in 4ths position, when he calls "Stand." This hunting up exercise is repeated until, as in the previous exercise, the calling can be dispensed with. (Some tutors may find it helpful to ask the pupil to name his bell-next-to-be-covered, just before his call "change," so that if he is wrong the tutor can call "No," and the ringing continues until the pupil picks the right bell.)

Rule III Exercise.—Hunting down (Mobile—Contracted) It is well to refresh the pupil's memory as to the actual changes being produced, e.g by looking at the "chart" we prepared for the opening of Stage 2. He again takes the treble and notes where he left off in the previous exercise for Rule II. This was in the change where he struck his first blow in 4ths position—4231. The next change, which is "reversed rounds," keeps him in the same position, i.e. with static hunting for just one change. Then the contracted or downward hunting begins. So, the exercise begins with the ringing of reversed rounds—43215, with the pupil striking in 4ths place. Applying Rule III, he cuts under the bell he is covering (2nd) and then does what he did in Exercise I, i.e. covers the last-bell-down of the remainder. As in the previous exercises he lets a change be repeated while he rings rhythmically and then calls "Change" before he (and the rest of the band) makes the next change. Practice with plain-sets on higher numbers usefully follows. Show that hunting can start from any bell position.

It is clear that Exercises II and III can now be practised consecutively, thus giving the whole of the hunting, static, expanded and contracted. In the contracted form, especially on the higher numbers, the hunting down may be assisted by explaining how the pupil may follow his "course" bell, from behind down to lead, and that this course bell is that which one turns from the back as one strikes into the last place behind. It is to be followed down with an intervening one-bell gap, either all or part of the way to the front or lead

"Bell-pause."—The vital factor, now, is good striking, the very core of which is bell-pause. This is the brief time-interval between the pull-off or stroke-reversal of the rope and the clang of the bell itself. It varies from bell to bell, being longer as the effective "neight" of the bell increases. (Distance from axle to mass-centre,) From the beginning of his "open" ringing the pupil must listen for the sound of his bell and its placing in the (average) time-interval between bells of about a quarter of a second. When the bell-pause is consciously appreciated, the pupil's "application" of it becomes automatic in his striking.

These notes on Hunting, if followed in practice, will generally save time, enabling the pupil the more quickly and positively to find his way around in his early attempts at method ringing; always assuming, of course, that he has learnt the method!

(Concluded)

LONG LENGTH NOTICE

27,000 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 27,000 Cambridge Surprise Royal at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, April 20th, commencing at 8 a.m. The ringers taking part will be as follows: Jeffrey Brannan, Michael W. Crowder, Bernard F L. Groves, Brian Harris, Richard A. G Inglis, Basil Jones, Geoffrey R Parker Robert B. Smith, Richard S. Starkie and Brian J Woodruffe

27,000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Arranged by Robert B. Smith

M	W	B	H	234567890
—		x		436527089
—	2		3	35264
—		4ths		254637908
—	2		3	56342
—		In		362457890
—	2		3	64523
—		x		543267089
—	2		3	42635
—		4ths		625347908
—	2		3	234567908

Twice repeated.

If successful, the peal will be credited to the Chester Diocesan Guild.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Nottingham University Society of Change Ringers was held on March 6th in the belfry at Beeston. Mr. Paul L. Taylor was re-elected president, Peter N Mackley was elected chairman and Ringing Master, Rosamund M Rawlings secretary, Roger Day treasurer, and Paul J. Bagshaw and Terrence Dowling committee members.

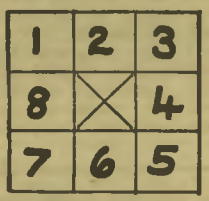
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BRAIN TEASER

URANGWOT — 4

"I was very interested to read of the unusual plan of that friend of yours for his ringing outings" It was George who had buttonholed me this time. "Are you sure you don't mean the plan of that unusual friend of mine?" I smiled, for I could not help recalling that Tom had his own ideas, mostly unconventional, on many others things besides ringing. "Have it your own way," replied George, "but what I wanted to tell you was that we have a plan of our own when we go on our Saturday excursions." "Now look, I haven t got the time to stand here and listen to a lecture from you on the merits of your plan and, in any case, I haven't got the time to organise an outing of my own for writing to 'The Ringing World' about cranks like you who have!' "Keep your hair on," said George, quite calmly, "I was only going to tell you what we do so you could write a bit about that. Don't you think it's only fair that us outing cranks should get a look in? After all, the peal cranks and the footnote cranks get their share of the limelight." "That's true enough," I had to admit. "Let's have your plan then and see what you do."

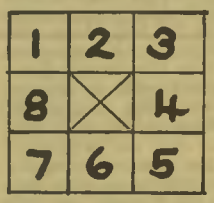
It emerged that this plan had four eight-bell towers for an excursion and eight ringers only went, travelling in two cars. At the first tower they would stand in alphabetical order from 1 to 8. The bells for each tower would be set out on the plan given below on the sheet forming the programme.



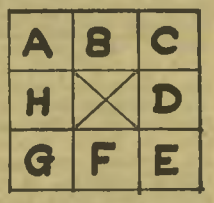
In the next three towers nobody had to ring again in a horizontal line with anyone with whom he had already appeared and, similarly, he could ring only once with anyone in a vertical row. A very limited number of special requests was permitted in the last three towers.

"What happens then?" I asked. "Do you just shuffle yourselves about until you find suitable combinations when you get there?" "Certainly not!" retorted George. "The essence of successful ringing outings is always to have things properly planned and worked out beforehand. It so happens that it is my turn to work out the bands for next month's outing and, as a matter of fact, . . .I could . . . do with . . . a bit of help." "And so could I," I quickly countered, "for the wife's just been on about spring cleaning!" "I wasn't expecting you to work it out yourself, but just to see if there was any reader of 'The Ringing World' who could help." "Yes and you saw what happened to Urangwot II, where a young lady got into trouble from her headmaster for working on it at school. We've had correspondence about bellringing and homework and we'll be getting it about bellringing and schoolwork next!" "Go on. Take a chance," pleaded George, "you'll not swing for it." I winced, quickly decided that it was time to capitulate, and noted the details.

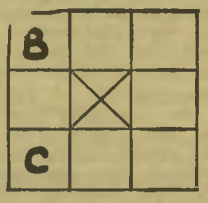
The ringers were to be Charlie, Douglas, Frank, Harold, Harry, Herbert and Henry besides George and he had got them into his own alphabetical order very ingeniously as 'Arry, Bert, Charlie, Douglas, 'Enery, Frank, George and Harold! As already mentioned, they were to ring in that order at the first tower. The requests for this occasion are that Bert shall ring the treble in the second and third towers, Charlie 7 in the second tower and 'Arry and Frank to ring 3 and 5 in the fourth tower. George had already entered all this on the plans using the initials as below



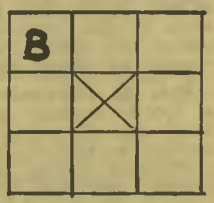
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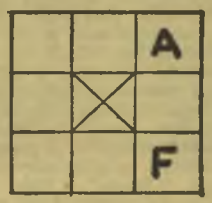
Ringers for 1st tower



Ringers for 2nd tower



Ringers for 3rd tower



Ringers for 4th tower

Well, there it is. If you have any ideas let the Editor know before the closing date, April 5th

T. SURR.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The District held their spring meeting at Colne Engaine on March 3rd, when it seemed that someone turned up to represent nearly every band in the Northern District.

The Rector (the Rev. F. J. Griggs) conducted his variation on the Association service, much to the approval of those members who had complained of the same old hymns every time. After asking the secretary, "You're not expecting an address, are you?" and receiving the answer, "Yes," he delivered an impromptu talk on various aspects of ringers and the Church

Tea, prepared in the Village Hall by the new local band, was followed by the business meeting, with the District Master, Mr. R. J. Lindsell, in the chair He stressed the need for members to help the local ringers put Colne Engaine back on the map.

The six bells were rung to a variety of methods up to London, the only snag being the rather long draught, which succeeded in sorting the wheat from the chaff.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET. — On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R Price 1, D. T. Matkin 2, A. Mathews 3, R Groves 4, C. Burt 5, P. Price 6 L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7. M. Jenkins 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. F. G Finch, for many years hon. assistant priest at the Minster.

GUILD PRESIDENT AT NORTH DORSET BRANCH ANNUAL

At their meeting at Shillingstone on March 9th the North Dorset Branch were pleased to welcome the Guild president, Mr. W. C. West, and Mrs. West (Melksham), the Guild Master, the Rev. R. N. Longridge (Spetisbury) and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris, of Lyme Regis. Eleven of the Branch towers were represented. Local arrangements were made by Mr. H. A. Stapleton, tower correspondent and churchwarden. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W Eddleston, assisted by the Rev. R. A. Wells. Mr. Stapleton read the lesson, and Mrs. Bell played the organ. Tea arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. Stapleton and helpers, and all were sincerely thanked. The Rector gave a warm welcome to the Branch and in his address spoke of the important work of both ringers and priests in calling people to worship.

At the business meeting in the Portman Hall the agenda included reports on the workings of the Branch in 1967 and the election of officers for 1968. There had been considerable activity, and in the funds the working balance had risen slightly. Officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore; vice-chairman, Rev. R. A. Wells; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. A. F. Godley; assistant secretary, Miss R. M. Julius; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. C. Shute, A. E. Woods T. Bleathman, J. Longridge and Ben Ridout; committee members, Mr. E. E. Chant, Miss H. M Julius and Rev. R. N. Longridge (ex officio), and it was recommended that the committee should co-opt Mr. Leslie Ridout at its first meeting.

Attention was drawn to the fact that two veteran members of the Branch had just completed 60 years as ringers. They were Mr. W. C. Shute (Ferndown) and Mr. Ben Ridout (Okeford Fitzpaine). Hearty congratulations were extended to them both, and it was agreed that a greetings telegram should be sent to Mr. Shute, who was unfortunately absent through sickness.

Future activities were to include the regular quarterly meetings on June 8th at Bradford Abbas and September 14th at Compton Abbas, and the annual on December 14th. Also a joint meeting with the Wimborne Branch on April 20th, and the Guild Festival at Wimborne on May 11th. Further, a Branch outing is to be organised, probably in East Devon on September 7th. and, for this, names should be submitted to the secretary at the June meeting (or earlier).

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was enjoyed on the sixes at both Shillingstone and Childe Okeford under the direction of the Ringing Masters.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 10th, 1,320 Surfleet Surprise Minor: E. G. H Godfrey (cond.) 1, Carol Cousins 2, Wendy Wallace 3, I. Wiltshire 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins. Also 1,296 Annable's London and Norwich Surprise Minor: N. Bennet' 1 Wendy Wallace 2, R. Rayfield 3, I. Wiltshire 4. E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On March 2nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: B. R. White 1, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 2, N. H Leslie 3, J. R. Mitty 4, R. Hunt 5, D. A. Leslie 6 D. R. Bould 7 F. C. White 8. T. N. J. Bailey 9, E. Drewitt 10. Rung to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BATTERSEA, LONDON. — On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. E. Dodds 1, Margaret Robinson 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, Julie Armstrong 4, R. C. Cooles 5, N. Thomson (cond.) 6.

BEAWORTHY, NORTH DEVON.—At Shebbear College, on Feb. 7th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles "in hand": A. N Hine 1–2, T. C. Hine (cond.) 3–4, M. J. Bray (first quarter "in hand") 5–6 A birthday compliment to A. N. Hine.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS. — At St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, on March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Cooksey 1, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 2, Hilary Gardiner 3, Christine Boyce 4, R. Boyce 5, Kathleen Fletcher 6, Dorothy Gardiner 7, C. J. Hudson 8. First "inside" 3, 5. Rung on the occasion of the Mayor and Sheriff of Poole attending Evensong.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL. — On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Copping 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 2, E. H. Langley 3, J. J. George 4, W. R. Curtis 5, T. R. Hart 6, F. M. Bowers 7, W. S. Pryor (first on eight) 8. A 20th birthday compliment to W S. Pryor.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Watermoor Church, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. H. Jefferies 1. H. L Cooke 2, Miss E. M. Bliss 3. F. J. Lewis (jun.) 4. M Rose 5, P. Law 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, H. Telling 8. First quarter in method for all execept conductor. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Spliced Triples (560 Grandsire, 700 Oxford Bob): H. L Cooke 1 F. Reed 2, Miss E. M. Bliss 3, P. Law 4, F. J. Lewis (jun.) 5. M. Rose 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, H. Telling 8. First quarter of Spliced Triples for all except conductor.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 10th, 1 248 Plain Bob Major: I. P Richards and M. J. Alletson 1, I. Pryor 2, R Hopwood 3, H. J. Baker 4. S. Gullick 5, M. J Tynes 6. D. Livsey 7, C. S. Nokes and R. J. Parker (cond.) 8. Rung by Birmingham University for Evensong and as a 19th birthday compliment to I. S. Wells.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 20th. 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Henry 1, Angela Hughes 2 D Atkins 3, G. H. Baldam 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. S. Turner 6. Also on Jan. 28th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. S. Turner 1, D. Atkins 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, P. Henry 4, G. H. Baldam 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. Also on Feb 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Jarvis 1, Linda V. Cull 2, David Atkins 3, Angela C. Hughes 4, P. Henry 5, G. H. Baldam (cond.) 6, J. N. Longridge 7 M S. Turner 8. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Erin Triples: G. H. Baldam 1, G. P. Smerdon 2, C. Yates 3, Angela C. Hughes 4, D. Atkins 5, P. Henry 6 J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, M. S. Turner 8. Also on Feb 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela C. Hughes 1, M. S. Turner 2, D. Atkins 3, G. H. Baldam 4, P. Henry 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Longridge (cond.) 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, Peter Colson 3, N. Mallett 4, D. Atkins 5, G. P. Smerdon 6, F. Wreford 7, M. S. Turner 8. Rung by the Exeter Colleges Guild

FELMERSHAM, BEDS. — On March 9th, 1,256 Plain Bob Major: R. Piron 1, G. E. Bonham 2, I. P. Sawford 3, C. D. Corby 4, P S. George 5, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 6, D. Bellamy 7, J. S. Dear 8.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret McBride 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, Angela McBride 3, A. J. Moy 4, F. J. Stimson 5 P G W. Newstead 6, G. W. Fletcher 7, A. G. Wigmore 8, S. F. High 9, C. Curson 10. Rung half-muffled prior to a memorial service for Dr. P. M. Herbert, formerly Bishop of Norwich.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX. — On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples A Windridge (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Redfearn 2, Mrs J. Hooton 3, Miss S. Jenkins 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. R. Mayne 6, D. Redfearn (first quarter as cond.) 7, L. White (first of Triples) 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D J. Smith (first of Major) 1, G. H. Austin (cond.) 2, Angela Chapman 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, E. Edmondson 5, A. F. Cull 6, D. C. Price 7, S. Huckle 8. For Evensong.

IDE, DEVON. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. S. Turner 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, G. P. Smerdon 3 D. Atkins 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, G. H. Baldam 6. By Exeter Colleges Guild.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 1, T. J. Bell (first "inside") 2, A. J. Davidson 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. Locke 5, Mary Pascoe 6. A compliment to Robert Peel Pearce on his election the previous day as Guild librarian.

KEELE, STAFFS. — On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Jacqueline M. Quickfall 1, Leona Roper 2, Susan J. Gay 3, C. Morey 4, J. A. Tandy 5, P. W. Gay (cond.) 6. First "inside" and first of Minor 2 and 4.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): G. Barradell (first quarter) 1, T. J. Bell 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. Carveth 5, P. J. Waddell 6.

LANE END, BUCKS. — On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Smith 1, W. Avery 2, T. Wright 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6. For group Evensong, and farewell to Rev. and Mrs. C. H. J. Cavell-Northam.

LONDON, E.—At St. Botolph's Church, Aldgate, on March 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. W. Skinner 1, M. Gay 2, S. Gay 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, W. A. Hughes 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6, R. A. Grant 7, J. E. Cannell 8.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, R. Jones 2, June Legg 3, P. Kelby (first "inside") 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6. For Evensong.

MACHEN, MON.—On March 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion R. Bennett 1, Gill J. Colleypriest 2, P R. Mason 3, A. W. E. Bainham 4, P. N. Chambers 5, D. L. Phillips 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, G Wilkinson 8. For St. David's Day.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Towler 1, P. Cross 2, N. Denson 3, J. Clarke 4, I. Foster 5, J. L. Towler (cond.) 6 Miss Y. A. Murray (covering) 7.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. John's Church, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Sanderson 1, Sheila Woodward 2 A. Dempster 3, R. Scholes 4, B. Palmer 5, C. Ottaway (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Sheila Woodward 1, Christine Telfer 2 P. Bruce 3, D. Martin 4, A. Dempster 5, G. Hall 6, C. Ottaway 7, J. Crowther (cond.) 8.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on March 3rd, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Henderson 1, Elizabeth M. Barber 2, Judith H. Harvey 3, Sue Heyworth 4, J. R. Pratt 5, P. J. Daniel (cond.) 6. For Matins.

POWERSTOCK, DORSET.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Marshall 1, P. R. Board 2, R. A. Bryant 3, C. W Tidwell 4, T. F. Collins 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6

QUORN, LEICS.—On March 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret L. Prickett (first quarter) 1, H. W. Jones (first "inside") 2, D. L. Alderton 3, R. Martin 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. M. Wilson 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples Valerie Marsh (first quarter) 1, Janet Hallett 2, T. Sharp 3, F May 4, R. Tomlin 5, J. Laken 6. A. House 7, M. Hallett 8 First in method 2 and 3.

ROCHDALE, LANCS. — On March 2nd 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Partington (cond.) 1, J. Kershaw 2, Janet Lawson 3, J. M. D. Bateman 4, W. Pugh 5 J. C. Ashworth 6, J. E. Andrews 7 R. S. Starkie 8. Rung on the Feast of St. Chad to celebrate 40 years in the ministry by the Vicar, Canon H. Nightingale.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Beadle 1, Mrs. M. A. Poolman 2, Miss A. Rowland 3, Miss A. Pullen (first "inside") 4, A. Weall 5, D. Heath 6 W. Poolman (cond.) 7, H. Perry 8. For Confirmation Service. First in Plain Bob Triples by all the band

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Starkie 1, Ann Butcher 2, L. Smith 3, Howard Meek 4, J. I. Webb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Philpot, a native of this parish

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At the Cathedral, on March 10th 1,296 Little Bob Major: Marion Perry 1, Katherine Hardy 2, R. P Ewer 3, G. Dodds 4 A. R. Carter 5, M. D. Frost 6 G. Penney 7, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Stockwell 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 3, G. Firman 4, G Fox 5, Miss J. Whorlow 6. For Evensong.

SAPCOTE, LEICS. — On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Harvey (first quarter) 1, R. W. Smith (first "inside") 2, Cynthia M Wells 3, Mrs. M. E. Brown 4, J. Watkins 5, M E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: Mrs. R. Woodley 1, Miss J. Hayward 2, Mrs G. E Retter 3, K. Clarke 4, J Clarke 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8. and on the bells.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS. — On Ash Wednesday 1,440 Annable's London Minor: Gwynneth C. Ducker 1, Linda Sherwood 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, Maris C. Stephenson 4, I. G. Campbell 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First in method for all except 5th. For Evensong.

SUTTON MADDOCK, SALOP. — On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): S. J. Illidge 1, Rosemary White 2, S. G. Pick (cond.) 3, N. White 4, P. R. Johnson 5. First in eight methods by all.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX. — On March 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. D. Smith 1, Miss J. Turner 2, Mrs. J. Marshall 3, M. I. Davey 4, N. Carter 5, R D. Smith 6, D. D. Smith 7, G. Francis (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY. — On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Tanner 1, J. Warinton 2, J. Ladd (cond.) 3, P Feast 4, I. Taylor 5, R. Pashbey 6 For family service. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles and Bob Doubles: A. Tanner 1, Ann Matthews 2, R. Pashbey 3, P. Feast 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Ladd 6. For family service.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Percy 1, Betty Percy 2, Rosemary Earl (cond.) 3, Janet Percy 4, C. Brettle 5, C. Percy 6. For the engagement of Rosemary Earl and Keith Farley.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. D. Mack (cond.) 1, F. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, D. A. Wills 4, G. T. West 5, A. E. Knight 6. For Evensong.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association's 75th anniversary dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Cardiff, on October 19th, and not October 12th, as previously announced.

Two veteran members of the North Dorset Branch have just completed 60 years as ringers —Mr. W. C. Shute, of Ferndown, and Mr. Ben Ridout, of Okeford Fitzpaine. We join the North Dorset Branch in sending our congratulations.

At the annual general meeting of Reading University Society on March 7th the following officers were elected for the session 1968–69: Miss Anna Sadowska, Master; Mr. Richard Lloyd, Deputy Master; Miss Laura Grindrod, secretary-treasurer. (Address for correspondence: Wessex Hall, Whiteknights Road, Reading, Berks.)

The peal rung at Biddenden, Kent, on March 9th, was rung to mark the return of the Rector, the Rev. Maurice Gilbert, after an absence of two months owing to illness.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden, of Cherry Cottage, Gosfield, Halstead, Suffolk, is entering Grosvenor Hospital, Vincent Square, London, for a major surgical operation next Wednesday. She will probably be there for a fortnight and would be pleased to see any ringing friends.

A peal was rung on March 16th in one of the Southern Counties with the following footnote: "Rung with the bells open to mark the resignation of the Rt. Hon. George Brown, M.P., as Foreign Secretary." Because of repercussions that might follow, the footnote has been expunged from our columns.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A LOSS TO BEAMINSTER

Beaminster, Dorset, is losing two prominent ringers by the departure on April 10th of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pannell to Hereford, where Ted has been appointed a verger at the Cathedral. He will be missed, as he serves the church in two capacities—as a ringer and choirmaster.

Edna will be equally missed, as she is the secretary-treasurer of the tower and worked very hard to raise the £4,000 required for the rehanging programme. She has also been a keen leader of the Brownies. Ted and Edna have two daughters—Ann and Joan. The Pannell family take with them the good wishes of Beaminster ringers—in fact those of the whole congregation of St. Mary's Church.

12-YEAR-OLD CALLS A PEAL

In submitting the report of a peal at Marston, Oxford, Mr. N. D. Deam claims that Howard Page, aged 12 years, who called the peal, is the youngest conductor of a peal on record. He awaits correction.

The Marston band is very pleased with Howard's performance, as he only rang his first quarter "inside" just before Christmas.

This sudden desire to further his ringing scope is due to dedication and interest backed by some two hours' experience. We look forward to even better things.

In the same peal Miss Avril Walton rang her first peal. Due to her nursing career she had not rung for about six months, but determination backed up by enthusiasm brought her success.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

Prominent in our quarter peal columns are the activities of the recently-formed Exeter Colleges Guild. This Guild comprises ringers from Exeter University, St. Luke's (Teachers' Training) College, Exeter Technical College, Rolls College and St. Loyes. Sunday service ringing takes place in various Exeter churches during term time and weekly quarter peal attempts are made at churches in and around Exeter. They are also teaching both students and local residents and have established regular ringing at St. Thomas's, where the bells were not previously rung at all, writes the secretary-treasurer, Miss Angela Hughes, of Haldon, Birks, Exeter.

EARLY MORNING WEDDING BELLS

An unusual request was received by a Bradford, Yorkshire, ringer to ring for a wedding at Bingley at 9 a.m. On arrival he found that the wedding was actually taking place in Australia at that time (6 p.m. in Australia). The bride's parents, who live in Bingley and were unable to attend the ceremony, arranged for a short service to be held at the local church and also for the bells to be rung.

LADIES' PEAL FOR SOUTHWELL GUILD

The ladies who rang in the peal of Bob Major at Tuxford, Notts, on March 9th, would like to associate the name of Miss Eleanor Rose with it, as she was in the original band.

The conductor, Mrs. Beryl N. Reed, is the first lady to call an eight-bell peal for the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and the band was made up of members of the Newark and North Notts Districts.

STILL RINGING AT 90



Saturday, March 9th, was a very special day for Mr. Thomas G. Briggs of Somerby, Leics. It was the occasion of his 90th birthday and a peal was rung in his honour at Somerby, and the band included three ringers from this tower.

Mr. Briggs was born at Oakham, Rutland, where his father was a blacksmith. It was due to one of his father's apprentices that he was first introduced into bellringing at Oakham in 1897. There was an absence from ringing between 1899 and 1906, when Mr. Briggs was in South Africa, as he was a farrier at Queenstown during the Boer War. After his return to this country he joined the Somerby band and has been a regular Sunday service ringer there ever since.

In the last few years Mr. Briggs has been more active as a bellringer than ever before. It was not until 1962 that he rang a quarter peal and he has since rung quite a number of these. His latest quarter peal was on Sunday, March 10th, when he rang the treble at Oakham to Grandsire Triples.

On Tuesday, March 13th, a special party was held for Mr. Briggs at Somerby Rectory, which was attended by his family, together with friends ringers and friends from Somerby and the surrounding district. R. H. C.

OVER 70 YEARS A RINGER

As astonishing personality in North Wales is Mr. Charles Williams, captain at St. Mary's Church, Welshpool, who has completed over 70 years as a ringer.

This long service has not been overlooked by the congregation of St. Mary's. At the church social on February 27th Mr. Williams was presented with a gold wrist watch and cheque for his valuable work for the church.

He is a member of the Shropshire Association and a Freeman of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and attends most of their meetings.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lorraine Parsons (first quarter) 1, F. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, G. T. West 4, D. A. Wills (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT RINGERS MARRY AT SOUTH MIMMS

On March 2nd the marriage took place of two St. Albans District ringers—Miss Barbara Goodspeed, of St. Albans, and Mr. Graham Sillis, of South Mimms. The couple met about five years ago, when "Babs," formerly of St. Albans Cathedral, went to South Mimms on practice nights soon after the bells were started ringing again following a long silence, to learn the art of teaching ringing!

Now both she and Graham give very regular attendance at the church. Graham is tower captain, and was a choir member until he became organist. Both have many friends. After Evensong on the Sunday before the wedding Graham was presented with a cheque on behalf of the Vicar and congregation. Many friends turned up for the wedding—thoughts were warm even if the weather was not!

While a reception was held in Potters Bar, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the six at South Mimms. The couple eventually departed in a highly decorated car for a fortnight's honeymoon in the West Country. Their new home is in St. Albans, although they will continue at South Mimms Church for a while yet. Every best wish for their future happiness goes to them both from all their ringing friends. J. A. F.

KEYS AND KEAYS AT GNOSALL

It has become apparent that in Gnosall as well as the "Barney" Keys there are the other "Keays." In each case bells and music are a common link. Grahame and Valerie Keay, now in their early teens, have already appeared in the peal or quarter peals columns of "The Ringing World." As pupils of Mrs. E. M. Key, at St. Lawrence's School, Gnosall, they were members of the original handbell group of that name, which is now a household one in the Midlands. Many readers will have seen them on television or performing at the concerts which have followed the annual ringers' service held each July at Gnosall.

Being so fond of bells it was natural for Grahame and Valerie, along with several others of the young handbell ringers, to graduate to the tower, and at least nine of them are now regular members of the band. Grahame Keay has already mastered the standard methods on six bells and has rung peals of Doubles and Triples. He conducts Grandsire Doubles from non-observation positions and is unquestionably the most useful of the young members of the tower.

Arising from a recent request by the Director of Music for the County of Stafford Education Committee, six of these tower bellringers, who are also members of the St. Lawrence's, Gnosall, handbell ringers, have been chosen to ring the handbell section of Benjamin Britten's "Noah's Flodde," which is to be performed in St. Mary's Church, Stafford, on May 14th and 15th. What makes this unique is that they are all girls and also regular members of the church choir, of which Mrs. Key is organist and choirmaster. B. G. K.

Tom Lock's annual tour will be in Leicestershire for a week commencing Saturday, August 31st.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C.

Roderick W. Pipe	Treble	Robert E. Dennis	7
Alan F. Thirst	2	Frank E. Darby	8
John H. Fielden	3	George W. Pipe	9
Wilfred Williams	4	Ralph G. Edwards	10
Basil Jones	5	John A. Anderson	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	Michael V. Chilcott	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Londinium in the county.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HALSTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

H. E. George Jeans	Treble	Raymond P. Selway	3
Derek S. Beaufoy	2	Albert W. Dyer	4
William E. Turner	Tenor		

Conducted by William E. Turner.
First peal on the bells.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
YARDLEY Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Wed., March 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Hugh J. Baker	Treble	Robert M. Chambers	5
*John S. Hopwood	2	Christopher S. Nokes	6
Stephen Gullick	3	James R. White	7
M. Jack Alletson	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by James R. White.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Brian J. Wylde	Treble	C. Martin Foster	7
*Mandy McCallion	2	Arthur R. Wright	8
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	3	John C. Baldwin	9
Patrick J. Bird	4	Ian C. Maycock	10
Michael G. R. Zobel	5	Tudor P. Edwards	11
Edward G Mould	6	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter Conducted by Brian J. Wylde.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First of Stedman as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Norman Sherratt	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	6
Roy Worrall	2	*David J. Danby	7
T. Felicity Ashford	3	Raymond J. Ballard	8
Harold Dowler	4	David J. Midgley	9
*Gerald Parsons	5	Paul J. Atkins	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Atkins and as a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary White and David J. Danby.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 XAVIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Derek F. Yates	2	Frank Osbaldiston	6
William H. Dowse	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Laurence Haines	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C Kenneth Lewis.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.

Frank R. Morton	Treble	†William F. Gibbons	4
*John R. Scott	2	Harry W. Howard	5
*Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	‡Brian Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise. ‡ Completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus as conductor.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptinst.
On Sun., March 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Geoffrey Green	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	4
Norman Hough	2	Adrian Hough	5
Mrs. C. J. Jones	3	Christopher J. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung on the occasion of the retirement of the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. M. Harris, M.A., as a token of appreciation and thanksgiving for a long and faithful ministry in this parish.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of S. John the Evangelist.
On Tues., March 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Brian Harris	Treble	Geoffrey Moorhouse	4
Brian Schofield	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Laurence Haines	3	Ernest Pimlott	Tenor

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all. Ringers of 1 and 5 have now completed the Stedman family.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

*Frank R. Morton	Treble	Harry W. Howard	4
A. Doreen Edwards	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
David Allman	3	John R Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals and conducted a peal from each bell.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

David Allman	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
Frederick S. Sutton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
A. Doreen Edwards	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, East Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*Geoffrey W. Randall	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	4
Delphine E. L. Holman	2	John K. Foot	5
*Robert W. Sherriff	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* 25th peal together.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OSMASTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Clive Thrower	Treble	E Frederick Gobey	5
Geoffrey Bridges	2	A Colin Banton	6
John S. Dean	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
David W. Parkin	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by F Bennett. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
OSMASTON SURPRISE
—38—14—1258—16—34—58, 36, 14, 36, 18. l.e. 14263857.

RIPLEY Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Brian Tomlinson	5
Harold Taylor	2	A. Colin Banton	6
Denis R. Carlisle	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Melvyn Rose	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

DRONFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

John J. L. Gilbert	Treble	Richard Farnsworth	5
Geoffrey N. Goodall	2	Len Goodall	6
John E. Turley	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
Robin Trebilcock	4	Derek Peers	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Taylor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band for John W. Sykes on his retirement.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEANOR, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Thurs., March 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Melvyn A. Rose .. .. Treble	David W. Friend 5
John Parsons 2	Brian A Tomlinson 6
Gordon A. Halls 3	A. Colin Banton 7
Harold Taylor 4	Michael J. Fellows .. .. Tenor

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

MAYFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being 1,440 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B and Plain Bob and 720 Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

Joseph C. Woolley .. .. Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson 4
Susan E Thompson 2	Burley P. Morris 5
Clive A Thrower 3	A Colin Banton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
First peal on the bells (augmented and rehung in 1902).
Rung as a compliment to Joe Allcock and Joe Parker on completing 50 years' and 48 years' service respectively as ringers at this church.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BUCKERELL, Devon.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Giles.
On Fri., March 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 16 240's and 10 120's. Tenor 8¼ cwt

Bryan C. Coles .. .. .. Treble	Francis Parr 4
Donald Salter 2	William Webb 5
Leslie Morrell 3	Leslie Stevens .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William Webb.
Ringer of 4th has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a compliment to Lt.-Col. W. M. M. Duncan on the occasion of his ruby wedding

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HUNTINGDON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Harold S. Peacock .. .. Treble	T. Raymond Garrett .. 4
*Bruce Whatley 2	Christopher D. Corby .. 5
†Jeremy D. Tarrant 3	George E. Bonham .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Bonham.
* First peal, first attempt † First "inside."
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. T. W. Nesbitt, Rector of All Saints' for four years.

GREAT STAUGHTON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B and two extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr.

Harold S. Peacock .. .. Treble	Robert D. Bellamy 4
*T. Raymond Garrett .. 2	George E. Bonham 5
Albert J. Davey 3	George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor

Composed by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in more than one method
Rung in memoriam and as a last tribute to Mrs. F. W. Lack.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St Clement's College Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Richard A. G. Inglis .. Treble	Judith M. Corby 4
Sheila M. Anthony 2	Kenneth J Hesketh 5
Brian Pratt 3	Richard Hayes .. .. .. Tenor

Coinducted by Richard Hayes.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FELSTED, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 UGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
H. and M. Collection 2.002. Tenor 12 cwt.

Philip J. Rothera .. .. Treble	Colin G. Wright 5
Kenneth Warner 2	Andrew J. Slade 6
Josephine A. Quilter 3	*Peter G. Brown 7
Keith W. Brown 4	*George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method

UGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—12—16—34—1238—34—58. I.e. 14263857.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEDDINGTON Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*T. Brian Porter .. .. Treble	†Martin Morris 6
John C. Davidge 2	Tony Skilton 7
Felicity S Hamilton .. 3	Roy D Mills 8
†Jill P. Oakshott 4	Alan D. Elsmore 9
‡John F. Oakshott 5	Peter J. Munday .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. Francis. Conducted by Peter J. Munday.
* First peal. † First of Royal ‡ First "inside" and of Royal.
First on ten bells as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Cambridge S., (5) Single Oxford, Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*Anthony R. Carter .. Treble	Andrew W R. Wilby .. 4
*Frederick W. Ellis 2	*John E. Ewer 5
H. Lyndon Hatfield .. 3	Keith J. Walpole .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* Most methods to a peal.
Rung with congratulations and best wishes of the band to Barbara M. Goodspeed and Graham Sillis, married this day at St. Giles' Church, South Mymms.

KIMPTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5–6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Anthony R. Carter .. .. Treble	Eric Edmondson 4
*Katherine S. Hardy 2	*John E. Ewer 5
*John G. Cull 3	Gerald Penney .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

Martin L. Howe .. .. Treble	John A. Howard 5
Derek Slater 2	Colin A. Tester 6
Malcolm Barden 3	Trevor A. Cross 7
Simon A. Wigg 4	Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Malcolm Barden.
First peal of Major as conductor.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., March 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Peter M. Wilkinson .. .. Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg 5
Martin L. Howe 2	Nicholas J. Chesson .. 6
Olive D. Tester 3	Colin A. Tester 7
Peter S. Muchlinski 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Arranged by Peter S. Muchlinski Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri. March 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Thelwall and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*Jill Leppard .. .. .. Treble	Derek Slater 4
Judith M. Corby 2	†Richard Hayes 5
Maurice Thompson 3	John A. Howard .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Charlie Cook, a member of Hever band for more than 50 years.
* First peal. † 100th for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At The Town Hall.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Jeffrey Brannon .. .. Treble	C. L. Digby Munday .. 7
Basil Jones 2	William H Dowse 8
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3	Martin L. Howe 9
Richard S. Starkie 4	Michael P Moreton 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	Robert B. Smith 11
*D. Paul Smith 6	Frank C. Price .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Peter Border Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal of Maximus.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of SS. Mary, Denys and George.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Derek F. Yates	Treble	C Kenneth Lewis	6
Alan Scholfield	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Alan McFall	8
Lawrence Haines	4	Jeffrey Brannan	9
Richard Starkie	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London Cambridge and Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Dennis E. Jones	Treble	*John R. Ridley	4
Martin E. Snape	2	John Elliott	5
William E. Court	3	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in five methods.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Dorothy Mason	Treble	R Brian Mills	6
Monica M. Jelley	2	Malcolm E. Wade	7
W. Ernest Rawson	3	John M Jelley	8
Philip A. Mason	4	A Maxwell Lindsey	9
Martin Green	'5	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by J. Edward Cawser. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band.

SOMERBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Bob, one extent each of Kent T.B. Oxford T.B. and St Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Mary Stimson	Treble	Michael T. Stimson	4
Ronald J. Hill	2	R Cyril Tyler	5
John H. Bluff	3	Roland H. Cook	Tenor

Conducted by Roland H Cook.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. T G Briggs, a Sunday service ringer at this church.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb in E.

Geoffrey Paul	Treble	Louis Willders	5
*Thelma Staples	2	Jack L. Millhouse	6
*David Phillipson	3	Geoffrey R Parker	7
*Christopher J Sharp	4	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse
* First peal of Rutland Surprise.

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

John P. Morris	Treble	William B Dawson	5
Rhoda Reynolds	2	Roy Stephenson	6
William E. Clarke	3	Philip H. Reynolds	7
Harold Barsley	4	Albert E. Flatters	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CAERPHILLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Wed., Feb. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

*Felicity Cooke	Treble	†‡Michael Pilgrim	5
Christopher Ricketts	2	Paul S. Reading	6
†Paul A. Williams	3	Charles P. Quartley	7
Nicholas W. H. Simon	4	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P Heywood. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal on eight bells † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal

ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elvan.
On Mon., March 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Geoffrey Kerley	Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon	5
Charles Quartley	2	James Clatworthy	6
Thomas Yeomans	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
Alexander E. Marsh	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
First peal of Double Norwich and only the second of Major on the bells.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being four 240's and 34 extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

Thomas E. Hiddins	Treble	Harold Preece	4
Raymond J. Mayle	2	D R. Lynn-Jones	5
William T. Petty	3	H Donald Bryant	Tenor

Conducted by William T Petty.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Thomas Jones on his retirement this day after being Vicar of the parish for 26 years.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
MARSDEN, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat, March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

Mary Jones	Treble	E Andrew Harrison	5
David J. Ley	2	A Stephen Taylor	6
Paul Coddington	3	D Paul Smith	7
David J. Jukes	4	C L. Digby Munday	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe. Conducted C. L. Digby Munday.
Rung on the day of the annual dinner of the Guild.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., March 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 16 lb.

*Helen Bartlett	Treble	David K. Walklate	4
Kevin A. Betesta	2	William Allsopp	5
Susan M. Cooper	3	Edward H. Willows	Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal away from cover bell.

THE NATAL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.
DURBAN, South Africa.—At the Church of St. Mary, Greyville.
On Sat, March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 25 lb.

*T. John Maeder	Treble	*Robert J. Philogene	4
*David C. Philogene	2	†Geoffrey D. Armitage	5
†‡Cyril Chambers	3	*Roderick J. A. Callum	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey D. Armitage.
* First peal. † First outside the U.K. ‡ First of Doubles.
First as conductor and in the method. First peal on the bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PAKEFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret and All Saints.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 88 lb. in G.

Jack Pilgrim	Treble	Ruth Woodman	5
Tom Brock	2	Stephen J. Bedford	6
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Peter S. Bedford	7
Adrian Knights	4	Vernon B. Bedford	Tenor

Conducted by Vernon B. Bedford.

(The Colegate Society)
NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.
On Thurs., March 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb.

Martin Cubitt	Treble	Thomas R. Roast	4
Janet House	2	David Cubitt	5
*Graham A. Duke	3	David E. House	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal attempt. 50th peal on the bells

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

George W. Bishop	Treble	Clifford J. Garlick	5
H. Jillian Pike	2	Michael Bishop	6
Henry L. Bishop	3	John H. Napper	7
Leonard F. Cox	4	William Corderoy	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop.

Rung as a compliment to Alfred H. Webb on his retirement from the foremanship of Hagbourne tower after 40 years' devoted service in that office. Also to celebrate the birth of a son (Richard Michael) to Sheila and Michael Bishop.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 5 cwt.

*Avril Walton	Treble	Howard Page	3
Leonard R. Porter	2	Noel D. Deam	4
Alec Gammon	Tenor		

Conducted by Howard Page.

* First peal at first attempt First as conductor at first attempt (aged 12), youngest ringer to conduct a peal for and in the tower, believed to be the youngest for the Guild and possibly the youngest ever.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Noel D. Deam.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

SUNNINGWELL Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise. (2) Double Oxford. Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (4) St. Clement's and College Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¾ cwt. in B flat.

John R. Leary	Treble	Richard J. Wilsher	4
*Peter H. Mackie	2	Richard H. Johnston	5
Elizabeth M. Barber	3	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Leary.

* 25th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Roger Burbery, Susan Heyworth and Romira Worvill.

NORTHMOOR, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Tues., March 12, 1968 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 37 methods: (1) Single Oxford. Double and Plain Bob. (2) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob (3) Beighton, Redcar, Pattiswick, Appleby, Terling and Hatfield Surprise, (4) Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fyfield and Thorne Surprise, (5) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob. (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull and Keston Surprise, (7) York, Durham, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

Richard J. Wilsher	Treble	Peter H Mackie	4
P. Gerald McIlhone	2	John R. Leary	5
Stephen F. Royal	3	Jeremy R Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by all members of the band (one extent each) and the first extent rung non-conducted.

Most methods to a peal for the Society.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Jeremy Pratt.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Feb. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Patrick I. Chapman	Treble	Barry E Saunders	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Richard F. B. Speed	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Alan A. Paul	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ULPHA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 3 qr. 2 lb.

Kilby Holtom	Treble	Roger Smith	5
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Alan A. Paul	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Christopher C. Stokes	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method.

ULPHA SURPRISE MAJOR
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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	David J Purnell	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	John R. Insley	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	10
James W. Belshaw	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	James Insley	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	10
John R. Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James W. Belshaw	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	John R. Insley	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
James W. Belshaw	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	10
J. Alan Ainsworth	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe	Treble	George S. Deas	7
Susan Rothera	2	Eric N. Harrison	8
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Norman V. Harding	9
James Crowther	4	George E. Fearn	10
Norman J. Goodman	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
Philip J Rothera	6	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W Pipe.

Rung on the occasion of the 80th annual "Henry Johnson" commemoration dinner.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BERE REGIS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Anthony Nunn	Treble	Timothy F Collins	4
Robert C. A. Philpott	2	William T. Perrins	5
Ross G. W. Robertson	3	Ronald N Marlow	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

TUXFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	Linda M. Wilkinson	5
Katharine Burchnall	2	Margaret E. Chilton	6
Doreen Metcalfe	3	Mary C. Poyner	7
*Christine M. Wright	4	Beryl N Reed	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Beryl N Reed.

* First peal on eight bells First peal as conductor. First eight-bell peal for the Guild by an all-ladies band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RUDGWICK, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., March 4, 1968 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Hull and Bourne, 2,160 and two 720's of Cambridge.
Tenor 14 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

M. Iain Davey	Treble	David D. Smith	4
Derek Slater	2	John A. Howard	5
*Ian Wickens	3	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nidholas.
On Thurs., Feb. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Jessie M. Kippin	Treble	Michael J. Thomas	6
Thomas H. Francis	2	Kenneth S. B. Croft	7
*Stephen Kirby	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
*Robert A. Partridge ..	4	R. Roger Savory	9
Derek C. Jackson	5	David J. Forder	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Andrew Paul, to Michael and Margaret Thomas

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,152 Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland, with 74 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Katherine Maundrell ..	Treble	Tom Chapman	5
*Stephen Kirby	2	Michael J. Thomas	6
Derek C. Jackson	3	R Roger Savory	7
Edward W. Colley	4	David J. Forder	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of five-Spliced "all the work" by all the band First of Spliced as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HAGLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

*Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Roderick J. Lees	5
Martin D. Fellows	2	Robert Edwards	6
Clifford Skidmore .. .	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Michael J. Fellows .	Treble	Paul W. Webb	5
Brian A. Tomlinson ..	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Robert Edwards	7
*Susan E. Thompson	4	A Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton Arranged by Henry Johnson.
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Frederick A. Munday ..	Treble	Fred Hodgson	5
*Stephen R. Munday ..	2	*C. Barrie Dove	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	*Tom M. Cox	7
Giles C. Galley	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

CONISBROUGH Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Mike Young	Treble	Ronald Snack	5
Clive Longden	2	Neil Donovan	6
C. Barrie Dove	3	David Nichols	7
Ian L. Dear	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Richard J Parker. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

(Beverley and District Society)
HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Elizabeth Moss	Treble	F. Neville Pailing	5
Linda Sherwood	2	†Roderick R. Horton ..	6
Rev Fred Ross	3	Ian G. Campbell	7
†Robert Jordan	4	A. Ben Cooper	Tenor

Conducted by F Neville Pailing.
* First peal. † First of Triples.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In University House.
On Tues., March 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5384 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 61 methods: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse, Little Bob, Crayford Little, Lansdowne Little Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington, Bastow Little Court, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Tolleshunt d'Arcy, Ogden, Hudson, Leigh, Scholfield, Fishwick, Lesser Wapping, Goldhanger, Fielden, Blackley, Loughborough College, Nelson, Wavertree, Childwall, Rosehill, Briercliffe, Birstall, Greengate, Lockinge, Ardington, Radley, Northcourt, Hendred, Abingdon, Cliviger, Berkeley, Betterton, Ginge, Edgmond, Cumnor, Queniborough, Sandford, Wick, Bolsover, Denchworth, Cropston, Edgbaston, Twist, Pulford, Avalon, Brightwell, Sotwell, Syston, Links, Letcombe, Sparsholt, Burnham, Clowne, Pleasley, Scarsdale, with 361 changes of method Tenor size 16 in C.

Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	1–2	James R. White	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	Robert M. Chambers	7–8

Arranged by J. R White, R. J. Parker and C. I. Rowson.

—1456—38.12.38—58:	l.e. 2 Denchworth	l.e. 8 Cropston
—1456—38—38.12.58:	l.e. 2 Edgbaston	l.e. 8 Twist
—16—38—38—58:	l.e. 2 Pulford	l.e. 8 Avalon
—16—1238—38—58:	l.e. 2 Brightwell	l.e. 8 Sotwell
—16—1238—38.12.58:	l.e. 2 Syston	l.e. 8 Links
—16—38.12.38—58:	l.e. 2 Letcombe	l.e. 8 Sparsholt
—16—38.12.38.12.58:	l.e 2 Burnham	l.e. 8 Clowne
—16—38—38.12.58:	l.e. 2 Pleasley	l.e. 8 Scarsdale

Most methods rung to a handbell peal of Major. Most Plain methods rung to a peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., March 14th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	Bernard F. L. Groves	7–8
		*Gerald Moorhouse	9–10

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 100th peal on handbells. First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on handbells for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor. First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on handbells as conductor.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Wed., Feb. 28 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Tredington, Donisthorpe, Lullington, Ashbourne, Bluebell, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury Marston, St. Columb, Broadwas, Southrepps, Oldswinford, Wychbold, Salwarpe, Clifford's Pleasure, Farnsfield, Little Aston, Honeysuckle, Cowslip, Wallflower, Folke, Plain Bob, Tichborne, Shenley, April Day, Seighford, Kennington, Wollaston, Dedworth, Windrush, Old, Norfolk, Primrose, Violet, Buttercup and Cadbury.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
		Frank R. Morton (cond.) ..	5–6

Most Doubles methods/variations "in hand" by all and for the Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., March 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

Christopher W. Woolley ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
*Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	John R. Mayne	7–8

Composed by W Eric Critchley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Bristol on handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., March 8, 1968, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREWARD BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
		Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6

First peal in the method by all.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
KENSINGTON London.—At 4A, Ladbroke Square, W.
On Mon., March 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 19 in F

Christopher P. Starbuck ..	1–2	Simon Humphrey	5–6
Timothy G. Pett	3–4	Richard A. J. Bower	7–8
		Stephen P. Darvill	9–10

Composed by H. Tucker. Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.
First peal on ten bells "in hand" by all the band and first on ten bells as conductor.

HALF PEAL

WINLATON, CO. DURHAM. — On March 2nd, 2,520 Minor (720 Cambridge S., 720 Kent T.B., 1,080 Plain Bob): B. Palmer 1. S. Woodward 2. D. Martin 3 R. Scholes 4, C. Ottaway 5, A. Dempster (cond.) 6.

Handbell Quarter Peals of 1,260 Plain Bob Minor by Exeter Colleges Guild at

EXETER, DEVON.—At Rowancroft, on Feb. 12th: M. S. Turner 1-2, Angela C. Hughes 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6. Also at Haldon, on March 1st: Same band. Also at Haldon on March 2nd: Same band.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on March 8th, 1,280 Doubles (five methods): J. R. Poole (O.A.) 1, Catherine A Salter 2. D. C. Henderson 3, A. K. P. Poole 4. C I. Rowson (O.A., cond.) 5. Rung by the Abingdon School S.C.R.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 10th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: R. Jean Henderson 1, Margaret A. Robinson (first "inside" on eight) 2. Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, E. E. Dodds 4, R. J. Cooles 5, D. M Truman 6. C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, D. R. Tipler 8. For Evensong.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. McLean 1, Caroline Stewart 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, P. J Bagshaw 4, .. M. Rice 5, I. V. J Smith (first of Stedman as cond.) 6, P. N. Mackley 7, R. M Day 8. First of Stedman 1, 4, 7, and of Stedman Triples 2, 5, 8. By N.U.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On March 3rd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1 E. J. Whiting 2, J. F. W. Allen 3. R. Garrett 4, P. R. Godfrey 5, P. S. Abbot 6. Rung for the marriage of Anthony W. Irlam and Jennifer Margaret Downing.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on Feb. 29th, 1,320 Cambridge S Minor: Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 1, G. W Land (cond.) 2. D. Powney (first in the method) 3, T. Newlands 4, B. A. Shackleton 5, R. J. Bowden 6.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — 1,440 Plain Bob Minor. D. Smith (first quarter) 1. D. Pattern 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, J. Eaton 4, H. Stebbings 5, A. A. Leonard (first as cond.) 6.

CHELMARSH, SALOP. — On March 7th, 1,272 Minor (Cambridge and Kent): Sylvia Leadbeater 1, A. Fletcher 2, S. G. Pick 3, C. Bennett 4, S. Yates 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On March 8th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major Brenda Boyce 1 R. W. Rice 2, W. S. Rice 3, P. J. England 4, M. G. Bartlett 5, G. Hebden 6, J. Sheppard 7. E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 8. First of Pudsey 6, 7. 50th quarter together 2, 3, 4.

CHISELDON, WILTS. — On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bowman (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Toomer (first home tower) 2. Miss J. Pursur (first "inside") 3, Miss N. Love (first "inside") 4, F. Cook (cond.) 5, C. Wilkins 6

CRADLEY, HEREFORDS.—On March 3rd 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lewis 1, N. F Bellamy 2, R. Sayers 3, I. M Bellamy 4, R Cooper (first as cond.) 5, J. Bury (first quarter) 6. Believed to be the first by an all-local band for over 30 years. For Evensong.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS. — On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Diamond (first quarter) 1. Miss V Hall 2. D Attley (first quarter) 3, M. J. Hawkins 4, S. B. Bell 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. In memory of Frank Hackney, a former ringer at this church interred the previous day. R.I.P

EGHAM, SURREY.—On March 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Catherine Elliott (first of T.B.) 1, J. Ladd (first of Surprise Major) 2, Susan Aveyard 3, Joyce Parson 4, C. White 5, A. D. Flood 6, N. Summerhayes 7, D. E Parsons (cond.) 8.

EXETER DEVON.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. George 1, Angela C. Hughes 2. D. Atkins 3, M. S. Turner 4, G. H Baldam (cond.) 5, J. N. Longridge 6. Rung in memoriam a student at St. Luke's College, who was drowned on the previous day.

EXETER DEVON.—At St. Petrock's Church, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rachel Molloy-Morley 1. D. Atkins 2. Angela C. Hughes 3. G. H. Baldam 4. J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. S. Turner 6 For Exeter Colleges Guild.

FORTON STAFFS.—On March 11th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): S. J. Illidge 1. A. Fletcher 2. S. Yates 3. P. G K. Davies 4, S. G. Pick (cond. half) 5, P. R. Johnson (cond. half) 6.

FRECKENHAM SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 23rd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Palmer 1. M. Brown 2, P. Goodwin 3, R. Whitwood 4, R. Palmer (cond.) 5. First of Grandsire 2, 3, 4.

QUARTER PEALS

FYFIELD, ESSEX. — On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Simkins (first quarter, 14) 1. M. J. Woodford (first "inside", 10) 2 Anne Simkins (first as cond., 16) 3, R. S Clarke 4, J. H. W. Smith 5, J. S. Godfrey 6. For Lent Deanery Service.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS. — On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Bagenal 1, Miss F. Munt 2, Mrs. J. M. Norris 3, Mrs. J. Wells 4, A. J. Davey 5, G. W. Henson 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, W. E. Morris 8. Rung on the middle six.

GROTON, MASS., U.S.A.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. McC Johnson 1, H. J. S. Cheever (first on working bell) 2, A. G. K. Solbert 3, P. L. Chandler 4, A. McDonald (cond.) 5, G. Davies 6.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Trendell 1, E. W. Brown 2, R. J. Martin 3, T. Bird 4, J. G. Brett 5, R. A. Rippingale 6, J. H. Brett (cond.) 7, F. J. Whitehead 8. For Evensong.

HESWALL, Wirral, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. S. Morrison 1, M. Benson 2, J. Lifton 3, G. Morrison 4, J. Andrew 5, A. J. Martin (cond.) 6. To mark the opening of St. Peter's Church Hall by the Bishop of Chester.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK —On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (5, 7 covering): R. G. Bumstead 1, A. R. Fuller 2, R. H. Rogers 3, B. E. Whiting 4, T. Spurling (cond.) 5, Theresa R. Orriss 6, F. T. Potter 7.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On March 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. J. Tyler-Maggs 1, J. J. Wallett 2, C. E Hill 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam the rector's warden, Mr. S. Ramsey who had died suddenly.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Feb 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Binstead 1 Miss R. J. Sinden 2, K. Butler 3, R. J Birch 4, P. C. Sinden 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6, A. P. S Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. Morgan and W. Pearn.

LONDON. — At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 10th, 1,299 Grandsire Caters: A. Daniel (first ten) 1, Miss M. A. Powell 2, Mrs. H. E. Oatway 3, A. M. Stacey 4, C. A. Hughes 5, Miss Jenifer Pearce 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, G. Pearce 10. For Matins.

LONDON.—At St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Bagworth 1, W. Rawlings 2, G. Parsons 3, W. Prockson 4, M. Oakshett 5, H. Clark 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, R. Overington 8. In memoriam Albert W. Coles.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On March 3rd, at the Parish Church. 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. W. Jones 1, Hilary Watson-Walker (first quarter) 2, J. Saddington 3, R. Phillips 4, E. C. Weaver 5, L. W. Stevens 6 R. Martin 7, J. Lacey 8. R. M. Wilson (first of Royal as cond.) 9. H. W. Myatt 10 First on ten 1 and 4. For Evensong

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — On March 8th, 1 260 Grandsire Triples: S. Thompson 1. R. Taylor 2 T. Pink 3, B. Turner 4, L. Tubb 5, W. Bradbrook 6. C. Ward (cond.) 7 P. Harris 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to William Langley, a regular ringer at this tower for 40 years.

NORTH CADBURY, SOM.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Davis 1, K. Laver 2, H. Creed 3 W Tiley (cond.) 4, F. Andrews 5, W. Miller 6. A compliment to Mr. W. A. Osborn, in honour of his 80th birthday.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND. — On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Briggs 1. J. Stimson 2, L. Atton 3, Mrs M Stimson 4, M. Stimson 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6, R. Hill 7, R Hoy 8. To celebrate the 90th birthday of the treble ringer; also a compliment to the tenor ringer and for evening service.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON. — On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Linda Cozier (first quarter aged 14) 1, P. Lucas 2, T. Smith 3, H. Badger 4, I Ross (cond.) 5, J. Sear 6.

ORDSALL, NOTTS. — On March 12th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: C. Hollis (first quarter) 1, W. K. Brett 2 D. Butler 3, R. W. Bloomfield 4, P. Rogers (cond.) 5, J W. Hurst 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Maj.-Gen. Sir Robert Laycock, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Nottingham, who died on Mar. 10th.

OXFORD.—At New College, on March 10th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: J. R. Pratt (cond.) 1, Elizabeth M. Barber 2, P H. Mackie 3, R J. Wilsher 4, R. E. Burbery 5, S. K. Thompson 6, P. G. McIlhone 7, R M Heyworth 8, S. F. Royal 9, J. R. Leary 10. Rung by O.U.S. for Evensong.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. R. Leary 1, J. P. Coad 2, P. J. Daniel 3, J. L. Queen 4, A. N. Hine (first of Stedman) 5, P R. Denton 6.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. J. Daysh 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, R H. Green 3, A F. W. Burbidge 4, G. Gammon 5, A. Page 6. J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. Rung for the wedding of the daughter of Mr. L. D. Duguid, Portsmouth District secretary.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS. — On Feb. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Parsons 1, Miss R. E. White 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. R. I. White 5, D. J. Danby 6, R. Mowforth 7, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary White.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On Feb. 18th, 1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: B. Mills (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, D. Lazzerini 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley 5. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 St. Nicholas Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3; Mrs. D. Bradley 4, B Mills (cond.) 5. Also on March 10th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: R Mills and A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. All for Evensong.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Robinson 1, B. Sadler 2, D. Robinson 3, T. Sharp 4, F. May 5, G. Sandwell (cond.) 6, A. House 7, G. Bacon 8. A farewell to Liz and Gerald Sandwell on their departure from Southminster.

SOUTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. T. Fost 1, Miss F. Dodds 2, R. Adcock (cond.) 3, Miss E. Aubrey 4, M. Bullett 5, B. J Fost 6. Rung following the wedding of Graham W. Sillis (tower captain and organist) and Barbara M Goodspeed, a member of the band.

STAFFORD. — On March 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Wiggin 1, K. Daniels 2, Ruth Fairbrother 3, F. R. Wiggin 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, N. Holland (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 2. For Evensong.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On March 3rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Joan Gray 1 Rosemary Myers 2, Rosemary Snowdon 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, J. Rose 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 2, 3 4. For Evensong.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SALOP.—On Feb. 24th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: Angela M. Key 1, Valerie Keay 2 B. G. Key (cond.) 3, P. J. Key 4, R. Greenaway (first quarter) 5, J. W. Dyke 6. A welcome to Victoria MacNaughton, grand-daughter of the conductor (February 12th, 1968).

STOW, LINCS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H Radley 1, Janet Bull 2, Gillian Radley 3, B. Bul 4, J. F. Underwood 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Wilfred W. Lilley, died Feb 21st, aged 70.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Davis 1. J. Ranford 2, L. Smith 3, I. M. Bellamy 4 R. Cooper (cond.) 5, J. Walker 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William J Griffin, for over 20 years a ringer at Suckley.

SWINDON VILLAGE, Cheltenham, GLOS. — On March 3rd a quarter peal: G J. House 1, R. Liddel 2, D. M Brooks 3, G. L. Maggs 4. M. C. Maggs (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to the tower captain and his bride, another Swindon ringer. Also a birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On March 6th 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: H. Watts 1. P. Warboys (cond.) 2, D. R. Hutley (50th quarter) 3. K. Westwood 4. T. Camp 5. First in the method by all the band.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): K. G. Waller 1. Mary White 2, Sandra Pearce 3, R. A. Stone 4. C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, P. W. Sherfield 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS. — On Feb 10th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: K. C. Begrie 1, W. J. Parker 2, Miss S. Cameron 3, W J. Pearce 4, H. E. Mitchell 5, K. Goddard 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, J. Prince 8. Rung to mark the occasion of Mr. J. Prince's retirement as foreman of the tower, also to mark his 52nd wedding anniversary.

WOODSTON, HUNTS. — On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Brighton 1, Gwen Roffe 2, R. Brighton 3 D. Hall 4. L Brighton 5. J. M. Roffe (first Minor as cond.) 6. First Minor 1 and 2, and by Sunday service band. Rung prior to morning service as an 85th birthday compliment (March 5th) to Mr. Charles Hoare, Sunday service ringer.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

MELTON. — To Thelma and Leslie, of Pleasant View, Aberdare, Glam, the gift of a son, Ian Nigel, on Wednesday, March 6th, 1968.

SMITH.—To Clive and Lucy, at Lichfield, on March 11th, 1968, a son, Martin Adrian, a brother for Wendy. 3624

WHITE.—On Friday, March 15th, 1968, at Avalon, 9, Oakfield Road, Malvern Link, Worcestershire, to Bridget (née Sanger) and Michael, a daughter, Karen Wendy, a sister for Stephen. 3623

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—Treasured memories of our dear brother, Thomas George, who died on March 27th, 1967. Dearly loved. Sadly missed. 3633

MEMORIAL SERVICE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A memorial service to the late Albert W. Coles will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, April 1st, at 7 p.m. The usual monthly ringing practice will follow. —T. J. Lock. 3615

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BUTTERWORTH.—The address of Judith and Derek is now 21, Moorland Avenue, Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancs. 3622

MATKIN.—After March 27th, the address of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Matkin will be Romney House, 8, Gerald Road, Bournemouth. Tel. Bournemouth 26342. 3630

PERSONAL

BELTON, Charles Richard. — Best wishes from all your family on this your birthday. Present address: 77, Chapel Street, Barwell, Leicester. 3629

"Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."—1 Timothy v., 17.

WANTED

HOUSEKEEPER. — Doctor's household. Door and telephone answering duties plus a little domestic. No medical knowledge necessary. Bed-sitter and own bath. Essex border of London, near Underground.—Apply Huddy, 26, High Street, Wanstead, E.11. 3597

MISCELLANEOUS

EXPO SUSSEX '68

There will be a competition for both tune and change ringing on handbells, open only to resident Sussex bands, at the County Show Ground, Ardingly, on July 20th, 1968. Contact G. P. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Parish Church of St. Peter, Bromyard.

The dedication of the augmented ring of eight bells by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Hereford will take place during Evensong at 7.30 p.m. on

Friday, April 5th, 1968.

The following day a quarterly meeting of the District will commence at 3 p.m. with Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m (Numbers, please, to Hon. Sec. at 18, New Road, Bromyard, by Thursday, 4th at latest.)

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, DUNSTER, SOMERSET

The rededication of the new ring of eight (by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough) will be performed by the Archdeacon of Taunton (the Ven. G. Hilder) on Saturday, April 6th. Service at 6.30 p.m. Bells available after the service until 8.45 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome. 3617

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, LONDON, S.E.

Surprise Major Practice,

Thursday, April 4th, 8 to 9.30 p.m. Cambridge, Bristol, London.

D. Hollis, Sec. 3596

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING

at

CAMBRIDGE

on

Saturday, April 6th.

Ringing: Trumpington (8) 11 to 12.15; St Andrew-the-Great (8) 2 to 3.15; Roman Catholic (8) 5.15 to 6.30; St. Mary-the-Great (12) 6.45 to 8.

Lunch (approx. 10s. 6d.) 12.30 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, Trumpington. Meeting at 3.30, followed by tea. Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London S.W.15, by **Thursday, April 4th.** 3576

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS

First annual dinner will be held at the University on May 4th. Tickets (25s.) from Miss P. Ollen, 683, Kenton Road, Harrow, Middlesex. Ringing arrangements later. Please send names and s.a.e. 3580

BEAUTIFULLY BOUND copies of "The Ringing World" for 1967, as supplied to the Central Council Library, £4 4s. plus postage 4s. 6d. Binding only, £2 10s. plus postage. Only few available. Apply: "The Ringing World" c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

CANCELLED

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—**Note:** Quarterly meeting at **Bitton** on Saturday, March 30th, is now cancelled.—R. H. D. 3616

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Parks, Dis. Sec. 5575

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Staley, on March 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. A. Hodgson, 9, Stocks Lane, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 3586

LADIES GUILD — Central District. — Annual District meeting at Thames Ditton, March 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea please, to Mrs. H. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey. Telephone No 01-398 4681. 3531

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. Chad's Church Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, March 30th Bells (8) at 4 p.m. 3587

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Carlton Colville on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (5) from 7 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 3643

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, Loughborough, Saturday, March 30th. Foundry bells 3 p.m. Tea at Church Hall 5 p.m. Parish Church bells after business meeting. Names for tea to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford (Phone Nottingham 233506). 3571

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Ten-bell practice at All Saints', Kingston, Saturday, March 30th, 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—N. Thomson, Asst Dis. Sec. 3573

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch.

10-bell practice, Brixham, March 30th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the programme depends on your support. Own arrangements for tea. R.S.V.P. to R. F. Shepperd, Sec., 26, Southdown Avenue, Brixham. 3598

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at Tuddenham (6) on Monday evening, April 1st, 7.30–9 p.m. Ringing to suit all.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 3620

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice, St. Peter's, Staines, Tuesday, April 2nd.—M. J. Palmer. 3640

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Surprise Major practice at Anstey, Wednesday, April 3rd, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All Surprise Major ringers and aspirants very welcome.—Ron Hughes. 3563

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting, Clanfield (8), Thursday, April 4th, 7.30 p.m. —E. Venn, Branch Sec. 3602

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Barnes, Friday, April 5th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—N. Thomson, Asst. Dis. Sec. 3605

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Bathwick (8) on April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. R. Stubbs, 3, Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath.—A. Lee. 3595

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Woolavington on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford, Bridgwater (Holford 345), by previous Wednesday. 3606

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Andrew's, Trent (6, 18 cwt.), 7–9 p.m. April 6th. Family half-day ringing outing, Minehead area, May 11th; seats limited; please apply early.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Coker Hill, West Coker (208). 3534

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Quarterly meeting, Harrold, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone made welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 3618

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hedon (8), Saturday, April 6th. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. C. E. Dann, The Vicarage, Hedon, East Yorks, by previous Wednesday 3592

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8, 16½ cwt.) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, 5. Bells available again after meeting.—M. Thomson, Branch Sec. 3613

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton (6), April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends, by April 1st. 353

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Saltburn (3) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 3631

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Priors Marston (6), April 6th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Napton (6) will also be open 2.30–3.30. Business includes election of Dis. Sec. and committee members. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa. Tel. Southam 2510. Regret—no names, no teas for this meeting. 3516

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Bolsover, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3–5 and 6–7.30 only; Eckington (8) 7.30–9. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cooper, 70a, Stratton Road, Bolsover, Chesterfield (Tel. Bolsover 2459).—M. Phipps, R. Fletcher, Secs. 3626

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual striking competition at Chatteris on Saturday, April 6th. Teams to be assembled by 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea. 3561

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 3637

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Holbeton on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Noss Mayo (8) 7.30 to 9 Numbers for tea please, to R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec. 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone Plymouth 36891) by Monday, April 1st. 3532

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bampton (6) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Thursday, please. 3590

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Hawley (8) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in All Saints' Church Hall, Fernhill Road, Farnborough. Names for tea to Mr. D. Jennings, 74, Chapel Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 3610

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Spring meeting, Quatt, April 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than April 3rd. 3625

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Baldock (8) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J R. Castledine, 7, Hazel Grove, Brook Street, Stotfold. (Tel. 775.)—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3619

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Quarterly District meeting, Westerham (8), April 6th. Ringing 3–3.30 and 4–4.30, also at Sundridge (6) 2.30–4. Service Westerham 4.30. Names for tea to me by April 1st.—R. W. H. Hayes, Forest Cottage, Chiddingstone Hoath, Edenbridge. 3588

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Joint meeting with Furness Branch at Silverdale on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale, Carnforth. 3593

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Joint meeting with Liverpool Branch at St. Michael's, Aughton (6) on Saturday, April 6th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Larkey, 38, Smithy Lane, Aughton, by Wednesday, April 3rd. Note—definitely no name, no tea.—D. R. Jones. Hon. Sec. 3557

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting, Sileby, Saturday, April 6th. Ringing: Walton-on-the-Wolds (5) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Sileby (8) 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. and after meeting. Service Sileby 4.15 p.m. Tea in Pochin Hall 5 p.m. Tea by name only. Methods for meeting: Plain Bob Major and Triples. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hunting, The Vicarage, Mountsorrel Lane, Sileby, by Wednesday, April 3rd.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3599

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The annual District striking competition will be held at Bitteswell on April 6th. Competition ringing in the afternoon commencing 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting afterwards. General ringing after meeting.—Ron Hughes. 3562

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Frampton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by April 1st. 3551

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Willoughby (6), Saturday, April 6th, **repeat April 6th.** Names for tea to Mr. G. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, by Monday previous.—Mrs. I. Webb, Hon. Sec. 3621

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Shirley, April 6th. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Ringing until 7 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3635

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Longbridge Deverill (8), April 6th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea to R. F. Jones, The Stores, Longbridge Deverill, near Warminster. 3237

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5 Names, please, to J. Potts, North Sweemings Farm, Lennerton, S. Milford, Leeds, before 3rd.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3584

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Bolsover, Saturday April 6th. Bells (8) 3–5 and 6–7.30 only; Eckington (8) 7.30–9. Names for tea to Mr. D Cooper, 70a, Stratton Road, Bolsover, Chesterfield. Tel. Bolsover 2459.—M. Phipps and R. Fletcher, Secs. 3628

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts. — Meeting at Sturton-le-Steeple (6) and Saundby (4) on April 6th. Please note alteration of plans for this meeting. Ringing at Saundby 3 till 4 and in the evening if required; at Sturton 3 till 4.30 and 6.30 till 8. Names for tea to Rev. L. R. R. Harris, Croft House, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, by Wednesday, 3rd 3636

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Ringing meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, April 6th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs J Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford, Norfolk, by Wednesday, April 3rd. 3594

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Practice meeting at East Grinstead (8) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. At 5.30 p.m. Mr. P. A. Corby will give a talk on "Conducting," after which ringing will resume. Please send your names for tea to me at 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel. E.G. 23815.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 3608

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Spring quarterly meeting. Kingsclere, April 6th. Bells: Wolverton (6) 2.15–3 p.m. and Kingsclere (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting following. Bells (8) after meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. P. Murduck, Hilltop, Knowle Hill, Kingsclere, near Newbury, by Tuesday, April 2nd. 3638

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Keighley (8) on April 6th at 6 p.m. Methods: Stedman, Plain and Little, call changes. All welcome. — Maurice Thurmott. 3634

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Holy Week practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, April 10th. Bells (12) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome. 12-bell ringing guaranteed.—A. Ward, Manchester Branch Sec. 3612.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Fordham, Monday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements:—Route 1: Littleport (8) 10.30 a.m.; Ely (8) 11.30 a.m.; Stretham (6) 12.30 p.m.; Wicken (5) 1.30 p.m.; Soham (10) 2.30 p.m. Route 2: Swaffham Prior (6) 10.30 a.m.; Burwell (8) 11.30 a.m.; Exning (5) 12.30; Chippenham (6) 1.30; Freckenham (5) 2.30. All towers will be open for 1¼ hours. Ringing Masters at all towers. Fordham (6) 3 p.m. until the service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Victoria Hall. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea (3s. 6d. per head) are now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped addressed envelope. Evening ringing arrangements: Fordham, Cottenham (6) and Sutton (6).—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 3627

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday, April 15th, 1968. Service noon. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 12s. 6d. each; children of resident members under 14 5s. each; obtainable for first 200 applicants with stamped addressed envelope to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent, not later than first post Tuesday, April 9th.—P. A. Corby, Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 3510

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Next meeting, Hovingham (6), Easter Monday, April 15th Bells from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only. Names to Mr. Fred Bishop, East Flat, Hovingham Hall, York.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3642

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 20th, at the Parish Church, Leamington Spa. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. The following towers will also be open from 2 to 4 p.m.: St. Nicholas', Warwick, Wellesbourne, Kineton. Other towers may be available, if so will notify in later notice. Committee meeting 5, The Burges, Coventry, on Monday, April 8th, at 8 p.m Names for tea to H. C. Burt, Bowood, Rugby Road, Cubbington, Leamington Spa.—J. L. G. H. 3614

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, April 22nd. — M. J. Palmer 3639

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Wimborne, May 13th. Will members wishing to place items of business before the meeting please send to me before April 7th.—F Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge. 3601

DEVON ASSOCIATION FIXTURES FOR 1968

The Devon Association's series of competitions will be beginning next month, with the eight-bell at Dawlish on April 20th. The six-bell begins in May, with the South Devon competition at Modbury on the 11th, the North Devon at South Tawton on the 25th, and the final for the George Facey Shield and the Shelley Cup at Bishopsteignton on June 8th.

The accent, then, is mostly on light metal: Dawlish, South Tawton and Bishopsteignton are all in the 10- to 12-cwt. range. But aficionados of bell music will make a note of May 11th: the noble 17¾ cwt. Bilbie six at Modbury is worth hearing at any time, and the cream of the bands of South Devon will be there to get the very best out of them. How the winners of this half will fare on the light six at Bishopsteignton is another matter. West Down and Down St. Mary may well prove unbeatable on bells so near the weight of their own bells.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBS. — On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Andrews (first quarter) 1, C. Sargent 2, G. Orbell 3, M. Brown 4, R. Palmer (cond.) 5, A. Barber 6.

SAXON TOWERS AROUND NORTHAMPTON

By P. AMOS

A LOOK around the countryside and it is surprising after 1,000 years to note the number of Saxon buildings there are still in existence. I can think of no fewer than seven within 35 miles of Northampton.

The best known of these, of course, are the tower of Earl's Barton Church and much of the old church at Brixworth, said to have been started A.D. 680. Although it is not named after him, it is believed that St. Chad trod the land on which Brixworth is built—and possibly with him St. Owen, who were both trying to Christianise England's seven Kingdoms. In addition to Earl's Barton and Brixworth there is a splendid example of Saxon work in the steeple of Barnack Church, near Peterborough. A little less so is the steeple of Brigstock, not far from Corby and Thrapston.

SEE NINE CHURCHES

On the other side of the county of Northants is the leaning tower of the Church of Stowe-Nine-Churches—named so by the fact that at this high point one can, on a clear day, see nine churches. The tower stands on the edge of a steep drop, but despite this has not moved an inch for a great many years.

The lower half of the tower, with a Minor four ring (tenor 13 cwt.) and a very old bell by Simon de Hazfelde, is definitely Saxon and the arch into it from the nave clearly shows this. It is very thick! Further afield, in Bedfordshire, we have the tower of Clapham Church, and in Bedford itself St. Mary's Church, where Saxon work can been seen unmistakably.

One would think that after all these hundreds of years the stonework would be so decayed that any thought of bellringing would be unthinkable—as indeed it is to some of those "unringable persons" and "unringable architects" "The Ringing World" has been debating of late.

But no—these Saxon towers are far stronger than many of later periods, and of the last few years especially.

One man who proved this to be so was the late Rev. Louis Ewart—for some 30 years (from 1931) Vicar of Earl's Barton. Since 1761 a ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt. all but 3 lb.) had rung from this thousand-year-old tower standing on the bank of the village green—an Ordnance Survey Bench Mark at the foot of it telling me (when I was with the O.S.) that it is 292 feet above sea level.



The beautiful rounded arch and doorway of Brixworth Church.



All Saints' Church, Brixworth, which dates back to Saxon times, has a place in English heritage. The tower contains five bells with a tenor of 15 cwt. in E.

Louis Ewart in 1935 set about rehanging the six bells and adding two trebles for an octave to mark the Silver Jubilee of King George V and his Queen. No harm has come to this tower as the result, and several peals have since been rung, although of late not particularly encouraged due to a few complaints about too lengthy ringing.

A very different attitude was taken in 1936 at Barnack, which up to then had had a minor five—rehung in a good oak frame for five in 1897; I rang on them once on an outing in the late '20's.

It was never quite understood why Canon Fry was persuaded by the then diocesan architect to take away the ropes and other fittings, making them a swinging chime, as well as taking away the floor immediately beneath them, putting in a new tenor in a corner of the tower by itself (15 cwt. all but 2 lb.) hung dead, and a chiming clavier to all six below, from where you can gaze up to the bells some feet above.

Far better, in my judgment, to have recast the third bell a semitone higher to have thrown them into a major five, and to have added a treble for six if any doubts about strain in the tower—doubts which have been dispelled by other architects who have seen it since—not necessarily diocesan architects but architects who have a knowledge of bells and bell-hanging which not all have and in fact very few dioecsan architects have, which has time and again been proved by the Central Council of Bellringers.

Canon Fry's successor (whom I once spoke to) was, I'm afraid, was of those "unringable parsons"; there is, however, a chance that some day a very "ringable" parson (like Canon Thurlow or the Rev. E. G. Orland, for example) may alter the situation in Barnack.

St. Mary's, Bedford, is another case not quite similar but almost. The light bells (tenor 7 cwt. approx.) have not been rung (I was told by the late Charles W. Clarke) since World War I, and I believe he told me the last peal on them was in 1902—but I stand to be corrected on that.

However, I have been up to see these bells on two occasions and see nothing wrong with the tower to any marked degree. Why, with a new frame, should they stand idle—surely they were not given to stand thus? Are we trustees of our bells or couldn't we care less about them? Must we all be "yes-men" for these "unringable clergy" and biased architects?

Clapham, just outside Bedford, has an even lighter six than St. Mary's, but not of very good tone. I have rung them at meetings years ago, and the Saxon work in this tower, of slender proportions, is quite obvious.

Brigstock steeple, of Saxon origin, is in many ways not unlike that of Brixworth—with the half-circular staircase, and, as at Brixworth, there are five bells in good ringing order (tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.).

Brixworth has a 44 in. tenor of no more than 15 cwt. despite what locals have for years been saying, that it is "19½ cwt."

This church, however, is studied by people who come to Brixworth from far and wide. It is reputed in some quarters to be the second oldest church in all England. It has of course had additions, as can be seen, but the Saxon work is unmistakable and is a gem.

Though there is no Saxon work at Weedon Bec, there was once a royal foundation castle of the Mercian kings, one of whom was the father of St. Werburgh, of Stone, Staffs, so history of Weedon has it!

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EDINGTON PRIORY CHURCH, WILTSHIRE

OUR COVER PICTURE

Edington Priory Church, Wiltshire

THE small village of Edington lies under the northern bastion of Salisbury Plain, that great escarpment that runs unbroken from Westbury for nearly 20 miles to where the Salisbury Avon carves a way southwards to Sarum. Edington is a beautiful and romantic spot, the magnificent spur of Edington Hill and the ancient earthwork known as Bratton Castle towering to the south, and the land falling to the north with remarkable views over Steeple Ashton and Trowbridge and away to the Devizes Downs in the north-east.

This is the traditional site of the Battle of Ethandune in the year 878, the engagement in which King Alfred decisively defeated the Danes and compelled Guthrum to make peace. The last stand of the Danes is said to have been in the stronghold of Bratton Castle, where they were invested by the Saxon forces and compelled to yield. We cannot be quite certain that Edington is the Ethandune of the Saxon Chronicle, but there is no doubt the town or village was of some importance, and Alfred mentions it in a bequest to his wife.

LIKE A FORTIFIED MANSION

In the lower part of the village lies the 600-year-old Priory Church, described by Nikolaus Pevsner as "a wonderful church and a highly important church. It is so varied in its skyline and so freely embattled that it looks like a fortified mansion." In 1351 William of Edington, Bishop of Winchester and Chancellor to Edward III, founded a college for priests and planned for them living accommodation and a church. At the request of the Black Prince the foundation was transferred to canons of the Augustine order, known as the Bonhommes, and the building of the church went on apace. In 1361 it was consecrated, and the nine years of building shows clearly the transition from the Decorated to the Perpendicular style of architecture. It is 150 feet long, cruciform, with nave, aisles, transepts and chancel, and a central tower furnished with a ring of six bells. The bells are as follows:

Treble.—Note B. John Lott, Warminster, 1640. 7 cwt.

2nd.—Note A. Recast in 1899. The original inscription in facsimile gives "Anno Domini 1654" and the initials of John Lott. 9 cwt.

3rd.—Note G. William Bilbie, Chewstoke, 1781. 11 cwt.

4th.—Note F sharp. James Wells, Aldbourne, 1802. 12 cwt.

5th.—Note E. John Lott, Warminster, 1647. 16 cwt. (Large Royal Arms on waist.)

Tenor.—Note D. Abraham Rudhill I or II, 1723. 24 cwt. The inscription reads: "I to the church the living call and to the grave do summon all."

There are also two sanctus bells.

For many years these bells and their frame have been in a very poor condition. The bell frame has mediæval timbers which have been reconstructed many times and, badly attacked by beetle, has quickly become dangerous. The tower would not support the bells at the height necessary and so the frame was supported on massive timbers let into the walls near the floor of the ringing chamber. The result was a movement of the frame in every direction, and the difficulties of ringing were consequently made very great.

NOISE TERRIFIC

The last phrase is certainly no overstatement of the case. At the end of December, 1957, a band attempted a peal of Minor on the six and would probably have succeeded but for lack of time and lighting; the bells were brought round at the half-way mark. D. P. J. wrote:

> "We were horrified to note the ominous rumblings and shudders from the maze of wooden framework that filled the low central tower as we raised the bells singly, a very heavy old six, upon which no peal has ever been known. We were even more horrified when the opening rounds not only revealed that the bells were in no recognisable scale but also sounded down upon us with overpowering noise. Conducting and conversation had to be done by signs . . . ."

It is remarkable that in such conditions so much of the peal was rung, and it is equally remarkable that four years later Mr. Cannon's band did succeed in bringing round a 5,040 of Plain Bob Minor in this tower in 3 hours and 25 minutes. The band stood as follows: Eric T. Lee 1, Brian Bladon 2, Ronald F. Diserens 3, Reginald F. Crook 4, Geoffrey K. Dodd 5, A. Patrick Cannon (conductor) 6. Mr. Cannon wrote:

> "The timber frame, which is supported on beams from the ringing chamber, moves and creaks very considerably, and as the sallies nearly go round the wheels the noise is terrific. . . . The tenor has the unusual habit of being quick both ways!"

In the autumn of 1964 Mr. Ranald Clouston carried out an exhaustive examination of the bells and bell frame and urged the provision of a belfry and bells worthy of this magnificent church. It was clear that the dissonance of the bells and the decayed condition of the frame would demand a major project, and the incumbent, the Rev. R. E. H. Dudley, determined to set about this task. He had already succeeded in carrying out an immense scheme of restoration for the church, raising no less than £26,000 for the work. He has now turned his attention to the bells and their needs.

IMBER BELLS ACQUIRED

But this is not the whole of the story. When the village of Imber, on Salisbury Plain, was taken over by the War Department and abandoned by the population, the church fell into virtual disuse and the bells, a ring of five, were removed and stored. Mr. Dudley has acquired these bells and with their help he plans to install a ring of ten at Edington. The treble will be about 5 cwt. and the tenor 25 cwt. Of the Imber bells, only the old treble (Abraham Rudhall, 1721) would replace the present poor treble (John Lott, 1640), which would then be used for the 16th century clock. The other Imber bells would make the top four of the ring of ten. A new cast iron frame is to be provided, and this frame will be supported on a steel structure reaching down to the floor of the ringing chamber. The five bottom bells are now at Loughborough, where Messrs. Taylor are providing a cast iron frame and recasting the second.

This great scheme will gladden the hearts of change-ringers of mid-Wilts, for there is at present no ring of ten anywhere near. It is interesting (and rather odd) to reflect that the only ring of ten in Wiltshire (the fine ten at Swindon) is not in the Diocese of Salisbury, and that the only ten in the Diocese of Salisbury (that at Wimborne) is not in Wiltshire! The practice of Caters and opportunities for Royal have been very much impeded by the lack of a convenient ring of ten, and it is hoped that the beauty and pleasure of 10-bell ringing will be nurtured by the new ring at Edington.

The complete plan for the bells involves the expenditure of some £11,000, and Mr. Dudley (who has laboured so unceasingly) and his council (who have been so far-seeing) hope that all interested in this splendid church and its bells will try to assist with some donation, however small it may have to be. The treasurer is Mr. T. W. York King, Lower Baynton, Westbury, Wilts. E.C.S.

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Among the individual totals, those deserving particular mention are Mrs. Ann Newman, of Highclere, who only learned to ring in 1967 and has rung in all her towers this year. Also Katharine Thorley, of Laxfield, who is only 11 years old and has rung in 231 towers altogether.

LONG LENGTHS AND ADEQUATE NOTICE

Dear Sir,—There has been a considerable amount written recently on the subject of giving notice and composition of prospective long peals. The only thing that seems to have been agreed upon is that there is need for clarification and possibly alteration of the rules.

In the past I have always interpreted the rules as follows (although it seems that one can at present twist the wording to suit one's own particular ends):—

(1) Notice to be in "The Ringing World" in sufficient time for those who are interested to make arrangements to listen to the ringing

(2) The composition should appear along with the notice so that those who are interested, and capable of checking the calls, can verify that the correct figures have been adhered to.

(3) Notice should be given to the conductor of the previous record (assuming that the present attempt is successful), so that he is aware that the attempt is being made to surpass his record.

(4) Notice should be given to the secretary of the Guild or Association concerned for the same reasons as in (3) above.

Items (3) and (4) in this list are there as a matter of courtesy, but they can make things complicated for the organiser of a long peal attempt, as will be explained.

(i) One must first discover who the conductor of the existing record is, and the Guild or Association for whom the peal was rung.

(ii) Is the conductor still alive? Does he still ring? Is the Guild or Association still in existence?

(iii) Do you know whether there is a record in existence, and are you just breaking one record?

As an example, the notice already published for an attempt for 27,000 Cambridge Royal would involve at least ten letters and a lot of time finding addresses, when the notice in "The Ringing World" should suffice. If anybody is sufficiently interested they will come along anyway!

The records concerned are as follows:—

15,480 Cambridge Royal—Lancashire Association.
16,368 Cambridge Maximus—Birmingham, St. Martin's.
16,920 Yorkshire Royal—Lancashire Association
19,620 Plain Bob Royal—Chester Guild.
21,363 Stedman Caters—College Youths.
21,600 Bristol Major—Chester Guild.

Instead of writing the ten letters mentioned, I have given more than the minimum required notice so that those who may be sufficiently interested can make arrangements to listen.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

EASTER WEEK PUBLICATION

For the Issue of April 19, 1968 the latest time for NOTICES is First Post Thursday, April 11th

DISSATISFIED CONDUCTOR USES A PSEUDONYM

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the conductor and ringer of 5-6 in the peal of 23 Spliced Plain Minor rung for the Birmingham University Society on February 16th, 1968 ("R.W.", March 8th, 1968), was Richard J Parker and not as submitted As Master of the Society, I strongly condemn such use of a pseudonym as a means of dissociating one's name from a peal of Minor, and I make this point in the hope that the whole Society will not be judged by the childish behaviour of one member.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES R. WHITE.

Harborne, Birmingham

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of 23 Plain Minor published on page 191 of the "R.W". I should like to withdraw the peal due to certain irregularities connected with it. —Yours faithfully,

JAMES P. RICHARDS.

Edgbaston.

In a covering letter to the Editor, Mr. Richard J. Parker writes:—

> "As I did not wish to be associated with a peal of this nature, I sent the peal up with the name James P Richards instead of my own, and I have been asked by one of the other members of the band to withdraw it, although they were informed of my intentions both before and after the peal . . I must assure you, however, that the peal was not a a 'hoax' but was a true and complete peal but as doubt may exist if I allow the peal to stand. I feel it is better in this case to withdraw it altogether with as little fuss as possible."

Mr. Walter Ayre, convener of the Peals Analysis Committee, informs us that a 23 Plain Minor peal as published would not have been accepted by his committee.—ED.

THE PEAL THAT HONOURED CUPID

Dear Sir,—In the past the reputation of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers, of which I am a non-resident member, has always been excellent, and the Society has been highly regarded by other University Societies and by the Exercise in general The future of the U.B.S.C.R is now in the hands of the present resident members, and recent events have led me to wonder whether they realise the tradition that they have to carry on.

During the annual dinner week-end in January it was a great pity to see so few resident members at either the general meeting or the dinner itself. Perhaps the residents felt that this was an occasion for the old students to get together and reminisce, and this was indeed so, but we should have liked also to converse with present students and so to try and keep the Society together. The account of the dinner week-end which appeared in the "Ringing World" of February 23rd made hardly any mention of the ringing and seemed to consider the drinking to be far more important. This account would have given a totally erroneous impression to anyone reading it who did not attend the function.

But the real reason for this letter concerns the peal rung on March 2nd at St. George's, Bristol (published in the "R.W." of March 22nd), for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which I am also a member To ring a peal "to mark the election of the treble ringer as Cupid of the U.B.S.C.R." is surely to be most strongly deprecated. I wonder if the organiser asked the incumbent for the use of the bells to celebrate this particular event? Unfortunately there has previously been an occasion on which these same bells were used for self-glorification and without much thought for anyone or anything else. Is it any wonder that some clergy get funny ideas about bellringers? It is a pity that, on this present occasion, the members did not stop to think what church bells are for, particularly so since I notice that the band contained one first pealer and a first on eight as conductor. What a pity that the peal did not have a more praiseworthy objective.

Do not imagine that I am against peal ringing. Indeed I much enjoy it and see no objection to ringing peals either for practice—since it is an excellent way of obtaining this —or for some laudable cause, but I hardly think that this present performance could be classed in either of these categories.—Yours faithfully, ANGELA NEWING.

Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos.

DO-IT-YOURSELF BAND OF ST. MARTIN'S, EPSOM

TEN bells, 16 cwt. Back three rehung on ball bearings, 1957. Front seven plain bearings—high oil consumption.

It was just over 12 months ago that John Davidge, our captain, becoming fearful that the oil faithfully put into the bearings every Monday night would soon reach the ringing room (recently decorated), suggested that not only should the front seven be rehung but that we should do it ourselves

Mr. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, duly came down to give an inspection and in addition to agreeing that new bearings were needed suggested that a concrete beam should replace an existing wooden one to prevent the movement of the upper frame which holds 2 and 3.

The P.C.C. accepted the estimate at the end of November. It was then arranged with the foundry that after the Guildford Guild anniversary peal on February 10th, 1968, and before a proposed Surrey Association meeting on March 16th the necessary work would be carried out, the bells rehung and the tie beam cast (by a local contractor).

John then spent many hours thinking out all the possible snags that might occur and devising a safe method for lowering the bells. Having thus invented a method using a 3 ft.-long threaded rod through the clapper staple hole in the headstock (we have a metal frame and headstocks), he checked with Mr. Hughes only to find that such a method had been in use since time immemorial.

TRAMPS DISGUISED AS RINGERS

On Sunday, February 11th, as a last gesture we rang for three services instead of the usual two. The locals noticed but were mollified to learn that all would be peaceful for a while. Evensong ringing was carried out by tramps disguised as ringers. After the bells had been lowered for the last time, the seven male membrs of the band went up to start the dismantling while the rest of us spread paper over the ringing room floor and prepared to label all the parts as they were brought down.

Upstairs work proceeded with two tramps per pit. Each pair was issued with a check list and a piece of chalk, and all parts were labelled with chalk before leaving the chamber to have a more permanent label tied on in the ringing room.

First the ropes, then stays, sliders and tracks, the top halves of the wheels and the ten clappers. The clappers were to be reshaped and to have new bearings fitted at the foundry. Then by 9.30, with everyone assembled on the frame, the tense moment of lowering the first bell. It grew very quiet as the bolts were removed from the headstock and the bell lowered gently on to the timbers which had been set across the frame in readiness. Even the 7 cwt. of the seventh came down uneventfully, although there were sighs of relief when it touched down. After a tray of liquid energy had been brought over from the King's Head, strength was found to carry the seven headstocks down to the ringing room.

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

John and Malcolm reappeared the following morning to measure the distances between the faces of the bearing blocks before removing these. Malcolm's large estate car then made a slow and stately journey to the foundry with all the bits—two days ahead of schedule. While waiting for their return John's private forge was put into service to provide metal plates for the ends of the sliders and strips of 2" x ¼" steel were cut to length and bolted to the slider bars to raise the track. This was necessary because, to avoid the labour and risk of error in drilling the frame, we had elected to have conversion plates to fit the new bearings to the frame using the existing holes. This necessitated raising the slider track by ¼".

By March 1st all was ready—the tie beam installed—the reassembly teams ready. Calamity! nothing available for another week. Gloom and despondency prevailed.

At last, on Friday, March 8th, the new pulleys, the clappers and four headstocks were collected (even though the red paint was still wet) and reassembly could begin. First the plates on to the frame, then the headstocks on to the plates, checking to make sure that the bearings were parallel—square to the headstock, level across the frame, and vertical, and that they remained so while the nuts were tightened. That evening, with five of the band working, three bells were up on the headstocks and by Sunday we were able to ring the back six for Matins and have a Monday practice. The only snag encountered at this time had been our failure to tell the foundry that there were frame lugs either side of the plates—which meant that slight adjustment had to be made with a hacksaw to some of the plates

SNAGS

The remaining headstocks were collected on Tuesday and the work was resumed. The first snags were soon encountered. This part of the frame seemed reminiscent of the Epsom Downs, which necessitated much packing, and the fourth after quarter turning was pulled up to the headstock, only to find that we had forgotten the plate for the crown staples, so down it had to go.

Then the headstock showed a distinct partiality for the horizontal position. So the stay was fitted and brute force used. The third also presented problems too. Being hung high in the rafters with no space to take the extra height of frame plates, the frame had to be drilled to take the new bearings; but even so the large roof beam had to be carved away a little more to accommodate the wheel and a ¼" of the stay had to be sawn off, so its contact with the slider is temporarily rather fine.

The clappers were then fitted and adjusted by moving them or the bell about until even striking was obtained. We had hoped to have clapper adjusters fitted, but this proved not to be possible for the type of headstock we have. However, on Friday evening the last ropes and pulleys were fitted, and although the Surrey Association meeting had been transferred to Putney, all ten bells were in fact ready for ringing on Saturday

CONFIDENT LEADER

Considering the average age of the 14 people who helped at St. Martin's was 19, I am sure many towers could tackle a similar job providing they have a confident leader and someone with basic mechanical knowledge (two small points: make sure that you and the bells are insured and that you have sound bearers for the bells).

The band would like to thank John for the many hours he spent both planning and working and the confidence he gave to everyone. We have all gained from the experience, both in bell knowledge and in hard-skinned and oil-stained hands.

I think that the fact that the band stayed together during a month with no bells is a compliment in itself to our captain.

We would like to thank High Wycombe, St. Peter's, Croydon and Dorking, for making us welcome on practice night, and Tony Skilton, of Ashtead, for the loan of the tower for the last practice and for the arrangements he made to accommodate us at Sunday service. We must also mention the excellent workmanship of the Whitechapel Foundry which helped to make the reassembly go so smoothly—and we are all pleased with the results of the work.

One last thing—does anyone want an old, but reasonably sound, set of assorted pulley-blocks? Apply John Davidge, 15, Prospect Place, Epsom. JILL OAKSHOTT ET ALIA.

THE CONUNDRUM OF AN OLD LICHFIELD BELL

Dear Sir,—I am a bellringer at St. Chad's Church, Lichfield, Staffs, which possesses four bells, three of which were cast in the 17th century. No one yet has been able to translate the inscription on the tenor bell with certainty. People have tried before now, but never agree—especially with the date—1555, 1455, 1255 and 1033 (?) have been suggested. The last attempt was in 1932. I thought that by now some learned person might be able to give an exact translation; I was hoping that maybe you know someone.

In 1932 the British Museum authorities said they had seen nothing like it before. They suggested contacting a Mr. H. B. Walters, F.S.A.—but he had already given his opinion: "Our Lady Mary . . .' followed by six doubtful letters. He said the bell is of 16th century origin because of the shape being (quote) "a transition between the long-waisted mediæval bell and the short-waisted bell of modern times being the normal shape of a bell at that time—Queen Mary's reign (1553–1558)."

He also said that the dates 1033 and 1255 are an impossibility because Arabic numerals had not been introduced (although the "Encyclopædia Britannica" states that they were introduced in the 12th century. He said the inscription is of something between Gothic and Roman writing.

In 1926 Mr. J Andrews interpreted it as: ✠ CHED+ADJ. MARI QUA+E+PB. 1255 sanctus (Holy Chad Help Mary Pray. Bellfounder's initials and date.) A modern version is: "St. Chad help Mary pray for us." He said the inscription was in Latin.

In his book "Church Bells of the County of Stafford" (1889) Mr. C. Lynam reads the inscription as: O (stop) B.E.A. (the last reversed) Γ (reversed) I–MA (reversed) R reversed) I (stop) A (stop) R. 1255. The last A being an abbreviation for Anno, and the last R for Resurectionis.

Mr. Lynam also mentions the form of the stops and size of the letters.

Later, Mr W. de Gray Birch, of the British Museum, translated it as: O (stop) B (blessed) Ladie Mari (stop) A.E.B. 1455.

Someone else suggested: O.R.B.U.M.D.I. M.A.R.I.A. A.R.E.I.B. and a date unknown.

The bell itself is 39 inches high and 40 inches in diameter.

I would appreciate it very much if you do find a person able to translate the inscription. —Yours sincerely, R. WILLIAMS.

Mr. F. Sharpe writes to "The Ringing World":—

The photographs you sent me are Lynam's drawings, and therefore his interpretation of the lettering. I am not saying it is incorrect, but anyone is liable to misread an inscription of this type. H. B. Walters apparently saw the bell and said it was of 16th century shape, and his judgment in these matters was good. What he meant about Arabic numerals was that they were not used on bells in this country in the 11th to 13th centuries, which does not seem to have been grasped by your correspondent. If the bell had been cast in 1255 it would have been of the Caversfield-Chaldon type, and Lynam should have known this—Walters did.

If the bell dates from the Reformation period it is most likely that the inscription is meaningless. Bellfounders valued their necks and tried to avoid any religious sentiments—they were not sure whether Papist or Protestant would eventually triumph.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. M. Sims 1, A. Frost 2, E. J. Cane (first "inside") 3, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 4, D. R. Bould 5, S. G. Pierce 6.

OBITUARY

TWO WENSLEYDALE RINGERS

MR. W. H. JOHNSON

Within a week ringers in North Yorkshire suffered the loss of two highly respected colleagues. W. H. Johnson died with tragic suddenness on February 19th when on his way to his workplace. He was 62 years of age and was preparing for retirement and residence in Ripon, where he was having a bungalow built.

A native of Durham City, he joined his father as a member of the Cathedral band and rang with this band until his employment took him into Yorkshire, where he spent the remainder of his working life. Bill was a railwayman and had worked in many capacities; some years ago he became stationmaster at West Tanfield, and when the single-line Ripon-Masham branch was closed he remained a resident at Tanfield. At the time of his death he was in charge of the partially-closed station at Ripon.

Bill's sudden death came as a great shock to his ringing friends, many of whom had shared his company at a meeting at Knaresborough less than 48 hours before his passing. A good companion and a reliable ringer, Bill was always ready to join in any ringing activity. The Yorkshire Association was represented at his funeral at West Tanfield, floral tributes were sent by his fellow ringers, and the bells were rung half-muffled after the interment and later in the evening. On the following Sunday a quarter peal was rung at Northallerton as a tribute to Bill, and at West Tanfield a memorial service was held in the evening, preceded and followed by half-muffled ringing.

In the presence of a considerable congregation the service was conducted by Mr. Leo Bean, a ringer and also a lay reader, and the address was given by Mr. Edward Hudson, honorary secretary of the Northern District, who based his remarks on the opening words of the Epistle for the day: "Though I speak with the tongues of men or of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

To Mrs. Johnson and to Geoffrey, who is carrying on the family tradition of ringing, North Riding ringers extend their sincere sympathy.

MR. J. H. PARRISH

After a long and very full life, Harry Parrish died rather suddenly on February 23rd. Described by the Press as "Mr. Middleham," Harry was easily the best-known and best-informed man in the historic little town of Middleham, in the heart of Wensleydale. He had lived in Middleham for all of his 80 years and, with a flair for local history, he was known, loved and trusted by a wide circle of friends, to whom he and his wife always extended a warm and hospitable welcome.

He retired from active ringing a few years ago after serving St. Alkelda's Church at Middleham for over 60 years. The bells were augmented from six to eight in 1911, and in the year 1909 Harry was one of the local band who succeeded in ringing 135 extents of Minor in about ten different methods. Always a sound and dependable ringer, he was a most skilful exponent of the art of rising and falling in peal.

His achievements were perhaps the more remarkable when one knew that he was completely blind for the first ten years of his life and that he was able to make up the leeway in his education within three years of undergoing an operation which gave him his sight. Possessed of an accurate bass voice, Harry sang in the choir at Middleham Church for about 70 years and was a member of the Parochial Church Council from its inception until the time of his death.

The White Boar Society, which exists for the purpose of vindicating the honour of King Richard III, who was closely associated with Middleham, received much assistance from Harry and, in gratitude, elected him and his wife as honorary members of the Society.

There is a strange custom at Middleham of tapping three bells in an unusual chime on the day of the patron saint Alkelda; Harry was responsible for keeping alive this custom, probably of great antiquity and about which I hope to make further investigations.

On the Saturday after the funeral a band of ringers including some of his oldest ringing friends and representing six different towers, rang a very good quarter peal of Grandsire Triples as a tribute to a fine friend and a Christian gentleman. E. H.

MR. WILLIAM J. ROBINSON'S PEALS

The late Mr William J. Robinson, formerly of Guildford, rang 384 peals. Of these 298 were rung with Alfred H. Pulling and 141 at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, 207 of his peals were rung after his 62nd birthday. His list includes 10,025 Stedman Caters, 9,600 Double Dublin and the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung. Details:—

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Royal.—Kent T.B. 8, Plain Bob 7.

Caters.—Stedman 24, Grandsire 3.

Major.—Plain Bob 23 (conducted 1), Kent T.B. 22 (1), Oxford T.B. 1, Double Norwich 45, College Single 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Surprise Major: Cambridge 8 (1), London 19, Superlative 14 (2), Guildford 7, Norfolk 6, Yorkshire 6, Bristol 4, Dublin 3, Surrey 2, Aldenham 2; one each of St. Blaise Double Dublin, New Cambridge, Belgrave, Chiltern, Shalford, Ashtead, Lyme and 4-Spliced.

Triples.—Stedman 119 (1), Grandsire 32 (6), Court Bob 1.

Minor.—One method 4 (1), three methods 3, four methods 4 (1), seven methods 3.

Doubles.—Stedman 1.

Total 384 (14).

MR. T. TYLER

Mr. Tom Tyler, well known in Bridgnorth, Salop, ringing circles for many years, died on March 13th at the age of 78. Before ill-health caused him to retire from active ringing Mr. Tyler was a stalwart of St. Mary's band and he also assisted with the ringing at St. Leonard's. He was a man of simple tastes and sound principles.

At his funeral at Wolverhampton Crematorium the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Guild was represented by Mr A. Jones, Ringing Master, and Mrs Joan Bennett, secretary. The bells of St Mary's, Bridgnorth, were rung on the evening of the funeral as a tribute of respect.

MR. GEORGE H. SPICE

The news of the passing of Mr George H. Spice in hospital on March 22nd will be received with very great regret, especially in Kent. He was 74 years of age and his death followed a fall. The funeral was at Tunstall on March 28th.

Mr Spice rendered yeoman service to the Kent County Association, being for many years the general secretary.

We hope to publish a memoir in our next issue.

BUILDING LAVENHAM TOWER

Dear Sir,—As a footnote to Mr George Pipe's article on Lavenham Church and its bells, there is a local tradition, according to Canon Scott's "Guide to Lavenham," that the architect was killed falling from the tower and it was considered that it would have been unlucky to have built any more by adding the pinnacles.

The Lavenham clothiers and their wives gave over £722 to the building of the tower, a very substantial sum in our devalued currency of the present day. Among the more interesting items are the following:—

1486	Thomas Spring (second of that name) "Ad edificacionem campanilem in stepyl ecclesiæ — 300 marks"	£200 0 0
1493	James Spring (son of above) To makyng of the steepul" He was killed in a fight between the men of Lavenham and Brent Eleigh, the next village."	£40 0 0
1517	Robert Sexten. "To the building of the steepul if they will set thereupon within the space of two years after my deth." ..	£40 0 0
1520	John Ponder. "To the bilding of the steple 4 marks."	£2 13 4
1520	Robert Rysby. "To the bylding of the stepull if it may be borne.	£3 0 0
	(This man's finances were obviously not in a healthy state, judging from the saving clause.)	
1520	Symond Causton. "To the reparacion of the steeple	£18 0 0
	"To the bylding of the steple for discharynge of my conscience and my brother William Causton's conscience"	£40 0 0
1523	Thomas Spring (the third — "the rich clothier"). "To the finishing of the stepull	£200 0 0

About the time of the death of the third Thomas Spring, the family received their coat of arms, and this was reproduced on the panel round the parapet of the tower instead of their merchant's mark, which was used at the base. At the death of his widow, Alice, the Springs left Lavenham and assumed the rank of country gentlemen, but they will never be forgotten as long as Lavenham Church stands and its famous bells still ring.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. HANCOCK.

Bury St. Edmunds.

See also page 262.

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Letters to the Editor

THE STAPLEFORD GRAB—A DEFENCE

Dear Sir,—While not wishing to condone what the headline to some paragraphs published in your issue of March 8th, 1968, suggest to be irresponsible tower grabbing, is not your correspondent himself being a trifle irresponsible? No names are mentioned, we await them with bated breath, but the mind fairly boggles at the implications and cloak and dagger innuendoes contained in the item. Friction in the west, information to be passed on to the authorities—which one is not made clear—unless the culprits confess their heinous crime. The Wiltshire police scouring the countryside for the errant ringers—even in this rural county one might have expected them to be able to occupy their time more usefully than by such a quest. Personal apologies to prevent the matter becoming more involved—goodness, it sounds very much that way now!

More seriously, what, one wonders, is his real objection to this incident? Could it in this particular case have caused any real damage, indeed would any follow future ringing at this tower? Certainly from another angle it can only be good that the village has been reminded of its long-forgotten bells. Perhaps if anything indicates irresponsibility it is the fact that a church can allow its bells, basically in good order, to remain derelict for ten years plus because of two minor faults.

Your correspondent's address is the home of three of the bells in question; may we hope that any advice he has to give will be constructive?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN C. SAWTELL.

Holt, Trowbridge.

220 DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—The record peal of 220 Doubles methods has thrown a record amount of work on to those of us who try to keep records of names and structures. The collection of 96 names given on page 231 is completely unnecessary The precedent in naming these variations should have been Grandsire. As Mr. Underwood accepts, Grandsire back to front is Reverse Grandsire, Grandsire turned round endways is New Grandsire, and Grandsire back to front and turned round is Reverse New Grandsire; yet Newborough has been inverted to St. Brynach and Headbourne Worthy! (And Gonalston, but it is probably too late to do anything about that.)

The point is that in structure all these 96 methods are **only** reversals and inversions of methods that have been rung before, and "New", "Reverse New" and "Reverse" something else is an adequate definition of a method, and certainly less confusing than four entirely different names. I am not trying to belittle the ringing of this peal, nor its compositions: my only disagreement is with the further naming of things which have been more than adequately named already.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough.

P.S.—Whatever they are called there would still be 220 variations.—J. D.

A LADY WHO RANG AT THE ABBEY

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. T. E. Sone, the Westminster letters have taken me back to a Sunday in July, 1921.

Standing outside the Abbey with the late Oliver Sippetts, waiting for the service to finish before going inside to look around, along came the late Bert Hughes with his large hat on.

"Would you like to go up into the belfry—they are going to ring after the service?" he enquired. Aside to me Oliver said: "You won't be allowed to ring."

After waiting in the cloisters we went up to a dirty belfry full of old timber beams upon which work had or was being done. To my delight I was allowed to ring the treble to Kent Treble Bob and the second to some Grandsire.

I was the first female to be allowed in the belfry and still the only one, I believe. Some time after I was told the Dean had seen me coming down from the tower and said no more ladies were to be allowed to go up as he did not think it was the right place for them.

I shall always appreciate that visit and say thank you, as I was not much more than a schoolgirl then.—Your faithfully,

FLORRIE E. WYMAN.

Dormansland, Surrey.

HUNT BELLS

Dear Sir,—I must thank Mr. Chant for drawing your readers' attention to an earlier example of what I had considered a less interesting because less basic variation of the double-hunt system. In this connection, the following examples of hunt paths, all in this family, may be of interest.

There is no reason why the hunt bell's full lead should be a turning-place, or even why the treble should invariably be the hunt bell, and several of these paths have turning-places away from the lead.

KEY

The figures represent the places the treble (or other hunt bell) falls into in the course of a half-lead. Bracketed figures are single changes, and the first and last figures of a sequence are turning-places.

1.	Double-Hunt	1 2 3 4 5 6 (6) 5 4 3 2 1
2.	Thackrah's Hunt	1 2 1 2 3 4 5 6 (6) 5 4 3
3.		1 2 1 2 3 4 3 4 5 6 (6) 5
4.		2 1 (1) 2 3 4 5 6 (6) 5 4 3
5.		2 1 (1) 2 3 4 3 4 5 6 (6) 5
6.		3 2 1 (1) 2 3 4 5 6 (6) 5 4

etc.

Each of these variations will probably give over 350 methods.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL S. BRUCE.

Southsea.

ARE THEY SUB-STANDARD?

Dear Sir,—With special reference to six 1967 peals which have appeared in the "Ringing World" this month, may I suggest that the Editor does not publish peals and quarter peals that are not sent to him within a week of being rung?

The explanation which comes immediately to mind is that the ringing in question is sub-standard and is best forgotten.—Yours sincerely,

GORDON H. BALDAM.

West Lyng, Taunton.

OUR KENT ISSUE

Cover Picture
Rochester Cathedral

The Story of its Bells
by Nicholas J. Davies
Historian to the Kent County Association

LAVENHAM CHURCH

Dear Sir,—Lavenham Church certainly has a great reputation for its bells and its architecture, and as a recent visitor there I was interested to read Mr. Pipe's blurb in your issue of March 15th Unsurprisingly, I found the actual place rather different from its reputation (though none the worse for that) and I would like to add my comments.

First I must agree that the situation of the church is superb and the village still retains something of an old-world atmosphere; but the interior of the church is disappointing, mainly because of the "restored" chancel.

On hearing the bells I did not find the front five "not good"; the treble and second I thought very pleasant and clear. It ought to be pointed out too, that the tenor is not a "matchlessly" good bell, though it is remarkable for its date and pitch. What the bells do have, of course, is character, and to ring them is an undoubted pleasure.

It was still more a pleasure to listen to the local ringers ringing a course of Plain Bob which was for a recording, perfectly struck at a distinctive slow pace; how could it be said that a more involved method (least of all Bristol) would be more effective?

Finally, I agree that the belfry has an impressive aura of tradition and is one of the pleasantest I have visited; and above all, the welcome given to me and the band I was with was one of the warmest I have experienced. The Lavenham ringers set an example to the Exercise in coupling such unassuming friendliness with plain good ringing.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD JONES.

Kensington.

WORCESTERSHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—The following information may be of help to your correspondent, A. J. Whittle, regarding Worcestershire bells:—

Overbury, St. Faith's: 1 John Taylor, 1903; 2 Purdue, 1641; 3 Newcombe, 1555; 4 R. Handley, 1490; 5 A. Rudhall, 1719; 6 Purdue, 1641.

If Mr Whittle would like to have the inscriptions of these bells I would be pleased to let him have them.

Both Kemerton and Ashchurch are in Gloucestershire.

Regarding the other rings mentioned, i.e. Bredon and Bredon's Norton, the latter are all Rudhall's except the treble, which is by Mears.

Bredon, St. Giles', are: 1 R. Rudhall II, 1733, 2, 3 and 5 Whitmore, 1624; 4 A. Rudhall I, 1706.

Pershore, St. Andrew's, has a complete ring of six by A. Rudhall cast in 1715. The six by Rudhall in the Abbey eight are by A. Rudhall II, 1729.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR A. JOPP.

Stoulton, Worcester.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Cambridge University Guild Dinner

THE dinner was held in the Old Kitchen, Trinity College, on March 9th, when over 80 members and guests attended. The festivities began on the Friday evening in traditional manner and the Master checked his arrangements for peals of London and Rutland the next day. The organisation was so good that two Guild peals of Cambridge Major were rung at Trumpington and Sawston and a visitors' peal was rung at Harston. Ringing continued in the afternoon at Meldreth and Melbourn. Everyone agreed that John Gipson had done a magnificent job hanging the trebles at Meldreth. Some confusion followed at St. Bene't's and Great St. Andrew's, but we were expected at Great St. Mary's. Finally we enjoyed a ring on the glorious bells of the Catholic church

Sherry was served, eventually, in the Junior Parlour but some members impatiently revisited the Blue Boar! No complaints were voiced about the seating plan — not even from the custodian of the Guild Dove. An excellent dinner was served, the culinary delights of which were conceived by the Master. During the Ceremony of the Loving Cup a touch of Stedman Cinques (without the 8-10-12s) was rung by F. E. Haynes 1-2, V Nutton 3-4, J. M. H. Hunter 5-6, B D. Threlfall 7-8, R. A. G Inglis 9-10, A. F Scholfield 11-12.

The president, Bill Ridgman, proposed the loyal toast, welcomed the non-resident members and guests, and mentioned the eminent members who were present. We were honoured by the presence of the Master of the Oxford University Society and the Rev. R. N. Evans, Vicar of Great St. Andrew's. Frank Haynes managed to avoid paying for his dinner by coming in the guise of the Master of the Cambridge Youths and was accompanied by the secretary, Jim Quinney.

CANON THURLOW REMINISCES

The toast of "The Guild" was proposed by the president of the Central Council, who was himself up at Selwyn. Canon Thurlow promised to tell the truth and not what is printed in the Guild History He reminisced expansively about pushing the Rev A. H. F Boughey around Great Court on his tricycle, the way in which the Guild was resurrected in the 'thirties and Major Freeborn's Guild weeks after the war He spoke of the introduction of women—or, as Bill Cook would call them, ladies—into the Guild. It gave him great pleasure to propose the toast and to introduce the Master.

Richard Youdale, in reply reported that the peal ringing had been generally good but that the service ringing and practices had not been as well supported A record number of 36 peals had been rung by 51 members. A revival of handbell ringing had taken place with ten peals, including Stedman and the first of Surprise by the Guild Successful outings had been enjoyed in Suffolk, in Leicestershire with Sheffield University and in Buckinghamshire with(out) the O.U.S. Finally it was disclosed that the residents, after many frustrating hours spent with pencil and paper, had captured the Doubles methods/variations record, and how it had been necessary to bring smelling salts into the belfry during the last 50 or so variations.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the secretary, Alan Scholfield, who welcomed all the visitors and pointed out to the Celtic fringe that there were even more northerners present than last year Mention was made of the "southern" universities and the interest the Guild was showing in the formation of the new Association. Particularly welcome were our friends from the Ely Association.

The Rev. R. N Evans, in reply, thanked the Guild for ringing the bells at Great St. Andrew's at all hours of the day and night, and proceeded to give a pulpit's-eye view of ringers.

Drinks were available in the Junior Parlour afterwards and many of the members and guests took advantage of this. A band of non-residents rang T.B Maximus "in hand" and a touch of 5-Spliced Surprise Major was also rung. Sufficient people crawled out of bed on Sunday morning to ring Yorkshire Maximus at G.S.M., which completed the week-end.

A. F. S.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The Chew Branch quarterly meeting was held on March 16th at Portbury Ringing on the heavy six continued until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Ramsey. We were treated to a most stimulating address on the part we all play in the Christian life.

About 40 members and friends sat down to tea in the adjoining church hall, and the Vicar took the chair for the business meeting

The secretary reported that two members had died since the last meeting, namely Mr. E. Abraham, of Long Ashton, and Mr R. Power, of Publow. The meeting stood to their memory

Five new members were elected, one member re-elected and the Rev J T George, of Backwell, made an associate member

Subject to permission, the June quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton and a practice meeting at Winford in May. Annual Corporate Communion. Easton-in-Gordano, on June 30th. Mr Horseman outlined details of the striking competition to be held at Butcombe on April 20th, when the judge will be Mr A. M Tyler, of Bristol.

M. Mogford reported that ringing at Publow had been suspended until urgent repairs to the belfry floor had been carried out The general secretary reported on the committee meeting at Bridgwater, advising amongst other items that this year's dinner would be held at Cheddar in October

Ringing was resumed after the meeting at both Portbury and Easton-in-Gordano until approximately 8.30 p.m.

J. B.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On March 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Alison Brown 1, Joan Gray 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, S Bendle 4, J. Riley 5 P Gray (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 3, 5. For Evensong.

COLLINGBOURNE — A Red Letter Meeting

One of the best attended and most successful meetings for a very long time took place on March 16th, when the Marlborough Branch met at the Collingbournes. Over 40 ringers were present, representing members from Chisledon, Aldbourne, Marlborough, the two home towers, Everleigh and Marlborough College, and visitors from Brockworth (Glos), Towcester (Northants), Spottisbury (Dorset), Chippenham, Salisbury and Swindon. A most welcome visitor was the Master of the Guild (Rev. R N. Longridge)

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. on the lovely six at St. Mary's, Collingbourne Kingston, considered by many to be one of the most tuneful rings in the Branch, and continued under the direction of Mr F. Read (Ringing Master) until 4.15 p.m. The many young members present were given every opportunity to take part in methods, call-changes and rounds, and the more advanced methods catered for the experts.

The Guild service was held at St. Andrew's, Collingbourne Ducis, the Rector (Rev. G. F. Kidd) conducting, with Mr. Alan Keen, of Aldbourne, at the organ. The lesson was read by the Master.

Afterwards a bountiful tea was enjoyed in the nearby schoolroom, prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. R. Ward and Mrs. R Barlow. The necessity of letting the secretary know if one would like tea was highlighted when it appeared that extra tables were urgently required for the large company All difficulties were, however, swiftly and efficiently overcome, but much worry would be avoided if all would signify their intention to be present.

At the business meeting the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) welcomed the visitors. Miss H. Jones (hon. secretary) read the minutes and submitted the balance sheet for 1967, showing a small balance in hand. The schedule of meetings for the remainder of this year had now been sent to all tower correspondents, and it was hoped that this would lead to a reduced bill for postage

The Rev. R Keeley (Branch representative) gave a résumé of the proceedings at the last Guild committee meeting and announced that the Guild festival would be held at Wimborne in May. Enough interest was shown in this to justify the ordering of a coach for the day. He also answered questions relative to the supply of Guild badges.

In his closing speech the chairman announced that the whole company were regarded as the guests of the Collingbourne ringers and expressed thanks for their hospitality. A collection was afterwards taken and given to church funds in appreciation. He also thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, and all who had helped in the day's arrangements.

Ringing was then resumed on the somewhat lighter six at St. Andrew's and continued until 8 p.m.

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THE TOWER GRABBER

BY GORDON W. RENDELL

This is the story of Sidney Snell,
Who wanted to ring the Russian Bell.
Our Sid was a bit of a tower grabber,
And than the rest was somewhat madder

So setting out one frosty morn,
He left the place where he was born,
And trotted off as fast as able
On borrowed horse from riding stable.

At the coast he mutters " Things look grim
This horse I've borrowed cannot swim,"
So leaving horse he finds canoe
And paddles off into the blue.

The problem now, which way to go,
For in the North there's lots of snow
So to the South he starts to pull,
Through the " Med and Istanbul.

On reaching land our Sidney sees
A lot of soldiers stood in threes.
He says, " I've come to ring your Bell,"
And the soldiers say, " You go to .
Moscow ! "

Once in Red Square our Sidney spies
A monstrous Bell before his eyes.
He shouts, dismayed, " It can't be rung,
I didn't know it wasn't hung."

What's more, it's got a king-sized crack.
With a big piece missing round the back.
The piece knocked out lies on the ground
And Sid sat on it, looking round.

Suddenly devaluation gives
Our Sid an inspiration
With the price of copper now so high
To take a piece back home he'd try.

As tanks roll by and people cheer,
Our Sid shouts " Oy, come over here.'
A tank slows down and comes to rest,
In answer to our Sid's request.

A smiling Russian, rather fat,
With big black boots and funny hat,
Climbs swiftly down from driving seat
And swings his arms and stamps his feet

" What can we do for you? " he says,
As his eyes met Sidney's steely gaze
" I've orders to remove this scrap,
Give us a lift, there's a good chap."

The Russian says " It can't be done,
That little chip weighs several ton."
So Sidney, turning on his charm,
With vodka bottle twists his arm.

With vodka safely in his pocket,
He stops a tractor, hauling rocket.
Sidney gasps " This bloke is barmy,
He's been and stopped the blooming army.'

As a hundred blokes load up his scrap,
Our Sidney is a humble chap.
For the soldiers say they're very sorry
They didn't have a larger lorry.

" I must get home," our Sidney thinks,
I can't afford a round of drinks."
So Sidney's friend with the fur-lined boater
Climbs aboard and starts the motor.

" Come on, Sidnik," shouts his chum,
" Don't stand around, you'll get all numb
He gives our Sid the vodka bottle,
And slams his boot down on the throttle.

" Which way do you want to go,
It all looks the same in this here snow ?
" West, says Sid, " Till you see the sea,
Here, have a swig, you silly B . . ."

So back and forth the bottle went,
Until the vodka was all spent,
Which made our Sidney realise.
Their desperate need for more supplies.

With tongue that felt like a prickly teazle
Sid made a stop for stores and diesel,
Then fully loaded and relieved of pain.
They thunder westward once again.

After driving days and nights,
They see ahead some distant lights.
" The coast," says Sid, " without a doubt.
Now I suppose our luck's run out."

" We've got to try to thumb a ride,
And get this lot to the other side."
Sid's pal keeps going—doesn't falter
And drives it straight into the water

Sidney shouts " Have you gone daft,
This is a rocket launcher, not a raft.
But to our Sid's surprise it floats
And churns on past some fishing boats

On nearing England Sidney spies
Scores of aircraft in the skies,
Who fly around in rings and wonder
If they should let it land or poke it under

They come ashore in a cloud of foam,
Sid says " Turn left, we're nearly home."
And crowds of people stand and cheer
As they see Sid and his souvenir.

" Cor blimey strewth and what a whopper,"
Explains a disbelieving copper
As Sid parks by the foundry yard
And pops inside to present his card.

Sid's journey ends he's home again,
With metal for a ring of ten.
And the Government has used its power
To swap his rocket for a stone-built tower

With friends at night and Russian lodger,
Who, incidentally, is known as Roger,
At their ropes they gladly toil,
Ringing Stedman Caters and Cambridge
Royal.

Sid said, when thanked for his donation
To the country and the ringing nation,
" Most tower grabbers Russians are,
They rush in rush out, and don't say ' Ta.' "

Ilchester Branch Dinner Ode. Shrove Tuesday. February 27th. 1968.

5,079 STEDMAN CATERS

By R. A. G. INGLIS

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First rung at Luton by the Cambridge University Guild on Saturday, February 24th, 1968.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Leeds University Union Society of Change Ringers was held this year on March 2nd at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds. During the day ringing took place in the Pontefract–Ossett area of Yorkshire, and University ringers from all over the north assembled for the spring term meeting.

Members were joined by ringers from Lancashire and Yorkshire and the Universities of Birmingham, Aston and Liverpool for the dinner. Forty-four people in all, slightly more than last year, sat down for an enjoyable meal, after which the toast of "The Church" was proposed by Mike Dodson, vice-president of the Society.

The response was ably given by the Rev. C. Williams, Vicar of St Mary's, Hunslet, where the Society now rings and in it he thanked the members for their efforts in cleansing the tower of its "pigeonalia" and for their willingness to ring its bells for Sunday service.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Graham Jones, past president of the Society, and the guest speaker, Mr David Marshall, a past president of Durham University, replied in a most lively and entertaining way. It was left to the president, Mr Geoff Cooper, to make the final speech in his own effective way before the company got down to the pleasurable business of drinking and singing until 11.45 p.m.

The next dinner will probably be held later in this year to mark the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Society, so will all past and especially founder members please note.

FURTHER HALF-DAY COURSE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Sixty-five students attended a half-day school at Billingborough Secondary School, Lincs. on Saturday, March 23rd. The students were divided into three groups — beginners, intermediate and advanced ringers. The beginners studied 12 changes and Plain Bob Minor. The intermediate group received instructions on Plain Minor methods. The advanced section studied Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob Major and Stedman. All students attended a lecture on Rhythm and Striking.

Practical ringing sessions used the 6-bell towers at Folkingham, Horbling and Sempringham and the 8-bell tower at Billingborough. The classroom lecturers were Mrs. M. Parker, Messrs. V. Evans, I. Freeman, R. Heppenstall and H. Radley. The instructors in the towers were Messrs. I. Bluff, D. Frith, J. Haw, J. Millhouse, K. Noon and G. Parker.

Thanks are due to the Kesteven Education Authority, the ladies who prepared the tea and the incumbents who allowed the use of the bells.

F. J. R.

MR. ALBERT W. COLES
AN APPRECIATION

With the passing of Albert W. Coles, one more friend of my young ringing days at Crawley, Sussex, has gone. Albert would visit us on a Sunday evening in time for ringing after one of his Sussex walks. On various occasions he suggested we had a day in London, when he would arrange ringing at two or three towers, meals and a little sightseeing.

Quite a few of that band are now at rest, but I know how much his company and his help were enjoyed and appreciated by us all. Thank you, Albert. FLORRIE E. WYMAN.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Perris 1, J. Powell 2, T. Jefferies 3, A. Dando 4, H. T. Perris (cond.) 5, N. Smart 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Leslie Clark, aged 70 years, former captain of Westerleigh ringers, and held in high esteem in his native parish, interred this day.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor. E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N. Bennett (first of T.B. "inside") 2, Amanda Powell 3, Carol Cousins 4, I. Wiltshire 5, R. Rayfield 6. For Evensong.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wilkinson 1, Jane Fransella 2, Valerie Jones 3, R. Tomlin 4, D. E. Rothera 5, J. S. N. Porter 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, Barbara Shaw 8. For Festival Evensong, on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the church. Also on March 16th 1,302 Bob Triples: Christine Morton 1, D. Bedford 2, Jane Fransella 3, I. Sharp 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, Barbara Shaw 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8. A wedding compliment to David Knewstub (a member of the local band) and Margaret Andrew.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: A. G. Clark 1, Jean L. Kimber 2, Juliet S. Stoy 3, R. J. Talbot 4, D. G. Spittle 5, R. J. Cook 6, N. Thomson 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 5, 7.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On March 17th, 1,344 3-Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Woodstock): Beryl Shuttleworth 1, D. R. McLean (50th quarter) 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, B. S. Payne 4, P. N. Mackley 5, P. J. Bagshaw 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, E. Shuttleworth 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major 1, 2, 5, 6. For St. Patrick's Day Evensong by N.U.S.C.R.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. Bilham (first of Minor) 1, G. Walker (first of Minor) 2, Miss G. E. Perry (first of Minor as cond.) 3, Miss E. J. Darby 4, P. Dickinson (first "inside") 5, M. Cuckson 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory Church on March 10th 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Faith Riley 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, H. A. Mitchell 3, Dorothy T. Gardiner 4, A. Nunn 5, F. L. Harris 6, A. V. Davis 7, W. I. Perrins 8, F. E. Collins 9, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 10. First quarter on ten bells 1, 5. For the Sung Eucharist Service; also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davis on their tenth wedding anniversary.

CLAYWORTH, NOTTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Poyner 1, P. N. Mounsey 2, B. Birket (first of Minor "inside") 3, J. A. Coates 4, P. Rogers (cond.) 5, K. Hilton 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Maj.-Gen. Sir Robert Laycock, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, ex-Governor of Malta, who died on March 10th and whose funeral service was on this day at this church.

EWELL, SURREY.—On March 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Munday 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, C. W. Munday 3, A. Sawyer 4, P. J. Munday (cond.) 5, R. C. Spittle 6, J. E. Beams 7, M. Morris 8. For Confirmation administered by the Bishop of Guildford.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. G. Game 1, Miss C. Martin 2, R. L. Jones 3, A. Streeter 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, L. C. Way 6, K. Burgess 7, R. J. Collis (cond.) 8.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On March 17th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: R. Cook 1, Miss P. Bull 2, Mrs. E. Gray 3, J. F. Underwood 4, Miss M. Stapleton 5, C. H. Baker 6, T. A. Gilbert 7, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 8. An 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Morgan 1, W. Reece 2, W. Harper 3, Mary Starkie 4, J. Higgins 5, H. Meek 6. To commemorate the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Reece.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. R. Lindsay 1, Mary W. Whalley 2, Dorothy M. L. Maudsley 3, W. Kenyon 4, B. Maudsley 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6, J. Whalley (covering) 7.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Read (first quarter) 1, T. R. Jones (first Triples "inside") 2, Miss H. L. Jones 3, K. Harvey 4, T. A. Palmer 5, F. J. Read (cond.) 6, A. G. Keen 7, C. Barnes (first of Triples) 8. For Evensong by the ringers of St. Michael's, Aldbourne.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Barbara J. Duck 1, T. J. Bell 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, A. Locke 4, R. P. Pearce 5, G. F. Dunstan 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On March 17th, 1,272 Double Bob Minimus (on the front four with 5, 6 covering): J. Stott (first attempt) 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, D. Stott (first of Minimus) 4, W. White 5, P. Monk 6. First in the method on tower bells 2 and 3. First in the method by a local band.

LOWER BENTHAM, W. YORKS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. M. Newby 1, Doreen Maclean 2, C. P. W. Taylor 3, J. Whalley 4, T. F. Metcalfe 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. First "inside" 2, 3.

QUARTER PEALS

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle Butcher 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, L. Butcher 6. Rung for the birth of a son (Jonathan) to Yvonne and Brian Watts.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Robinson 1, W. P. Adcock 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, J. Adcock 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, S. E. Denby 8. For Evensong and a 21st birthday compliment to W. F. Adcock.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Kirby 1, Mary Mann 2, R. Sharp (cond.) 3, M. Lockey 4, K. Fleming 5, C. Mann 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and example of Constance White, who died on February 29th.

MIDDLEHAM, N. YORKS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Bean 1, M. Humphrey 2, D. M. Killingley 3, D. Town 4, A. Bashforth 5, A. G. Dalton (cond.) 6, E. Hudson 7, E. Metcalfe 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Parrish, a ringer at Middleham for over 60 years.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Kinch 1, A. V. D. Mead (first in method) 2, C. W. J. East 3, H. G. Rano (first in method) 4, L. Busby 5, D. E. Towers (cond.) 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. John's Church on March 10th, 1,280 Plain and Little Bob Major: R. Scholes 1, W. Thow 2, Miss S. Woodward 3, A. Dempster 4, P. Bruce 5, B. Palmer 6, M. Edwards 7, C. Wyndham Ottaway (cond.) 8. Also on March 17th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: A. Dempster (cond.) 1, Miss S. Woodward 2, C. Ottaway 3, B. Palmer 4, R. Scholes 5, P. Bruce 6. By the members of Newcastle upon Tyne Society for St. Patrick's Day.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Briggs 1, J. Stimson 2, L. Atton 3, Mrs. M. Stimson 4, M. Stimson 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6, R. Hill 7, R. Hoy 8. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of ringer of 1; also as a birthday compliment to ringer of 8, and for evening service.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.—On March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. H. Broom (aged 14, first quarter) 1, P. W. Archer 2, L. P. Brain 3, C. S. Bloomfield 4, Dorothy M. Durrant (first as cond.) 5, H. W. Egglestone 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Nicholls 1, Penny Halliwell (first of Triples as cond.) 2, Janet Hallett 3, F. May 4, P. Chapman 5, I. Sharp 6, D. Belcham 7, E. J. Peett 8.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On March 16th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Hazel V. Mitchell 1, Wendy Austin 2, Pamela Tomsett 3, R. Bushell 4, F. J. Dadson 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOM.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Tucker (first quarter) 1, Gillian Rixon 2, Rev. M. J. Odlum 3, C. Rixon 4, I. Atkinson 5, P. Popplestone (cond.) 6. Also the same day and method, Jennifer Popplestone 1, B. Rixon (first quarter) 2, C. Rixon 3, P. Popplestone (cond.) 4, Rev. M. J. Odlum 5, B. Saunders (first quarter) 6.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): J. N. Lindon 1, R. Edwards 2, C. J. Hughes 3, M. D. Fellows 4, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 5, E. F. Willcox 6. Rung on the back six. A birthday compliment to E. F. Willcox.

STAINES, MIDDX.—On March 9th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Ruby Myllys 1, R. K. Russ 2, G. W. Critchley (cond.) 3, C. A. Critchley 4, R. F. Prime 5, M. J. Palmer 6, J. Hill 7, F. T. Blagrove 8.

WEMBTON, SOM.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Temlett (first quarter) 1, Valerie J. Stone 2, J. P. Hill (first as cond.) 3, R. C. Woodward 4, M. J. Stone 5, F. W. Sweet 6.

WEST HUNTSPILL, SOM.—On March 12th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. P. Hill (first of Minor) 1, A. G. Kent (first of St. Clement's) 2, G. R. Marchant 3, P. K. Williamson 4, C. T. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 5, M. J. Stone 6.

WRINGTON, SOM.—On March 13th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: R. C. Kippin 1, Diana M. Chapman 2, Gillian M. Brearley (first of Yorkshire Royal) 3, S. Woodcock 4, S. Brown 5, J. Brain 6, A. E. Cox 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8, W. H. Kingscott 9, P. Bridle 10.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—At the Priory, on Feb. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Birkett 1, H. Poyner 2, Miss C. M. Wright 3, J. A. Coates 4, P. Rogers 5, K. Hilton 6, P. N. Mounsey (cond.) 7, Miss L. M. Wilkinson 8.

WYE, KENT.—On March 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Jones 1, C. J. E. Wyld 2, R. Swift 3, R. A. Swift 4, F. G. Huckstepp 5, J. L. Garraway 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, J. Wood 8. First of Stedman 4 and 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Geo. A. Dawson asks for the publication of the compositions of extents Nos. 4 and 6 in the peal of 220 Doubles methods at Litlington on March 1st ("R.W.", p. 227).

The band that rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Erith on March 22nd were very kindly entertained to supper after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stevens, for which they wish to thank them very much.

The quarter peal of Doubles at New Alresford on March 9th was rung for the dedication of the new Church Hall. The Bishop of Southampton preached at the dedication service and afterwards dedicated the hall.

Miss Doreen Hague, the energetic secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, has started a new job which necessitates her travelling to London daily. In consequence she is resigning her post as Branch secretary. "The Ringing World" is greatly indebted to Doreen for many years of faithful service.

Congratulations to Penny Halliwell, of Rayleigh, Essex, who called a quarter peal of Grandsire as her first effort as a conductor of Triples. Prior to this she had called only two or three extents of Grandsire Doubles and a bob course of Bob Minor!

New members of the Edington band are receiving instruction and great encouragement from the ringers at Westbury and Steeple Ashton. Among the fresh enthusiasts we are interested to note Admiral Sir David Luce, a reminder of a notable naval predecessor in the 18th century, and Admiral Francis Geary, an important member of the Society of College Youths and one of the band that rang the first peal of Bob Maximus.

The peal rung at Cavendish, Suffolk, on February 17th (page 190) took 2 hours and 35 minutes, and not 2 hours and 25 minutes.

The ringer of the tenth in the touch of 1,121 Grandsire Caters at Canterbury Cathedral on March 2nd was D. J. Carr and not as printed.

Three sisters—Gillian, Patricia and Valerie Gardiner—took part in a quarter at St. Matthew's, Chapel Allerton, Leeds, on March 17th. All of them had a first of something and the youngest, Gillian, was ringing her first—a 15th birthday compliment to her.

Philip and Susan Rothera live at Terling, Essex, and have hopes of an entirely local quarter peal. The first step towards this objective was a quarter of Minor on March 14th, when two local girls, Anne Luton and Charlotte A. Sterk, rang their first quarter.

Miss Pamela Powell writes: "It is not true that a ringer at a Canterbury college recently arranged for members of his tour to ring at Strood, Kent (ten tubular bells). The last tower of the tour was not available and it was suggested by a member of the Ashford District that the ringers should visit Strood."

The Calne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild have fixed the following meeting programme for 1968: Broad Hinton (6), May 25th; Lyneham (6), June 22nd; Yatesbury (5), July 13th; Bremhill (6), October 12th; Heddington (6), November 9th.

Two of the band at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, have just received their Queen's Guide badges. At 13 years of age, Joan Hebden and Kathleen Reynolds are among the town's youngest ever to gain the award. They are both regular Sunday service ringers as well as members of the handbell choir.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

FIRST LADIES' PEAL IN AUSTRALIA

We have just heard of the first ladies peal in Australia. This was on January 24th at Middle Swan, Western Australia, the residence of Mr. and Mrs A. R Mann, when Helen J. Henderson, in a temperature of over 100° F. conducted her first peal of Plain Bob Minor. Congratulating the ladies, Mr Mann writes: "It was an excellent peal. I heard the last three 720s and they were faultless."

BELLS PROVIDED THE CURE

The following story is culled from the "Sunday Express" :—

Mr. William Cousins, 85, bedridden with arthritis for three years at his home in Sandhurst Road, Yeovil, heard the bells ringing in the New Year and decided to go for a walk next morning. He did, and yesterday he said: "I have been walking daily ever since and am improving all the time."

TO YOUNG AND OLD

Advice from Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner, rector of Harlestone and president of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild:—

"I'm just a cog in Life's great wheel,
That daily makes the same old trip:
And yet it's grand to feel
That but for me the wheel would slip
It's simply grand for me to jog
Along, and be a first-class cog."

VACANCY FOR TENOR RINGER

The "stout fellows" of Blessington, Wicklow, Eire, have lost their tenor man, George Brew, who has gone to London.

George was a member of the band which travelled, on the first Sunday evening of each month, into the Wicklow Mountains to ring at St. Mary's. Several contenders have already left their impressions.

APRIL IN DEVON

The competition ringing season gets going next month with three festivals on Saturday, April 6th. In the North there is the Marwood Cup competition at Marwood (6, 16 cwt.), in the East the Plymtree Shield at Plymtree (6, 11 cwt.), and in the South-West the South Devon Inter-Deanery Festival at Brixton (6, 13 cwt.).

After Easter there will be the Devon 8-bell at Dawlish on April 20th, and the following Saturday the 27th, the Barnstaple Deanery competition will be held at Atherington (up-country visitors should put in some practice at driving up steep hills) and the John Leach Shield will be rung for on the back six of the 12 cwt. eight at Newton St Cyres.

CROSSWORD No. 9

The winner of Crossword No. 9 is Mrs. J. Ashton, 42, New Street, Shefford, Bedford, who has been awarded a prize of 10s. The correct solution is as follows:—

Across. — 1, Block and tackle. 10, Otter. 11, Soundings. 12. Trustee. 13, Sponsor. 14, Nanny. 16. Impressed. 19, Stavanger. 20, Allot. 22. Amiable. 25, Lascars. 27, No thought. 28, Loire. 29. Roses and crowns.

Down. — 2, Lithuania. 3, Carat. 4, Answering. 5, Drums. 6, Andromeda. 7, Kings. 8, Ensured. 9. Norton. 15, Year-books. 17. Paralytic. 18, Salvation. 19. Spanner. 21, Tester. 23, Iotas. 24, Elgin. 26, Salvo.

GAINSBOROUGH TOWER CAPTAIN'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Charles H Baker was taught to ring at Gainsborough in the year 1909. Amongst those who taught him and rang in his first peal in 1912 was Mr. Walter Ayre. Fifty-six years later, both again took part together in a peal at Gainsborough, on Saturday, March 16th, to celebrate Mr Baker's 80th birthday.

During those years Mr Baker has been a loyal and faithful servant to his church, not only in the belfry, where he has long been tower captain, but in many other ways.

He has taught many ringers the rudiments of the art, and it was fitting that the band which rang his 80th birthday peal should include some of his pupils, including his daughter. The band also included other members of the Gainsborough tower, members of the West Lindsey Branch and the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr J Bray.

A peal of Little Bob Major was successfully rung after which the band were entertained to tea by Mr and Mrs Baker. After tea, thanks for his service to the Guild were expressed to Mr. Baker by the Guild Master.

Amongst other presents, a handwritten copy of his peals, beautifully bound and inscribed, was given by members of the Gainsborough tower and an easy chair was presented to him at the Parish Communion on Sunday March 17th, by the Vicar of Gainsborough on behalf of the congregation.

On the same day a quarter peal was rung prior to Evensong, including members of the local band who were unable to take part in the peal on the previous day.

AN OLD NORTHAMPTONSHIRE FOUR

According to the Northampton Branch "Newsletter" Messrs R. A Eldridge and G F. Roome have visited Church Brampton tower, at the invitation of the Rector, to make a preliminary report on the state of the bells. Here there is a ring of four bells and not a frame for five as was reported recently in "The Ringing World". The bells are very old and dated: treble 1628, second 1616, third 1607, tenor (10½ cwt., approx.) 1616. They were rehung in a wooden frame in 1867 and little or nothing has been done since then. The bells are complete with wheels, stays and sliders, although these have deteriorated through age. The condition of the tower is to be questioned, there being several hairline cracks on the west side of the lower tower. Expert advice of an architect is required.

UPPER CLAPTON'S WEEK-END

The week-end of March 9th/10th was both a joyous and a sad one for the St Matthew's Guild of Ringers, Upper Clapton.

On the Saturday they rang for the wedding of two of their members, Edward Steele and Nina Groves.

The next day a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for Choral Eucharist and for the farewell service of the Vicar, Father Trevor Southgate, who was leaving to become Vicar of Fleetwood, Lancs.

Members of the band were: C. F Neal 1, Mrs. D Neal 2, Ann Rowlands 3, Naomi Hales 4, J. A Hales 5, J. Steele 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. Groves 8.

EVENTS AT BARKINGSIDE

By covering a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, Miss Barbara Shaw has become the first lady ringer at St George's, Barkingside, to "circle the tower" to quarter peals.

Not far behind are three other young lady members of the band who also need the tenor to "complete the circle." These four, together with David Knewstub, started learning just three years ago and since then have been very faithful members of a young and enthusiastic band which, starting from scratch, is now capable of ringing Surprise Major.

The quarter peal was almost a farewell to David, for on the following Saturday he was married at the church, and later in the year will move out of the area when his new house is completed. However, another quarter peal was rung immediately following the wedding as a compliment to him and his bride, the earlier quarter peal being rung on the eve of the 36th anniversary of the church.

David will be missed, but with his help and that of the young ladies a new band of youngsters is being taught, and this should ensure a continuation of faithful Sunday service ringing.

CHIP.

DUNSTER RING COMPLETED

Arthur Fidler and Eric Fowler, of John Taylor and Co., completed their task of rehanging the new ring of bells on a new steel frame at St George's, Dunster, Somerset, on March 14th. They were "tried out" by the local band in the presence of the Vicar, the churchwardens and the secretary and treasurer of the P.C.C. Everyone was most pleased at the "go" of the bells and of their greatly improved tone, making them an excellent ring of eight.

After refreshments, films were shown of the removal from and restoring to the church of the bells, and of the recasting at the Loughborough Foundry. Arthur and Eric received sincere thanks for their efficient and satisfactory completion of a very hard job, and this ended a very pleasant evening.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY OUTING

March 16th saw an invasion of Rutland by 11 members of the Nottingham University Society. Ringing commenced at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Langham, notable for a kinky sally on the tenor! At Empingham, a six with impressive volume, the inhabitants were victims for some minutes of an attempt at plain hunting during our visit. Lunch, consisting largely of chips—as did tea, owing to the addictions of several members of the party—was consumed at Oakham and washed down in the traditional manner. Thence, some Yorkshire and Stedman at All Saints' for a wedding.

Competition with a funfair was encountered at the Church of SS Peter and Paul, Uppingham, having an unimpressive eight. We then lost the coach for some time. The driver, no doubt anxious to keep us to schedule, delivered us literally to the door at Rothwell, almost demolishing the tower in the process. We next moved into Leicestershire, finding a pleasant eight at the Church of St. Dionysius, Market Harborough. Finally to All Saints' Church, Lubenham, where considerably lengthened ropes for youngsters produced a new interpretation of the command "Stand" when Dave MacLean rose from his unorthodox kneeling posture. One could not help thinking that was taking piety rather too far!

T. D.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIFTY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS Philip and Jacob.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 — Tenor 20 cwt., approx.

Tudor P Edwards	Treble	Brynley A. Shackleton	5
William Hibbert	2	Brian R White	6
Derek Jewell	3	Francis A. White	7
John W. T. Hibbert	4	Richard J. Bowden	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P Edwards.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MARKSBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 18 methods variations: (1-3) Winchendon Place (4-6) St. Nicholas, (7-9) St Martin (10-12) St Simon. (13-15) Rev Canterbury, (16-18) Southrepps, (19) St. Columb, (20 Clifford's Pleasure, (21) Wychbold, (22-24) Plain Bob, (25-27) Kennington, (28-30) April Day (31) Old, (32) Norfolk, (33) Dedworth, (34-36) Rev St Bartholomew, (37-39) Fortune (40) Grandsire. 41-42) Morris' 240 Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt in G

*Alan J Coombs	Treble	Alan F. Lee	4
Peter J Devrell	2	Robin L Coles	5
*Robert Perry	3	*Henry J Coombs	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F Lee

* Most methods in a peal First in 18 methods by all the band.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr and Mrs. H. J. Coombs and birthday compliments to their children, Alan and Susan. All are local ringers

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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*A. T. Winter (Christ's)	Treble	*R S. Bradley (Clare)	6
E. N Thomas (St. John's)	2	R H Youdale (Emmanuel)	7
Merryn Hutchings (N'nham)	3	F. C. Hobson (St. John's)	8
R. L Underwood (P'house)	4	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	9
M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	5	D. P Sturge (St John's)	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C Shepherd — Conducted by Richard Youdale
* First peal on ten bells.

LUTON. Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 24 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt 24 lb.

R. H. Youdale (Emman.)	Treble	D S. Bishop (Caius)	6
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	2	S P. Darvill (Downing)	7
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)	3	B D. Threlfall (Trinity)	8
*R. L Underwood (P'house)	4	R A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	9
Merryn Hutchings (N'ham)	5	A F. Scholfield (Clare)	Tenor

Composed by Richard Inglis — Conducted by Richard Youdale.
* First peal on ten bells — Conductor's 50th peal.

TRUMPINGTON. Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. — Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb.

Merryn Hutchings (N'ham)	Treble	W T. Cook (Jesus)	5
F E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	2	A. R. Heppenstall (Sel.)	6
M J Pickup (Churchill)	3	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	7
D. S. Bishop (Caius)	4	J. R. Taylor (St. Cath's)	Tenor

Conducted by Robin Heppenstall.

SAWSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 9. 1968. in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

D. G. Andrews (Trinity)	Treble	R. L. Underwood (P'house)	5
M Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	R. S Bradley (Clare)	6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	*P K. Williamson (Trinity)	7
V. Nutton (Selwyn)	4	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. — Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
* 250th peal.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sat., March 2. 1968. in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*D. S. Pont (Christ's)	Treble	‡G. H. Jones (St. John's)	5
M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	2	R. L Underwood (P'house)	6
†D G Andrews (Trinity)	3	‡E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	7
Merryn Hutchings (N'ham)	4	R S Bradley (Clare)	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker — Conducted by Ellis Thomas.
* 100th peal. † First peal. ‡25th peal together.

BARKWAY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene
On Sat., Feb. 10. 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt in E.

E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	Treble	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5
Merryn Hutchings (N'ham)	2	G. H. Jones (St. John's)	6
R H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	V Nutton (Selwyn)	7
R L. Underwood (P'house)	4	A F Scholfield (Clare)	Tenor

Composed by Richard Parker — Conducted by Richard Inglis.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sat., Feb 17. 1968. in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr 1 lb in G

D S. Bishop (Caius)	Treble	R S. Bradley (Clare)	5
C W Daws (Trinity)	2	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	6
G H. Jones (St. John's)	3	R A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	7
R M. Damerell (Corpus)	4	M J. Pickup (Churchill)	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W Parker. — Conducted by Christopher Daws.
First peal of Erin for all the band and for the Guild

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
BUSHEY Herts.—At the Church of St James-the-Apostle.
On Tues Feb 13. 1968 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 WOLLATON SURPRISE MAJOR

John R Pratchett	Treble	J Michael Lakin	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Simon Humphrey	3	Roger Baldwin	7
James A D Woolford	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
First peal in the method

WOLLATON SURPRISE MAJOR
36—36 16 58—12 58 14—12.58—14.56 18
l.h. 8ths 4263857 4ths place bob. f c.a. b, d, e, k, n, t.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
OLD BASFORD, Nottingham.—At the Church of St Leodegarius.
On Sat March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 THOVERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr

David Friend	Treble	John V Chadwick	5
Nora Carlisle	2	Alec Humphreys	6
Gordon A Halls	3	Harold Taylor	7
Clive Thrower	4	Denis R Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. — Conducted by Denis R Carlisle.
First in the method by all and for the Association.

STANTON-BY DALE Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Four callings. — Tenor 11 cwt.

Robert Tanner	Treble	*Joyce Chadwick	4
Nora Carlisle	2	Ivan Barlow	5
*John V. Chadwick	3	Denis R Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R Carlisle.
* First peal in the method.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.
On Wed., March 20. 1968. in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Stephen C Wells	Treble	Roger N Scholes	5
*Sheila Woodward	2	*Barry Palmer	6
Jean M. Berriman	3	Adrian Dempster	7
C. Wyndham Ottaway	4	Peter J Bruce	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. — Conducted by Peter J Bruce.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the birthday of the mother of the second ringer.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St Andrew the Great.
On Sun., March 17, 1968. in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 85 lb. in G.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
*Janet House	2	David E Rothera	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	John G Gipson	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	David E House	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. — Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Rutland

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
ARDLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin
On Sat., March 16 1968. in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 6000 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 or 2 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald W Steward	Treble	Felix H. Erith	5
Jennifer M. Andrews	2	Philip G Erith	6
Edward E Davey	3	Alan R Andrews	7
Neville F Whittell	4	Adrian G Semken	Tenor

Composed by John Marven. — Conducted by Alan R. Andrews

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
TYTHERINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. James-the-Greater.
On Sat., March 23, 1968 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

*Jennifer E. Bell	Treble	Stanley Poole	4
Mrs. D. A. Chapman ..	2	Edward G Mould	5
Frank G. Bloomfield ..	3	Dennis A. Chapman.. ..	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.

* First peal.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the life of Harold Parfrey, of Corston, Somerset.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St Giles.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 26 lb.

J. C. Davidge	Treble	John A. Laver	5
Jill Oakshott	2	Alan D. Elsmore	6
*T. Brian Porter	3	Peter J Munday	7
Tony Skilton	4	Roy D Mills	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton Conducted by Roy D. Mills
* First peal "inside." First as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 16 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 13 cwt.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	H George Hart	5
Frederick W Goodfellow	2	Thomas J Lock	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Harold W. Clark	4	John W. Euston	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J Cullum.
Rung in memoriam Albert W. Coles, who died on March 4th, 1968.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
CHILHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 XANADU SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E

Thomas Cullingworth ..	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
Simon A. B Wigg	2	Ralph Bird	6
Margaret E. Oram	3	Tony Lewis	7
Arthur S. Richards	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Ian H. Oram
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

PRESTON-BY-WINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mildred.
On Sat., Feb 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents each of Winchendon Place. Rev. Canterbury. Plain Bob. St. Martin. St Simon. April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt 3 qr 21 lb. in G

*Leonard Huckstepp ..	Treble	Dawn V Petts	3
†Anne M. Baldwin	2	Keith I Davis	4
John B. Keeler	Tenor		

Conducted by John B Keeler
* First peal. † First "inside"
Most methods to a peal by ringers of 2nd and 4th.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb in D.

*Dorothy Mason	Treble	Dennis Latham	7
John M. Jelley	2	James R White	8
Monica M. Jelley	3	Rupert A. Clarke	9
W. Ernest Rawson	4	John Bramley	10
Martin Green	5	A Maxwell Lindsey	11
*Philip A. Mason	6	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by R Kingsley Mason.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr Tom Briggs, of Somerby, Leicestershire, a 20th birthday compliment to Malcolm E. Wade, of Leicester, and as a 66th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur E. Rowley, of Ibstock, Leics.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., March 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb

G. Ronald Edwards.. ..	Treble	Joseph W Cotton	6
John M Jelley	2	Martin Green	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Gordon H. Lane	8
Rev. M C. C. Melville ..	4	John Bramley	9
Philip A. Mason	5	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by John M Jelley
A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Briggs, of Somerby.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Wed., Feb 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, bein. 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 142 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Monica M. Jelley	Treble	Philip A. Mason	5
John M Jelley	2	Martin Green	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	John Bramley	7
*Malcolm E. Wade	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of 8-Spliced "inside" The conductor's 700th peal.

MISTERTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb.

Roy J. Jennings	Treble	William Johnson	4
*J Harry Dove	2	Robin A. Gilliver	5
Christopher M Sturgess	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt 1 qr. 23 lb.

Mrs. P. Johns	Treble	Charles H. Baker	5
Jack Bray	2	Walter Ayre	6
G. Leslie A. Lunn	3	A Robin Heppenstall ..	7
John F Underwood ..	4	George E. Feirn ..	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden Conducted by A Robin Heppenstall.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CADOXTON near NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cattwg.
On Sat., March 23, 1968 in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods/var being two six-scores each of Marston, Wychbold, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Dedworth, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Kennington four April Day and ten each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

William T Petty	Treble	Alwyn R Lewis	4
Edmund J Morris	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
D R. Lynn Jones	3	David Culpan	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I Lewis

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., Feb 24, 1968 in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*David C. Brown	Treble	*Roger A Gage ..	5
*Robert Wiggins	2	*Michael J. Church	6
Leonard Stilwell	3	Frank T Blagrove	7
Norman Summerhayes ..	4	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T Blagrove
* First peal in the method

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 TOTTERNHOE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 3 qr. 3 lb.

Joan Hooton	Treble	H George Hart	5
Joan Beresford	2	Alick Cutler	6
G. William Critchley ..	3	Thomas J Lock	7
Claudia A Critchley ..	4	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
Rung in memoriam Albert W Coles, Master of the Association 1935–1939

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Feb. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different compositions Tenor 6½ cwt.

Patricia A. Copas ..	Treble	Richard F Prime	4
Michael J. Palmer	2	Frank T. Blagrove	5
Jeffrey M Britchford ..	3	Ronald K. Russ	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
First peal of Cambridge Minor for all except the conductor. R. F. Prime completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

COLTISHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St John-the-Baptist
On Sat., March 2, 1968 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt in G

Anthony R Roberts	Treble	Thomas E Spight	4
Owen P Claxton	2	Frank C. J Arnold	5
Henry Tooke	3	H William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sat., March 2, 1968 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 3 qr 19 lb in F.

*Louise A M Evans	Treble	†Arthur Newton	5
†Joyce I Cornwall	2	Sydney M Bailey	6
†David A Cornwall	3	†Percy Newton	7
Roland Biggs	4	George W Massey	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by George W Massey
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt.

Edward S. T. Farr	Treble	Albert C. Wenban	5
Leonard Stilwell	2	William Birmingham	6
Margaret Wenban	3	Frank I Blagrove	7
Ronald K Russ	4	Sidney Blyth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T Blagrove.
Rung as a birthday compliment to E S. T Farr and Len Stilwell

DORCHESTER Oxon.—At the Abbey Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat March 23, 1968 in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt

James P Blond	Treble	Harry E Wells	5
Harold W Dunsden	2	William L Gilks	6
Harry W Badger	3	Robert B Blond	7
Frank E Godden	4	Douglas Exon	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B Blond.
Rung to mark Harry Badger's 50 years' membership of the Oxford Guild

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., March 17, 1968 in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Barry E Saunders	Treble	Hugh M Johnson	6
Graham C Paul	2	David J Marshall	7
Diana M Frost	3	Patrick I Chapman	8
Malcolm J. V. Chown	4	Alan A Paul	9
Roger W Smith	5	Richard F B Speed	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by David J Marshall
100th peal on the bells. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E flat
Rung for the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Rev Kenneth A. Ward.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Graham C Paul	Treble	Barry E Saunders	6
Patrick I Chapman	2	Richard F B. Speed	7
David J Marshall	3	Alan A Paul	8
Malcolm J V Chown	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Roger W Smith	5	Peter Border	10

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Rebecca Barry, granddaughter of Leslie Barry, tower Master, on her first birthday.

ROTHWELL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt in E flat.

Alfred Ballard	Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Russell S. Morris	6
Norman W Attaway	3	*Murray A Coleman	7
Alan Evans	4	E. Allan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman
* 100th peal for the Guild and first in the method

PATTISHALL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968 in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt 2 qr. 12 lb.

Kilby R Holtom	Treble	*David Robinson	4
Delia M. Langton	2	Roger W Smith	5
Bridget Bates	3	David J Marshall	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal.

GREETHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

John G Mitchell	Treble	Michael J. Hawkins	4
Stephen B Bell	2	Richard J. Cowley	5
Lionel Atton	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
Rung for the 90th birthday of Mr. T. G. Briggs, of Somerby, Leics.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb in D.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	James Insley	6
Susan E. Smith	2	Ernest J. Gower	7
James W Belshaw	3	Roderick W. Pipe	8
George E. Fearn	4	J Alan Ainsworth	9
John R. Insley	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St Edburgha, Yardley.
On Sat., Feb. 17 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 72 lb. in F sharp.

A. Harold Fitter	Treble	Terry R Hampton	5
Muriel Reay	2	James W Belshaw	6
James Insley	3	Norman J Goodman	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H Law James. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St Mary, Handsworth.
On Sat., Feb. 24 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 78 lb. in F.

Muriel Reay	Treble	James W Belshaw	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	John R Insley	6
Richard J Tibbetts	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by J Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
C.C.C. No. 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Sheila M. Anthony	Treble	Alan F. Scholfield	7
*Jack L. Millhouse	2	Denis A. Frith	8
William L. Exton	3	George A. Dawson	9
*Richard A. G. Inglis	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
Harry Poyner	5	John R Pratchett	11
R. Brian Mills	6	John Walden	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* 25th peal together.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues, March 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and two of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	*Harold Stevenson	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal in five methods.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

COTGRAVE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., March 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 73 methods: (1) Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Pevcril, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Berkeley, Kentish, Barham, and Oswald Delight, Waterford, Berwyn and Mendip Treble Bob (13 methods by A. G. Driver); (2) Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale Surprise; (3) College Bob IV, St. Albans, Willesden, Wragby, Newdigate, Charlwood, Old Oxford, Neasden, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Elston and Clarence Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (4) Skipton, Knutsford Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, Bourne and Hull Surprise Nelson Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars, College Exercise, Norbury, Kingston, Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke and Donottar Delight (13 methods by A. G. Driver); (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham Surprise, Burslem and Waltham Delight; (7) Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Crowland, Combermere, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight, with 149 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E

Peter A. Slight	Treble	William L. Exton	4
Christine L. J. Mills	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Brian M. Buswell	3	*R Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

* 50th peal for the Guild First peal in 73 methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

Rung in memoriam J Henry Marshall, late of Cropwell Bishop, Cotgrave and East Bridgford, donor of the treble bell.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

Norman P. J. Cossey ..	Treble	Robin H. Rogers	5
Muriel R. Page	2	J Barry Pickup	6
Leslie G. Brett	3	Cecil W Pipe	7
Michael J. Howes	4	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

OTLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., March 13, 1968 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Peter W. Archer	Treble	*Laurence J. Parry	4
*Margaret Egglestone ..	2	Cecil W. Pipe	5
*Dorothy M. Durrant ..	3	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal in seven methods.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COWFOLD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., March 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz: (1) Linden, (2) Luton, (3) Westminster and Allendale, (4) Hull, (5) Bourne, (6 and 7) Cambridge. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

M. Iain Davey	Treble	David D. Smith	4
Derek Slater	2	John A. Howard	5
*Ian Wickens	3	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Basil Brenton, recently inducted Vicar of Cowfold.

WEST HOATHLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	*Richard Hayes	4
Valerie J. Howard	2	Peter S Muchlinski ..	5
John A Howard	3	Derek Slater	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* 150th peal. Derek Slater is now the first person to "circle this tower."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb in D.

Enid Lawson	Treble	Rev. Frederick Ross	6
Kenneth Lawson	2	George E Deas	7
*Maris C. Stephenson ..	3	Alan H. Bridges	8
Ian G. Campbell	4	Geoffrey W Randall ..	9
James Crowther	5	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal on ten bells.

HEDON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr 19 lb. in E.

*Iris Piper	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	5
†Maris C. Stephenson ..	2	Ronald Ducker	6
Ian G. Campbell	3	Michael Maughan	7
F Neville Pailing	4	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal on eight bells † First in the method.

LEEDS, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Feb 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Anthony E. Stamp	5
†Richard J. Chantler ..	2	Alan Newbold	6
William P. Haskins ..	3	Ronald H. Dove	7
M. Susan Jackson	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by R D. Bailey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* Has now "circled the tower" twice and once as conductor.
† First of Major "inside" Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.
Rung by the Leeds Parish Church Sunday service band.

CROFTON, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., March 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clements, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Catherine R. Slater ..	Treble	John Potts	4
*John Durham	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Minor in five methods.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Slater, of Crofton.

WRAGBY, West Yorks.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
On Thurs., March 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Suzanne Withers	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
*Robert A. Beresford ..	2	*John P Ottaway	5
*John Durham	3	†C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* Most methods to a peal. † Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

BOROUGHBRIDGE, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Plain Bob, (7) Southrepps. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Suzanne Withers	Treble	C Barrie Dove	4
Susan Mitchell	2	Alan E. Hartley	5
*Simon P. D. Burnett ..	3	Ronald J Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in nine methods.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

FLIXTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr 2 lb. in F.

Elizabeth A. Johnston ..	Treble	Simon Taylor	5
*Patricia James	2	†Alan Spivey	6
Margaret L. Ellwood ..	3	David J. Jukes	7
E. Andrew Harrison ..	4	C. L. Digby Munday	Tenor

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

* First peal of Major. † First peal. .First as conductor.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Feb. 28 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods/variations, being 13 extents Plain, five each April Day Southrepps, Litchurch, Seighford, four extents Alvaston one extent Old, two Allestree and two Spliced April Day, Seighford and Litchurch. Tenor 6 cwt. 16 lb in A sharp.

*Edward H. Willows ..	Treble	†Susan M. Cooper	4
David K. Walklate	2	Kevin A. Betesta	5
William Allsopp	3	†Helen Bartlett	Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate

* 25th peal. † First peal Rung on the front six with car-tyre muffles.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MIDDLE SWAN, W.A.—At Lot 141, Dance Drive.
On Wed., Jan 24 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor size 11 in G.
*Jenny Lees .. .. .. 1-2 Heather A. Mann 3-4
Helen J Henderson (cond.) 5-6
* First peal First as conductor. First ladies' peal in Australia.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Thurs., Feb 29, 1968, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington and Dedworth. Tenor size 15 in C.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2 | John R. Scott (cond.) .. 3-4
Frank R. Morton 5-6
First peal "in hand" as conductor.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., March 3, 1968, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 25 methods/variations, being 120 each of Moira, Dedworth, Tichborne, Seighford, Primrose, Wychbold, Marston and Salwarpe, and 240 each of Grandsire, Rev St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Windrush, Nortolk, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Little Aston, Broadwas and Honeysuckle. Tenor size 18 in G.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2 | John R. Scott 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5-6

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sun., March 10, 1968, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/variations being two extents each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold Honeysuckle, Little Aston, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Primrose and Seighford. Tenor size 18 in G.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2 | John R Scott (cond.) 3-4
Frank R. Morton 5-6

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sun., March 17, 1968, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 24 methods/variations, being one extent each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Tredington, Preston, Thrumpton, and two each of Grandsire, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Little Aston, Plain Bob April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Primrose and Seighford.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2 | John R. Scott (cond.) 3-4
Frank R. Morton 5-6

THE EXETER COLLEGES GUILD.
HEAVITREE, Devon.—At A7, Romancroft Court, Fore Street.
On Sun., March 10, 1968, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
*Malcolm S. Turner .. .. 1-2 | John N. Longridge (cond.) 3-4
*David J. Atkins 5-6
* First peal.

EXETER, Devon.—At G212, Haldon House, Birks Hall, New North Road.
On Fri., March 15, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Malcolm S. Turner .. .. 1-2 | *Angela C. Hughes 3-4
John N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6
* First peal "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Hertfordshire.—In the School Staff Room.
On Sun., March 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 19 in F.
Gerald Penney .. .. .. 1-2 | Walter Ayre 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. 3-4 | Frederick W. Ellis 7-8
Composed by J. J. Brierley. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
First peal on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. John Morris, who was instituted Vicar of this parish on Tuesday, March 5th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
On Wed., March 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D
Trevor A. Cross .. .. .. 1-2 | Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Edward J. Beer .. .. .. 3-4 | Stuart Sandford 7-8
Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Wed., March 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.
Edward J. Beer .. .. .. 1-2 | Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Trevor A Cross .. .. .. 3-4 | Stuart Sandford 7-8
Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View,
On Wed., March 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
Frank J Matthews .. .. 1-2 | Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Trevor A. Cross .. .. .. 3-4 | Edward J. Beer 7-8
Stuart Sandford 9-10
Composed by York Green Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Feb 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Alfred Ballard .. .. .. 1-2 | John M. Jelley 5-6
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3-4 | John Bramley 7-8
Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., March 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
*John Vernon .. .. .. 1-2 | John M Jelley 5-6
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3-4 | Alfred Ballard 7-8
John Bramley 9-10
Composed by William Willson Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., March 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. .. 1-2 | Peter J. Staniforth 5-6
Alfred Ballard .. .. .. 3-4 | John M. Jelley 7-8
John Bramley 9-10
Composed by Harold J Poole Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
Rung to the affectionate memory of Phyllis Poole. (March 20th, 1958).

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At The Glebelands.
On Fri., March 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G.
Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 1-2 | George E. Feirn 5-6
Margaret A. Parker .. .. 3-4 | Jack Bray 7-8
Jack L. Millhouse 9-10
Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

5,040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

By ANTHONY R. PEAKE

23456	M	W	H	
45236		—	—	Aber, Lincs, Merrywood.
52436	3		2	Ban, Clift, Red, Puds, Ennis, Bedmin.
43526		—	—	Chep, Alban, Marsden.
54326			—	Leek, Shrews, Hasle.
35426			—	Yeov, Pont, Feltham.
42356		—	—	Bishop, Langley, Ossett.
63254	—		—	Fish, Yorks, Horfield.
26354			—	Staple, Swindon, Ranmoor.
32654			—	New Durham, Osga, Sunder.
56423	—	—		Apple, Linds, Gosforth.
42563		—	—	Rut, Alden, Abing.
35264	—		—	Metro. Camb, London No. 3.
23564			—	Poole, Staffs, Inveraray.

Repeat twice, substituting in Parts 2 and 3 the following:—
Wrington for Merrywood; Wallington for Yeovil; Wembley for Bishopsworth; Evercreech for Fishponds; Oakham for Ranmoor; York for New Durham; Belgrave for Osgathorpe and Diseworth for Lindsey
Containing 120 changes each of: Abergavenny, Abingdon, Albanian, Aldenham, Appleton, Banbury, Bedminster, Cambridge, Chepstow, Clifton, Enniskillen, Feltham, Gosforth, Haslemere, Horfield, Inveraray, Langley, Leek, Lincolnshire, London No. 3, Marsden, Metropolitan, Ossett, Pontefract, Poole, Pudsey, Redcliffe, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Staffordshire, Stapleton, Swindon, Sunderland and Yorkshire, 80 changes each of Belgrave, Evercreech, Diseworth, Oakham, Wallington, Wembley, Wrington and York, and 40 changes each of Bishopsworth, Fishponds, Lindsey, Merrywood, New Durham, Osgathorpe, Ranmoor and Yeovil, with 125 changes of method.
First rung at Christ Church, Bristol, on March 2nd, 1968.
Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On March 17th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): P. W. Archer 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, Dorothy M. Durrant 3, L. J. Parry 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. D. R. Maddock, Bishop of Dunwich.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob covering): S. Hardy 1, Miss L. Doone 2, Catherine Hardy 3, R. Coughlan 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fisher 6. For the induction of Rev. P. B. M. Williamson as Vicar.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On March 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Sandra Donnelly 1, Mrs. I. E. Allmand 2, A. M. Glover 3, C. H. Allmand 4, W. H. Lloyd (cond.) 5, K. Rowney 6. A tribute to the Rev. F. A. W. Coleridge and Mrs. Coleridge on their leaving the parish.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. I. Bond 1, Miss C. Lay 2, A. R. Walters 3, S. Christian 4, L. R. Pizzey (cond.) 5, R. T. Southgate 6. A birthday compliment to Neville F. Whittell.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, on March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Bond 1, R. H. Newton (first of Triples as cond.) 2, Peggy E. Smith 3, A. V. Sheppard 4, B. J. Read 5, D. L. Nibbs 6, R. I. Vaughan 7, R. I. West 8. For Evensong on Harry Stalham's birthday. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Enid Hammond 1, R. I. West 2, Marion Kemp 3, Caroline Mackie 4, B. J. Read 5, D. L. Nibbs 6, R. H. Newton (cond.) 7, Peta Ollen 8. First in the method by all, and to the University of Sussex Guild.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Barr (first quarter) 1, J. Brownrigg 2, N. Newby, jun. 3, E. Halton (first of Minor) 4, R. Wetenhall (cond.) 5, S. Grisdale 6.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 17th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. F. Roome 1, R. A. Eldridge 2, B. R. Care 3, J. G. Chapman 4, R. Henman 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung by officers of the Northampton Branch for the consecration of a new side altar by the Bishop of Peterborough.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Septuagesima (Mar 11th), 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Sarsteiner 1, T. H. Wilson (first "inside") 2, Gillian Lewis 3, C. J. Reede 4, W. T. Farrell 5, C. R. P. Broughton 6, P. W. Brown (first as cond. of Triples) 7, H. H. Brown 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Geraldine Winnett (Grayshot) and to the conductor, both Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral.

FROME, SOM.—On March 16th, 1,280 Wembley Surprise Major: M. G. Bartlett 1, R. C. Taylor 2, G. Hebden 3, W. S. Rice 4, R. W. Rice 5, P. J. England 6, D. G. Massey 7, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 8. First in method by all.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Rev Canterbury): O. Homewood 1, G. M. Hall (first "inside") 2, Ann E. Munslow 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On March 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, D. Reeve 2, Miss E. M. Cansdale 3, F. Hunt 4, W. Jarvis 5, R. Chambers 6, C. Poulson 7, B. A. Cracknell 8. For Evensong.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On March 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. S. Royds-Jones 1, C. P. Starbuck 2, Catherine Reed 3, Jennie Brown 4, J. Ellams 5, M. Rigby 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, J. Machell 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Anthea C. Fairey 1, R. Duckett (first quarter) 2, Anita E. Foden 3, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 4, P. G. Golder 5, R. G. Paxton 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Stanley H. Cox, later verger at this church.

LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Paul, Glyn Road on March 10th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: Miss S. Thexton 1, C. J. N. Dalton 2, R. L. Jones 3, R. J. Collis 4, L. C. Way 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 10th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Gillian A. Richards 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, C. P. Starbuck 4, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 5, R. R. Churchill 6, T. G. Pett 7, S. Humphrey 8.

LYDD, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Maisie Vantom (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Lydia Terry 3, M. Seaward 4, R. Daniels 5, A. L. Terry 6. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rector (Rev. J. J. Wilmshurst) as an Hon. Canon of Canterbury.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Feb. 4th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Katharine Gorvin 1, H. Goakes 2, J. M. Tyler 3, J. C. Meads 4, J. E. David 5, L. Hadman 6, F. J. Boyall 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 3, 4, 5. For evening service. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gladys Munsey (first quarter) 1, Katharine Gorvin 2, R. H. Daw 3, J. E. David 4, W. R. Barker 5, J. M. Tyler 6, F. J. Boyall 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For Evensong, attended by the Bishop of Exeter (President of the Corporation of SS. Mary and Nicholas) and the Bishop of Peterborough. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gladys Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, J. E. David 4, F. T. Boyall 5, J. M. Tyler 6, R. H. Daw (comp. and cond.) 1, J. C. Meads 8. First in method for all except 4. For morning service. Also on March 17th, 1,280 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, Katharine Gorvin 2, J. M. Tyler 3, J. C. Meads 4, F. T. Boyall 5, J. E. David 6, R. H. Daw 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. First of Kent and Oxford combined 2, 3, 4 and 6. For morning service.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Laurence, on March 14th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Hilary McCormac (first quarter) 1, Anna K. Sadowska (cond.) 2, Elizabeth A. Webb 3, Laura M. Grindrod (first of Doubles) 4, G. J. N. Colborne 5, R. M. Ashman 6. By members of R.U.S.C.R.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Starkie 1, W. Reece 2, Howard Meek 3, R. A. Brewer 4, G. R. Brewer (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Martell.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On March 17th, 1,280 Spliced London, Bristol, Rutland, Cambridge Superlative and Yorkshire S. Major: Janet House 1, Ann E. Fellows 2, Diana M. Chapman 3, G. H. Pullin 4, K. J. Hesketh 5, P. J. Bridle 6, D. B. Rothera (cond.) 7, D. E. House 8.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOM.—On March 14th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/var.): H. Warr 1, D. S. Beaufroy 2, R. Parker 3, Rev. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, G. W. Rendell jun. 5, J. J. Read 6. First in 11 by all except the conductor.

TERLING, ESSEX.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Luton 1, Charlotte A. Sterk 2, Susan Rothera 3, Josephine A. Quilter 4, K. W. Brown 5, P. G. Brown (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Stephenson 1, F. J. Cook 2, R. Stripp 3, R. J. Scott 4, J. G. Newman 5, A. J. Stripp 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Sear 8. For morning service and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ian Knox.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On March 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Erica Pankhurst (first of Surprise) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Kay Whittiker (first of Surprise) 3, D. J. Barnett 4, I. P. Cox 5, R. L. Coles 6. For Evensong.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On March 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Naylor 1, R. Russell 2, G. T. Norris 3, J. C. Hudson 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service, when Patsy Barnes and Cynthia Barnett, two Uppingham ringers, were confirmed. Also a birthday compliment to Geoffrey Norris.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On March 13th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): S. Kirby (first Minor) 1, Miss J. White (first "inside") 2, A. Botterell 3, Miss J. Sturrock 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WALTON-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On March 16th, 1,320 St. Martin's Doubles: Andrea North 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, J. Preston 3, M. E. White 4, F. W. Faulkner 5. First quarter of St. Martin's by all the band. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. I. J. Martin inducted the Wednesday previous.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At the National Cathedral, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Emily Paine 1, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 2, Martha Windrem 3, Judy Andrews 4, Marjorie Batchelor 5, J. G. Fanfani 6. First quarter 3, 4, 6. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Emily Paine 1, Janis Hensley 2, A. Applewhite 3, Judy Andrews 4, Marjorie Batchelor 5, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for all but conductor.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—On March 12th, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Edna Kenchington 1, J. Foot 2, P. K. Waterman 3, P. Cumberland (first quarter) 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, C. Foot 6. Mr. P. Cumberland is the first local ringer to ring a quarter peal on these bells.

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BIRTH

STAINSBY.—To Derek and Anne (née Amor), of 12, Johns Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham, a third son Richard Peter. 3657

DEATH

PARFREY.—On March 21st, 1968, in St. Martin's Hospital, Bath, Harold Leslie, of Corston, husband of Bette and father of Jane, Judith and David. 3655

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HALL.—As from April 8th, 1968, the address of Dennis and Jean Hall will be Marbrooke House, Hermitage Lane, Goostrey, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire. Tel.: Holmes Chapel 2180. 3649

STRUCKETT.—The address of David and Elizabeth Struckett is now Firside, 17a, Longdene Road, Haslemere, Surrey. All friends welcome. 3651

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

FEMALE, under 30, required to share cabin with similar to complete mixed party of ten cruising from Rugby to Wallingford on Oxford Canal and Thames, May 18th–25th. Ringing ability immaterial as little ringing planned, but must not dislike public houses. Box No 3670 "The Ringing World" Office, Onslow Street, Guildford. 3670

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, at 9 p.m. in Professor Moule's rooms, Clare College. Business will include election of officers. 3653

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual general meeting at Cockermouth on Easter Monday. Bells (8) 1.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. The bells of Bridekirk (6) available from 1.30 to 3.30. Names for tea to reach Mr R. Wetenhall, Shatton Lodge, Cockermouth by Wednesday, April 10th.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3645

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.—Annual tour, Somerset, April 17th–21st. Details from Martin Corry, 21, Durweston, Blandford, Dorset. Visitors welcome. 3656

SPALDING PARISH CHURCH
THANKSGIVING WEEK
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Every day, from Sunday, April 28th, to Sunday, May 5th, teas will be served in the Parish Hall (next to the church).

Sunday, April 28th. — HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES, 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. ORCHESTRAL CONCERT, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 29th. — A UNITED SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING for the Flower and Bulb Industry, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30th.—DRAMA and ART in RELIGION, "An Exploration" 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1st.—A CHORAL and INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL given by the members of the Choir and Orchestra of Worksop College Chapel, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2nd. — MODERN RELIGIOUS PLAY — "Christ in the Concrete City," by P. W. Turner, 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, May 3rd. — RELIGIOUS PLAY repeated. 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.

Sunday, May 5th.—A repeat of last year's most enjoyable handbell recital given by the well-known Handbell Team of Bicester under the direction of Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A.. 3 p.m. 76 bells will be used

Ringing during the week:

Sunday April 28th: 9 to 9.30 a.m.; 5.45 to 6.30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 6.30 to 7 p.m

Wednesday and Friday: 7 to 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4th: Bells available as required by demand from 11 a.m. onwards

Sunday, 5th: Ringing, 9 to 9.30 a.m., 12.30 to 3 p.m. and after Concert to 6.30 p.m Evensong.

Book your teas — price 4/6.

Parties or individuals will be made welcome.

Please apply for further information or for the booking of teas to: Mrs. Wilfred Green, Bedford Crescent, Vine Street, Spalding. Tel. No. 2001.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING

at

CAMBRIDGE

on

Saturday, April 6th.

Ringing: Trumpington (8) 11 to 12.15; St Andrew-the-Great (8) 2 to 3.15; Roman Catholic (8) 5.15 to 6.30; St. Mary-the-Great (12) 6.45 to 8.

Lunch (approx. 10s. 6d.) 12.30 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, Trumpington. Meeting at 3.30 followed by tea in St. John's Church Hall Blanco Grove.

Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15 Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15 3576

RANDWICK PARISH CHURCH, STROUD, GLOS

Rededication of ring of six bells and Elliott Chapel on Sunday, April 7th, at Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.

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CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ST THOMAS'. SALISBURY. WILTS.— As from April 17th the practice night at the above church will be on Wednesday at 7.15 All ringers welcome. — N. O. Skelton, Hon Sec. 3607

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Parish Church of St. Peter, Bromyard.

The dedication of the augmented ring of eight bells by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Hereford will take place during Evensong at 7.30 p.m. on

Friday, April 5th, 1968.

The following day a quarterly meeting of the District will commence at 3 p.m. with Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m (Numbers, please, to Hon. Sec. at 18, New Road Bromyard.)

ST. MARGARET'S, DRAYTON, NORFOLK

Recast tenor will be dedicated by Canon Gilbert Thurlow at Choral Evensong, 6.30 p.m., on Easter Day, April 14th. 3658

SUFFOLK GUILD

Annual general meeting, Stowmarket, Saturday, April 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. A.G.M. 5.30 p.m. Details of the 22 towers open next week. Names for tea to Andrew T. Beckwith, 49, Alston Road, Ipswich (58652). 3674

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival will be held on **Saturday, May 18th, 1968,** at Hoole, Chester

Annual meeting, **2 p.m. prompt,** in the **Church Hall of All Saints', Hoole.** Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: **Rev. A. B. Martin, Vicar of All Saints'.**

Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Church Hall. Cost of tea tickets **5s. 6d.** All applications for tickets to **Mr. E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester, not later than Monday, May 13th.**

Towers open before the meeting: Dodleston (6), 10–10.45 a.m.; Tarvin (6), 10–11 a.m.; Eccleston (8), 11 a.m.–12 noon; Handbridge (8), 12 noon–12.45 p.m.; St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, 12 noon–12.45 p.m.; Hoole (6), 12 noon–1 p.m.

Available after tea: Handbridge (8), St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Hoole (6) and Eccleston (8) by arrangement till 8 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen Sec. 3659

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Barnes. Friday, April 5th at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—N. Thomson, Asst Dis. Sec. 3605

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton (6) April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m Names for tea to Mrs C W Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends. 3537

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual striking competition at Chatteris on Saturday, April 6th. Teams to be assembled by 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m General ringing after tea. 3561

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Bolsover, Saturday April 6th. Bells (8) 3–5 and 6–7.30 only; Eckington (8) 7.30–9. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cooper. 70a, Stratton Road, Bolsover, Chesterfield (Tel. Bolsover 2459).—M. Phipps, R. Fletcher Secs. 3626

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W District.—Meeting at Nazeing (6), Saturday, April 6th Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 3637

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bampton (6) on Saturday, April 6th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 3590

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Hawley (8) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in All Saints Church Hall, Fernhill Road, Farnborough. Names for tea to Mr. D Jennings, 74, Chapel Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 3610

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Baldock (8) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J R Castledine, 7, Hazel Grove, Brook Street, Stotfold. (Tel 775.)—Mrs. C A Agg, Dis. Sec 3619

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Chartham (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. H. Glover, Romney, Hatch Lane, Chartham, near Canterbury, Kent 3654

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Madeley, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 6–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec 3678

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Maidwell, 3 p.m., Saturday, April 6th. Please bring own tea and mugs.—J. E. Goddard. 3647

ST MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Shirley, April 6th Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Ringing until 7 p.m.—G. E Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28 Phone SPR 1025. 3635

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Compton Bassett (5), April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Rumming, 12, Briar Leaze, Compton Bassett, Calne. 3648

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Bolsover, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3–5 and 6–7.30 only; Eckington (8) 7.30–9. Names for tea to Mr. D Cooper, 70a, Stratton Road, Bolsover, Chesterfield. Tel. Bolsover 2459.—M. Phipps and R. Fletcher, Secs. 3628

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, April 6th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs J Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford, Norfolk. 3594

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division — Practice meeting at East Grinstead (8) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m At 5.30 p.m. Mr. P. A. Corby will give a talk on "Conducting," after which ringing will resume. Please send your names for tea to me at 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead Tel. E.G 23815.—Jean Osbon, Div Sec. 3608

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Keighley (8) on April 6th at 6 p.m. Methods: Stedman, Plain and Little, call changes. All welcome. — Maurice Thurmott. 3634

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Holy Week practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, April 10th Bells (12) 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All welcome. 12-bell ringing guaranteed.—A. Ward, Manchester Branch Sec. 3612

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Old Warden (6), Saturday, April 13th. Usual arrangements but names for tea **essential** by the 11th.—K. Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Ampthill 3131. 3600

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The **80th** annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3–8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, by Thursday, 11th. **Please attend.**—E. J. S. 3652

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting. Fordham, Monday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements:—Route 1: Littleport (8) 10.30 a.m.; Ely (8) 11.30 a.m.; Stretham (6) 12.30 p.m.; Wicken (5) 1.30 p.m.; Soham (10) 2.30 p.m. Route 2: Swaffham Prior (6) 10.30 a.m; Burwell (8) 11.30 a.m.; Exning (5) 12.30; Chippenham (6) 1.30; Freckenham (5) 2.30. All towers will be open for 1½ hours. Ringing Masters at all towers Fordham (6) 3 p.m. until the service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Victoria Hall. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea (3s. 6d. per head) are now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped addressed envelope. Evening ringing arrangements: Fordham, Cottenham (6) and Sutton (6).—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 3627

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday, April 15th, 1968 Service noon. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 12s. 6d. each, children of resident members under 14 5s each, obtainable for first 200 applicants with stamped addressed envelope to Mr B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne Kent, not later than first post Tuesday, April 9th.—P. A. Corby, Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 3510

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 15th, at **12 noon prompt.** The annual service will be held beforehand at All Saints' at 11 a.m. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (10), 10–11 a.m. and 7–8.30 p.m.; Droitwich, Dodderhill (8), 2–3.30; Stoke Prior (8), 2.45–4; Wychbold (6), 3.15–4.30; Claines (10), 4–5.30; Worcester Cathedral (12), 6–7.30. — D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 3660

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District —Next meeting, Hovingham (6), Easter Monday April 15th Bells from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only. Names to Mr. Fred Bishop, East Flat, Hovingham Hall, York.—Edward Hudson. Hon. Sec. 3642

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Learners' practice at Christ Church, Epsom, Wednesday, April 17th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. 3661

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —April meeting to be held joint with the Halifax Association at Penistone, combining ringing meeting and contest, on April 20th. Judge and marker for the day, Messrs. H. Chant and N. F. Moxon respectively. Names for tea to Mr. T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, by April 16th.—T. Tarbatt. 3677

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 20th, at the Parish Church, Leamington Spa. Bells available from 3.30 Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. The following towers will also be open from 2 to 4 p.m.: St Nicholas', Warwick, Wellesbourne, Kineton. Other towers may be available, if so will notify in later notice. Committee meeting 5 The Burges, Coventry, on Monday, April 8th at 8 p.m Names for tea to H. C Burt Bowood, Rugby Road, Cubbington, Leamington Spa.—J. L. G. H. 3614

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby Saturday, April 20th. Service, Cathedral, at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at St. Michael's Church House. Bells available: St. Luke's (8) 2–3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10), 3–3.55 and after meeting; St. Peter's (8), 7.30–9 p.m Names for tea to Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby, by April 17th. —B. P. Morris, Sec. 3664

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Waltham Abbey (12), Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Miss S F. Thomas, 71, Kingsfield Drive, Enfield, Middx. 3609

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Quarterly District meeting, Saturday, April 20th, St. Martin's, Epsom. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Oakshott, 114, Manor Green Road, Epsom (23087), by previous Wednesday. Please. 3662

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Penistone on April 20th. All bands welcome to compete Entries and names for tea to Mr T. Tarbatt 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield The contest will be judged by Mr. H. Chant Four bands and under, test piece 720 changes, decreasing if number of bands exceeds four This date will not be changed.—T. Tarbatt. 3676

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting to be held at Hitchin on Saturday, April 20th. Ringing arrangements: Codicote (6), 9.30–10.30; Knebworth (8), 10–11.30; Stevenage (8), 11.30–12.30; Graveley (6), 12–1; Great Wymondley (6), 1–2; Barkway (8), 9.30–10.30; Barley (6), 10.30–11.30, Wallington (6), 11.30–12.30; Sandon (5), 12–1; Ashwell (6), 1–2; Baldock (8), 1.30–2.30; Norton (8), 2.30–3.30; St. Ippolyts (6), 3.30–4.15; Hitchin (8), 3–4.30; and after the meeting, Offley (6), 7–8.30. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting at Boys' Grammar School, 5.15. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. C. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin (tel. 3612).—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 3669

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Beckenham (10), Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. W. Cave, 35, Malmains Way, Park Langley, Beckenham, BR3 25B, by Wed., 17th. NO NAMES NO TEA. 3632

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting, Dunholme, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea Names to Mr. H. Radley, Cedar Thatch, Scothern Lane, Dunholme, Lincoln, by Tuesday, April 16th.—A Richardson, Hon Sec. 3663

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Stand (Whitefield), on Saturday, April 20th, 3 p.m Tea 5 p.m. for those who send in names to Mr. G. O. Sanders, 7, Mount Batten Close, Unsworth, Bury, by Sat., April 13th. Definitely no names no tea Ringing after tea at St. Mary's, Radcliffe.—H. Parkinson. 3665

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting and striking contest. Speen, Saturday, April 20th. Striking contest 2.30. General ringing 3.30, approx. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury, by Tues., April 16th. 3666

ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS. — Ringing Festival, Saturday, April 20th, in Stourbridge area to support launching of appeal to restore St. Thomas' bells and tower. Bells available: Brierley Hill (8), 2–2.45; Amblecote (8), 2.30–3.15 and 6.15–7.30 if required: Wollaston (6), 3–3.45: Old Swinford (8), 3.30–4.15; Stourbridge (St. Thomas' 8), 4–8. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Thomas' Church Hall, Market Street, for all those who notify the undersigned by **Wed., April 17th.**—M. D Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge 3671

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upwey, April 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P Adams, 4, Beech Road, Broadwey, Weymouth, by Wednesday previous. 3644

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Southwell, Saturday, April 20th. Business meeting, Trebeck Hall, **2.30 p.m.** Tea 4.45. Service 5.45 p.m Ringing between business meeting and tea, and after Evensong. Names for tea to J. W. Raithby, 205, London Road, Balderton Newark, by Wed., April 17th.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec 3604

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Baughurst, Saturday, April 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, Heath End Village Hall, 4.45 Names for tea, please, to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, April 16th. 3667

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be at Accrington on Saturday, April 27th. Towers open: Whalley 10.30–11.30, Darwen 12.30–1.30, Blackburn Cathedral 1–2.30, Oswaldtwistle 2–4, Accrington 2–4.15. Service 4.15 at Accrington. Tea in Willow Street School 4.45, followed by the annual general meeting. Ringing afterwards at St. Peter's, Burnley, till 8 p.m., and Accrington till 9 p.m. Requests for other Blackburn Branch towers to J. Pilkington, 407, Whalley Road, Accrington St. Michael's, Blackburn (morning), Holy Trinity, Burnley (evening), will be open if required. Names for tea (4s. each), including money with stamped addressed envelope, to Mr. A. V. Williams, 289, Whalley Road, Accrington, by April 19th.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 3514

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, May 4th. Evening prayer at the Minster 4 p.m Tea in St. John's College 5. The Dean's Park (entrance through gate near N.W. tower) will be available for car parking. Please display card on windscreen with "Y.A.C.R.". Subscriptions are due; reports will be available. Bells: Kippax (6), 10–11; Woodlesford (6), 10–11; Barwick-in-Elmet (6), 11–12; Bramham (6), 11.30–12.30: Tadcaster (8), 12–1 and 7.15–8.30; Acomb (6), 2–3.30: Huntington (6), 2–3.30 and 7–8.45: York Minster (13), 2.30–3.55 and 7–8 Names for tea to Miss J. Watkin, 40, Meadowsfield Drive, Huntington, York, by previous Thursday.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 3679

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Wimborne, May 13th. Will members wishing to place items of business before the meeting please send to me before April 7th.—F Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge. 3601

QUARTER PEALS

LEEDS, YORKS. — At St. Matthew's Church, Chapel Allerton, on March 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian F. Gardiner (first quarter) 1, Patricia M. Gardiner (first Doubles "inside") 2, A. Newbould (first as cond.) 3, W. P. Haskins (first in method) 4, A. R. Holliday 5, Valerie M. E. Gardiner 6. First Doubles 5, 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

STRETTON-CUM-WETMOOR, STAFFS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain and Reverse Canterbury): Janet Thompson (first quarter) 1, C. Whieldon 2, D. Shrubbs (first as cond.) 3, R. Langton (first quarter) 4, P. Whieldon 5, C. Clarke (first quarter) 6. First in either method on the bells. Rung to congratulate Mr. S Sherratt and Miss S. Docksey on their engagement.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. A. Hodges (first attempt) 1, N F. Bellamy 2, R. K. Williams 3, H. J. Sanger 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, R. D. Hodges 6. Rung by Ledbury Grammar School pupils to celebrate the birth of Karen Wendy White (March 15th), daughter of the conductor and granddaughter of ringer of 4.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Church of St. John, on Feb. 25th, 1,344 St. Clement's C.B. Triples: R. Medway 1, L. Stilwell 2 Monica Blagrove 3, Margaret Wenban 4, A. J. Glass 5 A. C Wenban 6, F. A. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. Also on Mar. 3rd, 1,264 D.N.C.B. Major: Monica Blagrove 1, L. Stilwel. 2 Margaret Wenban 3, A C. Wenban 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. Gosling 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 8. Both rung by the Society of Windsor Youths.

"FUSORIAL WAGGERY"—By TREVOR A. BEVIS



THE progressive town of Thetford, Norfolk, had at one time a bell foundry which had been established by Thomas Draper, who had been in business at Bury St. Edmunds.

Draper was a forthright man, upright and honest. His sterling qualities and astute business sense elevated him to the respected office of Mayor of Thetford in 1592. To commemorate this honour he presented a bell to St. Cuthbert's Church. Draper devised a foundry mark for his ware, this being a crown pierced by two arrows, the flights of which are severed, obviously a link with St. Edmundsbury.

His son, John Draper, a man with a deep sense of humour, inherited the Thetford establishment, and a good many bells were despatched by him to churches within a wide radius of the foundry.

On one occasion the founder was called to St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, which at the time possessed four or five bells, one described as "cheap and nasty" and inappropriately inscribed:

Of all bells in Benet I am the best

And yet for my casting the parish paid lest.

The Thetford man, having disdainfully observed this somewhat vain and hollow "pun," could not resist a reply of some sort. It was, of course, traditional and expected of founders, who were, in those days, legion, to advertise their work through the medium of their products, newspaper advertisements being quite unknown. Thetford's artisan came out in a powerful and unrestricted manner, inscribing on his bell:

John Draper made me in 1618
This bell was broake and cast again
As plainly doth appear
Wich time the churchwardens were
Edward Dixson for the one whoe stode by his tacklin
And he that was his partner then was Alexander Jacklin.

John Draper died in 1644 and the Norfolk foundry closed its doors. However, after a lapse of about ten years, it was resurrected and transferred to Bury St. Edmunds by Robard Gurney, Andrew Gurney's son, the latter of whom for a short time was in partnership with Draper.

Some of the younger Gurney's bells were good. A man of few words, with a practical, rough kind of hand, Gurney pursued his work in a quiet, leisurely manner. He had no time for pretty talk, and even less for fusorial waggery. His worst bells, and these unhappily were many, were below mediocrity. Canon Raven wrote that the seventh bell at St. Andrew's the Great, Cambridge, had been described as a "mucky, yawling thing, without a bit o' music in it."

In 1649 Gurney recast the bells of St. John's College, Cambridge, and charged the authorities £4 18s. 6d. inclusive of new metal. Robard is mentioned in his father's will, dated 1643. The son at one time had supplied his father with two hundredweights of metal, and in return the latter left his heir with a legacy of three hundredweights . . . with all my tooles and moulds for to worke with all, as to my trade belongeth."

THE FOUNDER'S LAST WORD

Henry Pleasant, of Sudbury, Suffolk, liked to brag, his sublime idiom

Henry Pleasant have at last
Made as good as can be cast"

being his favourite reference to himself.

It is thought that he succeeded the Grayes of Colchester about the year 1686, and having enjoyed a short stay at that town, removed his business to Sudbury. Pleasant had connections with Bracondale foundry circa 1700, when it is assumed he was a partner with Charles Newman.

This boastful artisan was followed by John Thornton, who cast several good bells for Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex. He suffered an infrequent partner of the name of Waylett, who periodically displayed trade boards in the counties of Sussex, Surrey, Hertfordshire and Kent.

Sudbury's last bellfounder, Thomas Gardiner, provided a great number of bells for Suffolk fanes, the earliest dated 1709 and the latest 1755.

Gardiner turned out bells of atrocious quality. They tend to make a noise like the snapping of twigs. His ring of five at Doddington, Cambs, is a good example of tonal disharmony as can be found anywhere. He was very fond of using coin impressions on his bells, having in one instance employed a coin of John V of Portugal, dated 1755. At the outset of his career our "coin collector" was entrusted with a job at Edwardstone, where he spliced three bells by Miles Graye (elder and younger) to form 3rd, 4th and 5th of a ring of six.

The new second bell of this ring understandably invoked the delicate musical senses of one William Culpeck, who tartly disagreed with the "noise" emitted by the instrument. Without hesitation he called the founder a "want-nit"—a most insufferable term. Culpeck's persistent criticism eventually wore down the dogmatic man of metal, who dismantled the bell and recast it with this embarrassing inscription:

Tuned by Wm Culpeck 1710

But Gardiner, biding his time, had the last word! He obtained revenge in no uncertain manner, coming out vigorously on another bell:

About ty (the) second Culpeck is wrett
Because the founder wanted wett
Thair judgments were but bad at last
Or else this bell I never had cast.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On March 9th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: M. Palmer 1, A. Hoar 2, H. E. J. Smith 3, J. Huggins 4, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 5, G. Whitear 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The first meeting to be held at Knaresborough since 1952 attracted a good attendance of members on February 17th. After a lapse of 29 years, ringing was resumed about 18 months ago at the fine old parish church, where there is a very good ring of eight. A band of ringers has been established consisting of older ringers who have settled in the Knaresborough district, together with some very keen and progressive youngsters.

Under the leadership of Mr. Ronald Gudgeon and Mr. Leo Bean, the local company and their ladies provided a most bountiful tea in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting Mr. Tom Cox, District vice-president, occupied the chair. The president and Mrs. Bottomley were very welcome visitors together with a number of their very young and very competent ringers from Dewsbury.

LODSWORTH PEAL OF 43-SPLICED

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Christopher B. Fynes on not only conducting his peal of 43-Spliced Surprise Minor at Lodsworth, but also on ringing two tower bells at the same time. Well done!

I am interested in the footnote to the peal, stating "No 5–6 places above the treble" and "45, 64, 56, the same way throughout." I am most interested in extent No. 5 and ask Mr. Fynes if he would kindly publish it. Particularly since a similar extent published by Roger D. Bailey unfortunately contains 65's at backstroke in all parts.

With reference to the peal rung at Bunney, Notts (see page 210), and claimed as "Spliced Surprise Minor," I wish to point out that this should not have been claimed as "Spliced' but more accurately as "Surprise Minor." —Yours sincerely,

BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

Mansfield, Notts.

COMPOSITIONS

HELFORD MINOR

Dear Sir, — In his article on "Some New Minor Methods" ("Ringing World" No. 2,970, page 224) Mr. Bruce's third "Third's Place Little Method" was

34.16 h.l. 34 l.h. 12 35264.

It is possible to ring an extent of this method without the use of "Alliance" methods. The idea of doing this came from Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, of Helford, and I produced the appended composition to demonstrate that such an extent is possible.

The method was named by Lt.-Col. Jerram.

Bob	Single
312564	312564
132546	132546
312456	132456
132465	312465

720 HELFORD MINOR

123456	
135264	—524316
—513264	541263
536142	—154263
564321	—415263
—456321	S451263
462513	416532
—246513	—641532
—624513	—164532
641235	143625
—164235	132456
—416235	—213456
463152	—321456
—346152	315264
—634152	—531264
645321	—153264
652413	136542
—265413	—613542
—526413	634125
561234	—463125
S516234	—346125
—651234	362451
—165234	S326451
S156234	—632451
—615234	—263451
653142	S236451
—365142	—623451
354621	635214
—435621	—563214
452316	—356214
—245316	361542

Repeat.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY P. SMITH.

The composition by Hadley Hunter of Stedman Caters (page 145) contains two errors. The going-off row should read 231456789. and the block "B" should not include the turning course.

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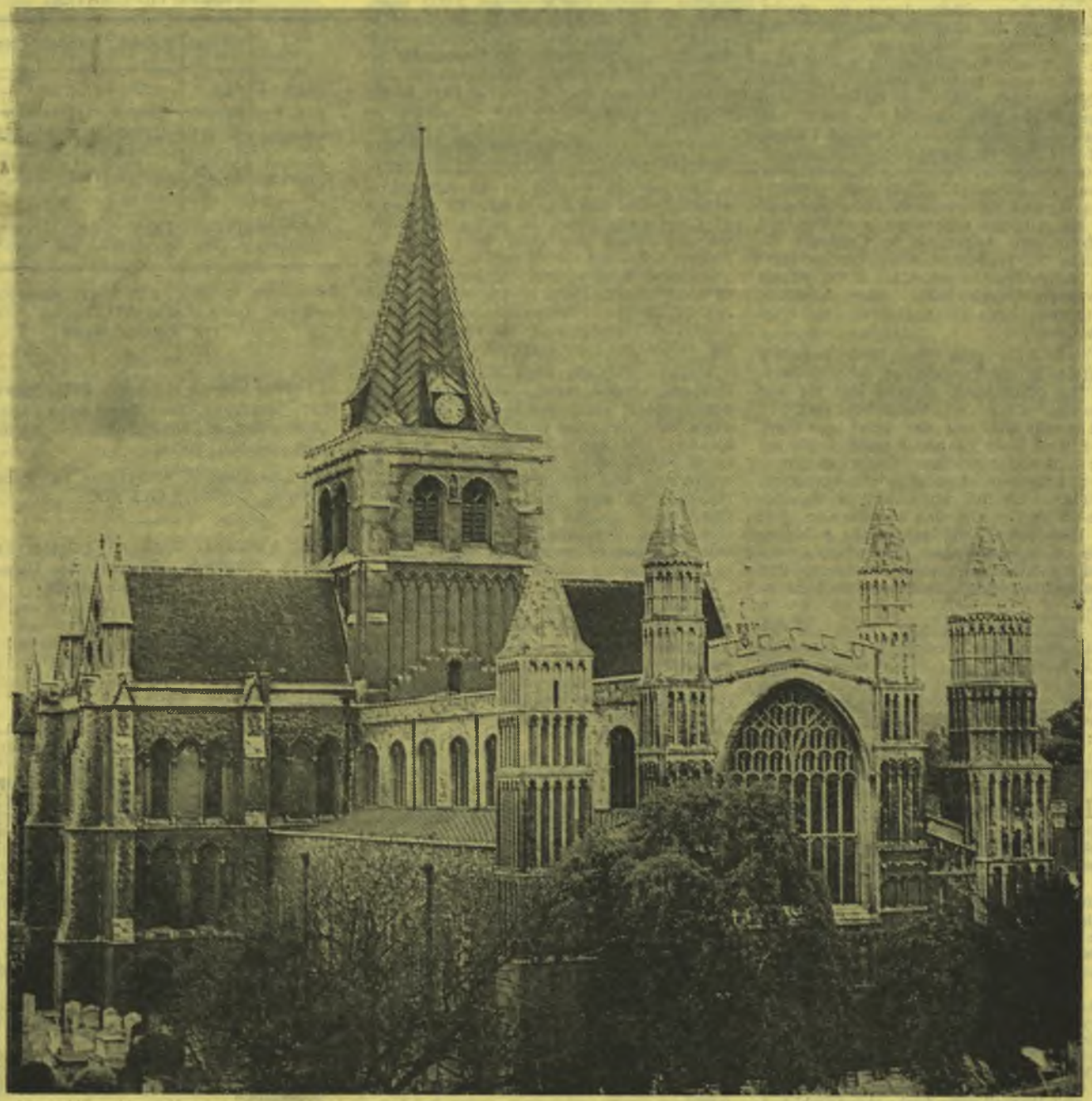
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EASTER

By the REV. P. T. ROBBINS

"YOU don't really believe all that stuff about the empty tomb, and Jesus being seen alive after his death, do you?" This is the common attitude of ordinary decent folk these days to the subject of the Resurrection.

Very well, then, let us assume for a moment that the Resurrection didn't happen. . . . Lots of people who had been followers of Jesus claimed that it did: they were therefore either dupes or crooks. Some people or someone must have deliberately made something up. Others must have been only too anxious to accept what they had been told without troubling to verify the facts. And so everything that followed—the preaching, the converts, the spread of Christianity, the Catholic Church itself—all this was based on misunderstanding or deceit. St. Peter and St. John were knaves or fools. St. Paul was properly taken in, and his whole structure of belief and his religious experience were founded on fable. St. Augustine, St. Columba, St. Dunstan, St. Francis of Assisi, George Herbert, Father Damien, the Curé d'Ars, Albert Schweitzer, Martin Luther King, to name just a few, have all had their lives built on a lie.

If we draw back from this sweeping assertion in all fairness we have to say, "On the other hand, suppose that the Resurrection of Jesus was actual cold fact. . . . That means that one day years ago there was a dead body lying in a tomb, following false trial and execution. Early one morning, a couple of days after the execution, life re-entered this body, and it was reunited with the soul that had been in it; it was transformed and exalted to a higher mode of existence than that which is enjoyed by ordinary mortals. It means that a stupendous miracle had been wrought by God."

If this were a factual occurrence we would expect that something so shattering would have shattering repercussions. Such are not hard to find. Even the fact that the Gospels were not written down until 30 or 40 years afterwards cannot disguise the surprise of the disciples at the turn of events, nor the astonishing transformation which took place in them—changing them from a group of rather ordinary people, neither more nor less prone to disagreement, selfishness or folly than any other similar group, into a band of dynamic, fearless world-shakers. The greatest consequence of all was the establishment of the Christian Church which has provided the moral and spiritual basis of life over most of the civilised world for close on 2,000 years. The Church has not always developed in ways which have been to its credit, but it remains a spirit-filled body, repeatedly renewing itself, perpetually acting as the conscience, the inspiration, and the hope of the world, pointing men to their true nature as children of God, and to their ultimate destiny to enjoy complete communion with Him for ever.

Even though we live at the moment in a rather tired world in which the influence of Christianity seems to be on the wane, we can reflect that there have been far blacker times for the Church in other ages, and that in spite of everything the influence of the Christian Faith on the mind of man and on the life of the world continues to be incalculable, and remains the chief hope for the future good of mankind.

We can virtually trace all this back to this one alleged event. Had it not happened at all Jesus would have taken his place with the great multitude of defeated idealists, and would probably not even be remembered today. Had it been a hoax the undoubted and manifest good which has resulted could never have happened. Everything points to the Resurrection as being true, and if it is true then it is something which we cannot ignore—for the God who did it claims our obedience and our love.

The Resurrection is, in fact, the basis of the Christian life, and is the foundation of every joy and hope that we have. It is something that we are bound to celebrate and shout about. And who better than us bell-ringers can make a joyful noise at this time of gladness to proclaim the triumph of God in raising up Jesus Christ from the dead?

Inter-Branch Striking Finals of Bath and Wells Association

Members gathering at Wookey tower on March 23rd were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Harold Parfrey, which overshadowed the Bath/Chew/Frome Branches' striking competition finals. Harold was to have led his Corston team for the Bath Branch. Bath secretary Alan Lee asked members standing in silent tribute to remember also Harold's wife, Betty, and their children.

The day was a grey one, high winds and heavy showers lashing the tower as four teams battled for the honours, and even the most experienced ringers suffered from the usual "nerves" produced by such occasions. Without doubt none of the teams produced its best, and Wraxall even broke down, which is evidence of the tension ringers were under.

Albert Tyler (Bristol) and Arthur Reed (Taunton) ensconced in a nearby bungalow, ably judged the competition, and after tea, provided by Vic and Mrs. Roberts and helpers, the judges gave their verdict.

Wrington (Chew Branch), ringing Grandsire, were first with 10 faults and Farmborough (Frome Branch), ringing Norwich Surprise, were second with 13 faults.

To round the day off, ringing transferred to St. Cuthbert's, Wells (8), for an hour after tea and the real "judging" of the afternoon's events took place at the Sherston Hotel in the evening. Regardless of silly mistakes made during the afternoon, it was agreed that the standard of ringing generally had greatly improved and the value of such competitions in improving ringing standards was without doubt.

It is hoped that Taunton Branch, holding their first competition this year, will support the inter-Branch finals, and the possibility of including Glaston Branch with Frome for competition purposes is under consideration.

M. H.

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL AND ITS BELLS

By N. J. DAVIES

"THE massive grey square tower of an old cathedral rises before the sight of a jaded traveller. The bells are going for the vesper service, and he must needs attend it, one would say, from his haste to reach the open Cathedral door. The choir are getting on their sullied white robes in a hurry, when he arrives among them, gets on his own robe, and falls into the procession filing into service. Then the Sacristan locks the iron-barred gates that divide the nave from the choir, and all of the procession, having scuttled into their places, hide their faces: and then the intoned words, 'When the wicked man', rise among the groins of arches and beams of roof, awakening muttered thunder."—Dickens' "Edwin Drood."

Rochester Cathedral, although rather overshadowed by the Gothic magnificence of her sister at Canterbury, is one of the most ancient in England, owing its foundation to the piety of Ethelbert, King of Kent. The monarch, having been converted to the Christian faith through his wife Bertha, founded the See of Canterbury in 597 and soon after, at the instance of St. Augustine, the bishoprics of Rochester and London. The first church of St. Andrew of Rochester was founded by Ethelbert in A.D. 600.

For upwards of four centuries little structural change must have taken place, but when Gundulph succeeded to the bishopric in 1077 Norman ideas were destined to rebuild entirely the church.

The Norman church, planned by Gundulph and carried on by Ernulph, was unique in its disposition and arrangement of the east end, the narrowness of its transepts, the absence of a central tower and the situation of its cloisters. In lieu of the central tower there was a detached campanile in the angle formed by the north transept with the choir, and a portion of this, Gundulph's Tower, as it is still called, exists to this day. It was balanced by a small tower against the eastern wall of the south transept. Much of this Romanesque magnificence may still be seen in the nave today, acknowledged by experts to be one of the finest Norman naves in the southern provinces today.

No definite mention of bells occurs until 1154, when Prior Reginald had a broken bell recast and added two new ones. These three bells found a home in Gundulph's Tower, gaining for it the name "'Three-bell Steeple". Some years later the sacrist Thalebot gave a large bell named after himself. Later still, c. 1200, one Radulphus Bretoun, a devout benefactor, caused a broken bell which had stood for some years in the nave of the cathedral to be sent to London for recasting. This pious deed was carried out for the repose of the soul of his brother who had been killed, and the bell received the name "Breton".

About 60 years later, Richard de Waledene, the monastic sacrist, gave a bell dedicated to St. Andrew. The exact location of bells Talbot, Breton and Andrew is never mentioned; possibly they were hung in the rudimentary central tower that was now in existence.

The last definite pre-Reformation entry occurs in 1343. In that year the central tower and spire were heightened and completed by Bishop Hamo de Hythe, who placed in it four new bells—Dunstan, Paul, Itmar and Lanfranc.



A View of the CATHEDRAL CHURCH *of* ROCHESTER *in* Kent.

The story of the pre-Reformation bells is sadly deplete. At unspecified dates other bells were added or recast, and mention is made in several 16th century documents of a great bell dedicated to St. Mary which required the services of four ringers to sound it. After 1545 the central tower was known as the "Six-bell Steeple" and references to Gundulph's "Three-bell Steeple" ceased, thus indicating possible transference of bells from one tower to the other.

By the turn of the 17th century, however, it is certain that the tower contained a ring of six bells (tenor 29 cwt. 10 lb.). The third bell of this ring was recast in 1635 by John Wilnar, a local founder from Borden, near Sittingbourne. Some 50 years later the fifth and tenor bells were recast at a cost of £120 by Christopher Hodson, of St. Mary Cray, the new tenor weighing 30 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. In 1696 the treble was recast by John Wood, of Chancery Lane, London, at an expense of £9

In 1711 the well-known Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel Foundry, estimated £25 to recast the cracked 4th bell; the job was, however, won by James Bagley, of Cripplegate, who recast the bell the following year. He also quarter-turned and rehung the 2nd bell, described as "ancient and much worn at the lip". Unfortunately this laudable regard for antiquity did not prevail when the bells were recast 200 years later.

In 1749 the spire and upper portion of the tower were taken down and rebuilt to a different and more ponderous design (as shown on accompanying print). By 1770 the treble again needed recasting, the work being carried out by Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel. Ten years later, in 1780, Gundulph's Tower began to be demolished for building materials but happily abandoned after the upper part had been removed.

During the early 19th century the cathedral authorities were unfortunate in engaging the services of the architect Lewis Cottingham. In 1823, the tower again being considered unsafe was taken down and rebuilt by Cottingham. This gentleman, without any attempt to copy work of the 13th or 14th centuries, contented himself with a sham-pinnacled belfry upon which, for over 30 years, Gundulph's Norman castle keep frowned as if in reproof of its vulgarity and pretentiousness. Luckily, Cottingham's tower, which was no better than the wretched specimens of "Commissioners Gothic" that were rising about the same time all over the country, has gone, never to return. In 1834 the tenor bell was again recast by Thomas Mears and reduced to 26¼ cwt.

In 1904 an old citizen of Rochester, Mr. Thomas Hellyar Foord, left £5,000 to the cathedral fabric. Dissatisfaction with Cottingham's poor work had been mounting yearly, and it was decided to completely restore the tower and bells. In rebuilding the tower as it appears today great effort was made to try to reproduce the pre-1749 tower. Examination of the bells showed that only the 4th and tenor of the six were considered good enough for incorporation in the new ring; accordingly, the other four bells were recast and two trebles added to make eight. The work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank and the new ring was hung in a massive wooden 10-bell frame. The first peal on the bells, 5,040 Bob Major, was rung on October 21st, 1905, to celebrate the Nelson centenary, but the official rededication and inauguration did not take place until November 3rd, St. Andrew's Day.

Within 15 years plans were afoot to complete the augmentation to ten and in 1921 the whole ring was recast with additional metal into a ring of ten (tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb.). The work was carried out by Gillett and Johnston and the resulting ring was one of the best to emerge from the Croydon foundry. The 1905 frame, being in good condition, was retained, but all new fittings were supplied.

Unfortunately, the expected life of the wooden frame was severely curtailed. In 1959, following a serious subsidence, examination of the timbers showed that replacement was imperative. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work and the present substantial steel frame will ensure that Rochester Cathedral bells will continue to delight ringers and listeners alike for many years to come.

Quarter Peal Ringing in 1967

By ALAN A. BUSWELL

THE number of quarter peals has risen this year by 551 over 1966 to a total of 4,294. These were rung in 1,665 different towers. Just under half this number, however, had only one quarter rung in them, which leaves 3,472 quarters to be rung in 843 towers; 4·1 quarters per tower. There were 14 towers which claimed their first on the bells, but this, of course, cannot be checked.

Addington, Surrey, rang the most with 50; Lympne, Kent, fell into second place with 37, followed by St Clement Danes' with 28. Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, 20, Waltham Abbey 18, Lelant, Cornwall, Smarden and Warnford with 16 St. Vedast's, London, and Croydon (S.J.B.) both with 15.

There are a number of quarter peals which can come under the heading of "Notable Performances", i.e., 57 Doubles rung at Longparish, Hants; 10-Spliced Minor at Fawley, Hants; Finchingfield Major rung at Finchingfield, Essex, for the first time and is a new method for "The Ringing World" Fabian Stedman competition (figures yet to be published). Seighford Doubles rung at Seighford, Staffs, is also claimed as a new method. Spliced Erin, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung at Oxford Cathedral, and on handbells, of which 46 quarters were rung, was one of Spliced Plain, Little and Gainsborough Bob Major at Middle Swan, Western Australia. There were 18 handbell quarter peals rung overseas, most of them in Western Australia.

Leading the County list is again Kent with 13 (303 in 1966), their nearest rival being Somerset with 283 (275 in 1966). It is rather interesting to note the number of Doubles rung by Somerset (160) compared with only 39 of Minor, and there must be some reason for this. The total number of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (881) is very large and rather depressing, since they show how unadventurous and unimaginative quarter peal ringers are. One can always ring Plain Bob with Grandsire bobs for a change. The "Other Methods" include various Doubles methods, including Stedman, Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's Minor, Oxford Bob Triples, etc. Incidentally, I only noticed two quarters of Triples in methods which will be found at the back of the Diary.

In conclusion, I make no claim to the accuracy of this analysis, as there may be many quarters rung and not submitted to "The Ringing World"; also, that not all the quarters submitted have been published, through pressure on space or late presentation, but the number omitted is very small.

Should anyone require further information regarding individual towers and methods rung, etc., I will be pleased to give it, upon receipt of a s.a.e. to 32, Lower Drayton Lane, Cosham, Portsmouth, Hants.

COUNTY LIST OF QUARTER PEALS IN 1967 WITH LEADING TOWERS

	Minimus	Doubles	Minor	Triples	Major	Caters	Royal	Cinques	Maximus	TOTAL	Leading Tower	
Bedfordshire	1	13	22	10	6	3	3	—	—	58	Leighton Buzzard	6
											Silsoe	6
Berkshire	2	23	24	45	10	4	1		1	110	Windsor	11
Bristol		14	11	11	11	2		1		50	Stoke Bishop	10
Buckinghamshire		38	24	19	9		5	1		96	Lane End	9
											Slough	9
Cambridgeshire	1	18	16	3	8	1				47	March	9
Cheshire		8	14	4	2	1				29	Crewe	4
Cornwall		38	12	35	8	2	1	—	—	96	Lelant	16
Cumberland		2	3		1	—	—	—	—	6	Cleator Moor	2
Derbyshire		12	18	8	2	1		—	—	41	Sawley	7
Devon		33	5	20	4	1	1	1		65	Babbacombe	5
Dorset	8	45	17	15	2			—	—	87	Wareham	8
Durham		6	11	4	7			—	—	28	Lancaster	6
Essex	2	41	54	45	52	12	5	5	2	218	Waltham Abbey	18
Gloucestershire		38	8	16	3			1		66	Ruardean	8
Hampshire	2	131	40	60	29	6				268	Warnford	16
Herefordshire		21	6		1			—	—	28	2 Towers with	3
Hertfordshire	1	36	47	32	19	10	4	1		150	Thorley	12
Huntingdonshire	1	11	18	1	4	—	—	—	—	35	Hemingford Abbots	6
Ireland		6		8	1	2				17	Dublin, St. George	5
Isle of Wight			1	2		—	—	—	—	3	3 Towers with	1
Kent	2	162	136	74	29	8	1	1		413	Lympne	37
Lancashire		5	18	10	19	1	1			54	Westhoughton	5
Leicestershire	1	21	24	8	4	2	6	1	2	69	Leicester, St. Margaret	8
Lincolnshire	1	18	25	3	2	2	1			52	Deeping St. Nicholas	5
London		16	18	44	17	26	9	3	2	135	St. Clement Danes	28
Middlesex		19	22	25	10	6	3	—	—	85	Ealing	11
Norfolk	1	16	34	12	20		2			85	King's Lynn	8
Northamptonshire	2	40	48	10	13	2	1	—	—	116	Peterborough	9
											Weldon	9
Northumberland		3	9	1	4					17	Newcastle, St. George	12
Nottinghamshire	2	43	32	13	6	4				100	Holme Pierrepont	13
Overseas		11	9	14	4	1				39	Melbourne	8
Oxfordshire		59	25	25	15			1		125	Marston	13
Rutland		9	5	1		—	—	—	—	16	Seaton	3
Scotland		2		2	4			—	—	8	Glasgow Cathedral	5
Shropshire		5	3	2	2				1	13	Coalbrookdale	2
Somerset		160	39	46	28	7	3			283	Bath	11
											Nailsea	11
Staffordshire	7	32	33	20	12	5	5	1		115	Lincoln	6
											Walsall	6
Suffolk		37	59	7	14	4	1	1		123	Bramford	14
Surrey	1	82	85	57	23	21	7	1		277	Addington	50
Sussex	1	61	16	38	12	4	1	—	—	133	Hurstpierpoint	12
Wales		52	19	29	5	4	1			110	Llandaff Cathedral	9
Warwickshire		29	47	24	11	9		1	1	122	Perry Barr	12
Westmorland		1	1		1			—	—	3	3 Towers with	1
Wiltshire		44	12	24	6	3	2			91	Swindon, Christ Church	9
Worcestershire		23	13	16	10					62	Stourbridge	9
Yorkshire	1	24	61	15	37	5	6		1	150	Longwood	13
TOTAL	38	1,508	1,144	858	487	159	70	20	10	4,294		

Details of Methods will be published next week.

AMAZING SCENES AT DURBAN'S FIRST PEAL

Police Send Four Flying Squad Cars

The first peal in Durban, South Africa, reported on page 238, gave rise to sensational news in the local newspapers the following day. Headed 'Ding-dong Row at St. Mary's,' the report reads:—

"The bells of St. Mary's rang on and on and on . . as flying squad cars and crowds gathered outside the little old church at Stamford Hill, Durban, last night.

"Up in the bell tower, a team of ringers were trying to keep their ten bells ringing for a three-hour 'full peal' (only six bells were ringing). And at the gate a balding Rector, with timid voice, struggled to keep an angry crowd out of his church.

"Policemen, who arrived in four squad cars following a series of complaints from residents of the area, found their way to the tower barred by a solid oak door, which was bolted from the inside.

"'We don't mind when the bells ring for half an hour or so,' said Mrs. Ricky Stangoebole, who lives next door to the church, 'but this has been going on all afternoon and my baby is giving me a bad time.'

GIVE PLEASURE TO PEOPLE

"Rector of the church, Rev. A. Charlton, told the assembled crowd: 'We ring the bells to give pleasure to people and these people are trying to do something special this evening.

"'If they can manage to keep ringing them for three hours, they will be able to send a report to the Bell Ringers' Magazine in England and it will be published.'

"After receiving assurances from Mr. Charlton that the bells would stop as soon as the three-hour limit was up, the police drove away smiling The bells stopped at 7.20 p.m."

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District

A quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Linton on March 9th. Ringing started promptly at 3 o'clock under the supervision of Mr. C. Tester (District Ringing Master) and was mainly dedicated to learners, with the bulk of the ringing being rounds and call changes. Bob Major and plain courses of Grandsire Triples.

The service was conducted by the Vicar and the lesson was read by Mr. Martin Howe, the District secretary. The last of the hymns sung appealed especially to the youngsters—it was a modern hymn with a "swinging" beat and would be very pleasant to hear at any church service.

A free tea was given by the local ringers and thanks were tendered to Mr. Percy Town and his helpers for providing such a marvellous spread.

During the business meeting all ringers stood in silence in memory of Mr. Walter Gosling, tower captain at Boxley for 40 years, who died recently.

After tea, ringing continued until 8.30 and varied from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Kent and Lancashire Spliced



THE wedding took place on February 24th of two well-known peal ringers, Ian H. Oram and Margaret E. Fort. The couple were married in the Parish Church of St Mary-the-Virgin, Leigh, Lancashire, Margaret's home town.

The bride, given away by her grandfather, wore a full-length wedding dress of wild silk and carried a spray of roses and freesias. Margaret was attended by her sister and cousin; the Rev. Peter N. Bond was best man.

After the service 504 Stedman Triples was rung by Kent and Lancashire friends and was conducted by the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

About 70 people attended the reception held in the Waterfield Restaurant, Leigh, after which the bride and bridegroom left for a short honeymoon in Manchester.

We are sure many ringers will join in wishing Margaret and Ian every happiness in the years that lie ahead. T. L.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Boat Race Causes Change of Venue

Originally the Central District had intended to hold its annual District meeting at Putney on March 30th, not realising that it was Boat Race Day. Mrs Oatway very resourcefully found an alternative tower at St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, where Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne made everybody most welcome Visitors were present from Alton and Swindon.

Ringing in the afternoon included an all-ladies touch of Plain Bob and an all-gentlemen touch of Stedman, with the Boat Race providing an aside for those with transistors. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Emrys-Jones, conducted the service and joined the Guild at tea, the catering for which had been undertaken by Mrs. Hawthorne.

At the business meeting, while the gentlemen did the washing up, Mrs. Hooton reported a good year, financially and socially, with a growing membership. All the officers were re-elected, but on the Central Committee Mrs. Savory replaces Mrs. Collins, who has now left the district. It was agreed to send a letter to Miss Hilda Snowden, wishing her a speedy recovery.

The programme for ringing at the Guild annual general meeting on July 6th was approved by all. This will be published in "The Ringing World" later, together with details for a buffet lunch in St. Albans and dinner at Hertingfordbury Friends and supporters were requested to book the date and get their tickets as soon as possible.

All present regretfully said "Goodbye" to Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne, who will shortly be moving to North Wales. They were wished every happiness in their retirement.

More ringers arrived after the meeting and for a while some ancient brasses were a bigger attraction than the bells. Ringing followed at Kingston on Thames.

A TWO-THOUSAND-TON HOWLER!

A description of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Felixstowe, Suffolk, in the Urban District Council's Official Handbook of about 1906, includes the following: ". . possesses only one bell, as we speedily discover, for its plaintive appeal and reminder are more suggestive than the crash of a belfry equal to a 2,000 ton Bob Major. This solitary bell bears the inscription: 'Miles Graye made me, 1627'."

CLAUDE RUSH.

Mr. W Barton, a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association gave a talk to the British Horological Institute, London, on April 5th. on "Bells and Bell Ringing."

The London "Evening Standard" carried a fine action picture in their issue of April 1st of the casting of a bell at the Whitechapel Foundry.

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Letters to the Editor

PEAL AT DURBAN

Dear Sir, — I am sure that many English ringers will wish to offer hearty congratulations to the band which rang the peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. Mary's Greyville.

This will surely be a strong contender for the Peal of the Year Although it may be overshadowed by far more illustrious performances it could not be bettered for sheer ambition and perseverance. It is amazing that Cyril Chambers has been able to maintain a change-ringing tradition in Durban, for not only are the two towers there isolated by hundreds of miles from the next outpost of ringing but there are difficulties encountered there quite unknown here in England.

To those of us who have seen the recent renaissance of ringing in Durban, reports of quarter peals in these columns have been most encouraging. During his stay in Durban, Geoffrey Armitage has given much assistance to Cyril, culminating in the conducting of this crowning achievement.

May we all look forward to more good news from Durban and continued progress there.—Yours faithfullly,

WALTER G. KNIGHT.

London, N.W

AN EARLY EVENING AT SITTINGBOURNE

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter of the prolific Mr. Hedgcock entitled "Through Male Eyes". I can only assume that on the day in question the gentleman's eyes must have been slightly blurred or he would surely have noticed that the "comparatively high standard" of ringing, "particularly during the evening", came to a halt when the clock showed 7.30 p.m.

Having spent the day in question risking life and limb in a belfry with Mr. Harry Parkes (as anyone who has worked with Mr. Parkes will appreciate), my two friends and I felt the need for a little relaxation. Knowing there to be ringing at Sittingbourne, we made our way there post haste. When we arrived we were disappointed to find that the church was in darkness and there were no signs that there had even been ringing there that day. It was not until some time later that we discovered that the ringing had stopped at 7.30 p.m.

But I have to agree with Mr. Hedgcock on one point—we didn't find a fiasco when we arrived!—Yours faithfully,

PAM COURT.

Hythe, Kent.

BOB MINOR WITHOUT A SINGLE

Dear Sir, — Frank Blagrove has given the long-awaited answer about his extents of Bob Minor, but there is nothing new. From the other correspondence it can be seen that this is now a 720 was first obtained. I cannot see how he considers to have rung an extent of Bob Minor using this plan The extent he gives is a mixture of Plain Bob and Original Minor, nothing else. Bob Minor is a treble dominated method and although it is possible to have a bell other than the treble in the hunt, it is not possible to change the hunt bell in midstream. Mr Blagrove has fallen into a trap in stating that "two types of bob are used". Doesn't this contravene the rules of the Central Council?—Yours faithfully,

UNDERGRADUATE.

(Name and address supplied.—Ed.)

WHEN TO CALL "STAND"

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Hunt's letter in "The Ringing World" on March 29th (page 242), in which he states that he wishes to be dissociated with a peal, as (I quote) "some extents were flagrantly miscalled", I would have thought he could have stood his bell before the end of the peal.

In my opinion, any ringer, if he does not think the striking or conducting is up to the standard considering the quality of the band, should first warn the conductor and if it does not improve then stand.

I would just like to mention that I was invited to ring in this peal but could not do so, and also that I do not wish to cast any doubts on Mr. Hunt as a ringer, as having rung with him I consider he is a reasonably good and reliable ringer.

In conclusion, changing the subject if I may, Mr. Editor, I would like to say how good was Mrs. Parker's lecture on Rhythm and Striking at the recent half-day school on bellringing at Billingborough. If another record is to be produced in the near future, similar to the recording of Washington Cathedral bells, Mrs Parker's lecture, recorded of course by her, could be put on it and I think would benefit all ringers who hear it.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. SLIGHT.

Grantham, Lincs.

CORNISH PROGRESS

Dear Sir,—Further to the letters of Messrs. Visade and Lewis on the subject of outstandingly progressive local bands, we in Cornwall ("the home of call changes"), where the ratio of call change to "scientific" bands is approximately 9 to 1, have some progressive method bands also

We may not all aspire to London Major (Minor, yes), but, with such limited facilities, to train a Grandsire Triples band from nothing is a considerable achievement.

Two of our three Sunday service bands capable of Grandsire Triples (Carbis Bay and Redruth.—the other being Stratton) could not have been said two years ago to possess a band with enough competent rope-handlers to ring rounds on all their bells.

This seems to me more of an achievement in an area with an average of a dozen peals per year than where Spliced Surprise is rung nightly.—Yours sincerely,

T. ROY HART.

Redruth, Cornwall.

STOWE-NINE-CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—In the article "Saxon Towers around Northampton" (March 29th) you mention Stowe-Nine-Churches and you say that its name originates from the fact that from that high point you can see nine churches. Well, that may or may not be true: indeed, in the 16th century it was called "Nyne Steeples" but popular local legend will tell you differently.

The legend says that long years ago in Saxon times they decided to build a church there, but each time they tried the Devil came and moved the bricks. Eight times the old Saxon builders almost finished building the church and eight times the Devil came and dismantled the church and moved the bricks. However, the ninth attempt proved successful. The builders foiled wily old Satan and the tower is still standing to this day after 1,000 years.—Yours, etc.,

DAVID GOSS.

Sandy, Beds.

DOUBLES NAMES

Dear Sir,—May I also offer congratulations to the Cambridge University band on their performance in 220 Doubles methods/variations at Latlington on March 1st. It is very heartening to see that Mr Underwood has honoured the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild by naming several of his varieties after local towers. However, since he requests any corrections to his nomenclature I offer the following:—

St. Cleer (already named) is St. Remigius with Reverse Canterbury Bob.

Darwin (already named) is Dragon with Pink's single.

Itchen (already named) is St. Nicholas with Plain Bob bob or Dragon Single (I believe it is false)

St. Catherine (already named) is St. Simon with Plain Bob bob or Old Doubles Single.

St. Katherine is St. Simon with Rev. Cant. Bob or Wallflower Single.

In the case of the St. Catherine's Doubles, I would like to raise a point for general discussion This is one of several methods for which I have been unable to obtain a true 120. I note however, that these methods are occasionally utilised in multi-method 120's. Does this not invalidate the performance, or is it acceptable if the lead or so rung is true to the full spliced 120? Perhaps someone could produce for me true 120's of the following, which otherwise I regard as false:—

Plain Course	Bob	Single
St. Simon	Rev. Cant.	Old Double
Winchendon	Rev. Cant.	Old Double
St. Simon	Plain Bob	Old Double
Winchendon	Plain Bob	Old Double
St. Simon	Plain Bob	Grandsire
Winchendon	Plain Bob	Grandsire

Yours sincerely,

DEREK C. JACKSON.

Totton, Southampton.

THE BELLE OF BELLRINGERS WANTED

Dear Sir.—Isn't it time a fresh impetus was given to livening up "The Ringing World"? Granted, bellringing does not provide much of an opportunity for a gay, exciting magazine but, in my humble opinion, more should be done beyond providing a photograph of a church on a bright yellow cover.

One possibility is a "Miss Bellringing" competition. No doubt such a revolutionary (?) idea will make many of our more venerable ringers shake with horror; I can hear the comments now—"laughable," "disgusting—lowering the tone of a great magazine."

But will these people with reactionary Victorian beliefs remember one little fact—there are more ringers under the age of 30 than there are over the age of 60 (and possibly over the age of 50), and these young people are the basis of the Exercise.

If the G.P.O. and the Coal Board, hardly the institutions that send the pulse racing, can run their respective competitions, why can't we? In conclusion, I can only hope that this letter—or even a mention of the idea in "Belfry Gossip" will be printed. Let us not be afraid of finding out who is Britain's most beautiful bellringer—many young men would dearly like to know.—Yours hopefully,

MICHAEL C. BROAD.

Solihull.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

OBITUARY

MR. HAROLD LESLIE PARFREY

The village of Corston, Bath, was deeply shocked when the news became known that Mr. Harold L. Parfrey had died on the evening of Thursday, March 21st, a feeling which was shared in the wider area of the Bath and Wells Diocese, and even further afield, as Harold was well known and liked in many places. The shock was all the greater since he was at the usual weekly practice on the previous Friday and was in hospital only two days.

For the past four years he had been tower master at Corston and indeed he had been the moving spirit behind the ringing at this tower for over 20 years. When he first began to take an interest in Corston the band was struggling with Grandsire Doubles; at the present time it is possible to pick a band for Surprise Minor and a Sunday service band for Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, while individual members ring Surprise Major methods, coached and encouraged by Harold. He was always insistent on good striking, and the success of his bands in a recent striking competition was a source of great gratification to him. He was of a rather shy and quiet disposition, although an offender in a touch could be dealt with in no uncertain manner. However, after "Stand" had been called, his slow smile showed that all was forgiven.

He learned to ring in the '30's and his first peal was of Bob Major at Twerton in November, 1936.

His peals were: Doubles 21 (conducted Caters 5, Royal 2.

5), Minor 14 (1), Triples 19 (2), Major 26, He had rung peals for five Associations other than the Bath and Wells, including four peals for the Ancient Society of College Youths.

For several years he had been Ringing Master for the Bath Branch of the Diocesan Association and at Corston had been a member of the choir, where his tenor voice will be greatly missed. He had also served on the Parochial Church Council.

His wife is also well known in ringing circles, as she has twice been vice-president of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild. Sympathy goes out in full meausure to her and their three children in their grievous loss.

The funeral service was held at Corston on March 26th, when the church was filled to overflowing. The simple but affecting service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Graham Hopper, and the Rev. Roger O Fry, one of Harold's oldest friends, with whom he had rung many peals. Psalm cxii, which he had often sung at ringers' services, was used, together with two hymns, and the Nunc Dimittis as the coffin was carried out of the church by a bearer party consisting of Alan F. Lee, Ian Cox, Sidney J. Woodcock, Eric Naylor, Julian E. Newman and David A. Burt. At the request of Mrs. Parfrey the bells were rung open at the conclusion of the service.

AN APPRECIATION

It was indeed a terrible shock for us in the Bath Branch to learn of the passing of Harold Parfrey at the age of 51 after a very short illness.

He held office as Ringing Master of the Branch as well as the post of tower Master at Corston and was also a long-serving member of the choir. Harold was of a quiet disposition but could be forceful when ringing was not up to the standard he expected. However, as soon as the ringing was over he never bore any ill-will whatsoever and we shall remember that characteristic grin that would put everyone at ease again.

Of his countless virtues we will not forget the way he always openly apologised for any error that he made, for the way he could always be relied upon to help anyone in any sort of trouble. He had endless patience with beginners and would put himself out for their sakes. He was always happy to join the choir at meetings and we shall miss his tenor voice and also the way he would transport ringers from one place to another regardless of time and cost.

Indeed, he was a man of rare qualities and was held in high esteem by all who came into contact with him. This was borne out at his funeral service as not only were there many ringers present from far and near but almost every villager who was able to be present came to pay last respects. The firm of Horstmann Gear Co., for whom he had worked for over 31 years, sent over 20 representatives, from workmates to directors.

He enjoyed every branch of ringing: first his Sunday service ringing. He liked quarter peals; rang on an average four peals per year and loved to go on an outing in search of new towers. His peals totalled 87 and it was a coincidence that his first was at Twerton-on-Avon in 1936 and it was at this tower that he rang his last, Stedman Triples in December of last year, conducted by the Rev. Roger Fry.

We thank God for the example he has given us and send our deepest sympathy to his wife, Bette, and to his three children in their sad loss.

ALAN F. LEE.

MR. SAMUEL PETTER

With great regret we record the death on March 24th of Mr. Sam Petter, who was for many years tower captain at St. Mary's, Worplesdon, Surrey. He had been in poor health for some time but continued to show an interest in ringing. He was 90 years of age and is survived by his wife, Ellen, who is also the same age and now lives at St Andrew's Home, Farnham.

Sam was born at Rogate and came to Worplesdon from Milland. It was there that he first became interested in ringing at the age of 19. He rang for the last time at St. Mary's, Worplesdon, on the Sunday before his 50th wedding anniversary in January, 1967.

At his funeral service at Worplesdon on March 29th the bells were rung open—a wish he had often expressed. A memorial quarter peal was rung the same evening at St. Michael's, Pirbright.

J. C.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of 5,056 Little Bob Major rung at Pulham Market, Norfolk, on October 17th, 1967, for the Norwich Diocesan Association, as the composition was false.

My sincere apologies to the members of the band and also to those who keep records of peals rung.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE F. BAILEY.

Hethersett, Norwich.

SUSSEX RINGERS' PROFITABLE DAY IN LONDON

THE Northern District's outing to London on March 23rd was most instructive and enjoyable—the main attractions being the Whitechapel Foundry and the Carter Ringing Machine at Kensington Science Museum.

At Whitechapel Mr. Hughes met the party and gave a lecture on the principles of mould-making together with examples of work now being done at the foundry. In the handbell department there were examples of every stage in the process, from the new castings to the finished article. They were beautiful to behold, and when Mr. Hughes ran through some chords on a finished set the melodious sound was a real joy to hear. Later came a visit to the tower-bell turning-shop, where Mr. Hughes explained the process in great detail. Ringing at St. Olave's Hart Street, followed and then came lunch.

The afternoon was spent in the Kensington Science Museum, where Mr. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobbie and John Slater demonstrated the Carter Ringing Machine—a remarkable piece of mechanism. First Mr. Hughes told the story of John Carter and the marvellous way that he brought his ringing skill and his craftsmanship as a revolver smith together to invent and construct his ringing machine. The lecturer went to some length to point out the salient features of the machine and to describe its working, after which Mrs. Dobbie set up the machine for it to ring Stedman Cinques. Whilst Mr. Dobbie talked about the machine's capabilities and answered questions we inspected it whilst it was working. It was fascinating to watch the levers and rods working to produce the changes being rung on the handbells in the corner of the room. Doubtless we owe much to John Carter for his machine, but we must not lose sight of the tireless work that goes into the business of keeping it in working order.

After a break for tea we began our journey home, calling at St. Mary's, Lambeth St. Mary's, Battersea, and St. Mary the Virgin's, Putney. The bells were put to full use for rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire, and when at last we were on the way home, tired but still happy, we amused ourselves with handbells and singing.

Hearty thanks are extended to Mr. Douglas Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Dobbie and John Slater, who gave up their whole day for our benefit, and the tower representatives who met us, and last but not least to Mrs. Jean Osbon for organising the trip.

G. T. J.

METHOD EXTENSION BY COMPUTER

Although there is no correct extension of such well-known Double Surprise Major methods as Superlative, Bristol and Norfolk, it may be of interest that Double Dublin extends to both Royal and Maximus, Extn. D.

Major: mx, P2. l.h.8—56—14.56—58.36.14—34.58—34—l.h.1.

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Southern Universities Inauguration

On the bright and sunny morning of March 16th the Southern Universities Association was inaugurated most auspiciously Anticipating at the most 20–25 ringers, we arrived at Twyford (8) to hear the bells ringing to Grandsire Triples—and this five minutes before time!—and hurried up to the tower, wondering who had been so keen as to arrive early We were astounded to find that the ringing chamber was packed; there were hordes of ringers from Oxford, London, Southampton, Sussex and, of course, Reading. We joined in with a will, and ringing ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge and Yorkshire S Major The striking could have been better, but our excuse was that it was the first tower of the day!

From Twyford we moved on to Hurst (8), where the long draught upset a few ringers. Ringing at Hurst was almost a repetition of Twyford until the arrival of the Bristol contingent, when London was promptly called for, attempted and fired-up—twice.

By now the number present had increased to approximately 40 We, to say the least, were pleased and surprised. From Hurst the party moved on (in some 15 cars!) to Sonning (8), where we found the tower captain had forgotten we were coming. However, the key was quickly obtained from the Vicar and the lovely eight were soon ringing out to Yorkshire and London, interspersed with Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

Ringing at Sonning finished promptly at 1 p.m. and several ringers were rather puzzled to find that approximately ten miles had to be covered in just under 15 minutes Some gave up and adjourned for a pie and a pint, but luckily some decided the "tower-grab" was worth the mad dash and set off hotfoot for Goring (8). Here the ringing ranged from Cambridge and Yorkshire S Major to Grandsire Triples The light eight gave us some excellent practice Streatley was only over the river so as the eight at Goring were being lowered Streatley's six were going up It was rather a squash getting everyone in the small tower, nevertheless, ringing ranged from Plain Bob Doubles to London S Minor.

The next tower was at Caversham (8). En route we lost a number of ringers who watched the finish of the "head of the river" in which many schools and universities were taking part. Despite the absence of a few ringers others arrived, and numbers reached approximately 50, and this number was maintained throughout the rest of the day

From Caversham into the centre of Reading to St Mary Butts' (8). The frustration of 50 ringers waiting to ring on this nice eight was unimaginable as, no one having arrived to meet us, the two organisers rapidly phoned as many people as they could think of that might have a tower key and finally, a quarter of an hour late, we managed to gain entry! We were, however, compensated for our wait by being told that we could ring until 6 p.m. —an extra three-quarters of an hour This pleased everyone and the ringing settled down to some excellent striking, especially the 5-spliced Also rung were Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol, S. Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

After St. Mary's we had a break until 6.30 p.m. for tea. One can only conclude that the supply of eating places was inadequate, as no one arrived at the final tower, St Laurence's (12), until 7 p.m. This being the Reading University tower, we were very well represented, increasing numbers to 60 (approximately). The bells being the only 12 of the day. Cinques and Maximus were the norm, although Yorkshire Royal almost came round The day's ringing had obviously provoked a great thirst and all adjourned to the forewarned tavern, where the Reading ringers are well known!

Everyone was agreed that the day had been a great success exceeding all hopes and well worth the organisation; also, we hope, the first of many meetings. The next date decided on was November 9th, details of area, etc., to be decided and circulated later. A. K. S.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Taunton Branch

The first quarterly meeting of the Taunton Branch in 1968 was held on March 2nd at Hillfarrance, where the six bells were put to good use prior to the Guild service at 4.15. The Vicar Rev J Butler, welcomed the 40 or so ringers present and joined the company for tea.

The new chairman, Rev M J Odlum, presided at the business meeting, when six new members were elected and Sampford Arundel was chosen for the next quarterly meeting on May 11th The members were reminded that originally Taunton St James was provisionally chosen for the meeting but, unfortunately, it had been necessary to find an alternative tower. The meeting was sad to bear that the members of the St. James' band had decided not to renew their membership of the Association, but was somewhat relieved to know that the tower would still be affiliated The Branch secretary informed the meeting that he had written to the St. James' tower secretary on the lines that should any individual member of the tower wish to remain a member of the Association he could do so as an unattached member.

Mr K. E. Beale informed the meeting that the Branch striking competition would be held at Rockwell Green on April 27th, commencing at 2 30 p.m. An appeal was made for strong support of this, the first event of its kind in the Branch.

The chairman accorded the best thanks of the meeting to the Vicar and organist, and the ladies for providing an excellent tea.

Afterwards ringing continued both at Hillfarrance and Bradford-on-Tone. K. E. B.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On March 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D Pepper (first on eight) 1, J Gipson 2, Miss J Sanderson 3, D E. Pepper 4, F. Harper 5, W. Newman 6, G Pearson 7, K. Hesketh (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major on the bells. For Mothering Sunday service.

NAILSEA SOM.—On March 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H Hardwidge 1 Mrs. R Short 2, L Derrick (cond.) 3 C. Kortwright 4, D. Pearce 5, L. Childs 6 A compliment to ringer of 2nd on her eighth wedding anniversary.

COMPOSITIONS

5,016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

(for handbells)

By ROBERT B. SMITH

23456	W	M	H	
42635	—	—		
65234		s	—	
24365	2	—	s	
23465			s	
42536	—	—		
56234		s	—	
42356	2	—	—	
62354		s		
46325	—	s		"A"
56324		s		
45362	—	s		
25364		s		
45326	s	s		
65324		s		
46352	—	s		
26354		s		
42365	—	s		
52364		s		
32456	s	—		
62453		s		
52463				"A"
34256	s	—	—	
23645	—	—		
43625	s			"B"
63542	s	—		
43562	s			
23546	s	s		
43526	s			
53642	s	—		
43652	s			
63245	s	—		
42365	s			
53246	s	s		
43256	s			
24635	—	—		
54236				"B"
23456	s		—	

3–4 course for the last 48 courses.

As rung at West Pines, Dale Brow Prestbury, Cheshire, on March 21st. 1968

5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(18 methods)

By J. R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H	Methods
52436		—		Ux Yorks Wem.
34625	—	—		Elf. Pains Leath.
23645		—		Lind Linc. Bris.
54632	—	—	—	Bris Bris. Camb East.
65432			—	East Sup. Eal.
43652		—	—	Rut Camb. Wat.
36452			2	Eal. Pud. Lon. Bris.
53462		—		Lon Ald. Elf.
46532		—	—	East. Pains. East.
34562		—		Lon. Sup. Lon.

4 × repeated.

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Rung on handbells at 15, Harford Drive, Watford, on March 28th, 1968.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. F. Canter 1 Sara Cornock 2, T. Pritchard 3 T Witts (cond.) 4, R Watts 5, G Smith (first quarter) 6, R. Cornock 7, R. Ashby 8 Rung for Mothering Sunday by the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,320 Bourne and Cambridge Surprise Minor: N Bennett 1, Carol Cousins 2, E. G H. Godfrey (cond.) 3, Amanda Powell 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. Rung half-muffled for Matins in memoriam James Lewsey, lay reader, who died March 20th. Also 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: N. Bennett 1, Penny Cocks 2, Carol Cousins 3, E. G H. Godfrey 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For children's service and the christening of David Stewart James Gue.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS. — On March 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Halliday (first quarter) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. G. Godwin 3, P. G. Chambers 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, C. L. Younger 6. For Mothering Sunday

BARTON STACEY, HANTS. — On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H R Jacobs 1, N. G. Hughes 2, T. M. Evans 3, S. M. Jack 4, A. J. Mason 5, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 6. First of Minor 2. 4. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

BLEWBURY, BERKS — On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, P. E. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. E Wells 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, Claude Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Confirmation service.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/var.): H Goodchap 1, H. Hill 2, T Walters 3, C. Biggs 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Gwyne 6. Rung for the wedding of Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G Gwyne, and John Pugh at Froomes Hill this day.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On March 24th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: J. Hollins 1, A. R. Walters 2, S. Christian 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, M. H. Whittell 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CADOXTON, near Neath, GLAM.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles: C Williams 1, B Williams 2, A. R. Lewis 3, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 4, W. J. Thomas 5, D. Culpan 6. Half-muffled after the funeral of John E. Bloxham, a ringer at the above church for over 60 years, who died on February 15th.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On March 18th, 1,259 Kennington Bob Doubles: J. Brown (first away from tenor) 1, A. Buswell 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, G. Gammon 5, E. Herrington 6. First quarter in the method on the bells, and for all the band.

CHERITON, KENT.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dilys Eastmead 1, K. Butler 2, A. Binstead 3, Pamela Court 4, Rev. C. Munt 5, A. C Eastmead 6, R. A Birch (comp. and cond.) 7, Rachel J. Sinden 8. Rung on the departure of Mr. and Mrs. J. Davey and family to Malaya, with appreciation for all their help in the Ashford District.

DEVIZES, WILTS. — At St. Mary's Church, on March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Whale 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B Osborne 4, C. Hillier (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On March 24th, 1,280 Spliced London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major: Hilary Webb 1, Janet Hoose 2, D. G. Adams 3, G. P. Adams 4, G. H. Pullin 5, P. Adcock 6, K. S. Hohl 7, D. E. House (cond.) 8. First of 6-Spliced by all except 5 and 8.

GREASLEY, NOTTS — On March 24th, 1,240 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Knighton 1, Alison I. Walker 2, P. Mary Beach 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, C W Hodgkinson 6. For Evensong on Mothering Sunday.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX. — On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Talbot-Ponsonby 1, Elsie K. Hart 2, Patricia Laycock 3, Joan Hooton 4, H. George Hart 5, A. C. Martin 6, R. A. Gage (cond.) 7, J. Woolley 8. In memoriam A. W. Coles, past Master, Middlesex Association.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On March 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat Holliday 1, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 2, R Mann 3, G. Barnard 4, B. Horrell 5. For Confirmation service.

HAYES, KENT.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Mundy (first attempt) 1, Miss G. Harper 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, J. W Smith (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival and Mothering Sunday Evensong.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX. — On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D A. Cruttenden (first quarter) 1, P. E. Cruttenden 2, D J. Parsons 3, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, H. W. Brown 6, S. W. Brown (cond.) 7, E. F. Packham 8. Rung in thankful remembrance of Colin Dunlop ("Bishop"), one-time Vicar of Henfield and member of the local band of ringers; Dean of Lincoln until his retirement to Henfield.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX. — On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Felton 1, P. N. Felton 2, Julia Sanders 3, Kathleen Parr 4, C. T. Richards 5, K. J. Collis 6, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. Also on March 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jennifer Felton 1, Jennifer Beck 2, Carol Blagden 3, Julia Sanders 4, I. Cooper 5, H. Blagden 6, A. Knights 7, P. N. Felton (cond.) 8.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Eliason 1, M. J. Worthington 2, R. Falder 3, P. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters (cond.) 5, P. J. Belcher 6. Knebworth's tribute to the late Mr. E. Buck, Herts Northern District secretary.

LAVERSTOKE-CUM-FREEFOLK, HANTS. — On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Beckerleg (first quarter) 1, R. J. Latham 2, A. M. Donaldson (first "inside") 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, R. W T. Slack 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX. — On March 1st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (19 methods): R. D. Smith 1, C. B. Fynes 2 and 3, Juliet Fynes 4, Rev. J. H. Greene 5, D. O Haslam 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Williams 1, Pauline Smith 2, Margaret James 3, Anne Parr 4, D. Robinson 5, A. H. Smith 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, P. Ford 8. An 88th birthday compliment to Alfred Winch.

LEICESTER.—On March 1st, 1,280 New Gloucester Surprise Major: M. E. Wade 1, Monica M. Jelley 2, W. E. Rawson 3, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 4, P. A. Mason 5, M. Green 6, R. H. Cook 7, R. K. Mason 8.

LYMPNE, KENT. — On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, G. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, M. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G Stewart 1, R Turner 2, D Heyes 3, M. Scowan 4, R. Bampton (cond.) 5, H. Rossell 6. Also on March 20th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Margaret Aslett 1, R. Turner 2, Barbara Beeson 3, M. Lawrence 4, M. Scowan 5, H Rossell (cond.) 6, R. Bampton 7, D. Heyes 8. First quarter in the method for all the band.

MIDDLE SWAN, W.A.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jenny Lees 1-2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3-4, Mrs. H. A. Mann 5-6, Nancie J. Page (first "in hand") 7-8.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Bob Major: C. Knapp 1, A. King 2, Miss R. Willey 3, H. Hanson 4, E. Buxton 5, A. Haines 6, A. Lygo 7, D. Stainsby (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Haines on the birth of Susan Gillian. First quarter of Major on the bells by a local band.

READING, BERKS. — At St. Mary's Church, on March 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. Durston 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. P. Lewington 3, P. J. Shipton 4, W. Sidwell 5, R. F. Diserens 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, C. E. Lewington 8. First in method 1 and 5.

ST. ALBANS HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on March 17th, 1,409 Stedman Caters: Heather Darvill 1, D. Duggan 2, Frances Dodds 3, B. C. Johnson 4, S. P Darvill 5, J. E. Ewer 6, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 7, C. E. Slade 8, H. V. Frost 9, R. W. Darvill 10.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS. — On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Didymus (first quarter) 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, Rosemary J Kemp 3, J. A. G. Ball 4, R. Green (cond.) 5, P. Page 6. For Mothering Sunday service.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Blakebrough 1, D. Willcocks (first in method) 2, R. Amos 3, W. C. G Wainwright 4, S. G. Peck (cond.) 5, N. Peters 6. First quarter 1, 6. For Evensong on Mothering Sunday. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: M. Fox 1, D. Willcocks 2, S. G Peck 3, W. C G. Wainwright 4, R. Amos 5, I. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday children's service.

STRETTON GRANDISON HEREFORDS. — On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four meth./var.): E. Rose 1, L. I. Walters (cond.) 2, J Ward 3, R. Hill 4, E. C. Biggs 5, G. Gwynne 6. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev R. W Smith.

SWANWICK, DERBYS. — On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R J. Sterland (12) 1, D. Walters (18) 2, D. Hanbury (17) 3, E. Martin (18) 4, M. Foulds (18) 5, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For Evensong.

TAMERTON FOLIOT, DEVON.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. M. Sims 1, J. P. Sims 2, S. G Pierce 3, Miss S. P Sims 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, E. J Cann 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Burgess (first quarter) 1, P Owen 2, A. Sears 3, H. Shire 4, D. Digby (cond.) 5, Jean Digby 6. For Evensong.

TINTAGEL, CORNWALL.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, E. H. Langley 2, H. Trewin 3, W Boucher 4, H. Stacey 5, A. Sandy 6. Rung as an example and encouragement to the new young band who were present and who afterwards were given instruction in method ringing.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): N. D. Lomas 1, P. Oliver 2, J. D. Smith 3, Rev C. J. Rees 4, A. Sharples (cond.) 5, D. Mottershead 6. For Evensong.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College Chapel, on March 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. J. Latham 1, S. M. Jack 2, R. W. T. Slack 3, A. J. Mason 4, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. M. Donaldson 6. Most methods to a quarter 1, 3, 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

YATTON, SOM.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Lawrence (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Porter 2, S. G. Smith 3, M. Dodson 4, P. J. England (cond.) 5, W. S. Rice 6, R. W. Rice 7, L. Lawrence 8. For Mothering Sunday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is now out of hospital.

With all the excitement over the long lengths of Glasgow Surprise, it is worthy of note that the first peal in the method "in hand" was conducted by John R. Mayne on March 21st.

Arthur Baldwin will remember his first peal at Billingborough, Lincs, which, according to the conductor, he thoroughly enjoyed. His father had provided a new rope for the tenor.

Nine of the ringers in the peal of Grandsire Caters at Claines, Worcs, on March 23rd were either regular Sunday service ringers at Malvern Link or regularly attend the weekly Monday practices there. They would like to express their thanks to the Vicar and ringers at Claines for the use of their bells.

St. Neots is well-known for its superb heavy octave (tenor 29½ cwt.). The tower captain, Mr. George Bonham, achieved an ambition on March 23rd when he "completed the circle", turning in the tenor in fine style to an excellent peal and equalling the previous fastest time for a peal on the bells (3 hours 10 minutes).

A donation has been received to cover the cost of providing a sharp second for Shoreditch Parish Church.

Lancashire has given the Exercise another example of progress. At Blackburn Cathedral a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in 14 methods was rung on March 16th, which was the greatest number of Royal methods rung in an "all the work" peal.

Full support was given Bob Lester at his nome tower, Barking on March 16th, when the Central District of the Suffolk Guild held an evening practice. Some 50 ringers attended from a wide area; it is hoped that all had a pull.

Mr. G W. Edwards and Mr. R G. Morris, of Malvern Link, have a computer programme in Algol to prove any length of Grandsire Caters. They regret that no proof can be undertaken by them but will let anyone interested have the tape (5-hole) to copy.

It seems that political ringing of the past is being resurrected. We have received from Essex a peal "rung fully open to mark the overthrow of the Labour Party in the recent by-elections." This footnote is not being published.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

OVERSEAS CONTRACTS FOR LOUGHBOROUGH

The Loughborough Bell Foundry has secured two very helpful export orders—to the United States and Australia.

A carillon of 49 bells (four octaves) has been ordered for the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Spokane, Washington, which is one of the architectural masterpieces of the New World. Mr. Paul Taylor informs us that the carillon is to be four octaves completely chromatic, with the largest bell 60 inches in diameter, sounding the note C, and weighing some two tons The tower was only completed some 12 years ago, and its height from the nave floor is 167 feet.

The second contract is for a chime of eight bells largest 10¼ cwt., for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Canberra, Australia. The whole set is very similar to the one supplied to St. John's, Canberra, in 1964. Messrs. John Taylor and Co are sending drawings of the supporting girders, etc., and they are being supplied locally The installation of the bells will also be undertaken at Canberra.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

The annual reunion and meeting of the Society took place at the Barbecue Restaurant, Buxton on February 10th. Despite the heavy snow in the previous week the roads had been cleared by Saturday, and ringing took place at Baslow, Hope, Chapel-in-le-Frith and Bakewell during the morning and afternoon.

Approximately 35 members and visitors enjoyed a first-class meal, and during the meeting that followed it was confirmed that the Society was in a much stronger position than the previous year.

Officers elected for the forthcoming year were president, Mr. D. A. Frith; Ringing Master Mr. J. E. Cook, deputy Ringing Masters, Messrs. D. Mottershead and S. Bell; secretary/treasurer, Mr R. B. Mills; peal secretary, Mr. M. Vernon; committee member, Mr. W Lacey.

It was confirmed that this year's tour will be in Norfolk and Suffolk and, following discussion, Lincoln got the vote for next year's reunion. R. B. M.

CLERICAL GUILD'S WEEK

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are holding their week in the West Midlands from April 22nd to 26th, with headquarters at the Old House, Cropthorne, Pershore, Worcs. There are to be two peal attempts—at Hinton-on-the-Green (8) and Claines (10).

The party will consist of: The Revs. Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), K. C. Davis (Tadley), S. M. Evans (Bredgar), M. Hart (Putney), T. P. Hearn (Stratton) part-time, J B T. Homfray (Staverton), R. Keeley (Marlborough), R N Longridge (Spetisbury), R. C. Lucas (Rumney), C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton), I. J. Richards (Llanarth), P. T. Robbins (Charing), D. H Sansum (Birmingham), R. D. St. J. Smith (Darley), R. W. Thomas (Tenby), H. F. Warren (Exford), A. Webb (Evesham), Canon C. E. Wigg (Wavendon), E Wood (Drayton).

Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Richards. Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Wigg, Mrs. Wood and Miss Homfray will accompany the party.

ORANGES AND LEMONS SERVICE

At the Oranges and Lemons Service at St. Clement Danes' this year, Mr Charles Richards and his handbell ringers from the De Brome School at Feltham stole the show with a pleasant recital on 14 bells of the famous nursery rhyme.

Arranged by the London County Association, of which Mr. Richards is a member, the hundreds of schoolchildren present were much quieter and intent on the ringing than during any other part of the service — including the address by a very eminent R.A.F. chaplain.

CAPTAINS MARRY

Miss June Watts, tower captain at St. John's Church, Devizes, and Mr Peter Bushell, captain at All Saints', Enford, Pewsey, Wilts, were married at St John's Church, Devizes, on March 23rd. They are both popular ringers in their respective parishes. June, after 18 months as acting captain, was appointed to the office of captain by the Rector at the beginning of this year.

The bells were rung at the conclusion of the service, the ringers including several of June's pupils. Handbells were taken to the reception and rung at the cutting of the wedding cake The bride was presented with a barometer from her fellow ringers, the presentation being made by the youngest ringing member.

As the happy couple were leaving for their honeymoon at an undisclosed destination the bells of the parish church were rung to a quarter peal by J. Porter 1, W. Mortimer 2, Mrs. P. Osbourne 3, W. Beaven 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, C. Hillier 6, D Barley 7, F. Cannings 8.

MR. "BERT" TURNER'S 80th BIRTHDAY

London ringers of the older generation will remember Albert Turner, better known as Bert. He was 80 years of age on Sunday, March 31st and to mark the occasion a band, chiefly of his old pupils, assembled at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, N.7, where he rang for so many years, and attempted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. Among those taking part were Miss D A. Deverell, Messrs. R. H Begrie, F Akers, R. Newman cond.) and A. W. Warren Unfortunately, after some very good ringing, the quarter was lost. His friends wish Bert many years of active ringing. Although he is getting a little deaf and his eyesight is beginning to fail, he is still in very good shape

GLOBE-TROTTING AGAIN

Mr. Len Stilwell, who now lives in Windsor, is planning another transcontinental holiday in Canada. He leaves on May 7th for an 11-week holiday with his brother at White Rock, about 30 miles from Vancouver. He hopes also to stay a few days with his nephew in Victoria. His plans include Calgary in his itinerary and for the last few weeks he has been promised by a cousin a glorious time at Saskatoon. His companions of Adventure II wish him every happiness during his Canadian tour.

Mr. Edwin Barnett is at present in hospital at Dartford, Kent, recovering from an operation. He hopes to be home in time for his 83rd birthday, on Easter Day.

STRADBROKE (SUFFOLK) HANDBELLS

On page 277 of "The Ringing World" of April 23rd, 1965, there appeared an article by me on these 60 or so handbells of 50 years ago.

I mentioned in particular the big, inscribed, booming "two-hander" which I thought was an E flat. I ended by adding that I would love to know where it was after all these years—I had not seen it since about 1920.

Imagine my surprise when I heard from Mr. Douglas Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank, that someone had brought in 23 handbells for overhaul, and included in these was one bell, a Taylor 15 C sharp, inscribed: "This Peal of 8 Bells Presented To Herbert Bayles by Mrs. F. W. Ffrench. Easter. 1913" and another, a Mears 29 C, inscribed: "Presented to Herbert Bayles by Mrs. F W Ffrench, Christmas, 1910". This latter was the booming two-hander which I thought was an E flat.

Now, due in great measure to Mr Hughes, I am the possessor of these two inscribed ones. It was thrilling to unpack them and have sight and sound of them for the first time for just on 50 years.

Herbert Bayles, as I showed in my 1965 article, was a saddler and the verger, steeplekeeper and clock-winder of Stradbroke for many years, dying in 1936, aged 75.

"Mrs. F. W Ffrench" was the wife of Frederic W. ffrench, of Depperhaugh Hoxne, Suffolk, who unsuccessfully contested the Eye parliamentary seat for the Conservatives against the Liberals about 1914. She was an invalid and her chauffeur-driven Unic car was specially made for her so that she could travel in a semi-lying down position. She must have had an affection for Herbert Bayles and, jointly, his love of bells. CLAUDE RUSH.

NOSS MAYO, DEVON

The recent notice in "The Ringing World" would appear to have caused interest among tower grabbers, but the explanation is perfectly simple. The tower is in fact listed in Dove under the name Revelstoke. The church was built to replace the old ruined Church of St. Peter the Poor Fisherman at nearby Stoke Beach, the money being provided by Lord Revelstoke, and it has consequently been known since as Revelstoke Church, whereas the parish is Noss Mayo. I think in the circumstances a more appropriate entry in Dove should be Noss Mayo (Revelstoke) St. Peter.

R. S.

DOUBLE APPRECIATION

Mr. W Frank Stenson, of Crewe, writes: "I have been very thrilled with all our 'Ringing World' front pages, which have revived some very happy memories, especially 'The Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Lavenham' We visited Lavenham during its last flower and ringing festival and the former was the nicest thing we have seen outside Chelsea Show."

A BRIDE FROM ASTON

The ringers in the peal of Yorkshire Maximus at Aston, Birmingham, on March 16th (page 268) wish to associate with it the name of Miss Cynthia Jennings, the bride at the wedding preceding the peal. She has been a ringer at Aston Parish Church for five years and was married on the Saturday to Mr. James Baughan, a non-ringer, who lives at Erdington.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp.

John Phillips	Treble	Antony R. Kench	7
Peter J. Staniforth	2	Roderick W. Pipe	8
Wilfred Williams	3	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	9
Alan F. Thirst	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
Norman J. Goodman ..	5	J Alan Ainsworth	11
Andrew J. Corby	6	Philip A Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SEAVINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat, March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods, viz: Two of Cambridge Surprise, one Kent Treble Bob, four Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

H. E George Jeans ..	Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell	4
Raymond P. Selway	2	Frederick G. Sandy ..	5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall ..	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. A T Budgett, on his appointment to the Vicarage of Somerton, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Farthing on their 50th wedding anniversary.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
PENTRE, Rhondda Valley Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat, March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 26 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat

Elisabeth A. G Bowden ..	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	5
Angela Newing	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
Michael G. R. Zobel ..	3	Brian J. Wylde	7
Edward G Mould	4	Frank D Mack	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

Rung in memoriam Sybille Brocklehurst, late wife of the past president of the Society. Also in memory of Herbert Davies, for many years a ringer at this tower.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MOSSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Mon., Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Richard King	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Sidney Hough	2	F John Nelson	6
Michael Platt	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Geoffrey Gardner	4	Philip G. K Davies	Tenor

Composed by H. G Cashmore. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Rosemary Eccleston and Mr. Peter Weimer, who were married the previous Saturday at Bramhall, Cheshire.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Sidney Hough	Treble	Geoffrey Gardner	5
Richard King	2	Denis Mottershead	6
Eric Roughley	3	F. John Nelson	7
Derrick Daveport	4	Neil D Lomas	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard (1887–88). Conducted by D. Mottershead.

LEIGH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Philip G. K. Davies ..	Treble	Michael Platt	5
Sidney Hough	2	*Geoffrey Gardner	6
*Richard King	3	Denis Mottershead	7
*Timothy Wylie	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in the method.

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri, March 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

T. Felicity Ashford	Treble	David J. Midgley	5
Norman Sherratt	2	William H. Dowse	6
Ivor R. Nichols	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Derek F Yates	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. (C.C.C. 2.) Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 of Cambridge and 9,928 of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Derek Yates	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5
C. Kenneth Lewis	2	Basil Jones	6
Christopher M. Movley ..	3	*Alan F Scholfield	7
Richard Starkie	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Spliced. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., March 21, 1968 in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

William H. Watkin ..	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	4
Frederick S. Sutton ..	2	David Allman	5
*Frank R. Morton	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.

* 200th peal, has now "circled the tower" and conducted a peal off each bell.

Rung to mark the 10th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

BURTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A

David Allman	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	4
A. Doreen Edwards	2	John R. Scott	5
Harry W. Howard	3	Frank R Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

PONTESBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford T.B. and two extents of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr 8 lb. in G sharp.

David Allman	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst ..	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	2	John R. Scott	5
Harry W. Howard	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

First peal of five Minor methods on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNBOROUGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Thelwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

Chris J. Baker	Treble	Hubert G. Summers ..	4
Clare F. Dolphin	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Ernest J Gower	3	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Gordon A. Halls	Treble	David W. Friend	5
Melvyn A. Rose	2	Brian A. Tomlinson ..	6
J Martyn Astridge	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
Clive A. Thrower	4	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. (C.C.C. 13.) Conducted by A. C. Banton.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ST NEOTS, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Eric Edmondson	Treble	Ian L Dear	5
Andrew J Slade	2	Donald E Cobb	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Derek Butterworth	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
BROOMFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., March 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Mark P. Inskip	Treble	James L. Towler	4
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	Philip J. Rothera	5
Keith W. Brown	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown

Rung on the conductor's 21st birthday: also as a compliment to James L. Towler and Yvonne A. Murray on the announcement of their engagement.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Valerie Willard	Treble	William A. Farmer	6
Peter Baker	2	Leonard C. Edwards	7
Frances Fairbank	3	Cyril A. Wratten	8
Ivor Goulter	4	Robert C. Kippin	9
*Hugh N. Evans	5	†Robert Newman	Tenor

Composed by Harold J. Poole. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Caters and of Stedman. † First on ten bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

[illegible]DWARDINE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Martin Turner	Treble	*Lawrence Mainwaring	4
Frederick R. Harris	2	*Thomas Bound	5
John W. Hope	3	Robert A. Hatcher	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal of Minor in five methods

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

A. Stephen Taylor	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Alfred E. Rushton	6
*George E. Bonham	3	John E. Ewer	7
John R. Booth	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 175th peal. First in the method by all the band.

ALDENHAM, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Treble	John Ewer	5
Richard G. Bell	2	Leonard North	6
*Thomas H. Norris	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
*John R. Southey	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. K. H. Hart, Vicar of Aldenham, as an Honorary Canon of St. Albans Cathedral.

TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Walter Ayre	Treble	*Frank C. Byrne	5
C. Valerie Mills	2	Brian M. Barker	6
Augustin V. Good	3	*Keith Sheppard	7
Peter W. Harper	4	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Yorkshire
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Barker (29th) and Mr and Mrs. R. E. J. Sheppard (30th).

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., March 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 14 methods, being one extent each of: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. (2) London and Wells. (3) York and Durham, (4) Lightfoot, (5) Westminster, (6) Netherseale. (7) Norwich.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*George A. Reading	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
Reginald E. J. Sheppard	2	*Keith Sheppard	5
Walter Ayre	3	*Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in 14 methods
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Michael Meakins, instituted as Vicar of this parish on the previous Friday: also in honour of Lady Day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., March 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*Phyllis Chidwick	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Christopher T. Osenton	6
Andrew J. Corby	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Hayes, Mason, Stevens and Cullum.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Derek Slater	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	5
Judith M. Corby	2	John A. Howard	6
Martin L. Howe	3	Peter S. Muchlinsky	7
Robert W. Hinde	4	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Critchley Conducted by Martin L. Howe.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung in memory of George H. Spice, vice-president and former general secretary of the Kent County Association.

LEWISHAM, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat

John Faircloth	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
Mary S. Faircloth	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Margaret E. Oram	3	Ian H. Oram	7
*Simon A. B. Wigg	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal of Bristol.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	*Philip J. Simmonds	5
Judith M. Corby	2	David E. Rothera	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	Richard Hayes	7
Philip A. Corby	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Canon Eric M. T. McLellan, on his appointment as an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., March 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 extents (10 callings) and six 240's Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

Richard A. Birch	Treble	*Leonard G. Huckstepp	4
Dawn V. Petts	2	Cyril W. J. Beeching	5
Rachel J. Sinden	3	James Hedgcock	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril W. J. Beeching.
* First peal "inside."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., March 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt 81 lb. in D.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	Christopher M. Movley	7
Derek F. Yates	2	D. Paul Smith	8
Richard S. Starkie	3	Basil Jones	9
Thomas M. Francis	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
Gwilym Salmon	5	Brian Harris	11
Neil Bennett	6	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In 14 methods, comprising 360 each of Cambridge, Haslemere, Lincolnshire, London (No. 3), Middlesex, Painswick, Pudsey, Redcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Solihull, Superlative (No. 2), Wembley and Yorkshire, with 125 changes of method and all the work of the methods for every bell.
Tenor 25 cwt. 42 lb. in D.

*Maryl R. Fielden	Treble	Basil Jones	6
Richard S. Starkie	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Richard J. Parker	3	Derek Butterworth	8
Philip J. Crossthwaite	4	John H. Fielden	9
Neil Bennett	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* 300th peal. The greatest number of Royal methods rung in an "all the work" peal

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., March 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 768 Bristol, 704 Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 113 changes of method and all the work of the methods for every bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Patricia Etchells	Treble	C. L. Digby Munday	5
Christine Andrew	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Neil Bennett	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Christopher M. Movley	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 42 cwt. 81 lb. in B.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
Neil Bennett	2	Jeffrey Brannan	6
George Thoday	3	Ralph G Edwards	7
Michael Platt	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Neil Bennett and Ann C. Hardman on their engagement.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., March 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb.

Ronald M. Edwards	Treble	*Andrew Riley	5
Jeffrey Brannan	2	Christopher M. Movley	6
*Sylvia Smith	3	Margaret Wright	7
†Patricia A. Etchells	4	Christine Andrew	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal. † First "inside" and in the method.
Rung on the Holmes eight with the best wishes of the band to Ann C Hardman, of Hyde, and Neil Bennett, of Ashton-under-Lyne, on their recent engagement.

LECK, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 20 extents (16 different callings), seven different 240's L. W. G. Morris, two B D Price, and two A. J. Pitman.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*Mary W. Whalley	Treble	†Alan Capstick	3
*Joseph Whalley	2	*Kevin M. Price	4

††Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor
Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Doubles in the method on tower bells. † First of Doubles in the method. ‡ 100th peal
Rung as a farewell to Canon R. F. Cookson, Vicar, who was inducted to the living at Treales, Lancashire, on March 16th.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., March 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B Bowley	Treble	Richard Grant	6
*Sheila J Staley	2	†Murray A. Coleman	7
Peter J. Staniforth	3	T. Edward Harrold	8
Jack P Kesterton	4	William J. Root	9
Shirley Burton	5	Edward R. Whitehead	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Stedman † First of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a compliment to John and Doreen Hunting on the birth of a son, Anthony St John, on February 29th, 1968.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*Arthur Baldwin	Treble	Geoffrey Spencer	4
Frederick T. Garford	2	Anthony D. Walker	5
Bryan W. Cox	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal and first attempt
Rung to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

GOSBERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being nine methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) York, (3) Bourne, (4) Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Ipswich, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Joan Payne	Treble	Edwin T. Chapman	4
Keith R. Davey	2	Harold Barsley	5
Donald F. Murfit	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

ELSHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

Charles H. Baker	Treble	John F. Underwood	4
Brian J. Bull	2	Melvyn A. Rose	5
Harold P. Judd	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat

Olive L. Rogers	Treble	*Norman Edwards	6
*Julia Sanders	2	Laurence C. Way	7
*Diane M. Mullins	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Jennifer Pearce	4	†Kenneth J. Rider	9
*John Bull	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat

*Charles T. Richards	Treble	*Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
Olive L. Rogers	2	*David E. Rothera	7
Richard Hayes	3	Christopher H. Rogers	8
†Kenneth J. Rider	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
Laurence C. Way	5	Robin J. Collis	Tenor

Composed by A S Hudson. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* 50th peal. † First of Stedman Caters.
Rung on the 200th anniversary of the first peal in the tower—Plain Bob Major by the Ancient Society of College Youths, on the back eight bells of the present ring, which were cast by Lester and Pack of Whitechapel in 1767.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., March 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

Ron Hughes	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E Rowley	6
Rev. M. C. C. McIville	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Geoffrey Alcock	Treble	Gerald Parsons	5
*Rosemary White	2	David J. Danby	6
T. Felicity Ashford	3	‡Raymond J. Ballard	7
†John Hall	4	‡David J. Midgley	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal together.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STONHAM ASPAL, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lambert.
On Sat., March 30 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt 1 qr

Thomas R. Roast	Treble	David Cubitt	6
Desmond P. Mortlock	2	Martin Cubitt	7
Angela M. Wright	3	Geoffrey H. Pullin	8
Janet House	4	David E. House	9
Thomas E. Spight	5	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Martin Cubitt.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WINFARTHING Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., March 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford and Plain Bob. (6) Cambridge Surprise. (7) Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt 4 lb. in G.

*Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	4
Martin Cubitt	2	Thomas E Spight	5
Henry Tooke	3	*H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F Bailey.
* 50th peal together.

HONINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., March 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) St. Clement's and Plain Bob (7) Plain Bob Tenor 7 cwt. 53 lb. in A.

David Cubitt	Treble	H. William Barrett	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	Thomas E. Spight	5
Henry Tooke	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHOLSEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt in G.

Christopher I. Rowson ..	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
James R. White	2	‡Ian P. Stoter	6
*Anne M. Carpenter ..	3	§William L. Gilks	7
†Catherine A. Salter ..	4	John C. Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by James R. White.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major on tower bells and first of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Major and first of Surprise. § First of Surprise.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BYFIELD, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Containing 11 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Plain Bob and Single Oxford, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	4
Barry E. Saunders	2	Kilby R. Holtom	5
Roger W. Smith	3	Alan A Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

(Thrapston Branch)
GREAT ADDINGTON, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

*Elizabeth M. Hall	Treble	*Angela B. J. Harlow ..	4
*Valerie A. Hall	2	Stephen B. Bell	5
†David J. Aitley	3	Frank E. Crosier	Tenor

Conducted by Frank E. Crosier.
* First peal, first attempt. † First "inside."
Rung by the All Saints' Society after the wedding of Mr. David Mills, a former tower captain, and Miss Alexandra R. Allen.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.
On Sat., Feb. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

*Jennifer Alexander ..	Treble	*Reg Jones	4
*Mrs. Ruth Jones	2	Norman G. N. Knee ..	5
*William Alexander	3	Robert J. Purnell	Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Purnell.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung by members of the Devizes Branch to welcome the new Vicar.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb in E flat.

Reginald H. Newton ..	Treble	Philip J. Evans	6
*Gillian Bosworth-Smith ..	2	†Philip R. Johnson	7
*Stephen T. Yates	3	*†Richard B. Dorrington	8
*Christine Slater	4	Ernest F. Willcox	9
F. Hector Bennett	5	Philip G. K. Davies ..	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal together.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
WOLSTANTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr 13 lb. in F.

Michael W. Fairey	Treble	Michael Elson	5
*John H. Allen	2	Anthony W. T. Cleaver ..	6
*Cyril T Collins	3	Philip G K. Davies	7
Eric E Speake	4	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. (B.55.) Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First peal in the method.

PENSNETT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Mon., March 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and one extent Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb.

*Alan J. Fletcher	Treble	*Christopher J. Bennett ..	4
*Stephen T. Yates	2	Richard B. Dorrington ..	5
Philip R. Johnson	3	Philip G. K. Davies ..	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal in more than one method. Rung after meeting short for Major.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST MARKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' four-part
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

Katherine Burchnall ..	Treble	*Linda M. Wilkinson ..	5
Grace Burchnall	2	David Phillipson	6
*Paul N Mounsey	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Mary C. Poyner	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

Peter S. Bedford	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Gilbert R. Goodship ..	2	†Stephen Bedford	6
Muriel R. Page	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
*Vernon Bedford	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. † First Surprise peal "inside." Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Vernon Bedford.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HENFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Frederick J. Cullum	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Richard C. Stevens	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
Raymond J. Talbot	4	Andrew J. C. Brown ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. DOMINICK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Dominica.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Anthony J. Davidson ..	Treble	Rev. A. S. Roberts	4
D. Roy Bould	2	J. Paul Coad	5
George E. Mudge	3	Robert A. Southwood ..	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Southwood.
First peal on the bells.

ST HILARY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Hilary Poitiers.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B., one of Kent and Oxford T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in B.

Alan Carveth	Treble	Anthony Locke	4
Rev. A. S. Roberts	2	Anthony J. Davidson ..	5
*Anthony P. Smith	3	F. Malcolm Bowers	Tenor

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

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Wed., March 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Edward W. Golley	Treble	Andrew Howard	5
*William Willans	2	Alan A. J. Buswell	6
Ernest Treagus	3	Geoffrey J Gammon	7
Raymond Haines	4	K Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Composed by E Maurice Atkins Conducted by K Paul Gilliver.
* First peal of Major 25th peal as conductor
Rung to welcome Professor Pier Luigi Nervi (architect of the Cathedral extension) to Britain, prior to his visit to the Cathedral.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

R. George Morris	Treble	†Michael V. White	6
*Martin Smith	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
Peter L. Wood	3	‡John Clements	8
Peter D. Sell	4	Frank Reed	9
Harry Sanger	5	*Brian D. Sayers	Tenor

Composed by R F. Deal. Conducted by R. George Morris.
* First peal on ten bells † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First of Caters.
Rung to celebrate the birth, on March 15th, 1968, of Karen Wendy White, daughter of the ringer of the 6th and grand-daughter of the ringer of the 5th. Tenor 14 cwt.

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Martin D. Fellows	Treble	†Martin Powell	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming	2	*Arthur C. Berry	7
Michael J. Fellows	3	Robert Edwards	8
John C. Eisel	4	Gerald C. Hemming	9
*Stephen W. Barton	5	†Stuart Caldwell	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First of Stedman.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Maureen Doyle.

CLAVERLEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
Susan Smith	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Roderick J. Lees	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ann Edwards.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In 12 methods, being 640 Lincolnshire, 560 London (3), Rutland, Albanian, 520 Yorkshire, 440 Pudsey, 320 Clifton, Oakham, 480 Cambridge, 200 Prittlewell, Lindsey and Pontefract, with 115 changes of method. Tenor 34¾ cwt. in C.

David Nichols	Treble	Ian L. Dear	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Ian G. Campbell	7
Susan Jackson	3	Neil Donovan	8
Richard S. Tibbetts	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Kathleen M Higgins	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

ILKLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 3,776 Bristol, 640 London and 320 Cambridge and Superlative, with 59 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

J. Henry Fielden	Treble	Ian Campbell	5
Susan Jackson	2	Neil Donovan	6
*Ronald Snack	3	Stuart Armeson	7
C Barrie Dove	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Spliced.

WHIXLEY, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) St Clement's, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Reverse Canterbury, (6) Southrepps, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt 3 qr. 3 lb.

Simon P. D. Burnett	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
Susan Mitchell	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
Suzanne Withers	3	Alan E. Hartley	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

*Harry Winter	Treble	Charles H. Masefield	3
*Eric McNally	2	Alan T. Winter	4
Christopher M. Tuckett	Tenor		

Conducted by Christopher M. Tuckett.
* First peal attempt First as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 3.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., March 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

*Alan F. Scholfield	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	7–8
C Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
Robert B. Smith	5–6	J. David Atkinson	11–12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Maximus on handbells. First of Little Bob Maximus by all the band and for the Guild. Believed to be the first peal of Little Bob Maximus on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., March 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan F. Scholfield	1–2	Robert B. Smith	7–8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Bernard F. L Groves	9–10
Neil Bennett	5–6	J David Atkinson	11–12

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Plain Bob Maximus on handbells, completing peals from Minor to Maximus in the method on handbells.
Rung as a compliment to Ann Hardman and Neil Bennett on their engagement.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Thurs., March 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley	3–4	John R. Mayne	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by John R Mayne.
First peal of Glasgow to be rung on handbells. Rung with 4ths place bobs. Tenor size 15 in C.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Thurs., March 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 18 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Eastcote and London, 320 each of Cambridge, Ealing, Elford, Painswick and Superlative, and 160 each of Aldenham, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Tues., March 12, 1968, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR
Being seven differently spliced extents of College Little, Single Court, Single Oxford, Hornley Double and Plain Bob, with 104 changes of method. Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

First peal of five-spliced by all
Rung in memoriam Bishop Herbert Victor Turner, a former Bishop of Penrith, and Vicar of Hawkshead from 1944 to 1955, who died the previous week.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., March 29, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NICHOLASTON BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor size 15 in C.

*Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
†Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

* 50th peal together. † First in the method.
Rung in memoriam Canon W. E Bradley and Mr. T. W. Thompson, historian.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—At 8, Marne Gardens.
On Fri., March 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack Bray	7–8
Jack L. Millhouse	9–10		

Composed by Albert H. Tyler. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENTS

BENNETT—HARDMAN — The engagement is announced between Neil Bennett, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, and Ann C. Hardman, of Hyde, Cheshire. 3682

MR. E. N. THOMAS and MISS S. HARBER

The engagement is announced between Ellis, only son of Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Thomas, of Danygraig House, Aberdulais, Neath, and Susan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Harber, of 12, Ely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff.

TOWLER—MURRAY. — The engagement is announced between James Linton, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Towler, of Maldon, Essex, and Yvonne Alice, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Murray, of Little Baddow, Essex. 3681

DEATH

CHAPLIN.—On March 23rd, 1968, Sidney George, of Acocks Green, Birmingham 27—St. Martin's Guild—late of Tamworth, Staffs. Ashes laid to rest at Glascote, Tamworth, March 28th, 1968. 3687

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BRITCHFORD. — The address of J. M. Britchford, as from April 6th, will be 14, Reading Road, Farnborough, Hants. 3708

HUCKSTEPP.—Fred and Meg, 19, Park Road, Ashford, Kent. Phone No. is now Ashford 23393. 3684

ORAM.—The address of Ian and Margaret is now 150, Felstead Road, Orpington, Kent. BR6 9AF. Telephone No. Orpington 20890. 3714

PANNELL.—The address of Ted and Edna is now 12, The Cloisters, Hereford. 3692

TOMLINSON. — The address of Arthur Tomlinson is now 41, Sunnyside Avenue, Wilpshire, near Blackburn. 3731

PERSONAL

ARNOLD (née Mason). — Christine, late Nuneaton cadet-nurse and Coton tower vice-captain, has become State Registered whilst a third-year student at the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton. Wife of Peter, The School House, Longdown, Marchwood, Hampshire; younger daughter of Evelyn and Stanley (Nuntaton); and sister of Muriel (Southampton). 3686

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."—St. John xiv, 27.

PUBLICATIONS

"A LETTER FROM THE FENS" (companion to "A Guide to the Fens and Fenland Churches," 3rd edition), 29 illustrations. Mainly on historical matters. 4s. 6d. inc. post.—T. A. Bevis, 150, Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs. 3711

"RINGING TOWERS."—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to "Ringing Towers," the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOLY TRINITY, DARTFORD, KENT. — As from April 17th, practice night will be Wednesday, 8–9 p.m. New band under instruction. Visitors willing to help cordially invited.—R. G. Rayfield, Sec. Phone: Greenhithe 2376. 3732

SPALDING PARISH CHURCH THANKSGIVING WEEK

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Every day, from Sunday, April 28th, to Sunday, May 5th, teas will be served in the Parish Hall (next to the church).

Sunday, April 28th. — HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES, 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. ORCHESTRAL CONCERT, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 29th. — A UNITED SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING for the Flower and Bulb Industry, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30th.—DRAMA and ART in RELIGION, "An Exploration". 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1st.—A CHORAL and INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL given by the members of the Choir and Orchestra of Worksop College Chapel, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2nd. — MODERN RELIGIOUS PLAY — "Christ in the Concrete City," by P. W. Turner, 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, May 3rd. — RELIGIOUS PLAY repeated, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.

Sunday, May 5th.—A repeat of last year's most enjoyable handbell recital given by the well-known Handbell Team of Bicester under the direction of Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., 3 p.m. 76 bells will be used.

Ringing during the week:

Sunday April 28th: 9 to 9.30 a.m.; 5.45 to 6.30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 6.30 to 7 p.m

Wednesday and Friday: 7 to 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4th: Bells available as required by demand from 11 a.m. onwards

Sunday, 5th: Ringing, 9 to 9.30 a.m., 12.30 to 3 p.m. and after Concert to 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Book your teas — price 4/6.

Parties or individuals will be made welcome.

Please apply for further information or for the booking of teas to: Mrs. Wilfred Green, Bedford Crescent, Vine Street, Spalding. Tel. No. 2001. 3650

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 1968, at Hoole, Chester.

Annual meeting, 2 p.m. prompt, in the Church Hall of All Saints', Hoole, Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. A. B. Martin, Vicar of All Saints'.

Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Church Hall. Cost of tea tickets 5s. 6d. All applications for tickets to Mr. E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester, not later than Monday, May 13th.

Towers open before the meeting: Dodleston (6), 10–10.45 a.m.; Tarvin (6), 10–11 a.m.; Eccleston (8), 11 a.m.–12 noon; Handbridge (8), 12 noon–12.45 p.m.; St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, 12 noon–12.45 p.m.; Hoole (6), 12 noon–1 p.m.

Available after tea: Handbridge (8), St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Hoole (6) and Eccleston (8) by arrangement till 8 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 3659

RAWMARSH

50th Anniversary of Rehanging and Dedication of the Bells.
Saturday, April 20th.

Ringing 2–4 p.m. Service 4 p.m.
Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.
Names for tea to G. W. Pilkington, 5, Arthur Place (off High Street), Rawmarsh, Yorks. 3696

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Country Meeting, 1968

A meeting will be held in Canterbury on Saturday, May 25th. Lunch will be arranged. Full details later.—J. G. A. Prior. 3697

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

Northern District.—Half-yearly meeting at Manchester, May 4th. Bells: St. John's, Miles Platting (8) 10–12; Sacred Trinity, Salford (8) 1–2.30; Town Hall (12) 3–4.30; Cathedral (10) 4.30–6; Town Hall 6–9.—R. Benson. 3710

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The second series of six lectures will take place in St. Mary's Vestry, Putney, adjacent to church, from 7 to 9 p.m., commencing Thursday, April 18th, thereafter on Tuesdays from April 23rd. The course will cover method construction, bobs and their effect, compositions, conducting, proof and false course-ends. Tea and biscuits will be served at the end of each session and an opportunity given for questions. Printed notes will be provided. For any further details contact C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street. S.W.15, or phone 788 0733. 3695

ST. ANDREW'S, WIVELISCOMBE, SOM. —Regret no ringing during April owing to tower repairs. 3702

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CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ST THOMAS', SALISBURY, WILTS.—As from April 17th the practice night at the above church will be on Wednesday at 7.15. All ringers welcome — N. O. Skelton, Hon. Sec. 3607

MEETINGS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The Peter Crook Memorial will be dedicated on Sunday. April 14th, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton (8). Service at 3 p.m. Ringing 2–3 and after service. This will be the Branch meeting for the month.—A. J. Illingworth. Sec. 3699

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting. Fordham, Monday, April 15th. Ringing arrangements:—Route 1: Littleport (8) 10.30 a.m.; Ely (8) 11.30 a.m.; Stretham (6) 12.30 p.m.; Wicken (5) 1.30 p.m.; Soham (10) 2.30 p.m. Route 2: Swaffham Prior (6) 10.30 a.m.; Burwell (8) 11.30 a.m.; Exning (5) 12.30; Chippenham (6) 1.30; Freckenham (5) 2.30. All towers will be open for 1½ hours. Ringing Masters at all towers Fordham (6) 3 p.m. until the service at 4.15 p.m Tea 5 p.m. in Victoria Hall. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea (3s. 6d. per head) are now available from general secretary Please send money and stamped addressed envelope Evening ringing arrangements: Fordham, Cottenham (6) and Sutton (6).—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 3627

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 20th, 1968

STOWMARKET

Route 1

Rougham (6)	12.45–1.30
Hessett (5)	1.30–2.15
Felsham (6)	2.15–3.00
Rattlesden (6)	2.45–3.30

Route 2

Higham St. Mary (6) ..	12.15–1.00
Polstead (6)	1.00–1.45
Hadleigh (8)	1.45–2.45
Great Finborough (6) ..	2.45–3.30

Route 3

Yoxford (6)	11.45–12.30
Badingham (5)	12.30– 1.15
Earl Soham (6)	1.30– 2.15
Winston (5)	2.15– 3.00
Earl Stonham (5) ..	3.00– 3.30

Route 4

Thrandeston (6)	11.45–12.30
Thornham Magna (6)	12.30– 1.15
Wickham Skeith (6) ..	1.15– 2.00
Cotton (8)	2.00– 2.45
Mendlesham (6) ..	2.45– 3.30

Stowmarket (8) 3.00–3.55 and 7.00–9.00 p.m.

Choral Service (address by the Bishop of Dunwich) 4 p.m.

Tea in Stowmarket Church Hall at 5 p.m., followed by A.G.M. at approx. 5.45 p.m. Evening towers: 6.30–9 p.m.: Barking (6), Buxhall (6) and Great Finborough (6).

Names for tea to Andrew T. Beckwith, 49, Alston Road, Ipswich (Telephone 58652). A warm welcome is extended to all membersand visitors. 3716

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The 80th annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday. April 15th Bells (8) 3–8.30 p.m Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting Names for tea to B. A. Sollis, Pendene. Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. Please attend.—E. J. S. 3652

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District. —Practice at Seale on Easter Monday, 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 3720

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting. Rochester, Easter Monday Service in the Cathedral noon.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec 3511

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 15th, at 12 noon prompt. The annual service will be held beforehand at All Saints' at 11 a.m. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (10), 10–11 a.m and 7–8.30 p.m.; Droitwich, Dodderhill (8), 2–3.30; Stoke Prior (8), 2.45–4; Wychbold (6), 3.15–4.30; Claines (10), 4–5.30; Worcester Cathedral (12), 6–7.30. — D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 3660

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District —Practice meeting at Wragby (6) on Tuesday, April 16th. Elementary, Plain and Treble Bob Minor. H. Chant as Ringing Master. 3214

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Galleywood on April 17th from 7.30 to 9. All welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 3688

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Learners' practice at Christ Church, Epsom Wednesday, April 17th, 7.45–9.15 p.m.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —April meeting to be held joint with the Halifax Association at Penistone, combining ringing meeting and contest, on April 20th Judge and marker for the day, Messrs. H Chant and N F Moxon respectively. Names for tea to Mr. T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead Skelmanthorpe, by April 16th.—T. Tarbatt. 3677

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, April 20th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 3705

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Glaston Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's (6), Glastonbury, Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting St. John's (8) available after meeting. —P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 3668

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting at Chard (8 bells) on Saturday, April 20th Ringing 7–9 p.m. Everyone welcome. —R. J. Dean, Branch Sec. 3728

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pulford, Saturday, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. C. C. Robert, Elmwood, Rossett, near Wrexham, not later than April 18th. 3715

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Audlem, April 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, by April 17th. 3729

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 20th, at the Parish Church, Leamington Spa. Bells available from 3.30 Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. The following towers will also be open from 2 to 4 p.m.: St. Nicholas', Warwick, Wellesbourne, Kineton. Other towers may be available, if so will notify in later notice. Names for tea to H. C. Burt, Bowood. Rugby Road, Cubbington, Leamington Spa.—J. L. G. H. 3614

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby Saturday April 20th. Service, Cathedral, at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at St. Michael's Church House Bells available: St. Luke's (8) 2–3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10). 3–3.55 and after meeting; St. Peter's (8), 7.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby, by April 17th. —B. P. Morris, Sec. 3664

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Evening meeting, Caxton, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) 6 p.m. Special methods: Norwich Surprise and Single Oxford. —M. J. Dyer. Dis. Sec. 3713

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.— Meeting, Waltham Abbey (12), Saturday, April 20th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Miss S F. Thomas, 71, Kingsfield Drive, Enfield. Middx. 3609

GUILDFORD GUILD —Leatherhead District. — Quarterly District meeting. Saturday April 20th. St Martin's, Epsom Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss J. Oakshott. 114. Manor Green Road, Epsom (23087), by previous Wednesday please. 3662

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Paignton (8) on Saturday, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr G Redwood. 5, Ellsdale Road, Paignton, by April 15th.—R F. Shepperd, Sec. 3704

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Malmesbury, April 20th, 2 p.m Tea (meat) 6s. 6d., at 4.30 p.m. Association service. Malmesbury Abbey, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open: 10–11.30 Marshfield. Colerne and Watermoor; 11–12.30 Grittleton, Shipton Moyne, Kemble and South Cerney; 12–1.30 Avening, Oaksey and Minety; 11–1.30 Malmesbury; 7–9 Malmesbury, Tetbury and Shipton Moyne. There will be no towers open during the meeting or the service. S.A.E. and 6s. 6d. for tickets to Mr. J. E. Billings, 8, Athelston Road, Malmesbury, Wilts, as soon as possible and not later than April 15th. — Charles Rowe, Hon. Sec. 3706

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — The Branch quarterly meeting will be held at Twyning on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea must be sent to Miss I. Milton, The Elms, Brockeridge Common, Twyning, Tewkesbury, Glos. by Wednesday, April 17th.—L. C. Prosser. Hon. Sec. 3718

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Penistone on April 20th. All bands welcome to compete. Entries and names for tea to Mr I Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. The contest will be judged by Mr H Chant. Four bands and under, test piece 720 changes, decreasing if number of bands exceeds four. This date will not be changed.—I. Tarbatt. 3676

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting to be held at Hitchin on Saturday, April 20th. Ringing arrangements: Codicote (6), 9.30–10.30; Knebworth (8), 10–11.30; Stevenage (8), 11.30–12.30; Graveley (6), 12–1; Great Wymondley (6), 1–2; Barkway (8), 9.30–10.30; Barley (6), 10.30–11.30, Wallington (6), 11.30–12.30; Sandon (5), 12–1; Ashwell (6), 1–2; Baldock (8), 1.30–2.30; Norton (8). 2.30–3.30; St Ippolyts (6), 3.30–4.15; Hitchin (8), 3–4.30; and after the meeting, Offley (6), 7–8.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Boys' Grammar School, 5.15. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. C. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin (tel. 3612).—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 3669

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION —Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Beckenham (10), Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. W. Cave, 35, Malmains Way, Park Langley, Beckenham, BR3 2SB, by Wed., 17th. NO NAMES NO TEA. 3632

LADIES' GUILD —Lincolnshire District.— Annual meeting, Dunholme, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. H. Radley, Cedar Thatch, Scothern Lane, Dunholme, Lincoln, by Tuesday, April 16th.—A Richardson, Hon Sec. 3663

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Samlesbury, Saturday, April 20th Tea at a small charge. Names, please, to Miss P. H. Gardner, Beyond, Potters Lane. Samlesbury, Preston, by Wednesday, 17th.—L. Walmsley. 3721

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. Cheetham. 3724

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. April 20th Bells: Barwell 9.30 to 10.30, Earl Shilton 10.30 to 11.30, Thurlaston 11.30 to 12.15, Kirby Muxloe 12.15 to 1, Quorn 10 to 11, Mounsorrel 11 to 12, Wanlup 12 to 12.45, Kidworth 10 to 11, Thurnby 11 to 11.45, Humberstone 11.30 to 12.15, Leicester—St. Margaret's 1.30 to 2.45, St. John's 2 to 3, Cathedral 2.30 to 4.15, All Saints' 1.45 to 2.45, St. Mary's 2.45 to 3.30. Service Leicester Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea at Old Newton's Boys' School 5 p.m. Social evening at Aylestone Parish Hall. 3727

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at All Saints' Church, Newport, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available: All Saints' 2–4 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Woolos' Cathedral 1.30–3.30 p.m. and from 7–8.30 p.m. Service at All Saints' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please to M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff, by April 16th. 3585

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting at Uffington, near Stamford, Lincs, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. Welcome by the Rector at 6.30 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3725

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting and striking contest. Speen. Saturday, April 20th. Striking contest 2.30 General ringing 3.30, approx. Service 4.30 Names for tea to R Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury, by Tues., April 16th. 3666

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Sixth annual general meeting, Edlesborough, near Ivinghoe, Saturday, April 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks, not later than Wednesday, April 17th 3723

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst on April 20th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Surprise Minor. 3683

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The A.G.M. at Witney (8) on Saturday, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and business after. Names for tea to E. R. Venn, Kimberley, Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford, by April 17th. 3734

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Meeting at Warmington on April 20th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Miss S. Essam, School House, Warmington, Peterborough, by 16th inst. 3738

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting, Maxey, April 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Ufford (4) also available 3–4 p.m. Names for tea (essential) to Secretary by Wednesday previous.—R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough 3726

ST. THOMAS SOCIETY, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS. — Ringing Festival, Saturday, April 20th, in Stourbridge area to support launching of appeal to restore St. Thomas bells and tower Bells available: Brierley Hill (8), 2–2.45; Amblecote (8), 2.30–3.15 and 6.15–7.30 if required; Wollaston (6), 3–3.45; Old Swinford (8), 3.30–4.15; Stourbridge (St Thomas 8), 4–8. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Thomas Church Hall, Market Street, for all those who notify the undersigned by **Wed., April 17th.**—M. D Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge 3671

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upwey, April 20th Bells (6) 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m Names for tea to Mr. P Adams, 4, Beech Road, Broadwey, Weymouth, by Wednesday previous. 3644

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne and North Dorset Branches. — Joint meeting, April 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Gussages (All Saints' and St. Michael's). Service 4.30 (Gussage, St. Michael's). Tea 5.30 (Durweston) Ringing Blandford 7.30 Names for tea to C. Corry, 21, Durweston, Blandford, by 17th. 3700

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Southwell Saturday, April 20th Business meeting. Trebeck Hall. **2.30 p.m** Tea 4.45. Service 5.45 p.m Ringing between business meeting and tea, and after Evensong Names for tea to J. W Raithby 205, London Road, Balderton Newark, by Wed., April 17th.—W L. Exton, Hon Gen Sec 3604

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Evening practice at Penkridge on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3693

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Burgess Hill (8) Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J M Hills, 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, BN4 6 PJ, by previous Tuesday. 3719

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Westbourne, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 3739

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—A.G.M. at Talgarth (please note change of venue), April 20th Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m Tea (2s 6d. each) afterwards, followed by business. Names for tea to Mr. R. Thomas, 46, Uplands, Brecon, Brecs, as soon as possible. 3707

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Basingstoke District — Quarterly meeting at Baughurst, Saturday, April 20th Bells 2.30 Service 4. Tea. Heath End Village Hall. 4.45 Names for tea, please, to J J Hill. 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday April 16th. 3667

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District. — Practice meeting, Brockenhurst (6), April 20th, 2.45–4.30. Tea at Bow Windows Cafe, Lyndhurst, 5.15 (cost 3s. 6d.) Service 6.15. Ringing to follow at Lyndhurst (8). Names for tea essential to L. F Cobb, 1, Avonvale Cottages, Kingston, Ringwood, by Wednesday, April 17th. 3712

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gillingham, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. D. Chapman, 41, Bettescombe Road, Rainham, Gillingham **definitely not later than Saturday, April 20th.**—T. Barton. 3691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 27th. Holy Communion in Ringers' Chapel 8 a.m. Service in Cathedral 4.15 p.m Tea in Tithe Barn 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Ringing: Welton (6) 10 to 11 a.m.; Dunholme (6) 11 to 12 noon; Scothern (6) 12 to 1 p.m.; Nettleham (6) 1 to 2 p.m.; Lincoln Cathedral (12), St. Giles (8), St. Botolph's (6) and St Peter-at-Gowts' (6) 2 p.m. until service time and after the annual meeting until 9 p.m except St. Giles' **Discussion on annual report at meeting** Names for tea to Mr J Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous. —John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 3703

NATIONAL GUILD of POLICE RINGERS. —South Eastern District.—Spring meeting at Ware and Hertford on Saturday, April 27th. Meet at St. Mary the Virgin's, Ware, 2 p.m. Tea and meeting at Police H.Q., Hertford, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to me at 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent.—P. Shonk, Asst. Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Pensnett (8), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea No business at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. John Walker, Tansey Green, Pensnett, Brierley Hill, Staffs, by Thursday, April 25th.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3722

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Branch meeting, Dunsford, on Saturday May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 Tea, Royal Oak, 4.30 Meeting after. Christow and Bridford if required.—G. Skinner. 3672

QUARTER PEALS

DATE TOUCH

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 24th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major J. Osment 1, R. Tilling 2, T. Fox 3, E. Rapley 4, J. Howard 5, M Reed 6, D. Smith 7, I. Wickens (cond.) 8. For Mothering Sunday.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: N. Thomson 1, Jean L. Kimber 2, Julie S. Stoy 3, A G Clark 4, S. F. Kimber 5 F. D. Jennings 6, R J. Cook (cond.) 7, R. J. Talbot 8 For Evensong, and as a compliment to the 3rd ringer's brother, who was married the previous day at Oxford.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On March 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples R. Hayden 1, Audrey Hopkins 2, S. Clark 3, Janice Flight 4, B. Couzens 5, W. Aley 6, R Tomlin (cond.) 7 J. Aley 8. First in method by all except 1 and 7. A birthday compliment to Clive Hopkins.

CHOLSEY, BERKS. — On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods) Mrs. R. Morris 1, J. Money 2, T. W Palmer 3, W. Rich 4, G. Cook (cond.) 5, H. Ecott 6. A 65th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd

COTTINGHAM, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Dylis Meldrum (first quarter) 1, J. Pybus 2, J M. Booth 3, J. I. Booth 4, C. C. Brown 5, G. W Pybus 6, R A Bradley (first on eight as cond.) 7, W. Walton (first quarter) 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY. — On March 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. Pady (first of Major) 1, E. I. Parkin 2, Miss D. Colcombe 3, Mrs. G. Webb 4 H. Colcombe 5, J. Bailey 6, J. King 7, C. Webb (cond.) 8. For Mothering Sunday.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Judy M. Fuller first quarter) 1, A. R Fuller 2, R. H. Rogers 3, B. E. Whiting 4, T. Spurling (cond.) 5, Theresa R. Orriss 6, R G Bumstead 7, F J. Potter 8. For Mothering Sunday.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Long 1 S. A. B. Wigg 2, I. E. Parkin 3, I. Russell 4, N. Mattingley 5, P. S Muchlinski (cond.) 6. Also on March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Reynolds (first quarter) 1, M. L. Howe 2, Marilyn Chidwick 3, M Barden 4, S. A. B. Wigg (cond.) 5, P. S Muchlinski 6

OLD SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor: R G Newsum 1, I Harvey 2, W Barwell 3 C Beswick 4, D. J. Marshall 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea, on March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Richards (first on eight) 1, Betty J Daysh 2, T. Hargreaves 3, L. D. Duguid 4 P Page 5, J. Rolph 6, R. Green (cond.) 7, J. Pitfield 8.

STEEPLE ASTON, OXON.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P J. Heritage 1, W. F Judge 2, C. P. Turner (first on working bell) 3, M. J. Turner 4, M. Journeaux 5, E. R. Venn 6 Jointly conducted by all the ringers For Mothering Sunday service.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOM.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Venn (first in method) 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, J. V. Farthing 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, D. G. Mayell 6, With best wishes to Miss S. A. Mayell on her Confirmation the previous day.

TODDINGTON, GLOS. — On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Parker 1, G. Maggs 2, R. Tibbles 3, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 4, D. Deakin (first "inside") 5, J Cole 6. For the birth of a daughter to the conductor and Mrs. Dowdeswell.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Doubles (24 methods): Susan V. Banks 1, Elizabeth A Banks 2 W. R Gilks 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J C Banks 6. First by all the band. Also on March 17th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: N. G. Hughes 1, S. M. Jack 2, T. M. Evans 3, A. J. Mason (first of Treble Bob "inside") 4, B. R. M. Johnson 5, J. E. Spice (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 2, 3, 5. First Treble Bob for the Winchester College Society.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. E Murfitt (first of Royal) 1, June Whitcher 2, Susan Thomas (first of Royal "inside") 3, Liz C Duncan (first of Royal "inside") 4, Caroline R F. Cole 5, D. J. Hawkins 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. H. N Duncan 8, A. J. Slade 9, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 10. A birthday compliment to ringer of 1. Also on March 24th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: A. J. Slade (cond.) 1, Liz C. Duncan (first Stedman) 2, Laura M. Grindrod 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, J. S. N. Porter 6, D. E. Cobb 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, I. L. Dear 9, J E. Murfitt 10 For Matins.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON. — On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Chamberlain 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, P. Walker 3, E. R. Venn 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5, W. C. Godwin 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Robert Cave, a chorister at this church for many years.

WRAXALL, SOM.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Weeks 1, J. Evered 2, M. Clark 3, Jean Parsons 4, P Gardner 5, R. Cole 6, S. Cole (first as cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. For Evensong.

BUILDING UP DOUBLES VARIATIONS

BY DEREK C. JACKSON

Part 1

Correspondence in "The Ringing World" during 1967 advocating variety in our ringing as the primary means of retaining the interest of our ringers has received support from many quarters. In an attempt to provide something which would assist this idea in a constructive manner I have prepared the following scheme which contains nothing new except the sequence. It is directed at the ringers in our 5- and 6-bell towers and in those many 8-bell towers where Doubles ringing is the norm. Eight-bell ringers—this is not for you!

Starting from my original premise in "The Ringing World", I maintain that the only system to retain the interest of our intelligent youngsters (who are the only means of building up a first-class band) is to provide variety and that indifferently-struck Jack-a-Napes or Blunderbus Doubles is much to be preferred to a weekly dose of immaculate Grandsire Doubles.

When I wrote this I realised that very few readers would even know of the existence of these methods and probably even fewer have since conducted their own investigations. Thus I have evolved two tables of Doubles methods as an assistance to the expansion of a band's repertoire.

The explanation of the first table must be prefaced by a few basic fundamentals:—

1. All these methods are Bob Doubles based. Thus it is important that learners in a Doubles band are taught this method in preference to Grandsire.

2. The learner must be able to produce his Blue Line by writing out the figures of a plain course of Bob Doubles and not be given a prepared diagram. Parallel to this course he should be able to write out the effect of a Bob at each point where the treble is leading.

12345		
21435		
24153		
. . . . .		
. . . . .		
13254	If a Bob is called	13254
13524		12354
. . . . .		21534
. . . . .		
15342	If a Bob is called	15342
15432		13542
. . . . .		
etc.		etc.

Part 2

The utilisation of my scheme could be divided up into fortnightly sessions (or longer, if necessary), with the complete band regularly preparing a new method. (In a year's time the same sequence can be applied again to the new group of learners, once they have mastered Bob Doubles.) It can be seen that by using a different call with Bob Doubles a new method or variation is produced. All those given here are suitable for using one bell as observation (and therefore unaffected) with the calls four leads apart.

Start with the Old Doubles Single, which is really the Plain Bob Single used in Bob Minor. The observation bell is making seconds. The bell preparing to dodge in 3–4 down makes thirds, and then hunts up to the back, and the other bells plain hunt. Any bell can be used as observation, and one possibility is for the conductor to call himself observation. Another is to use the learner who is now adept at plain courses of Bob Doubles. It is quite easy to spot the lead where he makes seconds since as you hunt to the back you pass him just before you pass treble.

Part 3

When this variation is mastered attempt Seighford Doubles. This utilises a plain lead of All Saints Doubles as the Bob. Quite simply this is:—

One bell make seconds (unaffected, therefore observation bell).

One bell make long thirds.

Back bells each make fifths, fourths, fifths, and then plain hunt.

The Bob is given in Table 1 for the first lead, and this should be written out parallel to a plain course at each point where the treble is leading, as described in Part 1. Select your observation bell as in Old Doubles, except that the number two bell cannot be used. The figures you have just written out might help to explain this. The Bob must be called here two changes before the treble leads.

Next, April Day Doubles requires a Grandsire Single as the Single. The observation bell again makes seconds, and again the number two bell cannot be used. For a little variation at this juncture you could introduce a Grandsire Bob. You cannot obtain 120 changes with just this call, so using the above Single call B.S.B. Plain three times. You are now ringing Dedworth Doubles. Next you could introduce a rather odd method with handstroke dodges every time the treble moves from leading to seconds place, using Grandsire Bobs and Singles as the calls. This novelty will surprise all, especially when they learn that it is called Grandsire Doubles.

A Reverse Canterbury Bob has a similarity to a Grandsire Bob and provides us with Kennington Doubles. In addition to this complexity the observation bell is now the one making long fifths. If your learner is observation you will just have to concentrate a little more on the work he is doing. The number five bell cannot be used here as observation.

Finally a Pink Single as the Single provides you with your sixth Plain Bob Doubles variation. The observation bell is making seconds and the number two bell cannot be used as observation.

Your band is now able to ring a quarter peal of six Plain Bob Doubles variations and possibly also Dedworth and Grandsire Doubles. An extra three extents of Plain Bob gives you your 1,320 changes. For this you could call yourself observation, or your learner could ring the number three bell and be called observation for all except the Plain Bob. I would recommend the sequence of methods given in Table 1, since no consecutive extents require Singles, and possible confusion between Old Doubles, Grandsire and Pink Singles is less.

Part 4

Your next step is to change the basic method. Distribute the Place Notation, without telling your band the name of the method. Call it Method 2.

	12345
345	
1	
5	
1	
5	
1	etc.

They will find that it is Plain Bob Doubles with places instead of dodges, and will be surprised how easy it is to ring Reverse Canterbury Doubles. Apply all the calls as before, without rushing your slowest member. You now have another six variations of this available, and could ring a quarter peal in up to 11 variations. During this it is probably safer to inform your band not of the name of the method being rung but of the name of the call being used, e.g., Reverse Canterbury with a Plain Bob Bob. The introduction of Folke Doubles is a useful bridge between Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury and could be introduced between these two basic methods in your quarter peal. However, this suggestion is only for the more capable bands.

I would suggest that the sequence so far would easily occupy a year for most bands. You will now have your new learners commencing the sequence and the "old hands" requesting something new. Produce your Place Notation for Method 3. All bands will find this much more difficult and it will be several weeks before St. Simon's Doubles has been mastered. You will now have to choose between applying all the variations or of introducing St. Martin's, St. Nicholas and Winchendon, which are only variations of St. Simon's, utilising Plain Bob Bobs at the calls.

(To be continued)

CALL

TABLE 1

Plain Course	Plain Bob Bob	Old Doubles Single	Plain leads of All Saints	Grandsire Single	Reverse Canterbury Bob	Pink Single
12345						
21435	Plain Bob	Old	Seighford	April Day	Kennington	May Day
24153	35142	35142	35142	35142	35142	35142
42513	31524	31524	31524	31524	31524	31542
45231	13254	13254	13524	13542	13524	13542
54321	12354	13245	13542	13524	15324	13524
53412	13524	13542	13524	13524	51324	31524
35142	21534	31425	31542	31542	53142	35124
31524	31254	34152	35124	35124		53214
13254	32145					
12354	Plain Bob					
13524	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 2, 3 or 4	O.B. 3, 4 or 5
31254						
32145						
Plain Bob						

COMPOSITIONS

5,019 STEDMAN CATERS

By M. A. COLEMAN

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9 5 16

2 6 1 4 5 3 9 7 8	(a)	
1 6 3 4 5 2	—	3
3 6 2 4 5 1	—	3
3 6 1 4 5 2	s	3
1 6 2 4 5 3	—	3
2 6 3 4 5 1	—	3
4 1 2 5 6 3 9 7 8	(b)	
2 1 3 5 6 4	—	3
3 1 4 5 6 2	—	3
3 1 2 5 6 4	s	3
2 1 4 5 6 3	—	3
4 1 3 5 6 2	—	3
4 1 5 2 6 3 8 7 9	(c)	
4 1 3 5 6 2		—
3 1 2 5 6 4	—	3
2 1 4 5 6 3	—	3
4 1 2 3 6 5	—	—
4 1 3 2 6 5	s	2
3 1 2 4 6 5	—	2
2 1 4 3 6 5	—	2

(a) = 1.2.3.4.6.7.8.9.12S.13.
(b) = 4S.7.10.12.13.
(c) = 3.4.6.9.11.13S.

Rung at Leicester Cathedral on March 25th, 1968.

5,056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by R. E. J. DENNIS

W	5ths	M	H		2 3 4 5 6
Bob			ss		5 2 4 3 6
2			—		4 2 3 5 6
s		s	3		6 2 3 4 5
s		s	3		5 2 3 6 4
s			3		6 2 3 5 4
s	A	s	3		4 2 3 6 5
s		s	3		5 2 3 4 6
s			2	(—s)	3 2 4 5 6
3			—		4 3 2 5 6
s		s	3		6 3 2 4 5
s		s	2		3 2 5 6 4
2	ss				2 6 5 3 4
—			—		5 3 2 6 4
s			3		6 3 2 5 4
s		s	3		4 3 2 6 5
s		s	3		5 3 2 4 6
s			2	(—s)	2 3 4 5 6

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The Church of St. Mary, Andover, Hampshire

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary's Church, Andover, Hampshire

By D. F. KING

THE Parish Church of St. Mary, Andover, is on a dominant site in the centre of the town and yet is more easily seen from the approaches to the town. Both parish and town are ancient and yet the church is comparatively new. As with other parishes in England, this is a history of two churches, but with common features—the dedication, the site and the bells!

The parish must have existed well before the Norman Conquest, though the church is not mentioned in the Domesday Book. However, at the end of the 11th century the church, with all its lands and possessions, was given to a Benedictine abbey in Anjou. By 1413 the Priory at Andover was dissolved, England being at odds with France at this time, and the church with its property was given to Winchester College, in whose gift the benefice still remains.

Unfortunately, many of the early vestry minutes and accounts are missing, but an alert vicar of Andover discovered one of the missing volumes at a London sale, which he promptly bought. This volume, covering the latter part of the 17th and early 18th centuries, has many references to payments to ringers for their services, particularly during the later part of the 17th century. Several of these payments were for what can be called royal occasions ("when the King was in Towne"), and it is also apparent that the burgesses of Andover were supporters of the seven bishops who defied the King in 1688 and who were tried for sedition. The bells in this year were rung when the bishops "were bayl'd out of the Tower" and when acquitted. There is an earlier reference to the bells being rung: this was in 1471 when the town was visited by the Duke of Clarence who, it is said, lost his life drowned in a butt of malmsey!

SPIRE COLLAPSES

The old church had a central tower topped by a spire 80 feet high, but this was blown down during the heavy gales of 1705. The spire was not replaced and the repair work not completed until 1712. There was a payment to the bellfounders of £11 13s. for repair of the bells. It is fairly certain that the tower had six bells at this time, because a nearby inn was the Five Bells in 1697 and the Six Bells by 1713. One wonders whether the augmentation took place after the damage. It is unlikely, however, that the bellfounders' bill would cover repair and an additional bell. In 1758 a ring of eight was cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack with a tenor of 16 cwt.

By the late 1830s concern was expressed about the inadequacy of the seating in the old church, and a plan was drawn up to provide more pews. This was submitted to an architect to find out if it was practical; not only did he turn the scheme down but he also said that all ringing must stop as the tower, in his opinion, was unsafe. It was eventually decided to build a completely new church. This decision was no doubt helped by the fact that the money for rebuilding was not to fall on the parish but would be provided mainly by a wealthy local clergyman.

BUILDING THE SECOND CHURCH

Work on the demolition and rebuilding started in 1840, and by the middle of 1842 it was expected that the end of the year would see the completion of the church. Then part of the clerestory walls fell, to the consternation and anger of the local population. The furore which followed eventually quietened down and the church was sufficiently completed by August, 1844, to enable services to take place. Two years later the tower was completed. The architect had wanted to have a spire, but the clerk of works, taken on at the time of the collapse of the walls, was adamant that this was not possible. The builder's wishes prevailed, no doubt because the architect's reputation was a little less soundly based after the collapse!

In May, 1846, a few months after the tower was finished, the bells were rung in honour of Queen Victoria's birthday. It seems from the records that striking was not always good in those days, and "The Hampshire Chronicle" considered that the ringers had not done justice to this "fine peal of bells". Charitably, the paper put this down to the ringers' "advancing years" and their lack of practice during the rebuilding.

Sunday service ringing continued but the tower does not appear to have attracted many peals at this time. The year 1899 saw a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung for the first time by a local band and in 1905 the first peal of Grandsire Triples.

In 1947 the bells were retuned and rehung on ball bearings with a metal frame, the third being recast and inscribed with the name of the vicar (the Rev. A. C. Fletcher Mard) and the churchwardens (J. A. Acherman and A. E. C. Macey). The work was carried out by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, at a cost of £2,000, the whole being found by public appeal.

THE BELLS

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Andover District's Wonderful 40th Anniversary

AN unprecedented celebration has taken place in rural North West Hampshire in honour of the 40th anniversary of the Andover District. No fewer than 35 peals have been rung in 23 different towers. A principle observed was that every ringer capable of ringing a peal was invited to stand in the peal in his own tower.

With such a wide invitation it can be truly regarded as a District's own rejoicing. There were 18 ringers taking part in their first peal and six conductors scored their first peal in this capacity out of the nine who conducted peals. Altogether 46 ringers took part in peals, whilst at least eight more stood in the failures and were unsuccessful in scoring a peal.

Of special note were the all local band peals—Plain Bob Triples at Highclere in their own tower, Grandsire Doubles at Broughton by Andover band, Plain Bob Doubles at Thruxton by Kingsclere local band and the local peal of Grandsire at Andover. "All those scoring a peal were Andover District members, and the enthusiasm shown has been well worth the effort," writes the District chairman, Mr. G. K. Dodd. "1968 will be a year to remember for Andover District members —a combined effort in which everyone played his part."

THE DAY TO DAY STUDY

Two attempts were planned for January 1st—at Andover and Kingsclere. The former was turned into a practice when the conductor arrived with a heavy cold. At Highclere the first all-local eight-bell peal was scored with Plain Bob Triples. Friday's attempt in the only ringable four-bell tower in the District was successful. The 15-year-old conductor, Robert Crocker, rang his first in that capacity. Here the treble is rung under the clockcase and can be troublesome if a straight pull is not used.

Saturday was a day of failures. The popular and easy-going six at Longparish suffered a broken rope after ten minutes; to Jack Wimlett, making his first attempt as conductor, this must have been disappointing. At Abbot's Ann in the evening Albert Green, also making his first attempt as conductor, lost a hunt-bell in Grandsire only eight extents from the end and, in the confusion, had to stop.

BROKEN ROPES

By now icy conditions prevailed, but the attempt to ring the first peal on the five bells at Wherwell went ahead as planned. These bells, previously unringable, now go well, but the ropes of 4 and 5 have had the clockcase built round them and these bells play up. Two false starts through broken ropes were made; both being replaced, the third attempt fared better, but with 18 extents behind us, down came No. 3 rope, and another failure was chalked up.

Tuesday night of the second week was down for Longstock, a first on the bells, but further snow on Monday made road conditions treacherous. We started out and got as far as the nearest phone box, where a call was put through to the Vicar of Midgham, who gave permission for the attempt to be made here. Twenty Doubles methods were scored on the back five there. The conductor, taking a tumble in the Vicarage, drove on thick ice. However, Berkshire road conditions were better and we arrived home safely.

On Wednesday the band got through to Goodworth Clatford and a first-class peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the good six, a portable tape recorder recording parts of it. Bradley Murduck was congratulated on his first as conductor.

"WOULD REJOIN!"

At Amport on Thursday Geoffrey Dodd was down to conduct a peal of Grandsire Doubles with five firsts. Before the start the tenor man said that he might have to rush outside, but to carry on without him and he would join in when he returned! Geoff told him not to worry. However, on the 22nd extent his worst fears were confirmed, and before he could call the bells into rounds Bill was gone—and so another failure.

The annual meeting on the Saturday (January 13th) prevented any further peal ringing, but on Sunday the Andover ringers were successful in ringing Grandsire Doubles at Broughton, only the second peal on the bells, which are not easy to ring. A further attempt at Burghclere was again put back because of flu, but Wednesday's (January 17th) attempt on the heavy-going six at St. Mary Bourne was successful, with Reg Crook doing his stuff as conductor and with three first pealers in the band. A first-class effort.

Thursday's attempt on the quiet six at East Woodhay was also successful. Doubles methods were rung with Philip Taylor calling his first peal as conductor. Albert Green's attempt at Leckford on January 20th failed in the first quarter peal, but the second attempt, at Longparish, was successful, Jack Wimlett calling his first peal. Another success was on the light six at Stockbridge on January 21st, when Phil Murduck called his first of Bob Minor as conductor, this being the second peal on these bells.

The peal at Tangley (a light ground-floor ring of five) was of Bob Doubles. This was on January 23rd, and George Beavis, the local captain, was attempting his first peal. Philip Taylor was deputising for Geoff Dodd as conductor and brought the peal to a successful conclusion with a nice steady beat on these good-toned bells.

The Barton Stacey peal on January 25th was also successful. Eleven-year-old David Goss rang the treble in fine style for his first peal, whilst his father, still suffering the after-effect of flu, was able to listen to the last six extents. Robert Crocker called his first peal on the easy-going six. On the same night the new six at Upper Clatford were pealed for the first time by a mixed team. Walter Mulford, a past captain of the other Clatford tower, fulfilled a lifelong ambition in ringing the tenor to three Doubles methods, Jack Wimlett having kindly reserved this attempt for Geoff Dodd to call the first peal on the bells.

The Saturday (January 27th) peal at Kingsclere was one of the best on the bells, also one of the quickest. The recording on the tape recorder of the last three courses was ringing of the highest order. Philip Murduck called Pritchard's popular peal of Bob Major. Another unfortunate failure was the Woolton Hill all-local band attempt on January 29th, when the treble rope broke in the last 720. This included two first peal attempts and a first as conductor.

The Tuesday (January 30th) peal was at Burghclere, but was again elusive. On Thursday night the difficult bells at Hurstbourne Priors were tackled, but with three of the bells proving troublesome with slip wheels and sticking pulley wheels, it was called round at the quarter peal. So with January completed, 13 peals were successful, almost halfway to our objective, with a good number of first pealers and firsts as conductors.

INTO FEBRUARY

Into February, and the first peal on the Longstock bells, another ground-floor ring, with no unusual characteristics, where 12 Doubles methods were rung with the bells well spaced out; this was on the Saturday afternoon (February 3rd). At Whitchurch, another ground-floor ring of eight, the attempt for Grandsire Triples the same day hardly got off the ground.

Sunday, the anniversary of the District, found five of us again meeting at Wherwell, but with more broken ropes and three splices later there was only time for a quarter peal, probably the first on the bells. Tuesday, at Leckford, was more successful, with Robert Crocker again conducting. Difficulty with four and five in the last quarter peal was suspected as the bells were going dry. Nevertheless, they are the best-toned five in the District. Thursday (February 8th) at Amport again brought success with a well-struck peal of Grandsire Doubles and three first pealers performing. The bells are rung from the chancel and were rehung and tuned by Taylors.

An all-Kingsclere band attempt had been planned for Thruxton on February 10th and it gave great pleasure to the participants and to the organisers when Bob Doubles was successfully rung with two first pealers, one first "inside" and a first peal as conductor; all credit to this band. On Tuesday (February 13th), at Longparish, a 34 Doubles method attempt was reduced to 25 as one of the band was ill and a last-minute replacement was found. A very pleasing peal was scored. Thursday (February 15th) at last found us at Burghclere, where a joint Highclere/Burghclere band successfully rang Bob Minor. There were two firsts of Minor and one first pealer took part.

A WEEK OF FAILURES

The second attempt at Andover on Monday (February 19th) had every look of success until, just before the halfway, a late call put the bells into some confusion. However, all the band felt that the next attempt had every chance of success. The unusual toned five at Over Wallop also registered another failure on the Wednesday. A further attempt, again at Andover, on February 18th to ring Grandsire Triples failed through a shift course around the quarter peal mark and it was decided to strengthen the band before the next attempt.

Success came on February 21st with a peal in two Minor methods at Barton Stacey, Philip Taylor ringing his bell with two crushed fingers received when the car door was shut on them the previous night. Further success the next night was the first peal of Stedman Minimus at Newtown with three firsts of Stedman. Bernard Doe replaced Philip at the last minute when his fingers were too painful to ring a difficult treble.

The second attempt at Abbot's Ann was successful on February 24th, again a late replacement when David Goss was roped in 30 minutes before the start, and a good peal was successfully rung.

READY MONEY!

On the following Tuesday evening the first peal of Ready Money was scored at Tangley; one wonders where the name originated. It is quite tricky until one gets used to the bobs. This enabled George Beavis and Geoff Dodd to ring one together, both being well satisfied with the results.

Thursday evening proved rather a disappointment—the Bob Major planned at Whitchurch for the second attempt was changed to Bob Minor when we met short. However, a very good peal was achieved in the quick time of 2 hours and 45 minutes with some pulling on the back end, the long draught not making things easy.

So the second month of our peal anniversary was completed with 11 successful peals and three failures out of 14 attempts, a good average on the whole.

INTO MARCH

We entered March with a good peal of Doubles on the unusual five at Over Wallop, the second attempt here, and were congratulated afterwards by the Rector on some excellent ringing, this being a Saturday afternoon peal.



The Andover District officers, taken at the annual meeting at Whitchurch on January 13th. Left to right: Archibald W. Alliston (deputy chairman), Rev. Hamilton Lloyd (auditor), Geoffrey K. Dodd (chairman, seen cutting the 40th anniversary cake), Jack C. Wimlett (hon. secretary and Executive Committee representative), Reginald Crook (Ringing Master). Afternote: The treasurer, Terry Tarrant, was busy collecting subscriptions.

The second attempt at Highclere, on March 4th, was specially organised for the regular practice night visitors to take part. A pleasing peal of Bob Major was scored with two firsts on eight and one first of Major, and a fast time with a good beat was set up with an experienced band.

Wednesday night's peal at Woolton Hill included three bandaged hands, one ringer suffering a sprained wrist, another with crushed fingers and the conductor also having a fractured finger in plaster; however, the two first pealers were in one piece and another successful peal was scored.

Into the second week and the wedding peal for Chris and Leslie on Tuesday night at St. Mary Bourne was the first in 42 Doubles variations for all the band.

12 DOUBLES FOR 12-YEAR-OLD

Ill-luck, however, dogged us on Thursday (March 14th) at East Woodhay, when at the end of the sixth extent of an excellent peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in what would have been a first for all the tenor rope parted below the sally.

Into the third week, and on Tuesday night another successful peal in 12 Doubles methods at Longparish, specially arranged for David Goss, now 12 years old, to ring his first peal "inside." On this performance he will definitely be one of our future Up-and-Coming Youngsters. However Wednesday night met with another disappointment when at Woolton Hill an attempt to ring four Minor methods failed after ringing an excellent 720 of Cambridge.

Thursday proved more successful with Plain Bob Minor at Upper Clatford. A mistake here is fatal, the bells being more than just noisy; a good peal was rung—the first of Minor on the bells.

To enable Reg Rex to call his peal of Grandsire Triples, a special attempt had been arranged at Kingsclere on March 23rd, with four firsts in the method taking part. All went well until the end of the fourth part, when a late call caused confusion and "Stand" was called.

Sunday proved more successful, Kent Minor being rung in fine style on the light six at Stockbridge, again with three firsts in the method and a first in the method on the bells, both of the other two peals being Bob Minor.

A FIRST AT NETHER WALLOP

Afterwards we visited Nether Wallop. Here the movement of the frame against the tower walls prevents long ringing but we were able to obtain permission for a quarter peal and a good one in four Doubles methods was rung on this heavy five, no peal or quarter having previously been rung on the bells.

The peal in 42 Doubles variations all with a plain course of Plain Bob had been planned for some time and the different calls had been a regular feature of recent practice nights. It was in June, 1958, that the conductor first recorded a peal of Bob Doubles in six variations, thinking this was the limit. Times have changed and at least 20 more calls could have been produced if required. A good peal was rung at Burghclere by a mixed band from Highclere and Burghclere on March 26th. The next evening a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was rung at East Woodhay, Mr. Webb having repaired the rope, the cause of our failure the previous fortnight.

Two attempts had been fixed for Saturday (March 30th) at Wherwell to ring the first peal on this anti-clockwise light ring of five, and at Woolton Hill for the first by an all-local band since 1938. It was a matter of regret that the latter attempt had to be cancelled. At Wherwell, after a further check of ropes, a good peal was rung with little difficulty on bells that will run away if allowed to do so. We would like to associate Phil Murduck and Jack Wimlett with this peal, both having stood in the previous attempts.

All that was left was Andover, and further attempts on Saturday and again on Monday (April 1st) each came to grief. However, Andover band are proud at having scored a quarter of Grandsire Triples with an all-local band, the first on record, and have vowed that a peal will be scored before the year is through.

G. K. DODD.

DEDICATION

NEWHEY, LANCASHIRE

At the foot of the Pennines, high on a hill above the village, stands the Church of St. Thomas, Newhey. The original bells, which were installed in 1877, have for many years been in such a poor condition as to render them dangerous to ring. It was therefore a proud moment for the local ringers and parishioners on Sunday, March 31st, when, before a large congregation, the Lord Bishop of Manchester dedicated the new ring of eight bells. These bells, which have been cast and installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., are lighter than the old ring, the tenor now weighing 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. (Note C sharp.)

The dedication service, which took place in the morning, was followed by ringing, when a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major showed how delightfully rewarding this light ring is. The tower was open throughout the afternoon until Evensong and, despite the adverse weather conditions, over 60 ringers visited the tower. Some difficulty was experienced in controlling the trebles but, after a few minutes' ringing, most people adjusted to the weight of the bells (or should it be the lack of weight).

Practice night is Tuesday, 7.30 to 9 p.m., and Sunday service ringing 9 to 9.30 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

(The full story of the restoration of these bells will be the subject of a later article.)

WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—At the National Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Emily Paine 1, Janis Hensley 2, Martha Windrem (first Triples) 3, Ashton Applewhite 4, Marjorie Batchelor 5, R. S. Dirksen 6, W. Theobald (cond.) 7, J. G. Fanfani (first Triples) 8. A welcome to Mr. W. Theobald to U.S.A. and to Mr. E. Curran to the Cathedral Close. Also on March 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Emily Paine 1, Janis Hensley 2, Betsey Proctor 3, Judy Alexander 4, Quilla Roth 5, Ashton Applewhite 6, Sarah Irwin 7, Marjorie Batchelor 8, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 9, J. G. Fanfani 10. First of Caters by an American band and of Grandsire Caters in N. America. First of Caters by all except the conductor, and his first of Caters as conductor.

Andover District History and Who's Who

By J. C. WIMLETT

ON Saturday, February 4th, 1928, a meeting was convened at Whitchurch for the purpose of forming a new District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild to be called the Andover District. Present were Mr. G. Williams (Master), the Revs. E. Jones, A. Lewis and M. S. Douglas and ringers from Basingstoke, Bramley, East Woodhay, Fareham, Highclere, Kings Somborne, Laverstoke, North Stoneham, Oakley, Overton, Portsmouth, St. Mary Bourne, Steventon, Wherwell, Whitchurch, Winchester and Woolton Hill. The Rev. M. S. Douglas, Vicar of Whitchurch, having been elected to the chair, called upon Mr. G. Williams to give reasons for forming the new District.

Mr. Williams outlined briefly that as the new Diocese of Guildford had decided to form a separate Guild following the division of the old Diocese of Winchester, a largely attended meeting of ringers from the Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth was held at Southampton on October 22nd, 1927, when it was unanimously decided to form a joint Guild and recommended that the area should be divided into eight Districts and that the Andover District should comprise the following towers: Eight-bell—Andover and Whitchurch; six-bell—Amport, Burghclere, Highclere, Hurstbourne Priors, Laverstoke, St. Mary Bourne, Sydmonton and Woolton Hill; five-bell—Abbot's Ann, East Woodhay, Longparish, Nether Wallop, Over Wallop, Tangley, Thruxton and Wherwell.

FIRST OFFICERS

This resolved, the following were elected to be the first officers of the new District: Chairman, Rev. A. Lewis (Rector of Wherwell); secretary, Rev. F. C. Sear (Vicar of Ecchinswell); auditor, Mr. O. Smart (Andover); Central Council representative, Mr. Knapp (Highclere); Ringing Master, Mr. R. Rex (Woolton Hill).

It is to these gentlemen that we now say "thank you" for starting this new family named the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. The early years were not easy, travelling around the scattered towers was at best by push bike, but early records show that a great effort was made and by the end of 1929 eight towers remained in union with the Guild, and there were seven honorary members, one life member, three compounding members and 60 full members.

At Highclere, now having eight bells, a peal was rung on February 23rd, 1929. The pre-war years saw enthusiastic periods of activity and occasional changes in officers—Mr. O. Smart was elected Ringing Master in 1931 and the Rev F. S. H. Marle elected secretary. Of interest, the local Press recorded a quarterly meeting at Abbot's Ann on September 12th, 1931 when special mention was made that despite the bad weather and the Schneider Cup race 30 enthusiasts turned up for this meeting.

In 1935 the Longparish bells were rehung and a treble added, and in 1937 Goodworth Clatford added three bells to make a new ring of six, which was dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on December 18th, 1937.

BREAK DURING WAR YEARS

Records lapsed after a meeting at St. Mary Bourne on April 18th, 1940, until a meeting at Whitchurch on July 15th, 1944, when 48 members attended from 15 towers covering a large area of the Guild just to be told there would be a combined practice at East Tytherley on August Bank Holiday (no doubt this was some Bank Holiday !).

The District began to function again with a meeting at Whitchurch on March 24th, 1945. The same officers were all re-elected and quarterly meetings arranged for Goodworth Clatford on June 23rd and Longparish on September 27th. At the next annual meeting, on December 15th, 1945, the following new officers were elected: Rev. B. C. Taylor (Whitchurch), chairman; Mr. R. A. Hill, Executive Committee; Rev. T. Marsden, auditor. The next change came the following year, when the Rev. S. A. Gidlow (Goodworth Clatford) was elected chairman.

In 1947, three weeks after Andover bells had been rehung, the death occurred of Mr. O. J. Smart, who had then been Ringing Master for 17 years. His place was filled jointly by Messrs. N. V. Andrews and A. L. Mitchell; other changes were Miss M. Tanner to secretary, followed by Mr. J. A. Hill later that year, Mr. N. V. Andrews auditor, and Mr. O. Smart to Executive Committee. A new appointment was introduced in 1951, Rev. P. K. Venner to vice-chairman, and two years later Rev. P. Simcock was elected chairman, Mr. G. K. Dodd secretary and Mr. A. J. Hill treasurer.

NEW ENTHUSIASM

Geoffrey K. Dodd soon took over both offices and stirred up new enthusiasm and by the next annual meeting a vast increase in membership was reported, ringing members from 48 in 1953 to 84 in January, 1955, and honorary members from 18 to 29. This meeting saw another change, the Rev. J. P. Walton was elected chairman, to be replaced two years later by the Rev. P. K. Venner, with the Rev. Ann Large as vice-chairman. Because of the increased membership, Mr. A. W. Alliston, Mr O. Smart and the secretary were all appointed Executive Committee representatives. The year 1958 saw the arrival in the District of the Misses Hazel and Cherry White, who were immediately elected treasurers, once again splitting the secretary/treasurer duties. Mr. A. W. Alliston took over the duties of chairman in March, 1960, which was subsequently ratified at the annual meeting the following year, appointments by this time being for three-year periods. In 1962 Mr. R. Crook was elected Ringing Master, the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd vice-chairman and Mrs. T. Tarrant treasurer.

Good progress was made during the next three years, striking competitions being arranged annually for the Aird Cup. This cup was originally donated by Malcolm Aird, of Tile Barn, Woolton Hill, prior to 1922, for competition between Woolton Hill, Highclere and East Woodhay. January, 1966, saw the next change of officers, Mr. G. K. Dodd to chairman, with Mr. A. W. Alliston deputy chairman, Mr. R. Crook Ringing Master, Mr. P. Murduck Deputy Ringing Master (a new appointment), Mr. J. C. Wimlett secretary and Executive Committee representative, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Tarrant treasurers. Since these appointments the accent has been on preparation for making this 40th anniversary a year to be remembered, and with the inspiration and leadership of our chairman, Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd, such an epoch could not be allowed to pass without being well and truly celebrated, hence the attempt to ring a peal in every tower in the District during the first three months of the year.

ONE EXCEPTION

The peal programme is dealt with separately in an article by Geoffrey himself, but this history would not be complete without saying that peals or quarter peals have been scored in every tower in the District with the exception of Sydmonton, where, alas, the fabric of the tower is now crumbling so badly that the bells must remain silent until repairs are carried out. Summing up the peals: Peals rung, 35; ringers taking part, 46; first-peal ringers, 18; first as conductors, 7; first on the bells, 4.

R. Crocker took part in 29 peals (conducted 4), G. K. Dodd 22 (21), P. Taylor 21 (2), R. Newman 14, R. Crook 10 (2), J. Wimlett 9 (1), P. Murduck 9 (2).

Earlier, mention was made of the Aird Cup, which until last year was competed for by round ringers and method ringers in a combined competition, but last November, for the first time, the Aird Cup was open to competition among method ringers only, whilst teams capable of ringing rounds only competed for a new "Andover District Round Ringers Challenge Cup." This cup was generously donated by Mr. F. Gosling, of Newtown, to foster a keener interest among newcomers to the Exercise.

Kingsclere are the present holders of the Aird Cup with an excellently struck extent of Plain Bob Doubles, whilst Whitchurch were the first winners of the new cup with their band of ringers who all had less than 18 months' experience at the time of the competition.

It is coincidental that new District boundaries came into effect on January 1st, 1968, extending the Andover District further south towers, covering a total area of approximately 250 square miles of attractive Hampshire countryside.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern District

Although only 20 attended the meeting at Newton Nottage on March 16th the ringing during the afternoon and evening was very satisfactory.

After the service a splendid tea was provided by the local ringers. At the business meeting the Morriston bells were discussed, and matters concerning their future were left to the District secretary to deal with.

The usual three meetings in each year were reduced to two—the annual general and the other during the early part of the year, the date and place to be left to the District secretary.

A vote of thanks was accorded to all those concerned in making the excellent arrangements.

J. A. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Baldock on April 6th. There was some delay in getting into the tower, since the key could not be found until 4 o'clock. Ringing lasted for only half an hour before the service, which was taken by the Rev. K. G. Martin. Tea followed the service and then came the business meeting, at which Mr. M. D. Tagg took the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the secretary, Mrs. Anne Agg, who was in bed with a sprained back.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston and Benington, recently transferred to the District. The intermediate evening meetings will be at Wallington and Offley—all pending confirmation. Members were reminded that the C.C. Hospitality Fund was now open and that so far only £11 had been received by the secretary.

Ringing continued until 8.30 with methods including Cambridge, Yorkshire and Stedman.

M. R. W.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At the Cathedral, on March 30th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: F. W. Ellis 1, Katherine Hardy 2, B. C. Johnson 3, Julia A. Fellows 4, C. Forster 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, G. Dodds 7, J. E. Ewer 8, A. R. Carter 9, K. J. Darvill 10, G. Penney (cond.) 11, R. E. Hardy 12. First of Cambridge Maximus 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Rung after the installation at Evensong of E. Charles, C. Earle, K. Hart and H. Senar as honorary canons of the Cathedral.

TICKNALL, DERBYS. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Soar 1, Annette Cooke 2, Susanne Cooper 3, T. J. Marriott 4, A. J. Marriott 5, P. Marriott (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 3.

Letters to the Editor

ST. CLEMENT DANES'

Dear Sir,—I feel sure I will not be the only person to point out a slight inaccuracy in the text of H. W. R.'s otherwise interesting article on St. Clement Danes' bells.

The eight bells cast in 1693 certainly did not originate from the Whitechapel foundry, as mentioned, but were cast by William and Philip Wightman at their foundry on Windmill Hill, Clerkenwell. The same founders also cast bells for St. James', Piccadilly, and both sets of bells were ornately decorated with running borders of crosses, fleurs-de-lis and flowers alternating.

The augmentation to ten took place in 1843, the new bells being cast by one C. Oliver, who had charge of a small foundry at Wapping. Oliver also recast the second of the old ring of eight at the same time.

Little information seems to have remained about Messrs. C. and J. Oliver. Walters ("Church Bells of England") notes the existence of a foundry at Wapping, and gives the dates 1810–1845. However, in conjunction with the casting of a ring of six bells at Worth, Sussex, in 1844, Oliver's foundry is stated to be at Bethnal Green! It would be interesting to learn of the exact whereabouts of Oliver's foundry. It would seem very likely that Oliver learned his talents at Whitechapel before migrating elsewhere. A family of that name has been associated with the foundry since the late 18th century, and I gather that a lineal descendant is still in charge of the handbell shop.

In conjunction with St. Clement's bells, mention should also be made of the old Sanctus bell, cast by Robert Mot (1570–1604). It happily escaped the ravages of the Fire of London and the blitz, and has been restored to its original place in St. Clement's steeple.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

LADIES AT THE ABBEY

Dear Sir, — Miss Florrie Wyman is not correct in stating that she is the only lady to have ascended to the belfry and rung at Westminster Abbey. There must be other ladies who, like myself, have had this honour and pleasure, and were graciously received by the Abbey ringers.—Yours sincerely,

KATHLEEN M. LOCK.

North Mymms.

A LEARNER AT THE ABBEY!

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to disillusion Mr. Tonge (page 242) or Mrs. Wyman (page 262) but the Abbey is not the only church authority that does not allow many visiting ringers, and Mrs. Wyman is not the only woman to ring there. Whilst on tour in Hampshire a few years ago our band was refused permission to ring because "only the locals are allowed to ring here."

At about the same time as this I was granted the privilege of being allowed to ring at the Abbey, and both the young lady who was with me and I, together with another visitor, were given the full V.I.P. treatment, and the ringers would not hear of the young lady going without a ring, though only a learner at the time.—Yours faithfully,

R. GEORGE MORRIS.

Malvern Link.

LADIES AT THE ABBEY

Dear Sir,—Like Florence E. Wyman, I, too, have rung at Westminster Abbey. It was in June, 1924, when the Central Council met in London. I went up with the late Mrs. Fletcher, who was then Miss Edith Parker; I was Miss Phœbe Upshed. We both rang in a touch of Stedman.

I would not be surprised to learn that other ladies, too, have had the same good fortune.—Yours faithfully,

PHŒBE A. TOMLINSON.

Southgate.

YOUNG CONDUCTORS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the comment on Bellfounders' Gift Page in the issue of March 29th regarding a 12-year-old calling a peal, away back in 1904 a 12-year-old called a peal at Arklow, Co. Wicklow. The conductor was James Washbrook jun., who rang the 2nd to a peal of Grandsire Triples. The composition was Holt's ten-part; the peal took 3 hours and 12 minutes on Saturday, December 31st, 1904. The conductor scored his first peal on June 17th, 1903

As a matter of interest, his brother Walter scored his first peal at the same tower on January 21st, 1905, when only 10½ years old.

The last peal in which any Washbrook took part in Ireland was on September 11th, 1909, when five of the bells in the peal of Grandsire Triples were handled by four Washbrooks: Harry (2), James W. senior (3 and 4), Walter (5) and James junior (7). James senior conducted the peal as well as ringing Nos. 3 and 4. —Yours sincerely,

FRED E. DUKES.

Drogheda, Co. Louth.

A MEMORY OF EDINGTON PRIORY

Dear Sir,—Your enjoyable article on Edington Priory in a recent "Ringing World" brought back vivid memories of Saturday, July 30th, 1949, when I was fortunate to join an outing arranged (I think) by Mr. E. G. Caple, of Clevedon.

After ringing at Seend, Keevil, Steeple Ashton and Bratton, the band began to apologise about the next tower, which we were visiting for the experience rather than the pleasure. And experience it certainly was—ringing with the criss-cross timbers creaking and groaning all around you and, at intervals, when the bells got in a certain position, the bell frame hit the wall of the tower with a resounding smack.

At that time the tenor rope had a second rope-end spliced in, and it was just as much as two men could do to keep her going behind to Doubles. The locals knowingly left me the fifth.

To my ear, the bells were the middle six of eight, with the tenor half a tone flat. On reading the bell notes in your article it would seem that the fourth was also half a tone flat.

Mr. Caple dropped me in Bristol just after eleven; from there I was able to catch a train to Yatton and walk three miles in pitch darkness, along strange roads, to Wrington.

It certainly was a day to remember.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

DELAYED PEAL REPORTS NOT SUB-STANDARD

Dear Sir,—Mr. Baldam's contention in his letter published on page 262 that performances are not reported to "The Ringing World" within one week of accomplishment are sub-standard performances is, of course, completely absurd.

The main causes for late reporting are that with the modern postal charges it is more economic, as well as convenient, to submit several performances at one time; further, sometimes it is necessary to ascertain a ringer's correct name, also, as is usually the case, a human oversight occurs, but these are just a few of the many reasons. It is stupid to suggest, as does Mr. Baldam, that only bad performances are delayed from publication. Does the conductor of such a performance think that a delay will rectify the damage caused by the ringing?

I can only surmise from Mr. Baldam's letter that he personally has had experience of a sub-standard performance being published some time after the event and would suggest that if this is so it was surely his duty to inform the conductor that he felt he could not continue the performance, and stand his bell, thus preventing any damage in public relations which a sub-standard performance causes, or, as a last resort, withdraw his name from the performance.—Yours sincerely,

KEITH E. BEALE.

Taunton.

Note.—We certainly agree with Mr. Beale. A notable example is that on March 9th the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths made seven attempts at nine-Spliced Surprise Major with each bell doing all the work. We understand that only one attempt was lost, and that through outside interference. The report has yet to reach this office.—Ed.

FIRST PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In the interests of accuracy, I must point out that Mr. W. J. Robinson did not take part in "the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung," as stated on page 261. That peal was rung at Whitley Bay on May 14th, 1924; the peal in which Mr. Robinson took part was rung at Warnham on June 11th, 1927.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

Rugby.

A QUESTION TO BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see J. R. White's letter condemning the use of a pseudonym by one of his fellow members of the Birmingham University Society. Would he please now explain what tomfoolery lies behind the report of a quarter peal rung by the Society at Edgbaston Old Church for Evensong on March 10th (page 245), when the eight bells were rung by ten people (or nine, not counting the wretched J. P. Richards, who appears under his real name as well)? Furthermore, as I am informed that one of the ringers in this quarter is the Master of the Society, would he also please say how this exemplifies the Society's disapproval of such performances?—Yours faithfully,

C. A. BARRON.

King's Heath, Birmingham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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SECOND PAGE OF LETTERS

ST. CHAD'S TOWER

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter dealing with the tenor bell at St. Chad's, Lichfield (April 5th, page 260), may I contribute some small detail from my forthcoming publication, "The Campanological History of Staffordshire,' the product of 15 years' intensive study.

I first inspected the bell in question in January over ten years ago, and at the time took rubbings and detailed notes.

The imagined inscription and lettering are nothing more than a set of badly composed devices, shallow and quasi-mediæval in form similar to most very early local-cast work. (It would be wise to dismiss the founder Michael de Lichfield at this point.) The forms are not placed in any logical or sequential order, thus it is impossible to determine any attempt at an inscription.

Arabic numerals certainly do not appear on the bell, which is of transitional contour, similar to two other bells in the county which came from the early Nottingham foundry, and are dated around 1500. The seventeen forms and sundry other indistinct marks defy interpretation. Alphabet bells were an early form of attempted decoration and scraps of casting gathered from here and there often sufficed.

During my studies I have come to place little faith in the work of Charles Lynam, whose Victorian publication contains numerous errors of dating and inscription. His attempts to find order in the forms present on the tenor of St. Chad's, Lichfield, are a projected ideal of that which he wished he had found!

A far more searching and informative examination of the bell, its history, documentation and probable casting are contained in my study of the county bells, from which the above paragraph has been constructed.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR S. JENNINGS.

St. Margarets-on-Thames, Middlesex.

POOLE WAS OVERLOOKED

Dear Sir,—I was rather surprised to read in "The Ringing World" on page 258, in the article on Edington Priory, that the only ring of ten bells in the Diocese of Salisbury is that at Wimborne. Surely E. C. S. has rung on or at least heard of the ring of ten at Poole, which cannot claim to be in any county other than Dorset, and whose band are loyal members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

JUDITH A. ROBERTSON.

Blandford Forum.

DOUBLES CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—May I correct a few slips which crept into the list of names of Doubles variations on page 231, between naming and publication, and which several people have already been kind enough to point out. Reverse Grandsire with a Wallflower bob and Antelope single should be St. Clears, not St. Cleer, and Reverse New Grandsire with a Grandsire bob and Pink's single should be Ruyton, and not Ryton. Both Ryton and St. Cleer already exist, being Winchendon Place with a Grandsire single and St. Remigius with a P.L. of All Saints' respectively. Both these mistakes were also transmitted to the peal report, which should be amended correspondingly.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD UNDERWOOD.

Manorbier, Pembs.

MILES PLATTING BELLS

Dear Sir,—Since the announcement of the Joint Manchester Branch meeting with the N.W. District of the Ladies' Guild at St. John-the-Evangelist's, Miles Platting (see "Ringing World," page 194), the Rev. Timothy A. Baines (curate-in-charge) has received a letter from the Stroud area of Gloucestershire asking what price was being asked for St. John's bells. The letter went on to say that the writer had read in the columns of "The Ringing World" that the bells were for sale as the church was being demolished.

May I point out that no "For Sale Notice" has appeared in the columns of this journal, as the exact date of demolition is not known. At the time of writing the church is due to be demolished in five years' time, but this date could be brought forward at a week's notice to 12 months, depending on the city's financial position in obtaining compulsory purchase orders.

It is hoped that by the time the church is demolished the Manchester Branch will have found a home for the bells in the Manchester Diocese.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN WARD,
Manchester Branch Secretary.

NOT SUB-STANDARD

Dear Sir,—As a ringer in the peal at Hessle on July 22nd, 1967, I feel I must point out to Mr. Baldam (page 262) that this peal was by no means sub-standard; in fact it was of a higher standard than many of the peals that I have rung in and listened to.

I cannot vouch for the other five peals, but in our case it was presumed that the conductor had sent the peal off for publication; it was only whilst looking through some old "Ringing Worlds" that I realised he had not done so. As a result I mentioned that to R. H. Jordan, who consequently sent the peal for publication so that personal records could agree with official ones.

May I suggest that in future Mr. Baldam has first-hand experience of the standard of peals before he criticises them so unnecessarily; also that he leaves the Editor to make his own decisions about what should or should not be published.—Yours faithfully,

RODERICK R. HORTON.

Hessle, Yorks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Ashford District at Hothfield on March 16th was surely a record-breaking one. In addition to the Ashford District officers, the secretaries of the Maidstone and Lewisham Districts, two other Ringing Masters and the hon. treasurer of the county were present. In all, over 60 ringers, representing 24 towers, were counted.

In the absence of a local Vicar the service was conducted by the Rev. P. T. Robbins, the lesson was read by Master G. Sparks and John Spree was the organist.

Tea was arranged in the Village Hall by the local ringers under the guidance of Mr. R. S. Sparks. A short business meeting was conducted by the chairman (Mr. A. S. Phelips), at which Master M. S. Davies was elected an associate member.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. and consisted of standard and assorted combined methods. "Social life" was enjoyed in a nearby tavern, and it is known that several ringers were still journeying home in the early hours of Sunday morning. A. P. S. B.

PSEUDONYMS AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—Having gained a notable victory over the Glasgow long length issue, it would seem that Mr. Richard J. Parker now seeks further "fame" in your columns, probably on the ground that even bad publicity is better than none at all. I refer, of course, to his use of a pseudonym when reporting the peal of 23-Spliced Plain Minor rung for the Birmingham University Society, published on page 191 of "The Ringing World."

As a ringer in that peal I should like to endorse what Richard Parker says in his covering letter to you published on page 259 of "The Ringing World"— namely that the peal was not a hoax but was a true and complete peal. As such it was therefore a valid peal and the onus was on the conductor to publish it correctly.

I do not think Richard Parker could have intended you to publish this covering letter as it seems to be incompatible with his letter intended for publication, signed James P. Richards. It is abundantly clear that by reading the two letters together the only irregularity was Mr Parker's use of a pseudonym in the report of the peal. His sole reason for this "childish behaviour" was, on his own admission, that he did not wish to be associated with a peal of Minor. Surely the time to consider association with a peal is before the peal begins, not after its publication in "The Ringing World."

Finally, I should like to apologise to your readers, who will no doubt have been amazed by the stupidity of this topic and annoyed at its use of valuable space, but I must emphasise that there is a fundamental principle at issue—for, if we are to allow the use of pseudonyms and the conductor's withdrawal of the peal when he refuses to reveal his identity, surely the publishing of peals in "The Ringing World" will become a farce.—Yours faithfully,

RUPERT A. CLARKE.

Harborne, Birmingham.

AND IN QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—I wish to dissociate myself from the "quarter peal" rung at Edgbaston on March 10th ("Ringing World," page 245). As published, this performance is two changes short of the requisite length for a quarter peal, and thus does not qualify as a quarter peal, anyway. Added to this, two of the names published were intentionally changed (T. Pryor should read M. Pryor, M. B. Tyres should read M. B. Jefferies). The conductor produced the composition out of his head as the performance progressed, and laughingly admitted at the finish that the composition was "as false as old boots." During the performance, there being nine ringers for eight bells, ringers on the treble and tenor changed over (the conductor appears under his "nom de cloche" of James P. Richards on the treble). All in all, the whole thing was of insufficient mathematical or musical quality to qualify as a quarter peal, and should never have been submitted to "The Ringing World" as such.

Regular readers of "The Ringing World" letters column will have little difficulty in guessing who the conductor of this quarter peal was—Mr. Richard J. Parker. I would like to add my condemnation of his action to that of Mr. James R. White ("Ringing World," page 259), who hopes "that the whole Society will not be judged by the childish behaviour of one member."—Yours sincerely,

H. J. BAKER.

Bournville, Birmingham.

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Some Caters Methods and Compositions

By M. S. BRUCE

NO ringer of Major or Royal would relish a constant diet of only two methods. In Caters ringing, however, there are no more than that—in common use, at all events. Grandsire and Stedman are the staple of our nine-bell ringing, varied only occasionally by Erin or Plain Bob; this despite the many excellent and musical methods which exist in all the established categories: single-hunt, twin-hunt and principles. I have listed a few of them as a starter, and a very little research will turn up dozens of equal merit, which for interest will rival most Major methods, and for music are comparable with Stedman Caters.

A METHODS WITH A SINGLE HUNT

New College Bob Caters.

This method is a straightforward extension from the Doubles and Triples method. Its pecular merit is the arrangement of the music round the lead-end/head, when the 9ths place bell makes a double whole-turn, and the bells in 4–5 and 6–7 do lightning work, causing a repetition of the roll-up followed by a shift to the next musical phrase, itself repeated. The coursing order is well maintained, and while the method is simple, it has more interest than Plain Bob or Grandsire, and is well worth ringing.

The method:

3 1 9 3 9 3 9 3 9 3. h.l. 9. l.h. 129.

135274968 4ths place bob.

All peals of Bob Caters are, of course, true for the method, and one is given as an example having courses of tittums, reverse tittums, backstroke home, handstroke home, and — 57968; more variety, in fact, than the usual peal of Grandsire contains.

5,148 NEW C B CATERS

V	1	3rd	4th	W	H	M
–	1			–	3	
	5	S		(6)		
			S			(5)
	1				3	

23456789
23457689
23457698 (6)=BBSBBS
24357968 (5)–BBSBB
32457689
Repeated.

For bands who want something more challenging, the next method, with lightning work on the front and London work (7–6–7 and 9–8–9) in the back places, may be worth a trial. It also has the coursing-order, while not undisturbed, at least partially intact in the middle places, and the double-dodging effect in 6–7–8–9 is musically valuable.

The method:

3 1 5 3 149 5 9 145. h.l. 9. l.h. 129

35274968. 4ths place bob. Compositions as for Plain Bob.

As far as I know it has not been named; in any case it is only one of many which a few moments' work with pencil and paper can produce.

B TWIN-HUNT METHODS

These are produced (like Double Norwich Caters) by adding a hunt bell to an existing Major method. For instance, the simple Court method—

—14—38—18—h.l. 18, l.h. 18 "H"

adapts to produce an excellently musical Caters method, more musical than Grandsire, because of the extra dodging, and much more interesting to ring, without being likely to tax the ability of a moderate ten-bell company. But there is no need to be confined to right-place methods, and Double Mancroft Caters, in itself a useful method, is a member of a family which includes Double Sandringham Caters and several methods descended from "irregular" Major forbears. The peal below is also true to Double Sandringham.

DOUBLE MANCROFT BOB CATERS

3 1 5 (169) 7 3 149 5 9 7 9 5 149 3 7 169 5 1 : 25374968.

Bob, ring 369 for (169).
Single, ring 12369 for (169).

5,040 DOUBLE MANCROFT BOB CATERS

1	2	3	6	7	23456789	
				(a)	63452978	
		S		S	23465	(a)–4, 5, 8S
3				—	53264	
3				(2)	23564	(2)–BS
3				—	43265	
3				—	53462	
		S		S	23456	
3	S				32456	
2			—	S	24357968	
3	S				42357	
3	S			—	74253	
	—				42356789	
—	3				34256	
S	3				24356	
—	3				32456	
—				—	63452	
		2S		S	23456	

C PRINCIPLES

The field here is wide open. I cannot offhand recall more than half a dozen Caters principles, all of them closely related, and there must be thousands possible; so many that one hesitates to recommend any one above its rivals, or to deal with such a vast subject at all in such a short note as this. For practical and musical purposes, we can narrow the field somewhat; principles with plain courses too long or too short, which do not keep the heavy bells together at least part of the time or whose composition is precarious will never find favour; so it will perhaps not appear unreasonable if my remarks are limited to a few structures of the Stedman family. For one thing, they are more familiar than most methods, and a band is likely to take to a method not far distant from one it knows rather than to a completely strange one. For another, the repeated dodging behind has a real musical value, and lastly few of them are difficult to compose or ring.

CARTER'S PRINCIPLE

In Stedman, the first twelve changes form the equivalent of a lead in a treble-dominated method, and the first place in the middle of the quick six links one block with the next. An extra parting change—5ths place in Doubles 7ths in Triples and so on may be substituted to produce a principle very close to Stedman, but much more musical. Carter's Caters keeps the coursing-order behind throughout the course, and it is as musical to listen to as it is cacophonous to pronounce! Unfortunately, it is difficult to compose, but the rewards for success are even greater than in Stedman; it is also interesting to ring.

Another Caters principle which might be of interest is formed from a block of five bells plain-hunting on the front, alternately forwards and backwards, while the bells in 6–7 and 8–9 triple dodge. At each parting change there is Stedman work on the front and extra lightning work in 4–5.

The method:

5 1 5 1 5 1 5 9 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 9. Stedman calls.

5,040

Start with rounds the head of a quick 8. Course-heads are slow eight-heads.

1	4	5	6	7	18	(123456789)
	S	3		S		142375968
	2		S			2341
					(a)	124357968
	—		S			4132
	(3)		S			3142
	2		S			4213
	2		S			1324
	—			S		412357698
	2		S			2314
	2		S			1432
	2		S			3241
	—			S	—	134257689
	—		S			4123
	(3)		S			2143
	—		S			4231
	2		S			3124
	2		S			2413
	—				—	321457896
	2		S			1423
	3		S		—	241357968
					(b)	241573968

(a)=1s, 4, 10s, 12s.
(b)=1s, 10s, 12s, 14s. Round 8 ch. previously. Omit either group of bracketed calls.

A version of this principle also exists with the work divided into tens—with four dodges behind—but although this is, theoretically, the purer method structurally, the long dodging, especially at a bob, makes it less desirable.

Enough has been said to show how much potential is untapped in this field, as in so many other less practised areas. I hope that some bands at least may be stimulated to experiment with new methods and new approaches to ringing for there is more still to be discovered here than in the more explored paths of Major

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WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. C. Case 1, A. Haseldine 2, W. J. Chester 3, R. Haseldine 4, T. E. Roberts 5, C. E. Truman 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, M. Hooten 8.

WYE, KENT.—On March 27th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (six methods): Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 2, D. C. Manger 3, C. J. E. Wyld 4, F. G. Huckstepp 5, N. J. Davies 6, R. Swift 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

YATTON, SOM.—On March 28th, 1,344 Glasgow Surprise Major: Heather Walters 1, S. Brown 2, P. Bridle 3, P. J. England 4, J. Brain 5, S. Woodcock 6, R. G. Edwards 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. First of Glasgow 2, 4 and 6.

ARCHAEOLOGY

WERE THERE TWO LEWIS COCKEYS, BELLFOUNDERS?

Dear Sir,—A mystery surrounds the identity of Lewis Cockey, who cast the bell standing in the porch at Clevedon and we at Frome would like some help in its unravelling.

Walters, in "Church Bells of Wiltshire," 1929, confidently calls him a British founder on the strength of an entry in Yatton churchwardens' accounts for 1690, but he, or someone of the same name, was in Frome from 1682–1684, when a bell was given to augment Frome's five to six, and again after 1690. He is apparently the father of the better known William Cockey, bellfounder of Frome, though we cannot check at the moment as some of our church records are away being copied.

This presents no particular difficulty as he could well be itinerant, but the L C bells themselves present another problem. The one at Farleigh Hungerford is of a quite different style from, for instance, Clevedon and Sutton Veny. Are there, then, two bellfounding Lewis Cockeys at the same time, one Lewis Cockey and someone of the same initials, or one bellfounder using two different methods?

The Farleigh Hungerford bell was made by the older waste bell method. The outer surface of a clay bell was worked smooth and the lettering stuck on as thin squares and oblongs of clay, which had been pressed into moulds. The surface finish of the metal and the raised squares around the letters show how this was done. The other bells were made by smoothing the inside of the cope and stamping the letters into it Is there any other bellfounder known who used both methods of casting?

Bellfounding is an art as well as a craft and one would expect, as in any other art, the style of the apprentice to be influenced by that of the master. The Farleigh Hungerford bell merely has L. C. William Cockey used W (bell) C, Lewis Cockey L (bell) C, in flat, sheet-metal lettering very much like the I (bell) L of John Lott the elder, of Warminster. John Lott used not only the lettering but the running vine and almost exact copies of the royal arms of Richard Purdue. R (bell) P, who was in Edington in 1615. There was a Richard Cockey, pewterer, of Warminster, who supplied brasses for Frome bells in 1624. Lewis may have been his relation, as later Frome Cockeys had Warminster connections.

L C bells are recorded at Holt (1695), Sutton Veny (1695–6) Bitton (1694), Farleigh Hungerford (1681), Hinton Charterhouse (1687) and Clevedon (1695), also Frampton in Dorset. The help we need, please, is a search in the churchwardens' accounts, if they are available, at these places and round about these times, for any mention of bells or of Lewis Cockey, and a check to see whether the bell itself is L C or L (bell) C, if it is still in existence. What exactly was written at Yatton in 1690, and is Lewis Cockey's baptism recorded at Warminster?

When we have been able to get all the facts together we hope we shall be able to send you the solution to the mystery.—Yours sincerely,

EUNICE D. OVEREND.

Frome, Somerset.

PORTBURY, SOM.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Helen Kirkpatrick 1, Susan Moore 2, S. Bateman 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, V. James 5, R Haskins 6.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P Bennett 1, R Hill (first of Minor) 2, T. Bennett 3, B. Spiers 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Haylings.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/var.): Susan Frankland 1, Anne Oakley 2, P Carter 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. For morning service. Also on March 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Anne Oakley 1, R. Carter (first Minor "inside") 2, P. Carter 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY

THE REV. F. H. S. MARLE

The Rev Frederick H. S. Marle died in March at the age of 80 years. He was ordained in 1910 and served curacies in Devonshire, Berkshire and the Isle of Wight before going to Hampshire, where the rest of his life was spent. He became curate of Burghclere, in charge of Newtown, and then moved to be Rector of Deane, near Basingstoke, in 1933, with charge of Ashe in 1935. For 35 years until his retirement in 1966 he served these two parishes. One of his predecessors at Deane was the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, of Stedman fame.

Mr. Marle was never a great peal ringer though his name is on a board at Burghclere, but he had a great love of music and delighted to ring and to be with ringers. He took an active part in the work of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild in North Hampshire and, until age began to take its toll, shared in the Ringing Week of the Clerical Guild. He was a kindly man, with a pleasant sense of humour and a delightful chuckle.

On the day before his memorial service in Deane Church a band of neighbouring ringers honoured his memory with a quarter peal on the bells there. This was in his favourite method, Grandsire Doubles, and was conducted by his friend and Rural Dean, Canon F. A. Sanders. May he rest in peace after his long and faithful ministry.

MR. WILLIAM (BILL) KIRKPATRICK

On April 2nd the Chester Diocesan Guild, and St. Mary's, Lymm, in particular, lost one of its most stalwart members by the sudden death of Bill Kirkpatrick.

Although not a great ringer by peal ringing standards, Bill achieved greatness by his unselfish devotion to Sunday service ringing. Even at the age of 76 years Bill was one of the most regular Sunday ringers in the Lymm band and set a fine example in attending both morning and evening ringing. He rang at Lymm for 64 years, being for many years tower captain.

Bill had a full and active life. His sudden passing came as a great shock, since he had been ringing as usual on the Sunday previous and seemed in the best of health and spirits. His friendly face and cheerful disposition will be sadly missed by all his many friends.

At his funeral on April 6th the local band paid their last respects by ringing the bells half-muffled for the service. The Chester Diocesan Guild was represented by the Master, Mr. A. R. Elkins. Ringers from neighbouring towers, who rang handbells at the graveside, also joined members of the local band in two attempts at a half-muffled quarter peal, both of which, unfortunately, failed. J. M.

BOOK REVIEW

ANOTHER BOOK ON THE FENS

Mr. Trevor A. Bevis has now published a companion to "A Guide to the Fens and Fenland Churches," which is now entering its third edition. This is "A Letter from the Fens," which is a great novelty. In a sense it embodies the craftsmanship in the Middle Ages with the facilities of the modern Press. The book is handwritten and freely illustrated by the author. The pages were then photographed and produced on a litho-offset press.

The author knows the Fenlands from his youth. His boyhood was spent in Pinchbeck, in the tulip field county, recalling the tulip processions with dozens of pretty Lincolnshire lasses conveyed on ingeniously-designed floats. There are delightful character sketches of Fen folk—the most rural of rural inhabitants. They are descendants of a race who fought to survive. The relentless enemy was the winds, the rains, the seas, rivers and marshes. This has resulted in a defiant attitude: a law unto themselves and often rude and uncivilised behaviour to visitors.

The letter gives very personal impressions of Peterborough, Ely and Cambridge. It deals with the building of the magnificent Fen churches and the process of building these churches, abbeys and cathedrals, both as regards craftsmanship and finding the money for such undertakings.

There is a romantic side to "The Letter," the loss of King John's treasure in The Wash and the defiance of Hereward the Wake to William the Conqueror. Diagrams are used to tell the story of the Saxons' final fight against the Normans.

This book is a very worthwhile effort. To those who love the countryside and yet able to find entertainment in the town, "A Letter from the Fens" is an enjoyable companion. It is obtainable from Trevor A. Bevis, 150, Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs, price 4s. 6d. post free.

MR. E. BURNETT

The death occurred recently of Mr. Ernest Burnett, at the age of 85. Mr. Burnett learned to ring at Sharow, near Ripon, over 60 years ago and continued to ring until his health failed four or five years ago. He had read "The Ringing World" since it was first published and took "The Bell News" before that.

A railwayman, he had worked at Kirkby Stephen and at Hartlepool. Since his retirement he had lived in Darlington, and for several years was in charge of ringing at St. John's. Cremation took place at Darlington on April 7th, and the service was attended by some of his ringing friends.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Snowdon 1, Rosemary Meyers 2, Gillian Thomas (cond.) 3, Margaret Powell 4, K. Bellew 5, F. Crofts 6. In memory of Mrs. R. J. Brocklehurst, a devoted church worker.

BELFRY GOSSIP

March belfry has recently scored its 60th quarter, nearly 30 people having rung "firsts."

We learn from Darley Dale that Mr. J. Frank Smallwood is shortly moving to Blackheath, an area in which he lived for many years.

Mr. R. C. Stevens informs us that the correct weight of Croydon tenor is 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp. (Not C, as given in the peal of Londinium Surprise.)

Writing from Malta, Mr. G. E. Thoday states that he has visited St. Paul's Cathedral, Valletta, where the verger was kind enough to let him see the ring of six bells. These are hung dead for chiming. Unfortunately, as it was Saturday, Mr. Thoday was not allowed to ring them.

The ringer in the fourth in the peal at Coole on February 24th was David G. Carr, and not as printed on page 207.

Mr. W. H. Riddle, of Flixton (Manchester), has had to go into hospital for an operation. The Manchester Branch send Bill their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

We hear that there were drinks all round for the Clapton, Beds, band in the Golden Lion following the success of one of the members in our crossword competition.

The composition of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at North Mymms, Herts, on March 16th, 1968, was Thurstans' four-part, and not Heywood's transposition, as recorded on page 268.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

CHANGE RINGING RESTORED TO WHERWELL

Some three miles from Andover is the pretty village of Wherwell, Hants, often depicted on calendars and postcards for its attractive thatched cottages, although motorists will know it better for the hairpin bend halfway down the 1 in 10 hill on the Andover approach into the village.

To ringers there is little significance except to those with an intimate knowledge of "Dove's," as the church has a light ring of five bells with a tenor of 7 cwt. hung in two tiers in a very small spire.

Andover District ringers had long given up the hope of ever ringing the bells; they had been chimed for many years by a keen young local learner, who played hymns as well as changes, and the previous incumbent was most unsympathetic to enquiries to inspect or look at them, his reason being that the shingled spire was unsafe.

Records of a District meeting having been held there in 1929 was the last indication of when the bells were last rung. However, application to the new incumbent in January, 1967, met with a very welcome reception, and we were met by the churchwarden and tower captain and given every assistance in the small amount of work that was required, and the bells were rung with no difficulty for 45 minutes to various Doubles methods. A splendid tea was given us before returning to Highclere for service ringing.

A further visit was paid a month later, when we rang the bells for service and we were given a welcome when we attended the service afterwards and were thanked from the pulpit for our services. A further survey of the tower was to take place, so we awaited the verdict of this before making a further visit. However, the Bishop's Waltham ringers were made welcome on their outing. I do not think they realised the bells had previously had a long silence and they found them a pleasant ring.

Our next visit was in January, 1968, in connection with the Andover District's 40th anniversary celebrations, but a spate of broken ropes and some difficulty with the fourth bell slip-wheeling prevented the successful peal being rung until March 30th—details elsewhere.

Details of the bells are as follows:—

Treble	Warner, T.	1858
2	Gilletts, recast	1950
3	William Cor	1707
4	William Cor	1707
5	William Cor	1707
Frame and fittings		1858

We hope they will prove a useful addition to the Andover District and that Mr. Carter and his enthusiastic young band will one day learn the art of change ringing and join our Guild of ringers. G. K. D.

A FAMILY QUARTER

Family quarter peals are rare. Mr. and Mrs. J. H Edwards, of 24, Mount Drive, Bedford, rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at Goldington on April 4th. The band consisted of the father and mother and four daughters. All are Sunday service ringers at Goldington Parish Church when they are at home.

A RECTOR THEY ADMIRE

Bingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild have an admiration for the Rev. A. R. Hayward, Rector of Woodborough, which has a four-bell tower. A very good meeting with an attendance of upwards of 70 was held at his church on March 9th. He not only conducted the service (and his daughter, a learner-ringer, was a very good organist), but he paid for his tea and finally washed-up! "A real worker," comments our correspondent.

At the meeting four new members from Woodborough—the Misses L. Hoskins, S. Welch, P. Hayward and T. Sinfield—were enrolled. Ringing at Lowdham until 8 p.m. ended a very happy meeting.

Guild annual meeting, April 20th; June District meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

MELTON DISTRICT DINNER

Ringers and wives and friends held their annual dinner at the Kings Arms, Scalford, on Saturday, March 23rd. The excellent spread was served by candlelight owing to a failure of the electricity supply. The guests were the Vicar of Melton Mowbray (the Rev. G. H. Codrington), who proposed the toast "The Leicester Diocesan Guild," and Mrs. Codrington. The District chairman, Mr. R. Preston, replied.

An enjoyable social evening followed, which was organised by Mrs. D. and Miss A. Day and Mrs. Woodcock.

NEW ORGAN FOR MR. H. BADGER

Recently we recorded a peal rung at Dorchester Abbey to mark Mr. Harry Badger's 50 years' membership of the Oxford Guild. Harry writes that he is afraid his Sunday ringing will be curtailed as he has just been appointed organist of St. Mary's, Bayswater, Headington. This church is a daughter church of St. Andrew's, Headington, where the ring of six bells has recently been rehung by Messrs. White, of Appleton.

SILVER WEDDING AT WILLINGDON

The peal columns record an interesting achievement at Willingdon, Sussex, on March 30th. Specially arranged to mark the silver wedding anniversary of county secretary Bob Percy and his wife, Betty, it was called by their daughter, Janet (her first of Doubles as conductor). The inclusion of twins Susan (another first) and Charles nearly completed the band. At this initial attempt as a family they were joined by an old friend, Clive Brettell, to make the peal the first by a Sunday service band at the tower.

On the preceding practice night Mr. and Mrs. Percy were taken by Surprise when the Vicar, the Rev. W. Greenfield, came into the belfry, and after some "speechifying" presented the couple with some wine glasses and an electric clock, tokens of regard from the clergy and ringers.

A QUESTION FOR THE C.C.

Mr. John A. Acres writes thanking Mr. Frank Blagrove for his reply to the request for the extent of Bob Minor at Dorney (no singles). He adds it is now for the Central Council to decide whether such an extent can be accepted in their analysis.

RINGING COURSE AT BISHOP'S LYDEARD

The rival attractions of the Grand National and an outing to Cornwall clashed with a second half-day ringing course of the Bath and Wells Association on March 30th. Bishop's Lydeard Village Hall provided first-class facilities for the lectures and tea, and ringing took place in the evening at Ash Priors and Halse. On this occasion there were only 18 students, half the number at Barrington last October.

Guidance was offered on the recognition and cure of basic handling faults; on bell, frame and rope maintenance and splicing; and some hints on the principles of conducting The lecturers were Harry Sanger, Michael Horseman and John Gilbert, who hope that their work will prove useful to those who participated.

BILL THEOBALD AT WASHINGTON

The first quarter by an American band was rung on March 30th at Washington Cathedral, conducted by Richard S. Dirksen. It was Grandsire and was the first of Caters by all the band except the conductor and his first as conductor.

Mr. William Theobald was at Washington on March 25th. After an unsuccessful attempt at Parker's 12-part, Bill called a quarter of Grandsire on the light eight at the Cathedral. It was a welcome to Mr Edward Curran to the Cathedral Close and to Mr Theobald to the United States. There was to be a return visit to Washington on Easter Monday, when Bill was to have another shot at the peal.

WIRRAL BRANCH'S MEMORIAL PRIZE

"Good Ringers, Pull your Best . .
And lo, the great bell farre and wide
Was heard in all the countryside
That Saturday at eventide."
(Ingelow.)

This was the quotation in the parish magazine announcing the March meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held at St. Hilary de Poitiers, Wallasey. Ringing during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Lightfoot Surprise The service was conducted by the Rector and Rural Dean, the Rev. W. N Digby Thomas, assisted by the Rev. Bernard L. Ellison.

During the course of the meeting held in the Parish Hall, following an excellent tea served by the local ringers, the Thomas Rogers Memorial prize was presented for the first time. During the past 18 months, donations had been received from local ringers and from many towers in the nearby district in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Rogers, Ringing Master for over 15 years. The money donated has been invested and the annual income is to provide a prize. On this occasion the prize was awarded to a young, keen, progressive, regular Sunday service ringer, Thomas E. Howarth, of St. Mary's, Overchurch, Upton, Wirral.

After addressing the gathering, Miss Mary Rogers presented the award, which was a year's subscription to "The Ringing World." In reply, Mr. Howarth thanked the band at Upton for teaching him to handle a bell, together with his fellow members of the Branch who had helped him master the art of change ringing. M. W. H. J.

TOWER BELL PEALS

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

ALL RUNG TO CELEBRATE THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANDOVER DISTRICT

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr 27 lb.

Ann Newman .. .. .. Treble		*Robert Newman	5
Peter Furness	2	Philip G. Taylor	6
*William Furness	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Robert J Crocker	4	Charles Taylor .. .. Tenor	

Composed by H Hubbard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on eight bells First all-local band peal on eight bells.
Rung by the Highclere Sunday service band.

NEWTOWN, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Jan. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 210 plain courses. Tenor 6 cwt.

Peter Furness .. .. .. Treble		Bernard Doe	3
Ann Newman	2	Robert J Crocker .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Robert J. Crocker.
First peal as conductor First of Minimus for all the band.

MIDGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Tues., Jan. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 20 methods/variations, being one extent each of Stedman and Grandsire and two extents each of the following: Salwarpe, Old Swinford, Wychbold, Broadwas, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Windrush, Wollaston Norfolk, Dedworth, April Day, Seighford, Old Kennington and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Ann Newman .. .. .. Treble		Robert Newman	3
Robert J. Crocker	2	Philip G Taylor	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor			

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd
Most methods by all the band except the conductor.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*David King .. .. .. Treble		Philip Murduck	4
Denby Murduck	2	Bradley Murduck	5
†Jack C. Wimlett	3	E. Cox .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Bradley Murduck.
* First peal. † First "inside." First as conductor.

BROUGHTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Jan 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Joyce Sturgess .. .. .. Treble		*Roger C. Wimlett	4
Jack C Wimlett	2	Terry Tarrant	5
*Gilbert B Warner	3	Walter Mulford .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Terry Tarrant.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung by the Andover Sunday service band.

ST. MARY BOURNE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Stephanie G. Goodyear .. Treble		*Brian H Oakes	4
Gilbert B. Warner	2	Reginald F Crook	5
Jack C. Wimlett	3	*Barry J. Hodgson .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Reginald F. Crook.
* First peal.

EAST WOODHAY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Thurs., Jan 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods/variations, being seven extents of Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles, Kennington, Norfolk and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9 cwt.

Bernard Doe .. .. .. Treble		Robert Newman	4
*Peter Furness	2	Philip G. Taylor	5
Robert J Crocker	3	James Webb .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Philip G. Taylor.
* Most methods to a peal. First as conductor.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. 1 lb

*Jackie Starke .. .. .. Treble		Brian H. Oakes	4
†David King	2	Jack C Wimlett	5
Gilbert B. Warner	3	Walter Mulford .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Jack C. Wimlett.
* First peal. † First "inside." First as conductor.

STOCKBRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Sun., Jan 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, five different callings. Tenor 7 cwt

Susan S. Rickard .. .. Treble		Robert J Crocker	4
Denby Murduck	2	*Jack C Wimlett	5
Bradley Murduck	3	Philip Murduck .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Philip Murduck.
* First peal "inside" in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. K. Holden.

UPPER CLATFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Grandsire and Plain Bob and 2,160 April Day, method changed at each 720. Tenor 9 cwt 16 lb. in A

Philip Murduck .. .. Treble		Terry Tarrant	4
Jack C. Wimlett	2	Geoffrey K Dodd	5
Bradley Murduck	3	Walter Mulford .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Geoffrey K Dodd.
First peal on the bells.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Plain Bob, seven extents each of April Day, Grandsire, Old and Norfolk. Tenor 7 cwt 12 lb in A flat

*David Goss .. .. .. Treble		†Philip G Taylor	4
Robert Newman	2	Robert J Crocker	5
Albert Green	3	Bernard Doe .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Robert J Crocker.
* First peal. † 25th peal. First as conductor.

KINGSCLERE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Susan Rickard .. .. .. Treble		Denby Murduck	5
Robert J Crocker	2	Reginald F Crook	6
Bradley Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Philip Taylor	4	Philip Murduck .. .. Tenor	

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by Philip Murduck

TANGLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Tues., Jan. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt 1 qr. 18 lb

*George Bevis .. .. .. Treble		Robert Newman	3
†B. Doe	2	Robert Crooke	4
Philip G Taylor .. .. Tenor			

Conducted by Philip G. Taylor.
* First peal. † First "inside"

LONGSTOCK, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods/variations, being two extents each of Salwarpe, Broadwas, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Windrush, April Day, Old and Kennington, 12 extents of Plain Bob and 10 extents of Grandsire Tenor 8 cwt.

Charles Taylor .. .. .. Treble		Robert J Crocker	3
Robert Newman 2		Philip G Taylor	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor			

Conducted by Geoffrey K Dodd
First peal on the bells

LECKFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas
On Tues., Feb. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Grandsire, 13 extents of Plain Bob, seven extents of April Day, seven extents of Old Doubles and one extent of Norfolk
Tenor 8 cwt 2 qr. 4 lb.

Christopher Pack .. .. Treble		Miriam Green	3
Albert Green 2		Philip G Taylor	4
Robert J Crocker .. .. Tenor			

Conducted by Robert J. Crocker.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

AMPORT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

being 42 extents of 10 callings — Tenor 9½ cwt.

Philip G. Taylor .. .. Treble		*Martin H. Routh	4
Michael G. Lynds	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Frederick A. H. Lynds ..	3	Robert J. Crocker	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal.

HRUXTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Tenor wt. 3 qr in A.

William Verney .. .. Treble		Philip Murduck	4
Susan Rickard	2	Denby Murduck	5
Bradley Murduck	3	*Michael Verney	Tenor

Conducted by Denby Murduck.

* First peal. † First "inside." First as conductor. First peal by Kingsclere Sunday service band.

LONGPARISH. Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues Feb. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

in 25 methods/variations, being one extent each of Derwent. Trent. Welland. Thames, Charlton Salwarpe. Old Swinford Alveley. Broadwas, St Columb. Clifford's Pleasure. Little Aston. St David. Reverse Canterbury. Southrepps Windrush, Wollaston, Hilmarton, Norfolk and Seighford. and three extents each of Old, April Day. Litchurch and Kennington and 10 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*Frank R. Tonge .. .. Treble		†Philip G. Taylor	4
Robert J. Crocker	2	†Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Bernard Doe	3	Frank R. Rich	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K Dodd.

* Has "circled the tower" three times. † 25th peal together. Most methods to a peal by all except the conductor.

BURGHCLERE. Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Thurs., Feb. 15 1968. in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. — Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*David Goss .. .. .. Treble		Philip G Taylor	4
*Michael J. Goss	2	Geoffrey K Dodd	5
Robert J. Crocker	3	†Peter Watts	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

BARTON STACEY. Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Feb. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

*Robert J. Crocker .. .. Treble		†Robert Newman	4
*Philip Murduck	2	Geoffrey K Dodd	5
Philip Taylor	3	Reginald F Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal in two Minor methods. † First of Minor.

NEWTOWN. Hampshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Feb. 22. 1968. in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN MINIMUS

Tenor 6 cwt.

Bernard Doe .. .. .. Treble		*Robert Newman	3
Robert J. Crocker	2	Geoffrey K Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Minimus ever rung.

ABBOT'S ANN. Hampshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., Feb 24. 1968. in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

being 14 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. seven extents each of Norfolk and Old. — Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

David Goss .. .. .. Treble		Miriam Green	3
Christopher Pack	2	Albert Green	4

Robert J Crocker .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Crocker

* First peal "inside."

TANGLEY. Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., Feb 28. 1968. in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 READY MONEY BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt.

George Bevis .. .. .. Treble		Robert J Crocker	3
Robert Newman	2	Philip Taylor	4

Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal in the method ever rung.

WHITCHURCH, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Thurs. Feb. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. — Tenor 14 cwt.

*David King .. .. .. Treble		Philip Murduck	4
Terry R. Tarrant	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Robert J Crocker	3	Reginald F Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alliston.

OVER WALLOP, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being three extents each of Norfolk, Windrush, Old and Kennington, six extents of April Day and 12 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. — Tenor 7 cwt.

*Jack C. Wimlett .. .. Treble		*Peter Furness	3
Robert Newman	2	Robert J. Crocker	4

Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* Most methods rung to a peal.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., March 4th 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 27 lb.

*Michael J. Goss .. .. Treble		†Robert Newman	5
Philip Murduck	2	Philip Taylor	6
Peter Furness	3	*Peter Watts	7
Robert J. Crocker	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. — Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.

Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. William Kewell, vice-captain at the Highclere tower.

WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., March 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being one extent each of Hudibras, Ready Money, Windrush, Norfolk, Thames, Derwent, Welland, Charlton, Old, Seighford and May Day, six extents each of April Day and Kennington and 19 extents of Plain Bob. — Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Robert J. Crocker .. .. Treble		Philip G. Taylor	4
Robert Newman	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Richard Sutton	3	*Christopher Kendall ..	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal.

ST. MARY BOURNE Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., March 12. 1968. in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of Woodhay, Marston, St Veronica, Salwarpe. Old Swinford, Alveley, Wychbold. Honeysuckle, Dumbleton, St. Adwena. Broadwas, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. David, Royston, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Ready Money, Windrush, Wollaston, Hilmarton, St. Saviour, Dedworth, Primrose, Snodsbury, Lillington Parva, Derwent, Welland, Trent, Newnham, Thames, Charlton Norfolk, Old, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, May Dav Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Gerald B. Evans .. .. Treble		Philip G. Taylor	4
Robert J Crocker	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Frank R. Tonge	3	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First 42 method/variation peal by all the band.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher Smith, of Longparish, and Lesley Heath, of St. Mary Bourne, married the previous Saturday.

LONGPARISH, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., March 19 1968. in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods/variations, being one extent each of Ascension, Burghclere, Ready Money, Norfolk, Charlton and Old, three each of Northrepps and St Helens, six each of Dedworth, Grandsire and April Day and 12 of Plain Bob. — Tenor 7 cwt.

Robert J Crocker .. .. Treble		Philip G. Taylor	4
*David Goss	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Michael Goss	3	Frank R. Tonge	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on an "inside" bell.

UPPER CLATFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs. March 21 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt 16 lb. in A.

David King .. .. .. Treble		Philip G. Taylor	4
Robert J. Crocker	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Jack C. Wimlett	3	Reginald F Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

STOCKBRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., March 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Jack C. Wimlett	Treble	*Robert Newman	4
Reginald F. Crook	2	*Terry R. Tarrant	5
Robert J. Crocker	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K Dodd.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. Rung to welcome the Rev R. Kirkpatrick as Rector in charge of Stockbridge when inducted Rector of neighbouring Houghton.

BURGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Tues., March 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
In 42 variations as follows: Ascension, Burghclere, Old Hudibras. Ready Money Hudibras, St Agnes, Norfolk, St. Michael, Charlton, Buttercup, Avon, Trinity Violet, Windrush, Wollaston, St. Saviour, Hilmarton, Worthington. St. Thomas the Martyr, Cherwell. Weston, Derwent, Welland, Trent. Newnham, Gooshill, Bladon, St. Epworth, Nettlebed, Thames, Old, Dedworth, Primrose, Snodsbury, Lillington Parva, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, May Day, Kennington, Tichborne and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*David Goss	Treble	Philip G. Taylor	4
Robert J Crocker	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Michael Goss	3	*Peter Watts	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K Dodd.
* First peal in 42 Doubles variations. First peal in 42 Plain Bob Doubles variations.

EAST WOODHAY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Martin
On Wed., March 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. 14 lb.

Robert Newman	Treble	Philip G. Taylor	4
Philip Murduck	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Robert J. Crocker	3	Reginald F Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band and on the bells.

WHERWELL, Hants.—At the Church of St. Peter and the Holy Cross.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of Kennington, Dedworth and Grandsire and 1,440 each of April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt

Reginald F. Crook	Treble	Robert J. Crocker	3
Peter Furness	2	Philip G. Taylor	4
		Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K Dodd.
First peal on the bells; previously unringable until January, 1967.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Tues, April 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OLD HUDIBRAS DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt.

Gerald B. Evans	Treble	Robert Crocker	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Philip Taylor	5
Peter Furness	3	Frank R Tonge	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ian Fletcher and Miss Penelope Goddard, married the previous Saturday.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHILCOMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat. March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Primrose, York, Durham, Wells, London, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

Eric Naylor	Treble	Philip H. D. Jones	4
David Targett	2	E. John Targett	5
Eric C. Wadman	3	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Conducted by Edward J Chivers.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Adrian P Beck and Miss Judith Bloomer, who were married at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, this day

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
POTTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter Clarke	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	4
John G. Flint	2	Roger J. Giddings	5
David G. Carr	3	Christopher R. Hardy	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
RUNCORN, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., March 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Lucy P A. Hopkins	Treble	Douglas Lowe	5
John E. Bibby	2	William Allman	6
Betty Lowe	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
Walter Allman	4	John R. Bibby	Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Geoffrey V. Graham and Beryl Jones at the church on the previous Saturday.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SALEHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ADDERBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Thomas M. Barlow	Treble	Ian V. J. Smith	5
Ann Harris	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Jane Foster	3	Alan R. Baldock	7
Joan Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Richard Wilcox	Treble	Denis R. Carlisle	4
Alec Humphrey	2	David J. Marshall	5
Geoffrey Bridges	3	*David W. Friend	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* 250th peal. First of seven Surprise Minor for 2, 3 and 5.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRANCEPETH, Co Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Fred Hodgson	Treble	David R. Cox	5
*Anne H Whaley	2	Philip M. Park	6
Ian V Wintrip	3	Thomas Cooke	7
William A. Thow	4	Denis A. Bayles	Tenor

Composed by F A. Holden. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal of Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
BRAINTREE. Essex.—A. the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Queenie Cresswell	Treble	John A. Warner	5
†Jennifer M. Millbank	2	‡Peter G Brown	6
Josephine A Quilter	3	Alan R. Syder	7
†Jennifer M Syder	4	†Robert J. Lindsell	Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.
* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. ‡ 150th peal and 100th of Surprise.
Rung in honour of the centenary of St. Michael's School.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT WAKERING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods comprising one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt 1 qr 2 lb. in A.

Hubert H. Furminger ..	Treble	Alfred J House	4
*Stephen G Halliwell ..	2	†Bernard C. Sadler	5
David Sloman	3	Michael J Hallett	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Hallett.
* First peal of Minor † 50th peal.

COLNE-ENGAINE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Ipswich, Beverley Surfleet, Cambridge, St Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G

Walter Arnold	Treble	Keith W Brown	4
Peter G Pitt	2	James L Towler	5
Yvonne A Murray	3	George E Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E Thoday.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Bourne, York, London, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

Walter Arnold	Treble	Keith W. Brown	4
Peter G Pitt	2	†James L Towler	5
*†Yvonne A. Murray ..	3	*George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St James the Apostle.
On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 WHALLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr 23 lb. in F sharp

John R Southey	Treble	S Kathleen M Baldwin	5
David E Rothera	2	Christopher W Woolley ..	6
Martyn L J Jordan ..	3	Roger Baldwin	7
David A Carpenter	4	Jonathan S N Porter ..	Tenor

Composed by F Dench. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., March 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, consisting of 1,280 Cambridge, 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Lincolnshire, 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method. Tenor 12¼ cwt in F.

Joseph Thornley	Treble	*Bernard Moss	5
*Albert Greenhalgh	2	*James E. Andrews	6
*James Cunliffe	3	Geoffrey Fothergill ..	7
Brian A Tomlinson ..	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal of four-spliced First of four-spliced as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., April 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E Rowley	Treble	*Frank Chambers	5
Richard J Clifton	2	*B Stedman Payne	6
*Dan S Pont	3	G Ronald Edwards ..	7
Joseph W Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DITCHINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., March 19, 1968 in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, viz. (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B. (3) Beverley and Cambridge, (4) Double Court (5) St Clement's, (6) Kent T.B. (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick C. Gunton ..	Treble	Stephen F High	4
Godfrey G Walpole ..	2	J Barry Pickup	5
Norman P J Cossey ..	3	H William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by J Barry Pickup.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Kenneth Mansel Lewis, Rector of Ditchingham and Rural Dean of Loddon.

SAXTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. Double Court, St Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Roger E. Peckham	Treble	Frank C. J Arnold	4
Norman P J. Cossey ..	2	Stephen F. High	5
H William Barrett	3	J Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
Rung to mark the engagement of Roger Peckham to Wendy Everest and as a rather belated 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary E. White of Walsall.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents Tenor 4½ cwt.

Owen P. Claxton	Treble	Charles R Catchpole ..	4
Albert G. Harrison ..	2	*Dennis G. Boast	5
*Thomas G. W Boast ..	3	Harry B. Fuller	Tenor

Conducted by Harry B Fuller.
* First peal of Minor
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Gillian Mowle and Malcolm Precious, who were married here this day. Also a birthday compliment to Charles Catchpole

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., April 6, 1968 in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's one-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

Roger Osbon	Treble	Ian Wickens	5
Derek Slater	2	John A. Howard	6
M Iain Davey	3	David D Smith	7
John R. Norris	4	Tom Latham	Tenor

Conducted by David D Smith.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Ian M Robinson and Diane Dobson.

WILLINGDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six 120's of Stedman, 16 120's of Plain Bob and 20 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Susan J Percy	Treble	Janet M Percy	4
Betty Percy	2	†Clive Brettell	5
Robert W. R. Percy ..	3	Charles R Percy	Tenor

Conducted by Janet M Percy.
* First peal † First of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.
First peal by a local band
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the ringers of 2 and 3.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields
On Sun., March 24, 1968, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 30 methods/variations being two extents each of Grandsire, Rev. St Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Tredington, Preston, Thrumpton, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure and one each of St Columb, Southrepps, Little Aston, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Cowslip, Folke, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Seighford, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet and Cadbury Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A Edwards	1-2	John R. Scott (cond.) ..	3-4
		Frank R Morton	5-6

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 14, Willersey Road.
On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Composed by Rev. E Bankes James Conducted by Cyril A Wratten.
First peal of the method "in hand" by all the band, in the county and for the Association

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Rochester District)

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
On Wed., March 27, 1968 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Trevor A. Cross	1-2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5-6
Frank J. Matthews	3-4	Edward J. Beer	7-8
		*Nicholas J Chesson ..	9-10

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T Osenton.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a mark of respect to Mr. G. H. Spice, vice-president of the Kent County Association, who died on March 22nd, 1968.

RUNG FOR THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANDOVER DISTRICT W. & P. G.

ANDOVER, HANTS. — On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lynds 1, P. Lynds 2, G Warner 3 R Wimlett 4, J. C Wimlett (cond.) 5, W. Mulford 6 Also for the christening of Wendy Tarrant, daughter of Andover tower captain. Also on March 10th 1,260 Grandsire Triples D. King 1, Mrs. J Tarrant 2, G Warner 3, T. Tarrant 4 J. Wimlett 5, R. Wimlett 6, A Mitchell (cond.) 7, W Mulford 8. First in method 1, 3, 6 For Matins.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS. — On March 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Taylor (first quarter) 1. G. Dodd 2. P Furness 3. R Crocker (cond.) 4, Mrs M. Furness 5, C. Taylor 6.

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (April Day Plain BJob and Grandsire): P. Murduck 1, G. Dodd 2, J Wimlett 3, R. Crocker 4, P Taylor 5, R. F Crook 6. A peal attempt called round.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS — On March 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss S Rickard 1, M. J. Goss 2, B. Murduck 3, C. Butler (first of Major) 4, D. Murduck 5 P Watts 6. G K Dodd 7, P. Murduck (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Kathleen May Lawrence, a former Kingsclere ringer, on the day of her funeral.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On March 30th 1.260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. B. Dobson 1, F. Tonge 2, R Crocker 3, C. Smith 4, R. F. Crook (cond.) 5. B Doe 6. Rung previous to the wedding of Mr. Ian H. Fletcher and Miss P Goddard, a local ringer by Longparish ringers and friends.

NETHER WALLOP, HANTS. — On March 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Newman 1. R. Crocker 2, J. C. Wimlett 3. R. F. Crook 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells

ST. MARY BOURNE, HANTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B Dobson 1, B. Oakes 2, Miss P Goddard 3, F. Tonge 4 R. F. Cook (cond.) 5, A. Kingston 6. Rung immediately after the wedding of Christopher Smith and Miss Leslie Heath at this church.

WHERWELL, HANTS. — On Feb. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. C. Wimlett 1, P. G. Taylor 2, R. Crocker 3, P. Murduck 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 31st, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Louise Powell 1, N Bennett 2, E G H. Godfrey 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

APPLEBY WESTMORLAND. — On March 30th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Elizabeth Metcalfe (first in two methods) 1. A. Capstick 2, N. M. Newby 3, J. Bagnall 4, T. F Metcalfe 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6.

ASHTEAD, SURREY. — On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Elizabeth Gibbs 1, D Barnes (first "inside") 2 Felicity Hamilton 3, Gillian Laver 4, J. A. Laver 5, R. D. Mills 6, T Skilton (cond.) 7, J. V. A Stedman 8. For Evensong Also on March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. V A Stedman 1, Gillian Laver 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. A Laver 4, R. D. Mills 5, J. L. Hayns 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, D Barnes 8. 25th together 3 and 7. Rung for the wedding of Caroline Gibbs and G. Joblin

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Feb 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Cynthia Jennings 1, M. Kirkham 2, Margaret Hall 3, A. S. Burbidge (cond.) 4. R. C. Ingram 5, A. Short 6, D. T Pinnemore 7, E. J. Franklin 8. For Evensong and to celebrate the engagement of Mr. Maurice Kirkham to Miss C. Fox.

AYLESFORD, KENT. — On March 31st. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. McCormick 1, M. Pring 2, P. Brandon 3 W. Linkstead 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, M. Taylor 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. Service for 50th anniversary of the R.A.F

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. M. Chambers 1, D. Cooper 2, V. A. Walton 3 L D. Shaw (first as cond.) 4, J. K. Walton 5, H. Wagstaffe 6.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on March 31st. 1,260 Norfolk Doubles: Miss H. J Mitchell 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 3 A. Swatton 4, J. G Hobbs 5, B. Sarll 6. First in method for all. For Evensong.

BATHFORD, SOM. — On March 30th, 1,440 4-Spliced S Minor (York, Durham, Primrose, Norfolk): P. J. Devrell 1, J. E. Newman 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. J. Orledge 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX. — On March 24th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major 1. Banner 1, E. F. Fossberry 2 H. Wood 3 C. B. Fynes 4. R. Franklin 5, G Rix 6, R. Banner 7. B E. Matthews (cond.) 8. For Mothering Sunday.

BINEGAR, SOM. — On March 24th, 1,296 Cambridge and Ipswich S. Minor: Mary Jones 1. R. G Beck 2, E. Wadman 3, R E Beck 4 E. I. Targett 5, A P. Beck (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On March 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Chapman 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, Susan Chapman 3 Mrs Jennifer Syder (first as cond.) 4, Jennifer Stillbank 5. C. H Gillingham 6, A. R. Syder 7, C. Barker 8. For Evensong for St. Michael's Primary School centenary and a compliment to Sally Mulsenan, married the previous day. Also on March 31st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. H. Gillingham 1, Mrs. Queenie Cresswell 2 Susan Chapman 3 Mrs Jennifer Syder 4, A. R. Syder 5, H. G. Felton 6, C. Barker 7, A. Wiflen (cond.) 8. For morning prayer and the baptism of Richard James Lindsell, the son of the tower master and Pat.

BRIDGEND, GLAM. — On March 10th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): H. D. Bryant 1, T. E. Hiddins 2. W T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4 H. Preece 5 I. Thomas 6, R. J Mayle 7, S. Henson 8. A compliment to the Rev. Thomas Jones on his retirement after 26 years as Vicar.

BRISTOL.—On March 29th, at St James Church, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: G W Massey (cond.) 1, G. Saimon 2, Brenda Boyce 3, P. J. England 4, M. G. Bartlett 5, D G Massey 6, W S. Rice 7, R. W Rice 8, R. C. Taylor 9, E. T. Skipsey 10. First of Yorksnire Royal 6 and 9.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Grandsire and Oxford Bob): K. Clarke 1. Miss J. Hayward 2 Mrs. R. Woodley 3, Mrs. G. E. Retter 4, J Clarke 5, R. Woodley 6. G E Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. First of Spliced Triples 2, 5.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SALOP.—On Feb 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. Glynne Butler 1, L. Christine Slater 2. Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3 P. J. Day 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, K. Davies 6. First quarter 1, 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. S. Turner 1, Brenda Jarvis 2 D. J. Atkins 3. G. H Baldam 4. J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. L George 6.

COOKHAM, BERKS. — On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R A. Blewitt 1, E Eldridge 2, Doreen Hague 3. W. H. Jackson (cond.) 4. T. H. Pocock 5 D Fowles 6. J R. A Muller 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. With best wishes to John Dieppe and Janice Penning married this same day at Bray.

DEANE, HANTS.—On March 30th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. M. Kemp 1 Miss L. Holbrook 2, Mrs. E C. Sanders 3 M S Holbrook 4. Canon F. A Sanders (first as cond.) 5. R. G Hassell 6. Half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Frederick H. S. Marle, Rector of Deane (1933–1966).

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EXETER.—At St. Luke's College on Feb. 4th 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles ("in hand"): G H Baldam 1-2, J. N. Longridge 3-4. M. S Turner 5-6. Non-conducted and silent. Also on Feb. 20th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): M S Turner 1-2. J. N Longridge (cond.) 3-4 D J Atkins 5-6. Ditto on Feb 22nd Also on March 11th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): M S Turner 1-2. J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3-4 G. H Baldam 5-6.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA NORFOLK. — On Feb 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor C. N. Toone 1. P Holsworth (first "inside") 2 D Toone 3 A. C Cooper 4 W Duncan 5. S. F. High (cond.) 6. Also on March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Holsworth 1. C N Toone 2 W. Duncan 3. A C Cooper 4 A. W. Bird 5 S. F. High (cond.) 6 Also on March 23rd 1,260 Plain Bob Minor P Holsworth 1. C. N. Toone 2 D Toone 3. R. Peckham 4. A. C. Cooper 5. S. F High (cond.) 6. S Toone (covering) 7.

HASCOMBE, SURREY. — On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Thelma-Lynn Willis (cond. Gr. first as cond.) 1, D. Willcocks 2. Corinna Smith 3, C Forster (cond. P.B.) 4 J. H. Payton 5. First of Doubles 1, 4. In memory of E. W. Smith, grandfather of ringer of 3.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS. — On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Bosworth-Smith (first as cond.) 1, S. G. Pick 2, S. I. Yates 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, P R. Johnson 5, R. B. Dorrington 6.

HOLKHAM PARK NORFOLK.—On March 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. S. Williamson 1, M. J. Howes 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, R. E. Peckham 4 J. B Pickup (cond.) 5, S. F. High 6.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7 covering): R G Bumstead 1, A. R. Fuller 2, R. H. Rogers 3, B. E. Whiting 4, T. Spurling (cond.) 5, Theresa R. Orriss 6, F. J. Potter 7.

HOUNSLOW WEST, MIDDX.—On March 24th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Patricia Copas 1, A. K. Fortin 2, R. K Russ 3, M J. Palmer 4 P. N. Felton 5, R. J. Collis 6, L. C. Way 7, M J. Uphill (cond.) 8. For Evensong. First of Rutland for all except 2 and 3.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 24th. 1 260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. Rose (first quarter) 1, Miss E A Burton (first quarter) 2, R. H. Redwood 3, J. R Hough (cond.) 4, Miss J. K. A. Cook 5, J. Burton (first quarter) 6.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL. — On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples Gay Meyrick 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, Mary Carveth 3, Valerie C. Allen 4, E. H. Langley 5 G. D Carter 6, A. J. Davidson 7, D. Stephens 8 For the institution of Rev. J. E. Prothero to the benefices of Lansallos and Talland.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP SOM.—On March 23rd, 1,224 London and Cambridge Minor: R. G. Beck 1, R. B. Beck 2, D Targett 3 P J. Chivers 4 E. I. Targett 5, A. Beck (cond.) 6 For the marriage this day of Mr. W. Vaughan and Miss Sheila Smith.

LINCOLN.—At St Giles' Church, on March 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: I. Minns 1 R. Minns 2, J. Parkin 3 M Todd 4 H. Gibson 5 C. Sharp 6, D. Phillipson 7, G. Paul (cond.) 8 First quarter 1, 2, 3.

LINCOLN. — At the Cathedral, on March 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Parkinson 1, D Phillipson 2 J L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, C Sharp (4), W. Tomlinson 5, P Pitchford 6, H. L. Pask 7, H. Gibson 8, G. Paul 9, J. Walden 10. First of Grandsire Caters 2, 4 6. Rung for Lady Day

LINSLADE, BEDS.—On March 24th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): B. Peddar (first quarter) 1. W. Insley 2. J. Dass (first "inside") 3, C. Radcliffe (first quarter) 4 I. Vickers 5, A. W. Jeffs (cond.) 6, J. Grienel (first of Minor) 8. For Mothers Day.

LONDON. — At St Clement Danes' (the R.A.F. Church), on April 1st 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Chapman 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Gwynneth James (first in method) 3 C W. Woolley 4, A. E. Bagworth 5 E. A Barnett 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, W. G. Wilson 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the R.A.F Also on March 24th 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. Timmins 1, Miss G. Bosworth-Smith 2 Mrs C. Foster 3, Miss C Slater 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, A. J. C. Brown 6, C. M Foster 7, B J. Stone 8, R. J. Talbot 9, P. R Johnson 10. First on ten for 2 and 4. For afternoon service.

LONG SUTTON, SOM. — On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E G Jeanes 1, Mrs M. M. Godley 2, F Priddle 3 E T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. I P Marshall 5 I. J Read 6. A compliment to Mr J. R. Chick (local ringer) on his marriage to Miss V. D. Scriven.

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DEATH

BURNETT.—On April 3rd, 1968, in hospital, and of 103, Neville Road, Darlington, Ernest Burnett, aged 85 years. 3757

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BULLEN.—As from April 22nd, the address of Ron Bullen will be 7, Ripon Road, Lower Edmonton. London N.9. 3737

Mr. Arthur Tomlinson's new address: 41, Sunnyside Avenue, Wilpshire, near Blackburn, Lancs. Tel: Blackburn 47162. 3759

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Country Meeting, 1968

A meeting will be held in Canterbury on Saturday, May 25th. Lunch will be arranged. Full details later.—J. G. A. Prior. 3697

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 1968, at Hoole, Chester.

Annual meeting 2 p.m. prompt, in the Church Hall of All Saints', Hoole. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. A. B. Martin, Vicar of All Saints'.

Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Church Hall. Cost of tea tickets 5s. 6d. All applications for tickets to Mr. E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester, not later than Monday, May 13th.

Towers open before the meeting: Dodleston (6), 10–10.45 a.m.; Tarvin (6), 10–11 a.m.; Eccleston (8), 11 a.m.–12 noon; Handbridge (8), 12 noon–12.45 p.m.; St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, 12 noon–12.45 p.m.; Hoole (6), 12 noon–1 p.m.

Available after tea: Handbridge (8), St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Hoole (6), Christleton (8) 6–7.30, Backford (6) and Eccleston (8) by arrangement till 8 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Special practice (London and Stedman), St. Mary's, Ealing, Monday, April 29th.—M. J. Palmer, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3641

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Monthly practice at Tilehurst on April 20th. Bells available 7–9 p.m. 3752

MAY FESTIVAL

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BILLINGSHURST. —There will be no practices on April 19th and April 26th due to holidays. 3746

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

STOWMARKET

Annual General Meeting, Sat., April 20.

Choral Service – 4 p.m.
Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.
Followed by A.G.M.

Details of ringing in last week's "Ringing World."

Tea bookings to: Andrew T. Beckwith, 49, Alston Road, Ipswich. (Tel. 58652.)

A warm welcome is extended to all members and visitors. 3717

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TEESSIDE PRACTICES. — As from April 25th, practices will be held each Thursday at Ormesby (8) and each Friday at Stockton (10). Both practices start at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3753

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —April meeting to be held joint with the Halifax Association at Penistone, combining ringing meeting and contest on April 20th. Judge and marker for the day, Messrs H. Chant and N. P. Moxon respectively. Names for tea to Mr. J. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe.—T. Tarbatt. 3677

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pulford, Saturday, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 followed by tea. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. C. C. Robert, Elmwood, Rossett, near Wrexham. 3715

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Waltham Abbey (12), Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Miss S. F. Thomas, 71, Kingsfield Drive, Enfield, Middx. 3609

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 20th, at the Parish Church, Leamington Spa. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. The following towers will also be open from 2 to 4 p.m.: St. Nicholas', Warwick, Wellesbourne, Kineton. Other towers may be available, if so will notify in later notice. Names for tea to H. C. Burt, Bowood, Rugby Road, Cubbington, Leamington Spa.—J. L. G. H. 3614

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Evening meeting, Caxton, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) 6 p.m. Special methods: Norwich Surprise and Single Oxford. —M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3713

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Malmesbury, April 20th, 2 p.m. Tea (meat) 6s. 6d., at 4.30 p.m. Association service, Malmesbury Abbey, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open: 10–11.30 Marshfield, Colerne and Watermoor; 11–12.30 Grittleton, Shipton Moyne, Kemble and South Cerney; 12–1.30 Avening, Oaksey and Minety; 11–1.30 Malmesbury; 7–9 Malmesbury, Tetbury and Shipton Moyne. There will be no towers open during the meeting or the service. S.A.E. and 6s. 6d. for tickets to Mr. J. E. Billings, 8, Athelston Road, Malmesbury, Wilts, as soon as possible.—Charles Rowe, Hon. Sec. 3706

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Penistone on April 20th. All bands welcome to compete. Entries and names for tea to Mr. T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. The contest will be judged by Mr. H. Chant. Four bands and under, test piece 720 changes, decreasing if number of bands exceeds four. This date will not be changed.—T. Tarbatt. 3676

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting to be held at Hitchin on Saturday, April 20th. Ringing arrangements: Codicote (6), 9.30–10.30; Knebworth (8), 10–11.30; Stevenage (8), 11.30–12.30; Graveley (6), 12–1; Great Wymondley (6), 1–2; Barkway (8), 9.30–10.30; Barley (6), 10.30–11.30, Wallington (6), 11.30–12.30; Sandon (5), 12–1; Ashwell (6), 1–2; Baldock (8), 1.30–2.30, Norton (8), 2.30–3.30; St. Ippolyts (6), 3.30–4.15; Hitchin (8), 3–4.30; and after the meeting, Offley (6), 7–8.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Boys' Grammar School, 5.15. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. C. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin (tel. 3612).—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 3669

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. April 20th. Bells: Barwell 9.30 to 10.30, Earl Shilton 10.30 to 11.30, Thurlaston 11.30 to 12.15, Kirby Muxloe 12.15 to 1, Quorn 10 to 11, Mounsorrel 11 to 12, Wanlup 12 to 12.45, Kidworth 10 to 11, Thurnby 11 to 11.45, Humberstone 11.30 to 12.15, Leicester—St. Margaret's 1.30 to 2.45, St. John's 2 to 3, Cathedral 2.30 to 4.15, All Saints' 1.45 to 2.45, St. Mary's 2.45 to 3.30. Service Leicester Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea at Old Newton's Boys' School 5 p.m. Social evening at Aylestone Parish Hall. 3727

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at All Saints' Church, Newport, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available: All Saints' 2–4 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Woolos' Cathedral 1.30–3.30 p.m. and from 7–8.30 p.m. Service at All Saints' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please to M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 3585

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting at Uffington, near Stamford, Lincs, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. Welcome by the Rector at 6.30 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3725

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting of Western Deaneries at Lyng (5) on Sat., April 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Reepham 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Reepham (6) and Salle (8). Names for tea to Rev. P. Kelly, Reepham Rectory, Norwich NOR 69X, by Wednesday, April 17th. 3748

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The A.G.M. at Witney (8) on Saturday, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and business after. Names for tea to E. R Venn, Kimberley, Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford. 3734

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting. Maxey. April 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Ufford (4) also available 3–4 p.m. Names for tea (essential) to Secretary. —R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 3726

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Culworth, Saturday, April 20th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby, by previous Tuesday 3740

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Lowick at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th. All welcome. Names for tea to M. Hawkins, 62, Lyveden Road, Brigstock, Kettering, Northants. 3749

ST. THOMAS SOCIETY, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS. — Ringing Festival, Saturday, April 20th, in Stourbridge area to support launching of appeal to restore St. Thomas bells and tower Bells available: Brierley Hill (8), 2–2.45; Amblecote (8), 2.30–3.15 and 6.15–7.30 if required; Wollaston (6), 3–3.45; Old Swinford (8), 3.30–4.15; Stourbridge (St Thomas 8), 4–8. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Thomas Church Hall, Market Street, for all those who notify the undersigned. — M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge. 3671

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Annual general meeting. Southwell. Saturday, April 20th. Business meeting. Trebeck Hall. 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 5.45 p.m. Ringing between business meeting and tea, and after Evensong. Names for tea to J. W Raithby, 205, London Road, Balderton, Newark.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3604

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Evening practice at Penkridge on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3693

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Burgess Hill (8) Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. M Hills, 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, BN4 6 PJ. 3719

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Westbourne, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 3739

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District. — Practice meeting, Brockenhurst (6), April 20th, 2.45–4.30. Tea at Bow Windows Cafe, Lyndhurst, 5.15 (cost 3s. 6d.) Service 6.15. Ringing to follow at Lyndhurst (8). Names for tea essential to L. F Cobb, 1, Avonvale Cottages, Kingston, Ringwood. 3712

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, April 22nd. — M. J. Palmer 3639

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on April 23rd at 8.15 p.m. Practices: April 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 30th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; May 7th, St. Lawrence Jewry; May 14th, St. Giles', Cripplegate. All at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 3698

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Aldershot (8) on Tuesday, April 23rd, 7.30 to 9. Special method: Rutland. 3779

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Great Wakering (6), April 24th, 7 p.m Killamarsh, Plain Bob and Grandsire methods. 3772

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Learners' practice meeting, Humberstone (6), Thursday, April 25th, 7 p.m. 3750

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — Practice at Corston, near Bath. Friday, April 26th, 7.45 p.m.—B. J. 3733

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch — Practice meeting at St Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Friday, April 26th. Bells (8) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with special attention for L.A.C.R. cert. of proficiency.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 3751

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shipham, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—M Legg. 3747

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barton St. David (6), April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie. Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 3760

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — Quarterly meeting, Barton-le-Cley, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at 5.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 3761

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Witton, Northwich, on April 27th Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Please make own tea arrangements. Special method: Lincolnshire S Major. 3709

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Upwell, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (own food) 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3777

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bisley (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells from 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by Tuesday, 23rd. Please note change of date. 3685

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Moreton Valence (6), April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Quedgeley (8) (7th cracked, not ringable) available after business. Names for tea (essential) to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens Longlevens, Gloucester, by Thursday, April 25th 3766

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, Chedworth (6), April 27th, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. — J. Pearse, Sec 3768

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Tuesday, April 23rd. Please note—no names, no tea!. 3776

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Striking competition will be held at Thames Ditton on April 27th. Competition ringing will begin at 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea following for those who notify Miss J. Dauris, 22, Ellsworthy, East Molesey (Tel. 01 398–5089) by previous Wednesday, please. 3770

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. V. Powell, 21, Ethelstan Crescent, Hereford, by 24th. No names, no tea. Everyone welcome. 3701

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District —Quarterly meeting at Gillingham Saturday, April 27th Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R D. Chapman, 41, Bettescombe Road, Rainham, Gillingham definitely not later than Saturday, April 20th.—T Barton 3691

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Hinckley District.—The annual District striking contest will be held at Sapcote on April 27th Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 Competition ringing after tea. Names for tea please, to Mrs. M. E. Brown, Harecroft Farm Stanton Lane, Sapcote (Tel. 728), by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 3736

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — The annual meeting will be at Accrington on Saturday April 27th Towers open: Whalley 10.30–11.30, Darwen 12.30–1.30, Blackburn Cathedral 1–2.30, Oswaldtwistle 2–4 Accrington 2–4.15 Service 4.15 at Accrington. Tea in Willow Street School 4.45 followed by the annual general meeting. Ringing afterwards at St. Peter's, Burnley till 8 p.m. and Accrington till 9 p.m. Requests for other Blackburn Branch towers to J. Pilkington, 407, Whalley Road, Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington. St. Michael's, Blackburn (morning). Holy Trinity, Burnley (evening), will be open if required. Names for tea (4s. each), including money with stamped addressed envelope, to Mr. A. V Williams, 289, Whalley Road, Accrington — F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 3514

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District —Evening meeting at Buckminster on Saturday, April 27th. Six bells. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30 All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 3730

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 27th. Holy Communion in Ringers' Chapel 8 a.m. Service in Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea in Tithe Barn 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Ringing: Welton (6) 10 to 11 a.m.; Dunholme (6) 11 to 12 noon; Scothern (6) 12 to 1 p.m.; Nettleham (6) 1 to 2 p.m.; Lincoln Cathedral (12), St. Giles (8), St. Botolph's (6) and St Peter-at-Gowts' (6) 2 p.m. until service time and after the annual meeting until 9 p.m. except St. Giles' Discussion on annual report at meeting Names for tea to Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street Lincoln, by Tuesday previous. —John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 3703

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, April 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Business to include election of officers and amendments to rules. Ringing: St. Peter's, 2.30–4.30 p.m. and in evening: St. Mary's, Staines, and Stanwell 2.30–4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 3764

NATIONAL GUILD of POLICE RINGERS. —South Eastern District.—Spring meeting at Ware and Hertford on Saturday, April 27th. Meet at St. Mary the Virgin's, Ware, 2 p.m. Tea and meeting at Police H.Q., Hertford, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to me at 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent.—P. Shonk, Asst. Dis Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Long Stratton, Saturday, April 27th Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, April 24th. 3767

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bicester Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, by previous Wednesday, please. 3758

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch A.G.M., Bray, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead, by 23rd. 3646

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Northampton Branch. — Business meeting at Moulton, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. Care, 4, Lorraine Crescent, Northampton, by Wednesday previous. 3756

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beaminster Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome 3742

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Martin, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Damerham bells 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to G A. Trimby, 24 West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 23rd. 374·

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Buxhall (6) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Great Finoorough (6) in the evening Names for tea, please, to Mrs F. Borley, 7, Brettenham Road, Buxhall, Stowmarket Suffolk.—M. Page, Dis. Sec. 3775

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting Warbleton, April 27th Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring own tea. Further ringing after tea.—G. FitzHugh. 3771

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St Mary's, Alverstoke, April 27th Bells 3 till 8.30. Service 4.45. Tea in Brodrick Hall 5.30, followed by business meeting. Names for tea and remittance of 2s. 6d. per head to Mrs H. Nobes. 6, Molesworth Road, Gosport, by **Friday, April 26th, please.** 3773

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Meeting at Mabe, Saturday, April 27th Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. Names for tea by April 22nd. 3762

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Pensnett (8), Saturday April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea No business at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. John Walker. Tansey Green, Pensnett. Brierley Hill. Staffs. by Thursday April 25th.—Bernard C Ashford Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Worcs. 3722

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—An evening practice will be held at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Friday, May 3rd, at 7 p.m Please make every effort to attend as there will not be another meeting until June 8th. 3754

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Studley (6), May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m More ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Names for tea to John W. Perkins, 46, Toms Town, Studley. Warwicks. — R. W. S. 3765

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Feering, May 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30 Service 4. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Nichols, Alverstone House, Feering, Colchester. 3769

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Branch meeting. Dunsford. on Saturday May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 Tea. Royal Oak, 4.30 Meeting after Christow and Bridford if required.—G. Skinner. 3672

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, May 4th. Evening prayer at the Minster 4 p.m Tea in St John's College 5. The Dean's Park (entrance through gate near N.W tower) will be available for car parking. Please display card on windscreen with "Y.A.C.R" Subscriptions are due; reports will be available Bells: Kippax (6). 10–11; Woodlesford (6) 10–11; Barwick-in-Elmet (6). 11–12. Bramham (6). 11.30–12.30: Tadcaster (8). 12–1 and 7.15–8.30. Acomb (6). 2–3.30; Huntington (6) 2 – 3.30 and 7 – 8.45: York Minster (13). 2.30–3.55 and 7–8 Names for tea to Miss J Watkin 40, Meadowsfield Drive, Huntington. York. by previous Thursday — W. F. Moreton, Gen Sec. 3679

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QUARTER PEALS

MARTOCK, SOM.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. W. Dyer 1, T E. Marks 2, G. W. Rendell 3, B Look 4, E. T. P Field 5, G. W Rendell, jun. 6, F G. Sandy (cond.) 7. C. More 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 5, 8. For Confirmation service.

MELLS, SOM.—On March 30th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rutland and Bristol): G Hebden 1, G. W. Massey (cond.) 2, D. Orledge 3, R. W Rice 4, P. J. England 5, W. S. Rice 6, R. Baker 7, D G Massey 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

ORDSALL NOTTS.—On March 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. A Walton 1, L. D. Shaw 2 H. Wagstaffe 3, J. K. Walton 4, D. Cooper 5, R. M. Chambers (first as cond. of Surprise) 6. First of Surprise 1 and 4.

PERTH, W.A. — On Feb 3rd, at St. George's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Mann (cond.) 1, Nancie J. Page 2, T. Lambert (first in Australia) 3, J. Carter 4, Heather Mann 5, T. Gregory 6

PRITILEWELL, ESSEX. — On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. J. Sadler 1, S. Halliwell 2, P. Sadler 3 C. Belcham 4, H. Furminger 5, P. Sloman 6, D. Sloman 7, G Bacon 8, B. Sadler 9, M. Hallett (cond.) 10. For Confirmation.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ann Mew 1, Alison M Mann 2, Caroline F. Macge first of Grandsire) 3, C. F Mew (cond.) 4, B. H Coatsworth 5, M. J. Uphill 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, Julie S. Armstrong 8. Half-muffled as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Rev. H. Collier, 20 years in this parish.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Erin Triples: R. Tomlin 1 Mrs. J. Hallett 2, A. House 3, F. May 4 T. Sharpe 5, J. Laken 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W Ward 8. For Evensong

REIGATE, SURREY.—On March 9th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters Amanda Hughes (first on ten) 1, Sandra Goodship 2 Joan Hanning (first in method) 3, J. L. Claughton 4 Carol Martin 5, K. G. Game (cond.) 6, W. Dunn 7, W. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, G. Knipe 10. With birthday congratulations to ringers of 3 and 6. Also on March 31st 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Knipe 1 Kay More 2 Sandra Goodship 3, Angela Hughes 4 J. L. Claughton 5, K G Game (cond.) 6, W. Inwood 7, A. T. Shelton 8. For Evensong.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On March 24th. 1,334 Plain Bob Major: I Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4 D. Osbourne 5, S. Adams 6, J Eborall 7, D. Oliver (cond.) 8. On Mothering Sunday and to welcome a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. D Osbourne

ST. ALBANS, HERTS — At the Cathedral, on March 19th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Dodds (first quarter, aged 12) 1, G. Penney (cond.) 2, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 3, A R. Carter 4, M. D. Frost 5, R. E. Hardy 6.

SALFORD, LANCS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Ley 1, Elizabeth A. Johnston 2, C. M. Movley 3, D. J. Jukes 4, C. L. Digby Munday 5, S. Taylor (first as cond.) 6 Rung by M.U.G.S. for Evensong.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS. — At St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, on March 10th 1,280 Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. D. Cooper 1, M. J. Young (first of Sur. Major) 2, Patricia Rogers 3, J. Seager 4, S. R. Cole 5, I. F. S. Eborall 6, I. L. Dear (cond.) 7, C. W. Longden 8. First of Spliced for all the band except ringers of 4 and 7. Rung for evening Mass. Also on March 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major. Barbara Hulley (first quarter) 1, Kathleen M. Higgins 2, Carole A. H. Patey 3, J. D. Cooper 4, Patricia Rogers 5, S. Cole 6, I L Dear (cond.) 7, C. W. Longden 8. Both rung by the University of Sheffield Guild.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (back eight): Mary Lewis (first Triples) 1, Mary Andrews 2, J. Rae 3, K. Small 4, G Clarke (cond.) 5, P. Clarke 6, F. Hurrell 7, P. Shonk 8. For Evensong on Mothers Day.

STAFFORD. — On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Holland 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, F. H. Eley 3, L. G Williams 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, F. R. Wiggin (cond.) 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, R. K. Mowforth 8. For Matins

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS. — On March 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Christine A. Pepper 1, Ruth V Hawkins 2, Margaret Burton 3, Margaret Ridgway 4 J. M. Pepper 5, D. Adams 6, M. Jack 7, J. G. Burton (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Margaret Booth and Harold Wonham, both ringers at this church.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On March 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, D. Kingston 6. For morning service. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): D R. Hutley 1, P Warboys (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, K. Westwood 4, T. Camp 5. First in four methods by all the band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley A. Cox 1, J. E. Newman 2, R. I. Kendrick 3 J. H. Thompson 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. L. Coles 6, I. P. Cox 7, M. J. C. Cannon 8. Rung in memoriam Harold L. Parfrey, Bath Branch Ringing Master, who rang his first and last peals in this tower.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mary White 1, Valerie Rushforth 2, Sandra Pearce 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, W. J. Stubbington 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, E.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Jones 1, T. Coles 2, Miss J. Gamble (first "inside") 3, Miss M Wilkinson (25th quarter) 4, D. A. Wright 5, K. Warner 6, C. G. Wright (cond.) 7, F. Gibson (first quarter) 8. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Gamble 1, T. Coles 2, P. D. Chapman 3, D. A. Hewitt 4, D. A. Wright 5, E. Holman 6, K. Warner 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret, the conductor's cousin. Also on March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Gamble 1, P. D. Chapman 2, T. Coles 3, D. A. Wright 4, E. Holman 5, C G. Wright (cond.) 6, F Gibson cover. A birthday compliment to Ernie Holman. Also on March 17th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. Wright 1, K Warner 2, Miss J. Gamble 3, C. G. Wright (cond.) 4, D. A. Hewitt 5, T. Coles 6, E. Holman 7, J. Rixon 8. A wedding compliment to David and Maggie, from Barkingside.

LATE NOTICES

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
Annual General Meeting
at
Liverpool
on
Saturday, April 27th, 1968.
J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec.
3784

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Shalbourne (5) and Great Bedwyn (6). Saturday, April 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. at Great Bedwyn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Leckhampton (8). April 22nd, 7.30 p.m. 3786

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Farmborough on April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. K. T Baker, High Standing, Bath Road, Farmborough, near Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3785

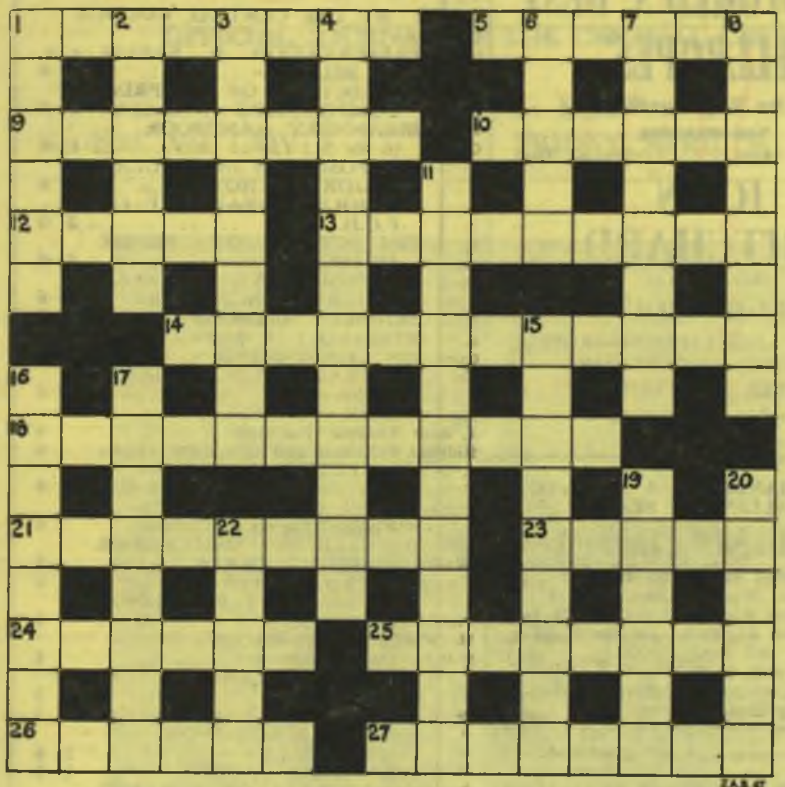
GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Forest Branch. — Meeting, Huntley, April 27th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—Miss Turner, Gate House, Huntley Manor, Huntley, Glos. 3781

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Clun, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. 3788

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Spring meeting, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing, Heyford (Lower) (6) 2.30. Service 4 Tea and business 4.45. Ringing, Rousham (6), 7 p.m. Names for tea to H. Adams, 19, The Square, Lower Heyford, Oxford, by April 24th. 3780

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Evening meeting at Preston Capes (5), Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec. 3782

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Not flights of fancy—the real thing! (3, 5).
5. The simplest of the five classic orders of architecture (6).
9. This could be St. George's or St. Thomas' in London (8).
10. Not quite dislocation (6).
12. Court places might provide an opportunity to hear these (5).
13. In other respects comes from where it's zero (9).
14. Rails and steam are with it but they exclude spiritual interests (12).
18. Not always descriptive of ringing audiences (12).
21. Does this make one come clean in Scandinavia? (5, 4).
23. Domain (5).
24. Definitely not vegetable or mineral (6).
25. Top ring with nothing and a transposition (8).
26. Slight adjustment necessary for dark belfries (6).
27. Issue—but not just from publishers (8).

DOWN

1. Long version of this is found in Somerset (6).
2. Naval base (6).
3. Put back in office (9).
4. Musical compositions would be required for this event (5, 7).
6. Sole answer will not do here (5).
7. The ultimate in daftness (8).
8. And this is daft too! (8).
11. As two words could have any sized ring, but as one it has a twelve (12).
15. This has two twelves! (9).
16. Author of a famous plan—no Grandsire Royal at Daventry? (8).
17. Activity common to whales and parsons (8).
19. This clue is not so difficult (6).
20. One of the rarer girls (6).
22. Short advertisement and very much to the point (5).

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QUARTER PEALS

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On March 24th, 1,380 Kent Treble Bob Major: I. A. Sheffield 1, A. J. Fletcher 2, Miss B. M. Pickering 3, J. Wellings 4, S. T. Yates 5, C. J. Bennett 6, P. G. K. Davies 7, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent T.B. Major by a Sunday service band of this church.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HANTS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. T. Slack 1, S. M. Jack 2, Katharine Maundrell 3, T. M. Evans 4, A. J. Mason 5, B. R. M. Johnson 6, R. H. Youdale (cond.) 7, H. R. Jacobs 8. First of Triples 1, 2, 4, 8. First of Triples for the Winchester College Society.

BREASTON, DERBYS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Linda Brewin 1, Christine Browne 2, A. Humphrey (cond.) 3, A. Lord 4, C. Beswick 5, C. Slack 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Marion Kemp 1, A. W. Bond 2, Enid Hammond 3, M. G. R. Zobel 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, R. E. Stillwell 6, R. M. Ashman 7, B. Bladon 8, R. H. Newton (cond.) 9, J. M. Hills 10. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on March 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Bateman (first of Stedman) 1, D. J. Hunt 2, J. F. Pedler 3, B. Martin 4, T. Newlands 5, J. W. Collard 6, D. Reynolds (cond.) 7, N. Dawson 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Smith, chorister.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOM.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Jones 1, B. Mills 2, E. Forrest 3, J. Coombs 4, D. Gay 5, S. Lewis 6, J. Walton (first of Plain Bob Triples as cond.) 7, B. Williams 8. First of Plain Bob Triples for all except 3 and 7.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 3rd, 1,344 London Surprise Major: Daisy M. Andrews 1, Jennifer M. Andrews 2, E. P. Duffield 3, N. F. Whittell 4, E. E. Davey 5, A. R. Andrews 6, W. Arnold 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on March 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. J. Millatt (cond.) 1, Jennifer M. Andrews 2, A. R. Andrews 3, J. Felgate 4, N. F. Whittell 5, E. E. Davey 6. Also on March 24th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, F. G. Oliver 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, A. R. Andrews 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong on Mothering Sunday.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. G. T. Steere (cond.) 1, E. Razzell 2, I. M. Parry 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, N. Brown 5, C. M. Foster 6, A. Brown 7, K. Taber 8. A farewell to Rev. M. and Mrs. Yorke on the former's appointment to Chelmsford Cathedral.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On March 22nd, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: V. Savage 1, R. G. Beck 2, G. W. Massey 3, G. Salmon 4, E. Naylor 5, D. Mackay 6, P. Jones 7, D. Massey 8, A. P. Beck 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10. In memoriam Harold L. Parfrey, of Corston.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cooper 1, L. D. Shaw 2, V. A. Walton 3, H. Wagstaffe 4, R. M. Chambers 5, J. K. Walton (first as cond.) 6.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. G. Edwards 1, Miss J. A. Edwards (first quarter) 2, Miss S. M. Edwards 3, Miss C. J. Edwards 4, Miss M. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, J. H. Edwards 6. Rung in honour of Mary's 21st birthday.

HEMINGTON, SOM.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Green 1, Christine Green 2, H. Hawkins 3, Jennifer Durston 4, P. Gould (cond.) 5, R. H. Hawkins 6. First Minor 1, 2. A farewell to No. 6 on leaving for the Lake District.

IBSTOCK, LEICS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Helen Duffey (first quarter) 1, A. E. Rowley (cond.) 2, W. T. Goadby 3, B. Hoden 4, J. Tovell 5, H. Everett 6.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On March 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, R. P. Pearce (first of Minor) 3, A. Locke 4, G. D. Carter 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Minnion 1, Christine Earp (first of Minor "inside") 2, B. Hawkins 3, P. R. Daws 4, F. W. Taylor 5, A. G. Clark (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3. First in method 2, 3. Rung on the occasion of the funeral service of Cyril W. Savage at St. Peter's, Walton-on-the-Hill.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On March 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. White (first away from cover) 1, K. Lucas 2, P. Fleckwey (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas 5, L. Foster (first quarter) 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on March 17th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Felicity Cooke (first of Treble Bob) 1, P. A. Williams 2, C. Ricketts 3, P. S. Reading 4, D. S. Bishop 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, S. Fenwick 7, C. Quartley 8. First in the method 2, 3, 4, 5, 7. For Evensong. Also on March 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Anne Cooke 1, Felicity Cooke 2, S. Fenwick 3, T. Yeomans 4, C. Ricketts 5, Rev. G. Stickland 6, D. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8, N. W. H. Simon 9, F. C. Corney 10. Rung to mark the consecration of the Very Rev. E. S. Thomas as Bishop of Monmouth at St. Asaph's this day.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On March 23rd, 1,320 All Saints and Fawley Doubles: S. Kirby 1, Catherine A. Roberts 2, R. H. Roberts 3, W. R. Gilks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5. First in method, 1, 2, 3 and 4.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On March 16th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob, D. Oxford and Thelwall Spliced): Linda Sherwood 1, R. H. Jordan 2, Rev. F. Ross 3, F. N. Pailing 4, I. G. Campbell 5, R. R. Horton (first Spliced as cond.) 6. Rung following the loss of a peal.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral on March 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters. E. J. Adams (first of Caters) 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, L. C. Way 4, K. J. Rider 5, J. W. Smith 6, J. R. Pratt 7, H. W. Rogers 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, C. H. Rogers 10. For the Annunciation of the B.V.M.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. M. Donaldson 1, R. J. Latham 2, R. W. T. Slack 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, S. M. Jack 6. First in more than one method 1, 2, 3. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

STOGUMBER, SOM.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Dennett 1, C. Lock 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, R. Somerfield 4, R. Colman 5, A. Welsher 6.

COMPOSITIONS

5,184 BRISTOL S.M.

By M. S. BRUCE

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The Church of St. Thomas, Stourbridge, Worcs.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Tower and Bells of St. Thomas, Stourbridge

By Martin D. Fellows

COMMENCED around the year 1730, the erection of the "New Chapel," Stourbridge, was in 1759 nearing completion. It was in this latter year that a ring of eight bells was installed in the tower.

The church had been built by the townspeople, amidst much opposition from the Rector of Old Swinford, to fill the need for a place of worship in the industrial part of the huge parish of Old Swinford. It will be gathered that Stourbridge was but a district of the aforementioned parish, and in those days the centre of population was over a mile away from the parish church.

Arguments raged for many years as to the legality of having another church in the parish of Old Swinford, several Parliamentary Bills for the setting up of a new parish being rejected. Thus, the church became known as the "New Chapel" and the right of presentation lay in the people of the town. It is recorded that upon the election of a new minister for the church, the scenes were not unlike those which accompanied parliamentary elections of those times!

At long last, in April, 1866, the "New Chapel" was dedicated to St. Thomas by the Lord Bishop of Worcester and thus ended a state of affairs which must surely have been unique in the history of the Church of England.

The bells were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry by Lester and Pack, and it is recorded that upon their arrival at Stourbridge they were hung in the tower by the brothers Samuel and Robert Turner, who were then bell hangers to Lester and Pack.

FIRST PEALS

The first peal to be rung on the bells was reported in Berrow's Worcester Journal of October 3rd, 1771, and reads as follows:

"On Thursday last, were rung at the New Chapel, Stourbridge, a true and complete Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in three hours and 26 minutes, being the only true peal rung in that steeple."

Another peal was reported in the same newspaper of November 25th, 1773:

"On Monday the 8th instant was rung at Stourbridge in this County, in six hours and twenty minutes, a Compleat peal of Bob Majors, being 10080 changes by Eight young men of that town, upon Eight of the most Musical and best hung bells within a hundred miles of the place; and being by some thousands more than ever were rung within the same distance. So great was the pleasure and astonishment that many were induced to express their approbation, who before had a dislike to music of that kind."

A LOCAL COMPOSER

Readers will be interested to learn that around the close of the 18th century there was a ringer at the tower named Thomas Edwards, and it was he who, in 1792, produced the first known composition for a peal of Stedman Triples. The composition, however, is not in general use, due no doubt to an unfamiliar type of single being used.

By 1890, the bells were in desperate need of rehanging. A town's meeting was called and a committee there appointed to arrange for the work to be done. The rehanging work was carried out by Messrs. Charles Carr & Co. and the bells were reopened on April 24th, 1892.

In 1900, the bells were once more in urgent need of rehanging and, in addition, the seventh bell had become cracked. On this occasion the restoration work was carried out by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. More repairs were carried out in 1909 by the same firm.

The bells gave good service until 1935, when they were again restored. They were removed to the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor & Co. where they were cleaned, retuned and four bells recast. In addition, the ring was rehung with modern fittings but, unfortunately, the old wooden bell frame was not replaced.

APPEAL FOR £5,000

This last restoration has seen the bells through to the present day, but during the last few years the bell frame has been giving indications that the end of its useful life is near. The Parochial Church Council is determined that the bells shall be restored completely, and on April 20th last launched an appeal for £5,000 to meet the total cost of not only having the bells rehung but also of having the tower repointed and refaced.

A ten bell frame by Messrs. John Taylor & Co. is envisaged, and if money over and above the appeal figure is forthcoming the bells will be augmented to ten.

Donations towards the appeal figure, which will be gratefully acknowledged, should be sent to Mr. M. D. Fellows, c/o St. Thomas' Vicarage, 63, Market Street, Stourbridge, Worcs. Cheques should be made payable to: "St. Thomas' P.C.C. Bells and Tower Restoration Fund."

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759. (Weight 5cwt. 1qr. 31b.). Recast 1935. Taylor & Co."

2: Ditto. (5cwt. 2qr. 21lb.).

3: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759" (5cwt. 2qr.).

4: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759 (6cwt. 1qr. 26lb.). Recast 1935. Taylor & Co."

5: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759" (7cwt. 3qr. 7lb.).

6: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759 (9cwt. 1qr. 9lb.).
To honour both of God and King
Our Voices shall in Consort ring."

7: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759 (13cwt. 7lb.).
Ye Ringers all who prize your health and happiness,
Be sober, Merry, Wise and You'll the same possess.
Recast by Mears & Stainbank, London, 1901."

Tenor: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759 (18cwt. 3qr. 26lb., Note E).
In wedlock bands all ye who join with hands your hearts unite,
So shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the Nuptial rite.
Rev. Charles Harris, Rector.
Josiah Hemus, Churchwarden, 1759.
Recast 1935. Taylor & Co."

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Committee regrets that owing to the illness of Mr. J. E. Jeater there has been a delay in dealing with accounts of "The Ringing World" and also acknowledgment of subscriptions.

We are also sorry to state that Mr. Jeater's health does not permit him to continue as accountant.

The books are being sent to Guildford. All remittances and enquiries should be addressed to Mr. C. W. Lucas, The Ringing World, c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING DEFICIT BY INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. E. A. Barnett New Chairman

RINGING is to cost more in Kent. At the 88th annual meeting of the Kent County Association at Rochester on Easter Monday the meeting approved the following increases to the annual subscription from January 1st, 1969.

Members 5s. from 3s. Life members £5 5s. from £3 3s.
Junior members 2s. 6d. from 1s. 6d. Non-resident life members 7s. 6d.

Mr. B. W. May, the hon. treasurer, reported a loss on the year of £141.

Upon the recommendation of the committee it was decided to appoint a chairman to the Association. These duties in the past had been undertaken by the late Mr. John Willis. Mr. E. A. Barnett was elected to the office and promised to do his best to carry on in the tradition set by Mr. Willis, Mr. F. White and Mr. E. H. Lewis.

In the annual report Mr. Corby referred to "the entirely unfair and destructive criticism to which the Association has been subjected in the columns of 'The Ringing World.'" He hoped that the hard-working officers would not be discouraged by the carping critics who would be better engaged in working to remedy the things of which they complained.

THE SERVICE

The choir at Rochester Cathedral was inadequate for the attendance at the service at noon. This was conducted by the Dean (the Rt. Rev. S. W. Betts) assisted by the Precentor (Canon P. A. Welsby), and was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochester (Mr. and Mrs. J. Green).

After the Eastertide prayer for the renewal of faith in the Risen Christ, the following members who had died during the year were remembered: Vice-presidents A. G. Hill (Erith), G. H. Spice (Tunstall) and J. Willis (Folkestone); associate members Rev. J. Clifford (Rainham) and H. Reid (Willesborough); practising members R. Beard (St. Mary Cray), C. Chapman (Cliffe-at-Hoo), S. J. Gee (St. Laurence-in-Thanet), S. Walter (Wickhambreaux); non-resident life members A. J. Bull and John Worth.

The Dean in his address said it was six years since the Association had held its annual meeting in the Rochester District and 12 years since their last service in that Cathedral. Recently he was privileged to dedicate some restored bells, and people were delighted to hear them. It was almost a resurrection in itself.

His text was taken from Acts ii: "They were all with one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind."

He thought a nation depended very largely on small groups that built up its strength. Of course they must have the government at the top, and individuals had their rights, but it was the groups that made up its strength. John Wesley recognised this when he formed his prayer cells. All of them knew that in the life of the Church they needed great worshipping units, but the Church also needed the smaller groups in which people got to know one another.

"THE SOUND OF HEAVEN"

The world they lived in was a difficult place; they were bombarded with sound, with radio and television and other noises. What the Christian Church needed was to tune in to the sound of heaven. Bells rang out the message that Jesus lives and the hope that it gave of the life beyond the grave. Therefore on that day they were offering themselves to Christ afresh in their fellowship so that the gift He had given them could be used to its full to His glory.

The luncheon was held in the old Corn Exchange and was attended by a company of 180. An excellent meal was supervised by Mrs. Feather and Mrs. Edmed, who had 38 helpers.

The general secretary (Mr. P. A. Corby) in his welcome to the guests thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for giving up their Bank Holiday to be with them, and the Dean and Precentor for providing one of the finest Easter services the Association had been privileged to attend. "We shall remember this service for a very long time," he said.

Another very sincere "thank you" to the Dean came from the Rev. Peter Robbins, and the welcome to the guests was completed with three leads of Kent Treble Bob Maximus "in hand" rung by Cyril S. Jarrett 1–2, E. A. Barnett 3–4, Mrs. Robbins 5–6, C. Osenton (cond.) 7–8, E. J. Beer 9–10, Trevor A. Cross 11–12.

The Mayor, who was also invited to speak, said while he did not profess to be a bellringer, he thought that morning that the bells sounded wonderful; it was a really marvellous sound; he did not think they could get a better one and he congratulated the ringers. He had learned that day that bobbing was not just going up and down (laughter). The Mayor concluded by thanking the ladies for the excellent meal they had served.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Dean presided at the meeting and he was supported by Messrs. P. A. Corby, B. W. May (hon. treasurer), E. A. Barnett and B. J. Luck (vice-presidents). Apologies were received from Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. E. Barnett (who is now out of hospital), Messrs. G. J. Butcher, N. Davies, L. P. Pope and Miss B. Lankester.

Mr. Corby expressed the meeting's appreciation of the splendid article written by Mr. N. Davies on Rochester Cathedral for "The Ringing World" and the front page picture. Since their last meeting they had, he said, lost another of their vice-presidents by the death of Mr. G. H. Spice. His passing was after their report was written, but his name was appropriately mentioned in the service at the Cathedral. He would like to say how much the Association owed to the Spice family and in particular to George Spice. He was sure they would all like to join him in the tribute to his memory. The services of the other two vice-presidents who had died—John Willis and A. G. Hill—had been recognised in the annual report.

POINTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT

	Membership	
	Resident	
District	Members	Associates
Ashford	264	48
Canterbury	251	16
Lewisham	201	6
Maidstone	328	1
Rochester	330	11
Tonbridge	200	1
	1,354	83

RESTORATION WORK

Harry Parkes learned to ring at Mersham and has worked for Messrs. Mears and Stainbank as a bellringer for many years. He gave his services on a voluntary basis for the restoration at Mersham, where the bells have been tuned and rehung in a new frame with a replacement bell for one which was stolen from Whitechapel Bell Foundry. A new band has been trained by District officers.

At Newchurch the fittings were removed locally and the bells await rehanging. At Kingsnorth work is proceeding, also locally.

The five at Eastry have been rehung. Wittersham bells were rehung by John Taylor and Co. and were rededicated in April. Work to the tower at Appledore was necessary to enable the bells to be rung. At Saltwood an overhaul has been carried out locally.

There is a revival of the possibility of the addition of two trebles to the four at Addington. The six at Chart Sutton have been rehung. Bredgar has a lovely new six cast out of the old five. The Vicar, the Rev. Stanley Evans, is to be congratulated on his enterprise in promoting this work.

Queenborough bells are ringable after a long silence due to essential work needed to the tower. A fund for the restoration of Newington bells has been started. After work by the local band, Hadlow bells are being rung one more—a major restoration is hoped. The extent of bell restoration work in the county in recent years is most pleasing.

HIT OUT AT CRITICS

A vigorous reply to the recent criticism of the Association was given by the hon. secretary in the concluding paragraph. Under the heading "General Comment" he wrote: "The entirely unfair and destructive criticism to which the Association has been subjected in the columns of 'The Ringing World' is an extreme irritation to [illegible] throughout the county. As an Association, our record of achievement over 88 years is one of which to be proud. It is to be hoped that our hard-working officers will not be discouraged by the carping critics who would all be better engaged in working to remedy the things of which they complain. All who carry out the Association's work do so without pay, and it is in the worst possible taste for these armchair critics to indulge in the unpleasant sniping from which we have suffered.

"The decline in churchgoing will in the end have a serious effect on our activities. We sometimes forget that if there is no church there are no bells, and if no congregation ultimately no ringers. We have a great part to play in keeping all the bells of the county ringing for church services each Sunday. Will there be more service ringing in 1968 than there was in 1967? Each member can best serve by improving his own standard of ringing so that he can thus help to improve the general standard."

The report was adopted on the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. J. Dafters. There were no comments.

Mr. B. W. May, in presenting the accounts, said a member in sending his application for tickets asked if the Association could support the Lord Mayor of London's "War on Want" appeal whereby they sent the price of one meal. The meeting showed its appreciation of the appeal by a retiring collection, which produced £6 2s.

Continuing, the hon. treasurer said membership was up, both for practising members and juniors. Last year's annual meeting at Maidstone only cost them about £7. The ringing schools did not cost anything— in fact that held at Tonbridge contributed £1. Printing the annual reports cost £194, and he thought they must make some arrangement for paying for them.

RECORD YEAR FOR GRANTS

There were no requests for grants from the Benevolent Fund, but the Belfry Repair Fund presented a different picture. He was happy to say that last year they made grants to

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Kent County Association Meeting—continued

eight towers, amounting to £175, which was a record for one year. Grants were: Hawkhurst £15, East Malling £25, Ashford £30, Brabourne £20, Preston-by-Wingham £25, Bredgar £25, Mersham £25, Appledore £10. Since the report was printed a donation of £25 had been given to Queenborough. The balance in their reserve fund was £170 against £271. The sum of £130 had been transferred to the Belfry Repair Fund. The accounts were passed.

RECORD YEAR FOR PEALS

Mr. Ian H. Oram, the peal secretary, reported a record number of peals with a total of 237, which was 30 more than last year's record figure. The increased total was difficult to explain; they could only assume that peal attempts had been more successful than before! There were three more Surprise Maximus peals than in 1966, including the first of Cambridge by an all-resident band. At the other end of the scale the Association's first (and, one hoped, last) peal of Minimus was recorded.

St. John's, Erith, again headed the list of towers, with 18 peals, followed by Sevenoaks with nine. Twenty-three peals were rung outside the county—an increase of nine. Forty-one members rang their first peal, an increase of only one, but nevertheless a very good total.

There were 53 conductors (nine more than last year); in one peal the calling was shared by three members, and 11 members were conducting peals for the first time—again a promising number. Bernard F. L. Groves headed the list of conductors with 35, followed by Christopher T. Osenton with 23 and Stanley Jenner with 20.

Two peals of unusual interest were rung—a peal of Minor in seven methods by a band of "Peters," and a peal of Yorkshire Major in which all the band had rung peals in 100 or more towers in the county.

A peal of Plain Bob in 14 methods had been rung, and two peals of Surprise Major, each in five methods, in which the methods were changed at both the half-lead and full-lead—being the first of their kind. The Central Council had yet to agree on a classification for this type of composition and they had for the present called these peals "Half-lead Spliced Surprise."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Archbishop of Canterbury was elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected with the exception of the Bishop of Maidstone. Mr. P. A. Corby was re-elected hon. secretary, and in returning thanks for his election he stated that he had already intimated to the committee that he wished next year to be relieved of the office.

In congratulating Mr. Barnett on being appointed chairman, Mr. Corby said he was best man at his wedding. He also congratulated him on becoming a grandfather for the second time (applause).

Mr. May continues as hon. treasurer. He said that in a few weeks time he would retire from his ordinary work and hoped to have more time to visit Districts.

Mr. A. S. Richards asked to be relieved of his office as hon. auditor. He was thanked on the proposition of Mr. Stanley Jenner, who proposed Mr. H. O'Callaghan as his successor. This appointment was agreed to. Mr. May also thanked Mr. Richards for his work during the past 12 years. "He has been most efficient."

When Mr. Ian H. Oram was re-elected peal secretary there were congratulations on his recent marriage, and the Dean commented that the report was marvellous work.

Elected to the committee were Messrs. W. H Dobbie, C. T. Osenton, N. Davies, E. J. Ladd, Dr. D. H. Niblett and Mrs. O. D. Tester.

The annual dinner was announced by the hon. secretary. This will be at the University Buildings, Canterbury, on September 21st. Arrangements are in the hands of Dr. Niblett and the Canterbury officers and general secretary.

Mr. Roy D. Mills and Miss A. Gibson (Ashtead) were elected non-resident life members.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rochester officers led by Mr. T. Barton, Rochester District secretary, for the excellent arrangements for the meeting and lunch.

A full programme of ringing followed.

OVERSEAS NEWS

THE RHODESIAN GUILD OF RINGERS

An Active and Successful Year

At the annual meeting of the Rhodesian Guild of Bellringers on March 24th the following report for 1967–68 was presented by the Master (Mr. Harry O. Earle).

The half-yearly meeting was held at Que Que on November 25th and, with the help of the Salisbury contingent, some very good ringing was achieved.

The Salisbury tower continues to get the occasional recruit, the latest being Scouts aiming for the bellringers' badges, and I am sure by the progress they are making they will achieve their aim in fairly quick time. The numbers at practice night and Sunday evening ringing continues to maintain a reasonable level.

Que Que has only managed to retain one newcomer during the year, but he is worthy of note in that he is the first African to come forward, and I am pleased to say that he learned to handle a bell fairly quickly and his ringing is progressing satisfactorily. We have kept Sunday ringing going although at times it has been necessary for me to take two bells.

An open day at Salisbury on Saturday, January 27th, was well attended: over 50 members of the public turned up and were conducted around the belfry and the ringing chamber and were given a demonstration of both tower- and handbell ringing, the latter by the Umvukwes girls under the guidance of Val Grossmith. A refreshment service was organised by Mrs. Cross and together with her band of helpers they did an excellent job. The afternoon was certainly a success in providing a source of interest for the public but not as a recruiting campaign.

Jennifer Way visited St. Paul's tower in Durban while on holiday there and returned a more confident and improved ringer. Four visitors from overseas were welcomed and joined in the ringing at Salisbury.

Although the year may appear to have been a dull one, especially as no peals have been attempted, it has in fact been quite an active and successful one. Emphasis has mainly been on improving our standard of striking and the results are noticeable in both towers: in addition, recruits have been introduced to elementary change ringing as soon as they become acquainted with ropesight.

Again I would like to stress the importance of keeping the bells ringing on Sundays and other special occasions, and appeal to all members of the Guild to make every effort to attend and ring to the best of their abilities.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE H. SPICE

The death of Mr. George H. Spice, a few days before his 75th birthday, deprives the Kent County Association of a much respected member from a famous Kent ringing family. His father, the late William Spice, senior, lived in various parts of Kent and finally settled at Tunstall. It was in this area that George Spice spent most of his life, although he learned to ring at Charing, where his son-in-law, the Rev. P. T. Robbins, is now Vicar.

George rendered great service to the Association, first as District secretary in the Rochester District, and as general secretary from 1947 to 1954, being also the Central Council representative at this time. He was made a vice-president and although in recent years he did not attend many meetings he was a wise counsellor, whose opinions were at all times worthy of attention.

Mr. Spice presided at the Association's annual general meeting at Sittingbourne in 1962.

He took great pride in the outstanding performances of his son John and daughter Betty, especially in handbell ringing during their time at Oxford University. It would be impossible to exaggerate the importance and ultimate significance of these activities in rebuilding general ringing after the removal of the war-time ban.

George Spice was ever a friendly man, who treated ringers, young and old, with great kindness and courtesy.

Every sympathy will be felt with Mrs. Spice and the rest of the family, including Mr. P. J. Spice, his brother, who is so well known in all parts of Kent.

The funeral service took place at Tunstall on March 28th in the presence of a large and representative congregation, and cremation followed at Charing.

MR. H. L. PARFREY

An Appreciation

The Rev. Graham Hopper, writing in the Corston and Newton St. Loe Parish Magazines, says:—

"The joy of Easter must this year be tinged with sorrow. I refer of course to Mrs. Parfrey and her children. I have never experienced such a general feeling of shock and grief as that which was caused by the news of the sudden and unexpected death of her husband, Harold Parfrey. Yet the very fact that so many shared her sorrow must have been a great source of strength and comfort.

"When one considers the loss which she has endured, to speak of our loss seems almost an anti-climax. Yet the church at Corston has in Harold Parfrey lost a true and faithful servant. One thinks of him of course as tower-master and choirman; I think of him also as a father who led his family to their Sunday worship. It is in that capacity that we shall feel his absence most; such men can ill be spared."

MR. T. WARRINGTON

Mr. Tom Warrington, of Ruskington, Lincolnshire, died suddenly at his home on March 27th at the age of 82. He had been a local ringer for 56 years and the local tower captain for well over 40 years. Right up to the time of his death he was a regular ringer and his services will be sadly missed both by the Ruskington ringers and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, of which he had been a member for many years. He rang several peals for the Guild, one of the last, which he conducted, being to commemorate his 70th birthday.

G. R. P.

MR. JOE HAYNE

Abbotsbury, Dorset, has lost an old and respected ringer by the death on April 13th of Mr. Joe Hayne.

25 Spliced Surprise Major Rung

Five Months of Preparation

Another new record in Spliced Surprise Major has been achieved by a band led by Jonathan S. N. Porter. After five months of study and attempts, a peal of 25 methods of Spliced Surprise Major was rung at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on April 6th. This involved 174 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

We are sure the Exercise will join us in congratulating the band on setting the Exercise a new record.

Jonathan S. N. Porter tells below the story of trials and tribulations before being crowned with success:—

"The peal had its beginning last October, when we rang Norman Smith's 14 all-the-work at Bushey Our objective was to ring the 23 all-the-work, the band meeting once a month at Bushey, but we lost an attempt for 19 in November and met short in December. In February this year we again lost the 19 and it was felt that having only monthly attempts gave the band too much opportunity to forget the methods. However, we decided to go all out for the 23 in March.

"Meanwhile I had asked Roger Baldwin about the possibility of extending Norman Smith's composition to 25 methods by the insertion of extending-lead (type mx) methods.

"Since he already had the proof scales for the entire 23-spliced composition, and placed these at my disposal. I set to work at once.

"I had a special preference for Belfast, a difficult method which we had rung the previous November. After much fruitless labour, and at the 21st attempt, this method was found to be true if rung after Lincolnshire—right at the end of the composition. Another method, Hereford, was fitted in almost at once and the job was done.

"The band had only about a week to assimilate these two extra methods, and even with John Mayne strengthening the band our attempt was a little over ambitious. But nearly three parts of the peal were rung, which, together with some extra practice in the time remaining, gave us valuable experience.

"Another attempt was arranged for a date a fortnight later and we met at Stamford Hill on April 6th, full of confidence.

"We began at a stately pace, and rather nervously, but the ringing soon settled down and apart from the occasional minor slip an excellent standard of ringing was maintained and, with no serious incident occurring, the bells were brought round in 3 hours and 4 minutes, to the especial delight of the less experienced members of the band."

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Comprises 224 each of Ashtead, Belfast (X), Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury (O), Cornwall (V), Cray (K), Double Dublin, Glasgow, Hereford, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire (N), Lindum (M), London, Preston (Z), Pudsey, Rutland Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge Watford (F), Wembley, Whalley (E) and Yorkshire, with 174 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Northampton Branch held its March meeting on the 30th at Brixworth (5). Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the Guild form of service was conducted by the Rev J. W. Burford, Rector of Brixworth, who gave a very interesting address on the history of the Church (Saxon, A.D. 680). Following this, tea was served by the ladies of Brixworth in the School Rooms to 45 members and friends. Visitors included ringers from Leeds, Derby and Cambridge A vote of thanks was proposed to the ringers of Brixworth for the arrangements they had made, and to the Rector for the use of his church and bells.

Evening ringing resumed at Pitsford (6), where methods ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge

All in all a good time was had by everyone, with the attendance well up on average; ringing was of a high standard.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Spring Meeting of South-West Branch

About 40 members and friends attended the spring meeting of the S.W Branch at All Saints' Holbeton, on April 6th Throughout the afternoon the six bells were kept going to call-changes, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent.

Holbeton was at one time under the incumbency of a noted ringing cleric, the Rev. E. S. Powell, author of the Ringers' Handbook, and on the walls of the tower are boards recording a peal of Plain Bob Minor rung in 1910 by members of the Devon Guild, and also the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung in the county of Devon.

The service was conducted by the present Vicar, the Rev. K. W. Knight, after which the members proceeded to the village hall for a sumptuous tea prepared by the ladies of the parish.

During the business meeting, Messrs. J. R. Michell and A. Michell, of Callington, and Mr. W. Rowe, of Stoke Climsland, were elected unattached members and were welcomed by the Branch chairman. Mr. D. R. Bould. It was decided to hold another Branch social on October 12th, and a committee of three was elected to make the arrangements. The secretary reported that a decision on the form of the Tom Myers memorial would be taken at the A.G.M. of the Guild, to be held at Bideford in May.

It was decided to hold a Branch practice at Sheepstor on July 13th, subject to permission, and the autumn meeting was confirmed for Tamerton Foliot on October 5th.

After the meeting further ringing took place at Holbeton and on the eight bells of nearby Noss Mayo. R. A. S.

TECHNICAL

THE SINGLE IN CAMBRIDGE

By Richard Speed

SINCE the publication of Brian Price's 5,090 Cambridge Surprise Major some years ago the use of a single at Wrong to bring the bells round two changes after the lead-end has become quite common, particularly in methods with the Cambridge sequence of lead-ends and places in the first section. The advantages are most obvious in Maximus, where 5,042's can easily be produced, so avoiding undue wear on ringers and ropes.

An alternative, which does not seem to have been explored, is to start the peal from two changes after the wrong lead-end instead of finishing at that point. The effect of this is to put the bells into the course 32456 Below I give two examples of this—one of Cambridge and one of Lincolnshire. The Cambridge is interesting in that the calling is Middleton's throughout until the very last call, when a single is substituted for a bob to bring the bells round.

The peal of Lincolnshire uses a simple transposition of Simon Humphrey's excellent composition It will be noted that the second is now never in 5-6 at a course-end and that, in this case, the final call has been converted from a single to a bob to bring the bells round.

In general we may say that with any regular treble-dominated Major method starting —38 and with the lead-end b, a composition of 5,152 changes can be converted into a 5,022 by this technique providing that the first call is a bob or single at Home. The only change required to the calling is to alter the last call at Home from a bob to a single or vice versa.

5,022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(32456)	M	W	H
24356			2
45263	2	2	3
56432	2	2	
63524	2	2	3
32645	2	2	3
23456	2	2	S

5,022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(32456)	M	W	H	
34256			S	
52346		—	S	A
36245	—		S	A
42365		—	S	A
54263	2		S	A
52463		3	S	
43265	—		S	
62435		—	S	
56234	2		S	
62354		2	S	
53246		A		
23456		2	—	

STOWE, BUCKS. — On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. N. Weston (first quarter) 1, W. D. Lanyon (first "inside") 2, W A Yates 3, P J. Lankester 4 J. L. Thorogood (first as cond.) 5. Also on March 20th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. W. A. Yates 1, W. D. Lanyon 2, P. J. Lankester 3, J. L. Thorogood 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5.

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Letters to the Editor

THE CUPID PEAL AND OTHER MATTERS

Dear Sir,—I think it a great pity that Mrs. Newing sees fit to wash the Society's dirty linen in the public of the ringing fraternity. However, in such circumstances a public reply is called for to make quite clear that what was stated was not strictly true.

Firstly, only two members resident in Bristol did **not** attend the dinner. That their absence was not noticed is, I feel, to their credit.

Further, resident members are usually involved in chasing round Bristol, catering for the needs of the many visitors and non-residents, in looking after the many towers open. I am given to understand that it has never been a habit or necessity for resident members to attend a meeting which is primarily for non-residents, especially those unable to attend at any other time.

Mrs. Newing mentions the report of the dinner. I do not recall any similar report containing much information on the ringing during the day, which is generally not worth writing about. With so many towers open it would become yet another dreary report.

Finally I come to the real reason for her report. Perhaps Mrs. Newing is unaware of the fact that only one member of the band ringing in the peal of St. George's was **not** a member of the Society. As such, there was no "blowing his own trumpet" on the part of the treble ringer—he knew nothing of the footnote. How many other peal ringers actually set out to ring a peal for a specific occasion and get it? Many times a discussion following the peal is the reason for a footnote. Better this humorous note than a hypocritical commendation of some extremely obscure festival. Perhaps they would have been wiser to have worded it in a different manner. But however it is worded it shows an enthusiasm for Society traditions—traditions established by non-residents in resident days and passed on by the half-dozen or so who remained at the beginning of this year to the influx of freshers who accepted them. Without this new influx of people, who have helped to make the most united and friendly group in my three years, the Society in residence would not be.—Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN M. BREARLEY,
Secretary,
University of Bristol Society.

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552 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—May I be so bold as to suggest to Mr. Viggers that he deletes from future issues of the "Ringers' Diary" the 552 of London Surprise Minor on page 49.

The reasons for this are (a) that it contains 65's at backstroke, and (b) an alternative without 65's is obtainable as published in a letter by "W. A." in "The Ringing World" on May 5th, 1967 (page 302).

It may be that Mr. Viggers was misled (I was, by the way the letter was worded), as to which 552 was the one indicated as being suitable for London, no 65's). It is as follows: Call the tenor W. H, Out, 2W, H, In, W, 2H.—Yours sincerely,

BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

Mansfield, Notts.

RULES BROKEN

Dear Sir,—In its annual report recently published, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association claims to have rung 77 peals during 1967. However, it would appear that at least 20 of these must be reclassified, presumably as non-Association, because the peals do not comply with "G. and B." rules.

Each of the 20 peals includes the names of persons whom I know to be resident in G. and B. territory, but the compilers of the report refuse to recognise them as members of the Association. The report purports to list all Association members, yet the names of Gillian M. Hunt, Brynley A. Shackleton and Anthony R. Peake are not included either under a tower or as "unattached". Since these persons are not recognised as members, the Association has not the right to claim any of the 20 peals in which they rang in 1967.

The compilers of the report also seem to be accusing my wife of bigamy—her name is published in one peal as Gillian M. Sweet! No doubt the participants of each of these 20 peals will look forward to having their 1/- per rope peal tax refunded by the G. and B.—Yours, etc.,

D. J. HUNT.

Bristol.

PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that the composition of the peal of Rutland S.M. which I conducted at St. Giles', Lincoln, on March 9th, 1968, is false.

I therefore withdraw this peal with apologies to all who took part.—Yours sincerely,

Lincoln. JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

THE LADIES' CHAMPION REPLIES

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent's gentle chiding of myself and the Ladies' Guild ("R.W", page 282), I cannot see how she is in any position to comment either on my standard of assessment of the meeting or the standard of ringing, since she was not there.

It is well known in East Kent that Miss Court is not averse to antagonistic attacks on the Ladies' Guild, but she should not take umbrage at having travelled to Sittingbourne and then not getting a ring. I would suggest that had she intended to go to the meeting she would most certainly have had a good ring—I do not consider 7.30 p.m. to be a good time to set out for a meeting from a town some 50 or 60 miles away!

Miss Court will, perhaps, one day realise that married women cannot devote the same amount of time to ringing as she does. The ringing at Sittingbourne did finish early—communications were disrupted because of a train crash; the weather was foul and people had to get to homes as far afield as Sevenoaks, Lewisham, Greenwich and Burmarsh. In any case, some of the **ladies present** were not as young as they once were and the ringing proved enough for them.

If Miss Court wants to go **ringing as recreation** after a **hard day of demolition** I would suggest she organises her own nearer to the area of work: but I am sure she would not get many with her—she would most certainly not get this frail correspondent!

Might I suggest, Miss Court, that you give a little sympathy and consideration to a Guild which is trying its best? People in glass houses should not throw stones, and you cannot burn the candle at both ends!—Yours, etc.,

JIM HEDGCOCK.

Liverpool and Cantab.

ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD

Dear Sir,—Of particular note, following recent correspondence in "The Ringing World", is the quarter peal of 6-Spliced Surprise Major rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, by a band composed entirely of Sunday service ringers. When at full strength we can manage London, Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal and all standard methods on eight bells.—Yours sincerely,

MARTIN MARRIOTT.

Bedford.

TO TRY AGAIN FOR 10,784 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the attempt to ring 10,784 Oxford Treble Bob Major on handbells on March 24th was unsuccessful. The ringers were Gerald Penney 1–2, Julia A. Fellows 3–4, Martyn L. J. Jordan 5–6, Brian J. Woodruffe 7–8. Another attempt is to be made early in May—details to follow.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

YOUNG CONDUCTORS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query in your issue of March 29th concerning the youngest conductor, my son George called a peal of Plain Bob Major three weeks before his 12th birthday, and Roddy composed and conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at 11 years and 7 months.

I do not know if either constituted a record and I cannot recollect that they were claimed as such at the time.—Yours faithfully,

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

Grundisburgh.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I must ask permission to withdraw the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Sevenoaks on March 30th and reported on page 288 of "The Ringing World" of April 12th.

Unfortunately I misread the composition and called three Homes where I should have called three Wrongs. This is entirely due to my own carelessness, and the composition as printed in the current Kent County Association report is true.

I apologise for the disappointment to the band and for the inconvenience to the various recorders of peals.—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

BRIXHAM SURPRISE CATERS

Dear Sir,—"When in Rome do as Rome does." I take that as the "order of the day" as with the exception of Babbacombe this is a call change area. Generally speaking, the striking is first-class. We at Brixham are fortunate in having a good ring of ten and we get some good call changes on eight and ten.

Sometimes we even "mix it." As there are only five or six of us who have reached the "dizzy heights" of Grandsire Doubles we keep the ten going by ringing Grandsire Doubles on the back six and "call" changes on the front four. By prearrangement, when "Go" is called, the front four go 2143 and change every time a bob or single is called. By this means everyone is kept happy (I hope), and we might break into a gallop and ring Triples (or even Caters) one day—who knows?—Yours faithfully,

PLAIN BOB.

P.S.—I hope my tower captain approves of this.—P. B.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Letters—continued

BELLE COMPETITION WANTED —FOLLOWED BY DATING!

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter from Michael C. Broad headed "The Belle of Bellringers Wanted" in your issue of April 12th.

I would like to endorse all this gentleman says relating to the organising of a "Miss Bellringing" competition. I find "The Ringing World" of great interest, but at the same time I feel that its pages could be brightened by feminine charm of the campanological world.

If such a contest is organised I would venture to suggest that Mr. Broad is allowed to date the winner, and myself date the runner-up!—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN C. LAW.

Blaby, Leics.

QUARTER PEAL ANALYSIS

Dear Sir,—First I should like to say how interesting I found the quarter peal analysis compiled by Mr. Buswell. He must, I know, have put a lot of time into it, as I have for several years carried out a similar one for the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

However, I feel I must take him to task over his comments regarding quarters of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. I quote: "The total number . . . is very large and rather depressing, since they show how unadventurous and unimaginative quarter peal ringers are." If Mr Buswell could find time to read the notes appertaining to these, to him, unadventurous and unimaginative quarters, he would find many contain people who are ringing their first quarter or first "inside" or in the method. To prove to myself as much as to him I have made a quick check on April 12th's "Ringing World," No. 2973, and find nine have such notes, while eight do not. Of those eight no doubt some are all the band can ring or at least it is the strength of the weakest ringer in their midst.

In conclusion, I feel it must be very encouraging to a learner to get his first quarter at the first attempt and for that reason (well, perhaps for the sake of good striking as well), I usually keep to the one or other of the methods in question. There is an increase in methods in subsequent quarters.—Yours faithfully,

K. SANSOM.

Buriton, Petersfield.

RINGING IN DURBAN

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to my old friend Cyril Chambers and to Geoffrey Armitage for their sterling work in Durban. As Walter Knight rightly points out, the peal at St. Mary's was a fitting tribute to Cyril's years and years of dogged persistence. At St. Paul's there seems to be an earlier claim for the first quarter on the bells when E. Bishop conducted 1,440 Bob Minor on January 29th, 1955, when Cyril scored his first in the method. I believe the first quarter in Natal to have been Grandsire Triples on September 22nd, 1925, at St. Mary's, and then a gap of 30 years until S. Osborn called Grandsire Doubles on August 20th, 1955. At St. Paul's a band of Servicemen, conducted by B. G. Key, unfortunately lost Grandsire Triples in May, 1942. —Yours sincerely,

V. SHEPPARD.

Brighton.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

AGENDA FOR WORCESTER MEETING

The third session of the 26th Council (71st annual meeting) will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, 1968, at the Giffard Hotel, Worcester, at 9.45 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.30 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 1.45 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.
Apologies for absence..
Application to affiliate to the Council:—
Society of Sherwood Youths.
Welcome to new members by the President.

1. Election of Life Member.
Mr. T. W. White.
Proposed by Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. E. C. Shepherd.
2. Election of Honorary Members.
Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Messrs. B. Austin, J. Betjeman, F. E. Collins, F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and H. L. Roper retire and are eligible for re-election. There are three vacancies.
3. Loss of members through death.
4. Minutes of the last meeting.
5. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
6. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
7. Presentation of the 1967 Accounts.
8. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

MOTIONS

9. (a) To amend rule 17 by substituting the the word "four" for "five" in the fourth line.
Proposed by V. Bottomley, seconded by F. W. Perrens.
(b) To add the following to the Decisions of the Council—
1. In the case of Doubles a "variation" be defined as the plain course of one to another method. Each variation to another method. Each variation shall be given its own name.
2. A "variation" must in the case of Doubles be capable of producing 120 true changes.
3. In order that a variation may be deemed to have been rung, at least one plain lead and all the calls needed to produce that variation must be rung. This does not prohibit the use of spliced plain course methods which use only one call, i.e., variations such as those based on St. Simon, St. Martin and St. Osmund (or other groups) where there is one call in every four leads and, in the other three leads, each of the other three methods is rung This rule may be extended to cover extents using more than three calls as long as the required splicing is contained within the non-called (i.e. plain) leads. In no case may a call be deemed to give more than one variation unless the leads preceding or following that call are spliced.
4. Multi-method variation peals on seven bells or less, the object of which is to contain more methods/variations than have previously been rung to a peal, shall be limited to 5,040 changes.
5. The arrangement or composition (as the case may be) of record multi-method/variation peals on any number of bells shall be printed in "The Ringing World" within the period between the ringing of the peal and the meeting of the Central Council in the following year.
Proposed by C. A. Lewis, seconded by F. E. Dukes.

10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
(a) Standing Committee.
(b) Literature and Press Committee.
(c) Biographies Committee.
(d) Overseas Ringing Committee.
(e) Sunday Service and Education Committee.
(f) Peals Analysis Committee.
(g) Peals Collection Committee.
(h) "Ringing World" Committee.
(i) Records Committee.
(j) Towers and Belfries Committee.
(k) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
(l) Methods Committee.
11. To determine the date of the 1969 meet- in Hertfordshire.
12. To determine the place of the 1970 meeting.
13. Any other business.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Honorary Secretary.
45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Quatt on April 6th. Quatt, a beautifully situated and unspoilt village, has held the title of the best kept village in Shropshire.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening on the pleasing ring of six was under the direction of Mr. Alan Jones, Ringing Master, who looked after the interests of the young ringers present.

At the service a most interesting address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. D. W. B. Manning, who took as his theme "What mean you by this service?" He hoped ringers did not regard their ringing just as a hobby. A very nice tea was served in the Village Hall. Suitable thanks were expressed to all those concerned in making the meeting so enjoyable.

J. B.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On March 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Yeates 1, Mary White 2, Sandra Pearce 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WENDOVER, BUCKS. — On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan F. Cooper 1, J. L. F. Floyd (cond.) 2, Christine T. C. Wilkins 3, Leah D. Floyd 4, R. E. Gerhardy 5, S. Mallett 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. G. Milroy.

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Quarter Peal Analysis for 1967

DETAILS OF METHODS WITH LEADING COUNTIES

By ALAN A. BUSWELL

(Continued from page 280)

Method		County	
Minimus	38	Dorset	8
Grandsire Doubles	505	Somerset	84
Plain Bob Doubles	376	Kent	44
Other methods	104	Cornwall	13
2 Doubles	191	Kent	24
3 to 6 Doubles	250	Kent	40
7 to 11 Doubles	69	Kent	10
Over 11 Doubles	13	Hampshire	6
Plain Bob Minor	642	Kent	82
Surprise Minor	147	Surrey	30
Other methods	102	Kent	19
2 Minor methods	177	Suffolk	26
Over 2 methods	76	Hampshire	9
Grandsire Triples	539	Hampshire	45
Plain Bob Triples	104	Kent	18
Stedman Triples	173	Berkshire	19
Other methods	42	Essex	6
Plain Bob Major	246	Kent	19
Surprise Major	134	Essex	22
Other methods	107	Essex	13
Grandsire Caters	114	Surrey	16
Stedman Caters	35	London	8
Other methods	10	London	3
Plain Bob Royal	39	Yorkshire	6
Surprise Royal	16	London	4
Other methods	15	Middlesex	3
		Staffordshire	3
Grandsire Cinques	6	Essex	4
Stedman Cinques	11	11 Counties with	1 each
Other Cinques	3	London	2
Plain Bob Maximus	3	3 Counties with	1 each
Surprise Maximus	5	Leicestershire	2
Other methods	2	2 Counties with	1 each
Total	4,294		

FALSE COMPOSITION OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that the composition used for the peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at St. Giles', Lincoln, on March 9th, 1968, is false. The error is an obvious one and I apologise to the band and in particular to the three young ringers who rang their first peal in the method. I am also very sorry that Jack Millhouse, who has been kind enough to call most of my compositions for the first time, has fallen victim to this, my first error since taking an interest in composition.

As the composition has received fairly wide circulation, I should mention that it is a 5,088 in two parts with two courses added in the second part, including calls at In and 5ths, in order that anyone who has the composition in their possession can destroy it.

The composition was produced in an attempt to obtain the record number of combination roll-ups in the method, and the appended composition was obtained at the same time. I should be pleased if someone could tell me what is the greatest number obtained in standard peal length. The greatest number I have managed (in a true composition) is 127, and this composition was published in "The Ringing World" of June 18th, 1965.—Yours apologetically,

London, W JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

5,280 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

M	W	H	23456
—	x		52364
	x	—	36245
	x	—	24653
—	x	—	35426
—	x	—	62534
	x	—	53246
	x	—	24365
	x	—	46532
	x		32654
—	x	—	45236
	x	—	23564

Repeat twice.

x=S 3rds.

S 5ths.

Contains 129 combination roll-ups.

At Malta G.C. the Bells Chime in Great Confusion

By A. V. Sheppard

ONCE upon a time some wag condensed his impressions of this Mediterranean island in the aphorism "Yells, Bells and Smells." Today the smells have gone and the yells have given way to car horns, but the bells are still there, chiming in great confusion for all the offices of the Roman Catholic Church. And the skyline, too, is dominated in all directions by town and village churches of impressive size and architectural splendour old and new, raised up by a devout people who proudly claim to be more Catholic than the Pope himself. One thinks of the small town of Mosta, where the dome, surpassing that of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is the third largest in Europe.

The capital, Valletta, was planned in 1569, after the defeat of the Turks by the Knights of St. John, and today there seems to be a church on every other street corner. In the northern quarter of the city stands the Anglican pro-Cathedral of St. Paul the Apostle, whose very graceful 200 foot spire is an outstanding landmark overlooking Marsamxett harbour. On the site the Knights of the German Langue built their Auberge in 1574, being entrusted with the defence of the adjacent St. Sebastian bastion and the German Curtain. Napoleon abolished the regime of the Knights in 1798 and, two years later, British Forces, at the invitation of the Maltese, ejected the French and took control.

In the beginning Anglican worship took place in a disused kitchen of the Governor's palace. By 1813 there was need for larger premises and a suggestion was made to take over St. John's Co-Cathedral, the great Catholic Mother Church of Malta, for the English Protestants. Very wisely, the Governor refused. Queen Adelaide, widow of William IV, spent the winter of 1838 in Valletta and found the 2,000 English civilians still had only the old kitchen for a church, and that consequently many stayed away. Early the following year she wrote to tell her niece, the young Queen Victoria, that she had decided to build a church herself. The old German Auberge, now a mill and bakery, was rapidly demolished and Queen Adelaide laid the foundation stone on March 20th, 1839.

The original estimate was for £8,000, but alterations and additions inflated the cost to £20,000, which exhausted the Dowager Queen's resources, and at the consecration in November, 1844, the spire was unfinished. St. Paul's is built entirely of Malta's honey-coloured limestone in the architectural style of a Greek temple; the form is preserved by the disconnection of the tower, which is joined to the west corner of the church by a short corridor.

The six bells are hung in a robust frame of pine on the same level as the louvres; they are all lettered "C. and G. Mears, Founders, London 1845"—except the third, which has the date omitted. The diameters are: Treble 28½ ins., second 31½ ins., third 34½ ins., fourth 34½ ins., fifth 39 ins., tenor 42 ins., suggesting a weight of 12¼ to 13 cwt. The canons are strapped to wooden headstocks, which are notched for wheels, and the tenor has a stay. Apart from this, a careful inspection showed no signs of any fittings, slider pins, ropeholes, or anything to suggest they were ever meant for ringing, yet curiously the ends of the pits of the fifth and tenor have been cut away as if to allow a free passage for these bells to turn over. Quite recently the frame has been reinforced underneath each of the plain bearings. Chiming is carried out by steel wires attached to the clapper flights and activated from a set of levers sited two floors lower down the tower. Prominent in the ringing chamber is a printed card with the figure rows of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

The spire was slightly fissured by the earthquake of 1886, and during the last war bomb blast shattered all the doors and windows, but apart from a demolished pinnacle, victim of an anti-aircraft shell, the tall and lovely spire came through unscathed, and the bells still chime their ordered and disciplined sound over this golden city lapped by an emerald sea.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On March 31st, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Bell 1, Pamela J. E. Sturdy 2, Mrs D. A. Chapman 3, D. Voss 4, S. Poole 5, D. A. Chapman 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. G. Exell 8. Rung for a united service; also as a farewell compliment to the ringer of 4 who is shortly moving to Bath.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On March 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Clifton 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, Violet Relf 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, R. Lucas 5, J. R. Cooper 6, G. Stewart 7, M. W. Marshall 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Bill and Barbara Latter.

WELLESBOURNE, WARWICKS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Mackie 1, Caroline Mackie 2, Elizabeth B. Mackie 3, P. L. Mackie (first "inside") 4, P. H. Mackie (cond.) 5, A. P. Foster 6. For the People's Service.

PUZZLE CORNER

SOLUTION TO URANGWOT 4

Among the entries it was gratifying to read the odd complimentary remark on the puzzle, but this was counterbalanced by a suggestion to the Editor from one young lady that Mr. Surr "should be removed from society as a potential menace because of his diabolically ingenious puzzles. Schoolwork had been nil on two days it seems in her case, but I had warned George when he put the idea forward, as you will remember. Apparently the maths. teacher thought the puzzle impossible, but this was not borne out by the receipt of 18 correct entries, from which that of Michael D. Ling, of 17, Stanley Road, Sutton, Surrey, was drawn as the winner.

No ringer may appear twice in a horizontal or twice in a vertical row with any other ringer. It will be observed that corner positions are common to horizontal and vertical rows, whereas the others are not. Each ringer will have to appear twice in corner positions and twice in the others to avoid exceeding the number of different combinations available. Further, in this second type one appearance will have to be in 2 or 6 and the other in 4 or 8.

A cannot be in 2 or 6 in II as it would combine with B or C again horizontally. It must, therefore, occupy 4 or 8. In 4 it could not find two suitable partners, having used up H and G in I and F in IV and B and C are already fixed. Thus, A must be 8 in II and to avoid B horizontally must be 6 in III. B has to go into 8 in IV. Along similar lines C has to occupy 4 in III and 6 in IV. Working on IV, it will be found that 4 must be D or E and 7 must be D or H. The various limited possibilities can be tried to find out what is acceptable and so produce the solution:—

I	II	III	IV
A B C	B H G	B D F	D G A
H D	A F	G C	B E
G F E	C E D	E A H	H C F

T. SURR.

URANGWOT 5

In the first four problems in this series I have found myself with the job of writing up the subject matter provided by conversation with fellow ringers. This takes time and so I was very grateful for this problem that was written up and submitted to the Editor, who passed it on to me for my comments. "I hope you will publish it and I hope that we shall have other people to follow his example," I said.

The recent quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Clashwell gained little recognition, but in some ways it was a greater achievement than some peals of Surprise Major. The tower is a fair size for six bells but the ringing chamber includes a large clock case and a staircase, which hinder ropesight. In fact they hinder ropesight so much that no ringer can see more than three other ropes and often has to dodge with a bell which cannot be seen. Trying to dodge with an odd-struck bell is bad enough, but when you can't see the bell you are dodging with a sharp ear is essential. At Clashwell it is difficult for a strange team to ring good rounds as there is no resemblance to a rope circle, with one and two falling in opposite corners, and you do not necessarily follow the ringer who stands next to you.

During the quarter peal the tenor ringer could only see Harry and kept a variable distance behind him. The treble ringer could see Lesley and Carol, with glimpses of the one on the third almost hidden by Lesley. Lesley's rope came down so close to the third that she preferred to ring with her back to the treble and facing the third "to avoid possible accidents". Alan could only see the fifth, so he remembered what the fifth was doing and pulled his rope accordingly. Ringing almost entirely by ear and rhythm, he handled the most difficult bell very well. Duncan called the bobs and singles. He was cramped in a corner where he could rest on both walls at once, but he could see the other three working bells and he watched Ann carefully when she was involved in singles.

There are no mirrors or spy-holes in the ringing chamber so any ringer who sees another ringer can also be seen himself by that ringer.

You might care to try your hand at sketching this unusual ringing chamber and placing the band for this quarter peal. If your entry is correct and first out of the hat you could win something towards the cost of a new edition of "Dove" and you could see whether Clashwell has been included. T. SURR.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS SEEK C.C. MEMBERSHIP

The Sherwood Youths' first meeting for 1968 was held at Loughborough on March 30th, members attending from Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, and there were visitors from Kent and Warwickshire. Ringing commenced at the Foundry, the Master (Mr. G. A. Dawson) being in charge. As was to be expected, the pleasant but very light bells proved difficult to handle and the standard of striking was moderate. Tea, kindly arranged by the Misses A. Henson, M. Beard, J. Pilgrim, D. Green, T. Nelson and Mrs. Gobey, was taken at the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting the secretary reported on the investigation into the Crofts Manuscripts now in the possession of St. Peter's Church, Nottingham. After some argument it was decided to request that the manuscripts be deposited in the Nottinghamshire Record Offices, where they will be kept under the correct conditions and will be available for inspection by any member of the public.

The secretary also reported on the condition of W. Crofts' grave, stating that it was in need of repair. It was agreed to remove all the brickwork and lower the stone to ground level. The meeting also agreed that the Society should apply for affiliation to the Central Council. Eight new members were elected.

Ringing followed at the Parish Church. Methods ranged from rounds to London Major and included a touch of Erin Caters, a most suitable method for short musical touches. Thanks are due to Mr. R. Wilson for making all the local arrangements. D. S.

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

10,784 OXFORD T.B. MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Another attempt to ring 10,784 Oxford T.B. Major on handbells will take place on Sunday, May 5th, 1968, at the School, Pancake Lane, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. The attempt will start at 11.30 a.m. and the composition is to be as used in the previous attempt ("Ringing World," page 201).—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

BELLS OF BRISTOL RECORDED

Saydisc Specialized Recordings Ltd., Meeting House, Frenchay, Bristol, have placed the first of their "Bells of Britain" recordings on the market This recording deals with the bells of Bristol, and the price is 12s. 11d. post free.

Mr. D. J. Gay, Tower Master at Weston-super-Mare Parish Church, contributes the following review:—

The recording consists of method ringing at the following four churches: St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Erin Cinques; The Lord Mayor's Chapel, Grandsire Doubles; The Cathedral, Spliced Cambridge and Little Bob; and St. Stephen's, Stedman Caters. With the recording, an excellent set of notes is included covering the methods rung, the history of the churches and their bells with interesting inscriptions, ringing a bell and changes, Society rules and bell foundries.

The methods recorded are all well struck and show the high standard achieved by the Bristol ringers. The outstanding recording is without doubt St. Mary's, Redcliffe, and the disc interpretation, providing your recording equipment is truly versatile, of the tenor bell is a masterpiece.

Saydisc, the record publishers, inform me that this seven inch recording is the first of a series of church bells, this being "Bells of Britain," Vol. I, SD 127.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Hertford County Association had at the end of December £150 in their Central Council Fund.

Winchester College Society has now a very useful band. A peal was rung at St. Mary the Virgin's, Harefield, Middlesex, in 13 methods/variations by men in the school.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild have a new record in Spliced Treble Bob Minor with 51 methods rung in a peal at Flore on April 6th, conducted by Graham C. Paul. Good work!

To help to defray the cost of a set of new ropes at Clay Cross, a charge of 10s. will be made for all peal attempts. The new ropes have been ordered.

The first peal on the bells at All Saints', Tooting Graveney, one of Yorkshire Surprise Major, was rung on April 6th. It is to be regretted that the name of the Rev. A. E. Clayton, who did so much towards providing the bells, was not in the band. However, the church was represented by the presence of the Rev. Michael Hart.

The Society of Sherwood Youths are seeking membership of the Central Council.

The Rhodesian Guild of Bellringers has its first African member. He rings at Que Que and learned to handle fairly quickly.

Mr. W. Parrott, secretary of the Surrey Association, is retiring. Mr. Colin Cook has been nominated as his successor.

In the table dealing with quarter peal ringing in 1967 there was a typographical error under Durham. The leading tower was Lanchester not Lancashire.

When the Rev. James Tomsett was ordained in 1964 he was appointed to St. Mark's, Surbiton, which has a fine tower with no ringable bells. We now learn that on May 1st he is going to St. Cuthbert's, Wells, and that both he and Mrs. Tomsett are looking forward to some active ringing again in the bell-filled diocese of Bath and Wells. Mr. Tomsett was for many years captain and secretary of the St. Mary's, Wimbledon, band.

The Veterans' Reunion at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, has been altered to June 15th. On the original date the Bishop of London is dedicating a memorial to the late Rector (Mr. Treacher), who was very helpful to the Veterans when arranging their first reunion.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

RETURN OF BROMPTON REGIS BELLS

The remote Brendon Hills of West Somerset on Wednesday evening, April 10th, heard a sound which has been missing from them for many years—the bells of the parish church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Brompton Regis.

It is over 30 years since the five bells were last rung, although they were, on occasions, chimed up to 1957. Then about ten years ago they were sent to Messrs. Taylors, Loughborough, and ever since the people of Brompton Regis have been working hard to raise funds for the strengthening of the tower and for the retuning of the bells.

And now they are back in the village. At 9 o'clock on the Tuesday, a grey and misty morning, a lorry bringing the bells back from Loughborough drove up to the village and was met by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Woodburn, and about 20 of the villagers who, led by the processsional cross and singing "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven", escorted the lorry and its load to the church. There a short service was held in the churchyard and the bells were blessed.

The work of rehanging was carried out by Mr. Fidler, from the bellfounders, assisted by Messrs. Gould and Rogers, from Dunster. A slight difficulty was encountered when it was found that the tenor bell was slightly too large to go through the door, but a little ingenuity on the part of Mr. Fidler overcame that.

By Wednesday evening the work had been completed, and ringers from Dunster, Dulverton, Exford, Bampton and Taunton assembled to try out the bells. Prominent among them was the Rev. H. F. Warren, R.D., Rector of Exford and Master of the Diocesan Association. For nearly an hour the ringers rang in relays and many people were drawn to the church to see them in action. The more active among us climbed the somewhat hazardous spiral stair to the bell chamber to see—and be deafened by—the bells swinging in their new cages.

One of the oldest inhabitants of Brompton Regis was heard to remark: "I never thought I'd hear that again in my lifetime." It is to be hoped that he will hear it regularly now, for eight potential ringers from the village are receiving instruction each week at nearby Exford. C. H. F.

A NOBLE ART

A Poem for Bellringers by D. Goss

Lead, hunt up, two blows behind, dodge three four down and what do you find?
Hunt down and lead, hunt up, you're on the track.
Dodge three four up, two blows out back.
Hunt down and lead then place. That's all.
Then into rounds in the belfry tall.
The conductor shouts, with lustiness, "Stand,
'Twas a perfect course, my merry band."
Some jolly ringers make belfries sway.
And others are likely to break a stay!
And what's on the end of the rope? you may say,
Well, of course there's the bell, with the headstock and stay.
And on Sunday mornings at a quarter to nine,
The bellringer is ready to ring at this time.
For an hour till the service is ready to start
He will ring his bell steady, and right from his heart.

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The above poem is dedicated to the ringers of Sandy Church. Mr. C. Blain has now a band of young ringers of average age 13, capable of rounds and Grandsire Doubles.

SURPRISE RINGING IN NORTH NORFOLK

The need has long been felt in the Northern Branch of the Norwich Association for an advanced eight-bell practice, for although in Norwich, where numbers are strongest, there has been a slow improvement on higher numbers, and interest in Minor ringing is maintained at St. George's, Colegate, opportunities for ringing Surprise Major were limited to Branch meetings and to occasions when poor attendance or late arrivals at St. Peter Mancroft reduced the band to eight. Outside Norwich there is no single tower that can regularly muster a Surprise Major band. The establishment of a monthly Surprise practice at East Dereham was therefore warmly welcomed.

The first task was to become as well acquainted with London and Bristol as with Cambridge and Yorkshire, and it has been a pleasure to help people through their first or second courses in these methods. For the slightly more advanced, a start was made in the field of spliced, and touches in five and six methods were brought round at the third practice. The month following saw concrete results of the practice, quarter peals of Spliced Surprise Major in six and seven methods being scored. Though they were not perfect, the standard of striking was high, and only one serious trip occurred. When one considers that only one of the band had previously rung spliced with London and Bristol included, the results are indeed satisfying. Peal attempts are planned.

The only regret to be expressed is that the attendance at these practices, despite notices in "The Ringing World," has been limited to ringers from three towers—Dereham, Wymondham and St. George's, Colegate, Norwich. It is hoped that many more will avail themselves of this splendid opportunity of improving their own ringing and the general standard of ringing in North Norfolk which Mr. George Adams and his supporters have offered.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD

Dublin University Guild sallied into Limerick led by Helen Hubert, the outgoing Master, and Jonathan Barry, the incoming Master, on March 30th. Ringing took place at St. Mary's Cathedral and also at Doneraile. The Guild was dined by Limerick people and picnic lunches were provided by the ladies. There was a sight-seeing visit to Cashel. "A very enjoyable tour," writes the man on the spot.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The N.W. Branch held a successful quarterly meeting at Elveden (8, 17 cwt.) on April 6th, with about 50 people visiting the tower durng the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting the chairman, Mr. C. Hancock, announced that Robin and Janet Rogers would shortly be leaving Suffolk, and thanked them for the effort they had put into the Guild during the past three years.

Since the introduction, last autumn, of monthly Friday evening practices to replace the Saturday practices between the quarterly meetings, far more younger members have supported and enjoyed the meetings, and 1967 resulted in a 30 per cent. increase in Branch membership. It was particularly encouraging to see the younger ringers during the evening at Elveden, as the sustained interest and progress of bellringing for the future depend upon this generation more than any other. R. H. R.

MAJOR J. HOWARD FREEBORN TO MARRY

The marriage of Major J. Howard Freeborn and Mrs. Ada Miller will take place at the University Church of Great St. Mary, Cambridge, today (Friday, April 26th) at 12.30 p.m., when the 12 bells will be rung by the Cambridge Youths and the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers, of which the bridegroom has been a member for 57 years and for which he has rung 40 peals out of his total of 222.

Major Freeborn has been a widower for over four years, and his bride, whose first husband was a prominent Cambridge lawyer, a widow for over a year. Their address will be 52 Queen Edith's Way, Cambridge (48268).

"MOSS MAYO"—(EVER BEEN HAD?)

Plain Bob writes: "I was interested in 'Moss Mayo' (Belfry Gossip, April 12th). After seeing a notice in 'The Ringing World' that a meeting was to be held at Holbeton with Moss Mayo in the evening, I thought 'Two new towers, a nice run and a change of country.' As I failed to find Moss Mayo in 'Dove's,' I thought it must be a new eight.

"However, my wife and I enjoyed the run to Holbeton and had a long chat with a 'local' about the district. After tea we were made very welcome by a gentleman who introduced himself and asked if we were going on to Revelstoke. I said 'No, we are going to Moss Mayo.' He must have thought 'I've got a right one here,' but he kindly explained it all and off we went to 'Moss Mayo—Revelstoke,' St. Peter's.

"Needless to say a footnote has been added in my 'Doves.'"

BLACKBURN BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

Eight bands entered for the Blackburn Branch striking competition at St. Peter's, Burnley, recently. The bells were available for an hour's practice at 2.30 p.m. In the competition methods varied from call changes to Cambridge Surprise Minor and Bob Major.

The results of the competition were given after tea by John Partington, the other judges being Dennis McCormick and Ian Goldthorpe. The three teams to go forward to the Association's final are: St. James', Accrington (Bob Major) 33 faults; Blackburn Cathedral (Bob Minor) 16; St. Peter's, Burnley (Bob Doubles) 24.

A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Mary Smith and her young helpers for the excellent tea. The evening's ringing varied from call changes to Surprise Major. A good day's ringing was enjoyed by everyone. A. H.

LOOKS BACK ON 808 PEALS

Through his unfortunate illness (multiple sclerosis), Mr. John A. Acres, who now resides at Chigwell House, Chigwell, Essex, has had to conclude his ringing days with a splendid total of 808 peals. He occasionally enjoys a touch on handbells with ringers from Barkingside who visit him and in reading of the activities of his many friends in "The Ringing World." His work for the Exercise has not, however, ceased. He is still peal secretary to the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St . Thomas.
On Mon., April 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Margaret Wright	Treble	Neil D. Lomas	5
Christine Andrew	2	D Paul Smith	6
Michael J. Platt	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Basil Jones	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Taylor, Vicar of Norbury 1945–1968.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

David Allman	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
John R. Scott	2	Frank R Morton	5
David A. Godfrey	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Conductor's 450th peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, containing 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Ian F. Garvie	Treble	Ian C. Maycock	5
Clare F. Dolphin	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	6
L. Michael Callow	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Ian D. Thompson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Albert J Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung with congratulations to Clare Dolphin, for whose 21st birthday this peal was arranged.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Colin M. Shaw	Treble	Denis R. Carlisle	4
*Jennifer Brackenbury	2	Joyce Chadwick	5
Norah Carlisle	3	John V Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.
* First peal in seven methods.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSN.

CLAY CROSS. Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

Peter H. Wright	Treble	Wilfred Riley	4
Arthur S Smithson	2	Eric J. Sterland	5
Albert Wheeler	3	Brynley A. Richards	Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. W. Swain, of Morton, who celebrated their golden wedding on April 20th. Also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Riley.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Fri., April 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Dennis E. Pepper	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
*Hilary Muirhead	3	John G. Gipson	7
Philip J. Rothera	4	Brian D. Threlfall	Tenor

Composed by G Lindoff. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
* First peal in the method.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAISDON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 120's and eight each of Morris's and Pitman's 240's.
Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter Clarkson	Treble	*Peter Rowe	4
*Margaret Powell	2	Leslie Barry	5
Ralph Hazel	3	David Pobjoy	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal.
Rung for the wedding of Geoffrey Parsloe and Linda Batson. Also as a compliment to Mrs. E. Goddard on completing 60 years as village postmistress.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Mon., April 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BERWICK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G

William A. Godwin	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Bertram J. Coggins	5
Peter Pearce	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 63 lb. in G

Robert C Kippin	Treble	Bernard G North	4
Heather A. Walters	2	John H Taylor	5
Alan Tubb	3	*Andrew Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* 50th peal. First of London Minor by all except the conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHART SUTTON, Kent.—At the Church of St Michael.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) St. Clement's College Bob, (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Surfleet Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Norman R. Mattingley	4
Derek Slater	2	Trevor A. Cross	5
John A. Howard	3	Peter S Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.
First peal on the new bells.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., April 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Double Bob and Single Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Childwall Bob and Thelwall Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Valerie J. Howard	Treble	Derek Slater	4
Maurice Thompson	2	John A. Howard	5
Philip J. Simmonds	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Edmund Rothwell	Treble	*John Elliott	5
*Martin E. Snape	2	Walter Allman	6
Ronald Kenrick	3	*Dennis R. Jones	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method
Rung to mark the wedding of Miss Carole Jones, daughter of the ringer of the 7th, to Mr Cedrik Jones, and of Frederick Pearson, of Emmanuel, Southport, to Miss Kathryn R. Gregory.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

Roger J Starbuck	Treble	Brian L. Burrows	5
John L. Morris	2	Alfred Ballard	6
*Alastair M Elliot	3	Peter J. Staniforth	7
Rowan S. Bradley	4	Russell S Morris	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Peter J Staniforth
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Peter Chilton and Miss Susan Ashton, ringers at this church, who were married earlier in the day.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Tues., April 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard Clifton	2	Dan S Pont	6
Edward F. Gobey	3	John W. Rawson	7
*Frank Chambers	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Kent Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Wed., April 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Cherrill L. Everard	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Malcolm D Barsby	2	†Maurice R A. Kirk	6
Mary C. Poyner	3	B Stedman Payne	7
E. Alan Jacques	4	Roger I. Kendrick	Tenor

Composed by John Holt. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal on eight bells. † 100th peal for the Guild.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., April 13 1968 in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Neville W. Price	Treble	Brian L. Burrows	5
Christopher M Sturgess	2	John Watkins	6
Robin A. Gilliver	3	William Johnson	7
Stephen C. Wells	4	K Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Composed by J. Nicholl Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* 75th peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the second First in the method by a band from the Hinckley District of the Guild. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

James W. Haw	Treble	*Philip H. Reynolds	5
Rhoda Reynolds	2	Walter Tomlinson	6
Beryl N. Reed	3	John Walden	7
*Philip C Pitchford	4	John Freeman	Tenor

Composed by J W Washbrook. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method "inside."

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 48 methods/variations, being one extent each of Stedman, Grandsire, St Simon, and St. Osmund, St. Albans and St. Ambrose, Eynsham and St. Ninian, Elford and St. Felix, Cassington and St. Patrick, St Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Peter, St Nicholas and St. Remigius, St. Giles and Church Gresley, St. Andrew and Horsley, Shareshill and St Cleer, St Thomas and St Dominica, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, Ryton, St. Luke, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Frederirk W. Pinchbeck	Treble	Peter A Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	5
*Owen Homewood	3	Thomas A Relf	Tenor

Condcted by Peter A Slight.
* First peal in 48 methods.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss B A. McKinley, of Barrowby, and Mr. A. W. Scott, of Ingoldsby, who were married previous to the peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine. On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*E. John Evans	Treble	M. Jack Pryor	5
Christopher Aldridge	2	Stephen Fenwick	6
Rhian N Bagshaw	3	Paul J. Bagshaw	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	James Clatworthy	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by James Clatworthy.
* First peal of Major First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr and Mrs. Leslie N. Melton on the birth of a son, Ian Nigel

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget. On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Plain Bob, two of April Day, five 240's and 28 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Raymond J Mayle	Treble	Harold Preece	4
Thomas E. Hiddins	2	William T. Petty	5
Nigel V. Hill	3	Cyril Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Ann, daughter of the ringer of the 4th, and Allan Coles.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints. On Thurs., March 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 METHERINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Joan Hooton	Treble	H George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Frank T Blagrove	7
G. William Critchley	4	Thomas J Lock	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method by all the band.

TOTTENHAM, London, N.—At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill. On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5600 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 25 methods, comprising 224 each of Ashtead, Belfast, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Hereford, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 174 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Colin G. Wright	Treble	S Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Martyn L. J. Jordan	2	Jonathan S. N. Porter	6
Timothy G. Pett	3	Roger Baldwin	7
David E Rothera	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Adapted from N. Smith's Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
Greatest number of methods yet rung to an all-the-work peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr 19 lb. in F.

Robert H. Newton	Treble	Arthur Newton	5
*Gwendolyn Reeves	2	Roland Biggs	6
Dorothy R. Fletcher	3	†Joyce I. Cornwall	7
Kathleen E. Fletcher	4	David A Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal of Major. † Has "circled the tower."

WEST HENDRED, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 17 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Ipswich, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall, (5) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (6) St Clement's, Buxton, Childwall, Rosehill, Radley and Hanney, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*J. Richard Poole	Treble	*Jonathan R. Rowson	4
Christopher I. Rowson	2	*A. Keith P. Poole	5
*Anne M. Carpenter	3	James R. White	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross. On Fri., April 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Roger W. Smith	Treble	Burley P. Morris	6
Graham C. Paul	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown	7
Barry E. Saunders	3	David J. Marshall	8
Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Charles E. Truman	5	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

FLORE, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Containing 51 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Kingston, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob, Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight, (2) Ely, Wilmslow, Bogedone, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Rostherne, Chepstow, Knutsford and Skipton Delight, Bourne and Hull Surprise, Nelson Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Primrose, Berwick and Hexham Surprise, (4) Castleton, Peveril, Leasowe, Melandra and Beeston Delight, (5) Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland and St. Werburgh Delight, (6) Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate and Willesden Delight, (7) Braintree Neasden, St. Albans, Charlwood and Wragby Delight, with 100 changes of method. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Stanley M Ruddlesden	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	4
*Alan A. Paul	2	Graham C. Paul	5
David J. Marshall	3	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 250th peal. Most methods rung to a peal of Minor by all the band and for the Guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	Richard A. G. Inglis	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Roderick W. Pipe	9
James W. Belshaw	4	George E. Fearn	10
John R. Insley	5	J Alan Ainsworth	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., April 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
The "Churchill" peal. Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	James W. Belshaw	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
James Insley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Maurice F. Edwards	4	George E. Fearn	10
John R. Insley	5	Charles A. S. Webb	11
Vernon Green	6	Norman J. Goodman	Tenor

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Sidney George Chaplin, member of the St. Martin's band for the last 30 years, who died on March 23rd, 1968.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed, March 20, 1968. in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Sixths place bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Raymond Aldington	Treble	*James W. Belshaw	5
John R Insley	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
James Insley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Norman J. Goodman	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., March 27, 1968 in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	John N. Lindon	5
Susan E. Smith	2	Eric Spence	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed. April 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Susan E. Smith	Treble	*Geoffrey T. Horritt	5
Stephen W. Barton	2	John N. Lindon	6
*Joyce J. Barton	3	J Alan Ainsworth	7
James W. Belshaw	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Norman J Goodman	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
George E. Fearn	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Maurice F. Edwards	3	James Insley	7
Susan E Smith	4	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CORFE MULLEN, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Hubert.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

John N. Longridge	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	4
*Mary E. Elmes	2	*Ross G. W. Robertson	5
William T. Perrins	3	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HEYDOUR, Lincs.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., April 7 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGEE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Denis A. Frith	Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne	5
Peter A. Slight	2	Christopher P. Starbuck	6
Sheila M. Anthony	3	Simon Humphrey	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
Rung to commemorate Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
CHURCH PULVERBATCH, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Edith.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, one extent of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 20 lb. in B.

Stephen T. Yates	Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother	4
Alan J. Fletcher	2	Richard B. Dorrington	5
Christopher J. Bennett	3	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Boys' Brigade H.Q.
(formerly the Church of St. Mary-at-Quay)
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Jennifer M. Andrews	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	4
W. Keith Whittell	2	Robert J. Southgate	5
Alan R. Andrews	3	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
TOOTING GRAVENEY, London.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 19 lb. in B.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
Christopher F. Mew	2	Frank E. Darby	6
Rev. Michael Hart	3	Nigel Thomson	7
Alan D. Flood	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Michael Bruce. Conducted by David E. House.
First peal on the bells.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
TOWEDNACK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Tewinnock the Confessor.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Rev. A. S. Roberts	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	5
*Morley P. Tobin	2	Alan Carveth	6
*Margaret Swain	3	Robert Edwards	7
Anthony J. Davidson	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.
On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 22 methods/variations: (1) St. Uny, (2) Stedman, (3–4) May Day, (5–6) Seighford, (7–8) April Day, (9–10) Plain Bob, (11–12) Allestree, (13–14) St. Frideswide, (15–16) St. Lucy, (17–18) St. Quintin, (19–20) Keysoe, (21–22) Pink's, (23–24) Zennor, (25–26) Ladbroke, (27–28) St. Anne, (29–30) Middleton Stoney, (31–32) Bluebell, (33–34) Daffodil, (35–36) St. Helen, (37–38) Longparish, (39–40) Newborough, (41–42) Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

*Valerie C. Allen	Treble	Anthony J. Davidson	4
Anthony Locke	2	†F. Malcolm Bowers	5
†Anthony P. Smith	3	Denis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony P. Smith.
* First peal on six bells. † First in more than one Doubles method/variation. Most Doubles methods/variations to a peal for all the band, for the Guild and in the county. First in more than one Doubles method/variation on the bells. First of Doubles as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Winchester College Society)
HAREFIELD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., April 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 13 methods/variations, being two extents each of Old, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Kennington, and four extents each of Antelope, St Swithin, St. Valentine, St. Margaret, Allestree, St. Quintin, St. Helen and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*Robert W. T. Slack	Treble	Simon M. Jack	4
*N. Graham Hughes	2	Anthony J. Mason	5
Barry R. M. Johnson	3	*Alastair M. Donaldson	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. M. Johnson.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung by men in the School only.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., March 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret A. Swain	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
Susan E. Smith	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Stephen W Barton	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Arranged by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

HINTON-ON-THE GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 ZEBEDEE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Harold B. Schofield	Treble	John Clements	5
Frances Fairbank	2	Ian Lloyd	6
Hugh Evans	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Shirley M Drew	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton. (C.W.C No. 10.) Conducted by G. R. Drew.
First peal in the method.

ZEBEDEE SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—36—12—38—16.34.7. l.h. 2

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Fred Hodgson	Treble	Vernon Bottomley	5
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	Tom M. Cox	6
Trevor Tarbatt	3	Philip H. Tocock	7
*David Town	4	Wilfrid F Moreton	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Shirley A. Worsnop and Anthony M. Binns.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. E. Burton's four-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

Adrian Dempster	Treble	Edward Hudson	5
Michael J. Pickup	2	†Alan T. Winter	6
*Peter F. Town	3	David A. Town	7
*Jennifer A. Dunning	4	Christopher M. Tuckett	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher M. Tuckett.
* First peal attempt. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

(Beverley and District)
WALKINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) Cambridge, (3) Beverley, (4) Surfleet, (5) Norwich, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Ronald Ducker	Treble	Maris C. Stephenson	4
Elizabeth Johnson	2	Roderick R. Horton	5
Graham K. Smith	3	David S. Johnson	Tenor

Conducted by David S. Johnson.
Rung for the wedding of Patricia A. Teal, who for several years has been a regular local ringer.

KIRK ELLA, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents in eight methods: (1) Norwich, (2) London, (3) Wells, (4) York, (5) Primrose, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr 18 lb. in F.

A Benjamin Cooper	Treble	Wilfrid F Moreton	4
Howard C. Palmer	2	Ronald Ducker	5
David S. Johnson	3	Ian G. Campbell	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F Moreton.
First peal of Surprise and in eight methods on the bells.
Rung for the dedication, on April 3rd, of St. Luke's Church, Willerby, a daughter church of St. Andrew's Parish.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESEAN GUILD.
WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	John R. Scott	3-4
		Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6

First peal of Minor "in hand" by all.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 5th, 1968, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

Geoffrey Bridges	1-2	*Alec Humphrey	3-4
		David J. Marshall (cond.)	5-6

* First peal "in hand."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., April 10, 1968, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Valerie Willard	1-2	Cyril A. Wratten	3-4
		Hugh N. Evans (cond.)	5-6

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At Rhossilli, 55, Wick Avenue.
On Fri., Mar 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED MAJOR
In six methods, being 768 Wellington Little Court, 768 Gainsborough Little Bob, 512 Little Bob 1,024 Plain Bob, 1,024 Reverse Plain Bob and 1,024 Double Plain Bob, with 383 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frederick W Ellis	1-2	Julia A. Fellows	5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	Roger D. R. Brown	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Major in six methods on handbells by all the band.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At Rhossilli, 55, Wick Avenue.
On Sun., April 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5216 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

Gerald Penney	1-2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5-6
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.)	7-8

Arranged from T. B. Worsley's 17,824.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MARDALE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor size 14 in D.

*Joseph Whalley	1-2	*Mary W. Whalley	3-4
		Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6

* 50th peal "in hand" together. First peal in the method.

MARDALE BOB MINOR: —1456—16—16. 4ths.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

David F. Moore	1-2	Alfred Ballard	5-6
*A. Maxwell Lindsey	3-4	Peter J. Staniforth (cond.)	7-8

* First Surprise peal "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.
On Tues., April 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1-2	George E. Feirn	5-6
Margaret A Parker	3-4	Jack L. Millhouse	7-8

Composed by W. H. Inglesant. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berks.—At 80, Lambourne Drive.
On Fri., March 22, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*John S. Hopwood	1-2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3-4
		Jonathan R. Rowson	5-6

* First peal on handbells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
ROTHERSTHORPE, Northants.—At 57, Banbury Lane.
On Tues., April 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Paul	1-2	Graham C. Paul	5-6
David J. Marshall	3-4	Roger W. Smith	7-8

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Louise Powell 1, Penny Cocks 2, N. Bennett 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, E. G. H Godfrey 6. For Matins.

BASLOW, DERBYS. — On April 4th, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: T. Wylie (cond.) 1, S. E. Davis 2, M. E. Hearnshaw 3, A. Noton 4, G. W. Hawksworth 5, L. Udall 6. First in the method by the local band. A birthday compliment to ringer of third.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET. — On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. G. Keeley 1, Mrs. L. Powell 2, H. D. Bishop 3, Mrs. E. Pannell 4, J. T. Barrett 5, C. W. Powell (cond.) 6, F. Knight 7, G. S. Morris 8. Rung as a farewell to the Pannell family after a lost peal attempt.

BECKLEY, OXON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. F. Judge 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, E. R. Venn 3, N. I. Alnatt 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5. For Palm Sunday

BEDFORD, BEDS.—At St. Paul's Church, on March 11th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, Avril Ivin 2, Charlotte M. Harris (first in method) 3, A. H. Smith 4, R. L. Piron 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6, A. E. Rushton 7, C. M. Orme 8. Also on March 24th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods: Jill K. Orme 1, Avril Ivin 2, Kathleen A. Marriott 3, M. J. Marriott 4, R. L. Piron 5, R. H. French 6, C. M. Orme 7, S. J Ivin (cond.) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for Evensong. Also on April 7th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Avril Ivin 1, Kathleen A. Marriott 2, Jill K. Orme (first of Surprise) 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, M. J. Marriott 5, S. J. Ivin 6, R. H. French (cond.) 7, C M. Orme 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

BLAENAVON, MON.—On April 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Marion R. Bennett 1, Gill J. Colleypriest 2, A. W. E. Bainham 3, P. N. Chambers 4, P. S. Bennett 5, R. G. Wilkinson 6, R. Stewart 7, D. L. Phillips (cond.) 8. A 17th birthday compliment to ringer of second.

BLO' NORTON, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, T. Boast 2, A. W Foreman 3, O. P. Claxton (cond.) 4, D. Boast 5, R. Filby 6. For the United Churches Family Service: also to celebrate the birth of the second grand-daughter to the ringers of 1 and 3.

BOBBING, KENT.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M Lacey 1, F. Dodson 2, Miss P. Tomsett 3, R. Bushell (cond.) 4, L. Mitchell 5, S. Lynes (first quarter) 6

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. R. Moore 1, G. B. Davis 2, B. C. Jones (first quarter) 3, F. W. Box 4, P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 5, H. E. Wicks 6. For Evensong. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): T Angell 1, G. B. Davis 2, P. S. Gaisford 3, F. W. Box (cond.) 4, G. Parsons 5, S. Moore 6, H. E. Wicks 7, B. Moore 8. For Confirmation.

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods/variations): Cynthia E. Barnett 1, Patsy M Barnes 2, R. N Scholes 3, L. Atton 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. For Palm Sunday and as a birthday compliment to Cynthia Barnett.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R Jean Henderson 1, R. L. Jones 2, L. Goodall (cond.) 3, L. C. Way 4, M. R. Wycherley 5, R Collis 6, R. W. Powell 7, S. Darvill 8. For Matins

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On April 5th, 1,280 4-Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland). W. S. Rice 1, J. Sheppard 2, G. Hebden 3, Brenda Boyce 4, G. Salmon 5, R. C. Taylor 6, D. G. Massey 7, G. W. Massey (cond.) 8. First of Spliced 2, 3 and 4.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Tovell 1, Miss E. J. Darby 2, Miss J. Bilham 3, P. Dickinson 4, C. R. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Walker 6. For Confirmation and a farewell to C. R. Smith, captain of this tower, on his departure to York.

CONGRESBURY, SOM.—On April 4th, 1,280 Dorchester Surprise Major: M. Dodson 1, P. J. England 2, G Hebden 3, W. S. Rice 4, R. W. Rice 5, J. Brain 6, S. Brown 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in method by all.

COULSDON, SURREY. — On March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Philippa Hewett (first quarter) 1, D. Little 2, E. Ernshaw 3, A. N. Brock 4, D. J. Atkins (cond.) 5. First quarter in more than one method for all. For Evensong.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Kerr 1, G. A. Packer 2, R. W. Morant 3, W. F. Gibbons 4, E. J. Holloway (first of Stedman) 5, B. Harris 6, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 7, S. Carter (first quarter) 8. For Evensong and the visit of the Lord Bishop of Chester.

QUARTER PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on April 6th, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: K. Taber 1, Mrs. C. Foster 2, Mrs. J. Kimber 3, J. Davidge (first on 12) 4, Miss E. Timmins 5, N. G. T. Steere 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, C. M. Foster 8, N. Thomson 9, B. J. Stone 10, R. J. Talbot 11, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 12. First of Maximus 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11. Also on April 7th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, E. W. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. Fisher 5, N. Brown 6, N. G. T. Steere (cond.) 7, K. Taber 8, C. M. Foster 9, A. Brown 10. For Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On March 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. G. Roast 1, Mary Roast 2, Yvonne A. Murray 3, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 4, T. Spurgeon (first of Surprise Major) 5, P. J. Came 6, I. J. M. Saunders 7, J. L. Towler 8. An engagement compliment to Yvonne A. Murray and James L. Towler; also for the birth of a son (Neil Anthony) to Angela and Nigel Rowling.

DEENE, NORTHANTS. — On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): L. Atton 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, R. S. Russell 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4, S. B. Bell 5. Rung on the 100th anniversary of the death of James Brudenell, of Deene Park, seventh Earl of Cardigan, commander of the Light Cavalry Brigade at Balaclava.

DORCHESTER, OXON. — On April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Holloway 1, C. Woodward (first in method) 2, Pamela Powell 3, F. Godden 4, W. F. Judge 5, D. Heritage 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, F. Absolam 8.

EALING, MIDDX. — At St. Mary's Church, on March 31st 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss J. Felton 1, Miss S. Davis 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, B. Read 4, P. N. Felton 5, M. Sprackling 6, W. G Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service. Also on April 7th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Davis 1, A. H. Fulwell (cond.) 2, A. M. Stacey 3, B. Read 4, P. N. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, M. Sprackling 7, W G. Wilson 8. For morning service.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK. — On April 5th, 1,376 Spliced Bristol, Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. P Mortlock 1, Janet House 2, K. S. Hohl 3, G. P. Adams 4, P. Adcock 5, G. H. Pullin 6, M. Cubitt 7, D. E. House (cond.) 8. First of 7-Spliced by all except conductor.

EAST MALLING, KENT.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Carter 1, P. Carter 2, S. P. Garner (first of Minor) 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. First by all the band on the bells. A 21st birthday compliment to Stephen P. Garner.

ELSTREE HERTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Donaldson 1, R. W. I. Slack 2, N. G. Hughes 3, S. M. Jack 4, A J Mason (first of Minor as cond.) 5, B. R. M Johnson 6. First of Minor 1, 2. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—On March 26th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods/var.): S. Maggs 1, Mrs. M. Horseman 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, R. Perry 4, R. Smith 5, A. Perry (cond.) 6. In memory of Harold Parfrey, a former ringer buried the previous day.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. A. Collins 1, Miss M. Mackman 2, Miss I. M. Collins 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Futcher (first "inside") 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Olliver 8. For the Mothers' Union Deanery Festival

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B Burkey 1, Miss S. Cameron 2, Mrs. W M. White 3, W. J. Parker 4, E. G. Howitt 5, R. H. Begrie 6. First quarter of Bob Minor 1, 2, 5. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dingle.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On April 7th, 1,289 Erin Caters: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, Deborah Bishop 3, M J. Uphill 4, J. R. Pratt 5, A. J. Hampton 6, L. C. Way 7, A. E. Bagworth 8, C. M Meyer (comp. and cond.) 9, E. J. Adams 10. For Evensong.

GREASLEY, NOTTS. — On March 30th, 1,694 Spliced Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Grandsire Triples: Mary Beach 1, R. B. Mills 2, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 3, Christine Mills 4, D. Beach 5, P. Nix 6, W. L Exton 7, T. G. Goodwin 8.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Tomsett (cond.) 1, C. Mannering 2, M. Lacey 3, F. Dadson 4, R. Bushell 5, Rev. J. Green 6. For Evensong.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK. — On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. E. Whiting 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, J. A. Underwood 3, A. F. Ballam 4, C. R. Nunn 5, T. Spurling 6, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. R. Fuller 8. First of Triples 1, 5, 6, 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Wells on the birth of a daughter.

KEYMER, SUSSEX. — On March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Pauline E. Stone 1, C. Robinson 2, Ann Plaster 3, Wendy B. Everest 4, R. E. Peckham (cond.) 5, M. G. Stone 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Stone on their 25th wedding anniversary.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (ten callings): A. P. Smith 1, F. M. Bowers 2, H. Miles (cond.) 3, M. L. Lidgey 4, M. Peters 5, Marion Smith 6. Rung for Evensong on Palm Sunday; also to mark the departure to the Far East of Marion Smith; also on the eve of the conductor's birthday.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 31st, 1,303 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. A. Gage (first on ten) 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss D. M. Robotham 3, Miss R. M. Foreman 4, H. G. Hart 5, T. J. Lock 6, B. C. Watson 7, W. G. Knight 8, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 9, R. A. Gage 10.

LUTON, BEDS.—On March 31st, 1260 Plain Bob Royal: Brenda P. Redfearn 1, D. Redfearn 2, Margaret P. Booth 3, K. Lewin 4, N. Garrard 5, A. Mayes 6, G. Hawkins 7, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 8, J. G. Newman 9, J. A. Booth 10. First quarter on ten 1, 2, 6. A welcome to Hilary Jane Garrard, born on March 21st.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Antrichan 1, F. Pack 2, Miss P. Winch 3, Miss M. Judge 4, F. C. Farnsworth 5, E. T. Eades (cond.) 6. A welcome home from Australia for Mr. and Mrs. W. Palin.

PEMBROKE. — On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A Lingard 1, S. Rogers 2, A. R. Trickett 3, Prudence Pattison 4, Mrs. E. M. Rogers 5, J. Prytherch 6, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 7, I. Russant 8. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Janet Hallett 1, D. Sloman 2, M. Hallett 3, Penny Halliwell 4, B. Sadler 5, P. Sloman 6, J. Belcham 7, H. Furminger 8, P. Sadler 9, S. Halliwell (first as cond.) 10. For combined Lenten Service.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOM.—On April 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norfolk and Primrose): E. J. Chivers (cond.) 1, R. G. Beck 2, P. Jones 3, D. Mackay 4, P. J. England 5, J. Brain 6.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—At the Church of Emmanuel, on March 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jackie Holmes (first Stedman) 1, Mrs. Celia D'Aeth 2, Lesley Finch (first Stedman) 3, Mrs Marion Glover 4, M. E. Snape 5, J. Elliott 6, R. Kenrick (cond.) 7, B. Glover 8. For Evensong. Also on March 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. Celia D'Aeth 1, Jackie Holmes (first Cambridge) 2, R. Kenrick 3, J. Elliott 4, D. R. Jones 5, W. E. Court 6, E. Rothwell 7, M. E. Snape (cond.) 8. For Mothers Day.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Donaldson 1, Miss A. Anthony 2, R. Caporn 3, Mrs. N. Hawthorne 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, R. Wilkins 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, who are leaving the district.

THATCHAM, BERKS. — On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tilling 1, Miss M. Marshall 2, A. Edens 3, R. Christopher 4, D. Muttrum 5, R. Ashman 6, R. W Rex (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. For morning service.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOM.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J Stevens (cond.) 1, H. Peart 2, W. Stevens 3, A. P. Craggs 4, L. Morrell 5, C. Baker 6. A farewell to H. Peart, who is moving to Wiltshire.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge): J. Fry (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. H. Long 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, R. A. Grant 4, A S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS. — On March 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W Massey (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Cornwall 2, R. G. Hazell 3, A. Newton 4, D. A. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs 7, P. G. Harris 8. Rung at the time of the dedication of the new Daughter Church of St. Birinus, Booker.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK. — On March 31st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford, T. Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): J E. Fox (cond.) 1, W. W. Cousins 2, D. P Gagen 3, P. J. Gagen 4, H. Follen 5, C. Cousins 6. For Evensong.

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BIRTH

WOOLFORD.—On April 12th, 1968, at 61, Sadler's Way, Hertford, to Jean (née Barnett) and Jim, a son (Clifford Hugh), brother for Kersti. 3829

ENGAGEMENTS

FLOYD—BIRD.—The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. T. Floyd, and Marilyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bird, both of Eynsham, Oxford. 3820

SEMKEN—McARTHUR. — The engagement is announced between Adrian Semken, of Ardleigh, Essex, and Heather McArthur, of Kirby-le-Soken, Essex. 3805

IN MEMORIAM

BRETT.—Treasured memories of a devoted wife, mother and grandma, Ivy Maud, who died on April 20th, 1967.—Leslie. 3795

HALL.—Treasured memories of our dear son, Patrick John, who died April 23rd, 1967. So sadly missed. 3803

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COUSINS. — The address of George T. Cousins, general secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and president of the National Police Guild, is now 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye. 3790

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Please note the address of the new secretary and treasurer: R. Fletcher, 34, Dransfield Road, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 SRN. Tel. Sheff. 35208. 3789

SMALLWOOD.—The address of J. Frank Smallwood on and after April 25th will be Suite 15, Down, Morden College, Blackheath, London, S.E.3. 3801

TOMSETT.—The address of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Tomsett, as from May 1st, will be 27, Portway, Wells, Somerset. 3810

PERSONAL

"Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."—St. John xx, 29.

PUBLICATION

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—1968 Annual Report now available; increased by 16 pages, more articles and tower information. Price (unchanged) 2s post free, from A. J. Davidson, Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro, Cornwall. 3825

MISCELLANEOUS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—Bellringing practice on Friday, May 3rd, cancelled, as The Bethersden Players' production, "Basinful of the Briny," by Leslie Sands, takes place in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th.—J. E. S. 3816

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Coach trip to Embleton (6) and Bamburgh (8) on Saturday, May 4th. Coach will leave Bewick Street (opposite Central Station), Newcastle, at 2 p.m. prompt. Approximate price 12s. (including tea). There are still a few places available. Ringing at Embleton from 3.30 approx. Tea at Bamburgh 5 p.m., followed by ringing. People not travelling by coach should send names for tea to reach me by Wednesday, May 1st. —D. Martin, 25, Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay. 3830

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—S. and W. District.—Special practice (London and Stedman). St. Mary's, Ealing. Monday, April 29th.—M. J. Palmer, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3641

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Holy Trinity Church, Meldreth, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Dedication of the augmented ringing of eight by the Rev. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow. Everyone welcome. Tea 5 p.m., Village School. Ringing after service and after tea. **Names for tea, please,** to J. G. Gipson, The Nook, High Street, Meldreth, Royston, Herts, by Thursday, May 9th. —B. Pratt, Dis Sec. 3813

MAY FESTIVAL
St. Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey.
MAY 4th

An all-day event for ringers and their families. Activities include: Striking contest, quizzes, model train set, audio corner, garden school and handbell ringing. Playgroup for toddlers. Festival service 4.15 p.m.
Send for detailed programme from R. Stephens, 41, Barrow Green Road, Oxted, Surrey.
Your support will benefit Christian Aid.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Norwich, Saturday, May 4th

Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church **4 p.m.** Tea at Chantry Hall at 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow.

Bells available:—
Afternoon:
St. Giles' (8) 2.45–3.45
Evening:
St. Peter Mancroft (12) 7.00–8.30
St. Miles' (8) 7.00–8.30

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:
Garveston (6) 1.30–2.15
Hethersett (8) 2.30–3.30
St. Giles', Norwich (8) .. 2.45–3.45
Bergh Apton (6) 1.30–2.00
Brooke (6) 2.10–2.40
St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich (8) 3.10–3.45
New Buckenham (6) 1.30–2.00
Bunwell (6) 2.15–2.45
Mulbarton (6) 3.00–3.30

Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich Nor. 57N, by **Wednesday, May 1st.**

H. Wm. Barrett, General Secretary. 3792

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE

St. Mary's bells are now at Whitechapel Foundry for retuning, two of them to be recast. Notice will be published of rededication in August. Until then, whenever possible, Friday practice will be continued at Laverstoke (6), Friday, 7.30–9. 3815

ROMSEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE

Until further notice, ringing will be as follows: **Sundays** 9.15–10 a.m. and, by special arrangement **only,** 5.30–6.30 p.m. **Practice, Wednesdays,** 7.30–9 p.m. Visitors welcome and may care to check beforehand by telephoning either I. H. Trueman (Braishfield 311) or H. J. Page (Romsey 2297). 3834

SUFFOLK GUILD
ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION
Ashbocking, Saturday, May 4th

Will teams please be present at 12 noon or as soon as possible.
Evensong 5 p.m. Tea and presentation of Shield, Hemingstone Village Hall. (2½ miles distant, directions given.)
Entries and names for tea to S. Bloomfield, 1, High View, Hemingstone, Ipswich, Suffolk. 3791

CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LONG SUTTON

FLOWER FESTIVAL with ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Friday, May 3rd, to Tuesday, May 7th

The tower will be open for ringing at the following times:
Friday, May 3rd.—5.30 to 9 p.m.
Saturday. May 4th.—12 noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 5th.—9.30 to 10.30 a.m.. 2 to 4 p.m., 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Monday, May 6th.—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All bellringers are welcome. Refreshments available 3817

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

The attention of all members is drawn to the Secretary's notice of the Annual General Meeting on May 11th. Important constitutional changes may be necessary at this meeting to obtain recognition direct by the University instead of through U.L.U., as until recently. — D. J. R. Martin, president. 3800

VETERANS' REUNION. — St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London. Please note alteration of date to June 15th instead of 22nd. — J. Euston. 3806

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barton St. David (6), April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie. Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 3760

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Farmborough on April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. K. T Baker, High Standing, Bath Road, Farmborough, near Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3785

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Striking competition will be held at Thames Ditton on April 27th. Competition ringing will begin at 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea following for those who notify Miss J. Dauris, 22. Ellsworthy, East Molesey (Tel. 01 398–5089), please. 3770

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Upwell, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (own food) 5.—J. Fox. Dis. Sec. 3777

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Clun, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. 3788

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gillingham, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. D. Chapman, 41, Bettescombe Road, Rainham, Gillingham.—T. Barton. 3691

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Evening meeting, Husbands Bosworth, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting 6.30—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3794

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, April 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Business to include election of officers and amendments to rules. Ringing: St. Peter's, 2.30–4.30 p.m. and in evening; St Mary's, Staines, and Stanwell 2.30–4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 3764

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch A.G.M., Bray, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 3646

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Spring meeting, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing, Heyford (Lower) (6) 2.30. Service 4 Tea and business 4.45. Ringing, Rousham (6), 7 p.m. Names for tea to H. Adams, 19, The Square, Lower Heyford, Oxford. 3780

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Atkins, 131, Hinwick Road, Wollaston. 3797

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beaminster, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome 3742

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A Surprise Minor practice will be held at Bicton (6), Saturday, April 27th, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet. 3811

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Buxhall (6) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Great Finborough (6) in the evening. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Borley, 7, Brettenham Road, Buxhall, Stowmarket, Suffolk.—M. Page, Dis. Sec. 3775

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Warbleton, April 27th Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring own tea. Further ringing after tea.—G. FitzHugh. 3771

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Meeting at Mabe, Saturday, April 27th Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. Names for tea. 3762

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Alverstoke, April 27th Bells 3 till 8.30. Service 4.45. Tea in Brodrick Hall 5.30, followed by business meeting. Names for tea and remittance of 2s. 6d. per head to Mrs H. Nobes, 6, Molesworth Road, Gosport, please. 3773

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Brading, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. East, 79, Avenue Road, Sandown.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 3814

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Pensnett (8), Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea No business at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. John Walker, Tansey Green, Pensnett, Brierley Hill, Staffs.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3722

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice meeting at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, May 1st. Bells (12) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome —A. Ward, Branch Sec. 3798

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Goole, Thursday, May 2nd. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. No meeting during May.—L. M. Woodhead, Dis. Sec. 3839

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—An evening practice will be held at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Friday, May 3rd, at 7 p.m Please make every effort to attend as there will not be another meeting until June 8th. 3754

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting, Northmoor (6), Friday, May 3rd, commencing 7.30 p.m.—E. M. Venn, Hon. Sec. 3812

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Elland, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Birkett, 2, Napier Road, Elland, Yorks, by Wednesday, May 1st. 3824

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. John the Baptist's, Pitney (5, 7 cwt.), May 4th, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 3822

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at Felmersham. Service, tea and business meeting 4.30. Towers available (for one hour each): Cardington 9.30, Elstow 10.30, St. Paul's, Bedford, 11.30, Bromham 1.15, Clapham 2, Oakley 2.30, Pavenham 3, Odell 3.15, Felmersham 3.30 and evening. Sharnbrook 7.30. Names for tea to C. Payne, 32, George Street, Clapham. Tel. Bedford 57312. 3835

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD — Southern District.—Meeting, Studley (6), May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m More ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Names for tea to John W. Perkins, 46, Toms Town, Studley, Warwicks. — R. W. S. 3765

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Feering, May 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30 Service 4. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Nichols, Alverstone House, Feering, Colchester. 3769

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Branch meeting, Dunsford, on Saturday May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 Tea, Royal Oak, 4.30. Meeting after Christow and Bridford if required.—G. Skinner. 3672

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting at Offley (6) on Saturday, May 4th, from 5.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3827

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Scorton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 4s. approx.). Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston. 3796

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Meeting at Orlingbury, May 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. B. Butler, Kettering Road, by Tuesday previous. All welcome.—M. A. C. 3763

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. — Annual meeting, Melton Mowbray (10), May 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed at 5 p.m. by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Clamp, 44, Limes Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics, by previous Wednesday. 3897

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Attenborough. Bells (8) from 3.30. — S. Adams. 3831

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Everton, Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea to Mrs. Usher, The Vicarage, Everton, Doncaster, Yorks, by previous Thursday 3838

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Advanced practice meeting at Fairwarp (8), Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Cups of tea will be provided; please bring own cups. — Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 3826

TRURO GUILD. — Penzance Branch. — Spring Festival at Wendron (6), Saturday, May 4th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning Heamoor, Penzance. 3804

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting at Buriton on May 4th. Bells available 6–8 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3787

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, May 4th. Evening prayer at the Minster 4 p.m Tea in St. John's College 5. The Dean's Park (entrance through gate near N.W tower) will be available for car parking. Please display card on windscreen with "Y.A.C.R.". Subscriptions are due; reports will be available. Bells: Kippax (6), 10–11; Woodlesford (6), 10–11; Barwick-in-Elmet (6), 11–12; Bramham (6), 11.30–12.30; Tadcaster (8), 12–1 and 7.15–8.30; Acomb (6), 2–3.30; Huntington (6), 2–3.30 and 7–8.45; York Minster (13), 2.30–3.55 and 7–8 Names for tea to Miss J. Watkin, 40, Meadowsfield Drive, Huntington, York, by previous Thursday.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 3679

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Euston (5) on Friday evening, May 10th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 3833

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sampford Arundel (6), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Wellington (8) available 7 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 3832

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District. — Meeting at Christ Church (6), Wanstead, Saturday, May 11th District heat of striking competition Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. J. P. Eyre, 4, Greenhays Drive, South Woodford, London, E.18. 3611

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold, May 11th. Striking competition in afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea in Winn Hall 5.15, followed by quarterly meeting. Bells available after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Fincher, Ivy Cottage, Dunsfold, Godalming, by Tuesday, May 7th 3808

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, Penhow, May 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. H. Jones, Parc Cottage, Penhow, Mon. 3824

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild Festival at Wimborne on May 11th. Festival service in the Minster Church of St. Cuthberga 3 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. J Strickland. Address by the Rev. R. Keeley. Tea 4 p.m. in Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. Tickets (6s. 6d.) obtainable from Mr. N. G. Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, before May 4th. **No name, no tea.** Bells available: 11.30–1 p.m., Cranborne (8); 1–2.30 and 6.30–8.30, Poole (10); 2–3 and 6.30–8.30, Wimborne (10); 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and 6.30–8.30: Canford Magna (6), Corfe Mullen (6), Gussage, All Saints' (5), Gussage, St. Michael's (6), Hampreston (6), Long Crichel (6), Lytchett Matravers (6), Lytchett Minster (6) Morden (5), Spetisbury (5), Sturminster Marshall (6), Swanage (8), Wareham (8), Wimborne St Giles (8), Witchampton (6), Kington £7, one bell out of order).—F. Slatford, Gen. Sec. 3809

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Great Totham on May 18th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea. 3690

CHANGING THE HUNT BELL

Dear Sir,—I am not eager to enter into any discussion which makes reference to the decisions of the Central Council, since these decisions are usually illogical, often inconsistent and sometimes contradictory. However, on the subject of calls, they are fairly concise and the letter from "Undergraduate" needs answering

Firstly, the point about changing the hunt bell is a red herring. The hunt bell is not changed. Seconds place, which is the essence of Plain Bob, is made only when the treble is leading. "Undergraduate" states categorically and completely unjustifiably that it is "not possible to change the hunt bell in midstream." It is possible (see page 276) and there is no Central Council decision which prevents it being done. It is interesting to speculate on the musical possibilities of doing this in, say, Surprise Major

The other points raised by "Undergraduate" are, I think, amply covered by the "Decisions" obtainable for half a crown from the address on the back page.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough

LOWICK, NORTHANTS. — On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Curtis (first quarter) 1, R. Russell 2, M. J. Hawkins 3, S. B. Bell 4, H. Richardson 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On March 24th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: Mervyn Rose (first quarter) 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, C. Hancock 5, E. Nice 6. For Mothers Day and Patronal Festival.

Bell Rhymes from Northamponshire

From Mr. Pat Chapman, of Daventry, we have received cuttings of "The Northampton Chronicle and Echo" telling of rhymes associated with the bells of Northamptonshire and elsewhere.

Mr. W. N. Terry, curator of the Central Museum, Northampton, makes the following interesting contribution:—

Some years ago I bought in Cheltenham a small book of poems for my then very young children. It is called "A Little Book of Old Rhymes," collected by Cicely Mary Barker and published by Blackie and Son Ltd.

Shortly afterwards we knew we were to move our home to Northampton, and on a number of occasions came to the town via Banbury and went up the Banbury Lane. As we drove along we used to sing together (for the obvious reason) one of the rhymes, which I quote in full herewith.

Pancakes and fritters,
Say the bells of St. Peter's.
Where must we fry 'em?
Say the bells of Cold Higham.
In yonder land furrow
Say the bells of Wellingborough.
You owe me a shilling
Say the bells of Great Billing.
When will you pay me?
Say the bells of Middleton Cheney
When I am able
Say the bells of Dunstable.
That will never be
Say the bells of Coventry.
O yes it will
Says Northampton great bell.

I think Coventry has accidentally been substituted for Daventry in this version which otherwise, apart from Dunstable, includes only Northamptonshire churches. The version from Canada, contributed by your correspondent W. McLean, seems to include only Northampton Town churches. (All Hallows' is, of course, an earlier form of All Saints'.)

I would very much like to hear of any other versions of this old Northamptonshire folk rhyme, and indeed of any other such items belonging to this area. They are dying out fast and if we do not record them now they will soon be lost for ever.

OTHER MEMORIES

Did every district have its own bell rhyme? I remember once hearing this::

Moulton big jowlers,
Holcot ting tang,
Walgrave pretty merry bells,
Hannington cracked pan.

P. Knight, Lanesend, Walgrave.

Reading in "The Chronicle and Echo" about the nursery rhyme verse "The Bells of Northampton" reminded me of the little jingle my grandmother used to sing to me when I was a tiny girl.

Moulton great boulders,
Pitsford ting tangs,
Brixnorth little merry bells.
Spratton black pans.

Mrs. E. Judge, Lesson Road, Brixworth.

QUARTER PEALS

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS. — On March 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. A. Darnell 1, W. E. Morris 2, Mrs. J. M. Morris 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, E. J. Thoday 5, A. J. Davey 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, G. W. Henson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alan Stanley Pettit, sidesman at this church and alderman of the borough.

HARBURY, WARKS. —On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. Lawton (13, first quarter) 1, J. M. Windsor 2, R. A. Sheasby 3, S. T. Hauley 4, R. D. Brain 5, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 6. First "inside" 3, 4. A 20th birthday compliment to 3 and 5; also rung for Palm Sunday.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On April 6th, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: Miss P. Copas 1, R. J. Collis 2, P. N. Felton 3, L. C. Way 4, J. R. Pratt 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except the conductor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. J. Willey 2, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 3, J. Carey and R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong. Also on March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Marsh 1, S. M. O'Neill (first Minor) 2, R. J. Willey (first "inside" Minor) 3, W. G. Marsh 4, R. Blackshaw 5, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 6. Also on March 20th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Hazel M. Carter 1, R. J. Willey 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Also on March 31st, 1,320 Doubles: H. M. Carter and J. Carey 1, R. J. Willey 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Loach and R. D. Marsh 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Conducted by 4 and 5. For Evensong.

ILTON, SOM. — On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Horsey 1, Barbara Dean 2, T. Locke 3, R. Dean (cond.) 4, R. Welch 5, B. Spiller 6. A 27th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Drew, and to wish Mr. Drew a speedy recovery from injuries received in a road accident. Also rung as a belated 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Jim Stenner.

LOCKING, SOM.—On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, June Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Jones (first of Stedman Doubles) 5, H. Button 6. For Evensong. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): V. Criddle 1, Jane Markham 2, Susan Stott 3, Yvonne Criddle (cond.) 4, R. Jones 5, P. Hicks (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Average age of band 16 years.

LONDON, E.—At Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, on April 7th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: R. J. Collis 1, Miss S. C. Thexton 2, K. G. Game 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, R. L. Jones 5, L. C. Way 6, M. R. Wycherley 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. For morning service.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOM.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Salvidge (first quarter) 1, A. Bratten 2, P. Wareham 3, H. Haynes 4, G. Wareham (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Stride (first quarter) 6.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS. — On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. T. Godfrey 1, Mrs. E. E. Godfrey (first "inside" in method) 2, Miss F. Riley (first in method as cond.) 3, Miss F. Stocker 4, A. A. Nunn 5, Miss J. Blackburn 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Maynard 1, M. Soper 2, C. Ward 3, S. Taylor 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, P. Harris 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY. — On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss R. A. Collins 1, J. Avenell 2, Miss J. M. Collins 3, R. Collins 4, J. A. Collier (cond.) 5, C. Slyfield 6. In memory of Sam Petter, buried at Worplesdon this day.

PUTNEY, S.W. — On April 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Christine M. Cobb 1, L. Ann Mew (first of Major "inside") 2, Corinna Smith (first of Major) 3, Alison M. Mann 4, Julie S. Armstrong 5, Rev. M. Hart 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, A. R. Patterson 8. For Evensong.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On March 16th, 1,250 Rutland Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, A. H. Smith 2, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 3, R. J. Sharp 4, C. J. Groome 5, M. J. Marriott 6, R. H. French 7, C. M. Orme 8. Rung after a peal attempt was lost.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. Rung for the institution of the Rev. Morley Hattam; also a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, a former vicar.

STUDLEY, WARKS. — On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Weaver (first quarter) 1, J. Perkins 2, G. Stock 3, D. French 4, R. Spray (cond.) 5, R. Sutor 6. For the birth of a daughter to Doreen and Graham Stock.

BUILDING UP DOUBLES VARIATIONS

BY DEREK C. JACKSON

(Continued from page 295)

Part 5

The following is not part of my scheme but a few lines of assistance to those a little confused by the mass of figures and the arithmetic that those "in the know" take for granted. These notes are written by one who has only in recent years fully comprehended their significance. One crumb of comfort is that such things as Place Notation do become more interesting as your understanding develops, and certainly no learner should be denied this fundamental instruction simply because the tower captain has never tried to acquaint himself with it.

I suggested that your new, basic method should be introduced by a distribution of Place Notation to the band. Let us take Method 3 (which is eventually found to be St. Simon's Doubles). The Place Notation is 5, 1, 5, 3, 5. 2nds, with lead-end 14253.

This you should write out, starting from rounds

12345
5
1
5
3
5

Since all regular symmetrical, the figures given are for half a lead only, i.e., until the treble is "at the back". The remaining figures are a mirror image about the last given figure, i.e., write them out in reverse order.

12345
5
1
5
3

3
5
1
5

The treble will then lead, and your next piece of information states that 2nds is made here. Thus:—

12345
5
1
5
3
5
3
5
1
5
2

This will contain a full lead of the method.

The first change of the method is obtained by keeping fifths place bell in its place, pairing off the other bells, and crossing over the pairs. Thus:—

12345		12345
5 21435	The second change requires the leading bell to stay in its place; cross over the other pairs.	5 21435
1		1 24153
5		5

The third change requires the fifths place bell to "lie still".

12345
5 21435
1 24153
5 42513

12345	
5	21435
1	24153
5	42513
3	24531
	42351
5	42135
1	41253
5	14523
2	

The last change of the lead is rather difficult. The seconds place bell must "lie still", but the treble (First place bell) is leading twice. There is only one pair of bells to change over, 52, so the fifths place bell must also "lie still". Hence we find (and shall do so frequently) that the final place is NOT 2 but 1, 2 and 5. Thus:—

12345
5 21435
1 24153
5 42513
3 24531
5
1 41253
5 14523
125 14253

Part 6

This change (14253) produced at the backstroke lead of the treble is most important. It is known by 95% of the Exercise as the "Lead End". This is incorrect, according to an article in issue No. 2947, page 637, where Mr. York-Bramble suggests the name "Index Row". It is so important that the stated place notation always contains it as additional information. Primarily this is used to check that you correctly computed one lead of your method.

If you now repeat the complete process of Place Notation from the row 14253 you will write out the second full lead of the method. Another repetition gives you the third full lead, and a final repetition gives you the last lead. By drawing a line through the path of any bell, usually the number two, you can obtain the Blue Line, provided no mistakes have been made in the 40 changes. The Index Row 14253 can help you to check this. This is produced from 12345 at the treble's previous backstroke lead.

	12345
The next Index Row	14253
can be calculated	1xxxx

The bell in 2nd position was in 4th position in the previous Row. The bell in 3rd position was in 2nd position in the previous Row. The bell in 4th position was in 5th position in the previous Row. The bell in 5th position was in 3rd position in the previous Row.

Thus it must be	15432
The next is	13524
And the next	12345

This process is called Transposition. Now check your 40 changes at the treble's backstroke leads. They should be as calculated in our Transposition.

Part 7

Usually the Blue Line is produced by a much quicker process, using your one full lead. On another piece of paper draw five vertical, parallel lines, numbering the lines (NOT the spaces) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Now draw a pencil line through the path of number two bell in your written-out lead. Draw this diagram on your new piece of paper. At the end of the lead this bell has reached third position. During the next lead our bell will follow the path number three bell followed in the first lead. Draw a pencil line through the path of number three bell in your written-out lead. Join this diagram to the one so far drawn on your new piece of paper, first adding the words "This is where number three starts".

Number three bell has reached fifth position at the end of the lead. During the next lead our bell will follow the path number five bell followed in the first lead. Use your pencil again, and your Blue Line is now three-quarters complete, and contains the starting positions of number two, number three and number five bells. You should now be able to complete your Blue Line.

(To be continued)

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

On April 6th the Ilchester Branch held its monthly practice meeting at St. Andrew's, Trent. Over 30 ringers attended, representing 18 different towers. The Rector, the Rev. T. C. P. Brook, said the Belfry Office prior to ringing on this pleasant 18 cwt. six. Messrs. Gordon W. Rendell and W. E. Turner conducted the ringing, which included rounds, Bob Doubles, Grandsire, Plain Bob Minor, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Stedman, London and Double Court Bob Minor. The Branch is grateful to the Rector and the Tower Master, Mr. H. Brooks, for their kindness in permitting the use of their bells.

Next meeting: May 4th, 7–9 p.m., at Pitney. Branch half-day outing, May 11th. M. M. L.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On March 27th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Kirby 1, Miss D. White 2, Miss J. Sturrock 3, A. Botterell 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6.

TABLE 2

CALL

Plain Course	Plain Bob Bob	Old Doubles Single	Plain lead of All Saints	Grandsire Single	Reverse Canterbury Bob	Pink Single
Plain Bob	Plain Bob O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	Old O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	Seighford O.B. 3, 4 or 5	April Day O.B. 3, 4 or 5	Kennington O.B. 2, 3 or 4	May Day O.B. 3, 4 or 5
Reverse Canterbury 345, 1, 5, 1, 5 2nds L.E. 14253	Southrepps or St. Agatha O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	St. Columb O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	Little Aston	Clifford's Pleasure O.B. 3, 4 or 5	Reverse Canterbury Pleasure	Royston O.B. 3, 4 or 5
St. Simon's 5, 1, 5, 3, 5 2nds L.E. 14253	St. Simon's O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	Cassington O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	Elford	Eynsham O.B. 3, 4 or 5	St. Alban	St. Ignatius O.B. 3, 4 or 5
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The Minster Church of St. Cuthberga, Wimborne, Dorset

Whither into the Realms of the Unknown

NEVER before has the art of change ringing reached the standard of attainment as prevails today. And it is not a limited field of experts. The latest achievement that has come to light is the effort of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in having six different teams ringing the same day peals of nine spliced Surprise Major with each bell doing all the work. There was a seventh band who failed through circumstances outside their control. Many of those taking part would not regard themselves as giants of the Exercise but even a decade ago such a performance would be spoken about with bated breath.

These great performances are not confined to one part of the country. The St. Martin's Guild has set ears a-tingling with their long lengths of Stedman Cinques and Glasgow Surprise. Almost immediately came a Lancashire retort with a few changes extra spliced into the composition thus challenging the mental and physical superiority of Birmingham. They have created their own field of specialisation in spliced Surprise Royal. There are other areas of great achievement—the compositions of spliced Surprise Major are staggering in their variety and are examples of disciplined minds to a degree undreamed of in the past. The handbell ringers should not be overlooked. Week by week they meet, adding new methods. To the struggling novice they seem to be endowed with gifts bordering on the supernatural. Well might the Exercise ask Whither! What next? Will this age of achievement peter out?

Probably it could be asserted that there are today 400 front rank ringers capable with practice of ringing with these famous bands. Most of our big Associations and Guilds have their elite who can take their place unhesitatingly in Surprise Maximus peals or ring Stedman Cinques of the standard of the College Youths. And from this source there is annually a steady flow of young men and women approaching the peak of modern ringing. Last year from Kent came a new cult of half lead Surprise. The Central Council will present their verdict on this new experiment at Worcester, which if accepted opens up a new field, not lacking in complications to tax mental ingenuity.

But what does the vast majority of ringers think about this advanced ringing? Frankly they are baffled. The gap is so wide that many of them are embarrassed when they ring with this top 400. They realise the limit of their ringing horizon—just Grandsire and Plain Bob and their practices are invariably with beginners learning the rudiments of hunting. Last week we told the story of the Andover District and how on their 40th anniversary they rang 35 peals. These peals were of the simplest of methods because everybody capable of ringing a peal had a chance in his own tower. To the specialists and front rank people these peals make poor reading, but to those taking part there was the thrill of triumph. Not more than three or four of the many who rang in the Andover 40th anniversary will ever reach the top 400, but they can give the answer to the question Whither goest thou? Yes, it will still be Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford. It will be the continuation of the tradition of their forefathers and Sunday by Sunday it will be the simple bell music that villages like to hear and for which poets and others give us the title of The Ringing Isle.

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St. Cuthberga's, Wimborne Minster

"WIMBORNE Minster, formerly collegiate and a free royal chapel, is an ancient, venerable and regular fabric, built in the form of a cross and in the fashion of a cathedral." So wrote Hutchins in his survey of Dorset in the eighteenth century.

In or about A.D. 713, a nunnery was founded by St. Cuthberga, sister of Ina, King of the West Saxons. The nunnery was a Benedictine foundation and it probably stood on the site of Dean's Court, a stone's throw from the Minster. Almost certainly the Abbey Church stood on the site of the present Minster. For three hundred years the nunnery prospered but it was finally destroyed by the Danes about 1013 during one of their incursions into Wessex.

Upon the restoration of the Saxon line of Kings with Edward the Confessor in 1043 a college of secular canons was founded, consisting of a dean, four prebends, four vicars, four deacons and five singers. In 1318 Edward II declared the Minster his free chapel and as such to be exempt from all ordinary jurisdiction. The deans were invariably holders of other preferment and among them may be mentioned Cardinal Pole (1517-1537), later Archbishop of Canterbury, who became dean at the age of seventeen. The deanery was dissolved in 1547.

A ROYAL "PECULIAR"

Margaret, Countess of Richmond, mother of Henry VII, who founded Christ's and St. John's Colleges at Cambridge, was a good friend to the Minster. She founded a seminary, which a charter of Elizabeth I converted into the Grammar School. In Elizabeth's reign the Minster became a royal "Peculiar", with three priest-vicars elected by the "Governors", serving each for a week in turn. This practice continued until 1876. At the same time, 1562, the property and rites which had been possessed by the college passed into the hands of 12 "Governors" to be chosen from among the substantial men of the parish. These 12 Governors still hold the living of the Minster and have a say in the running of the Grammar School.

The Minster is the only instance of a two towered fabric in Dorset. The central tower, which does not contain any bells, and parts of the arcade are the oldest parts of the Minster, being Norman. The rest of the church covers various types of architecture up to Perpendicular. The church is built partly of a rich brown sandstone from the Ringwood quarries, and partly of a drab coloured stone. The whole Minster was drastically restored in 1855-57 with the removal of much "old fashioned" woodwork.

"JACK" STRIKES THE HOURS

Above the vestry there is a chained library collected together in 1686 "for the free use of the townspeople of Wimborne". Beneath the western bell tower on the south wal is fixed an old orrery or astronomical clock. It was made by a monk of Glastonbury Abbey about 1320 and represents the sun, moon and stars revolving round the earth. The clock still goes and the works, which are in the belfry, cause the "Jack" outside on the north wall of the tower to strike the quarters. The "Jack" was added in 1613 and his present dress is that of a British Grenadier of the time of Napoleon.

The bell tower was built between 1448 and 1464 in the Perpendicular style. However there were bells in the central tower long before 1464. It is known by the inscription on the tenor bell which was recast in 1629 that it was given by a Mr. William Loringe. He was one of the canons of the church about 1385. The churchwardens' accounts began as early as 1475 and from the beginning there are references concerning the bells. Two examples are:—

1530 Item. "pay'd to the bell founder for mendyng of the second bell when it was craysd" 13s. 4d.

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1664 "Paid in beere to the ringers for a peale to try if the tower shooke, 1s."

Originally the tower contained five bells and the sixth one was added in 1686. During the restoration in 1856 two more bells were added. The first peal on these eight bells was Grandsire Triples conducted by George Williams on Dec. 26th, 1902.

A NEW TEN

By 1911 the condition of the bells had become unsatisfactory, several were out of tune and the fittings decayed. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston recast the whole ring, added two new trebles and hung them in a steel and iron frame. The bells were dedicated on June 14th, 1911. The second peal in the tower was rung on the new ten on June 22nd, just 8 days after their dedication. It was a peal of Stedman Caters conducted by William Pye and was the first in the method of Caters in the Diocese of Salisbury. It was also rung in honour of the Coronation of George V. Over the years since 1911 only fifteen more peals have been rung in the tower. There were two peals of Cambridge Royal in the fifties and one of Stedman Caters on Aug. 7th, 1937, rung by the Freemasons and conducted by F. W. Perrens. Peal attempts are now restricted to one a year as the tower is in the centre of the town.

In the belfry there is a list of Ringers' Rules dated 1883 to remind one of the days when ringers really had to earn their place in a tower.

The bells, with their inscriptions, are as follows:—

Treble—F sharp 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb. Per multos annos resonet campana Liobae.

Second—E 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs. Deo gratias agimus pro Domina Margareta Scholae fundatrice et hujus Ecclesiae benefactrice.

Third—D 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. C. & G. M. 1856.

Fourth—C sharp 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 6 lbs. C. & G. M. 1856.

Fifth—B 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 2 lbs. Sum minima hic campana at inest sua gratia parvis S.K. 1686.

Sixth—A 8 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs. S.M.V. pulsata Rosamundi Maria vocata S.K. 1686.

Seventh—G 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. Thou the Lord glad. I.W. 1598.

Eighth—F sharp 15 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs. Sounde out the belles in God regoyce. I.W. 1600.

Ninth—E 20 cwt. 0 qrs. 15 lbs. R. & T. Wells, Aldbourne 1798.

Tenor—D 29 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs. This bell was recast A.D. 1911 by General Sir John Fryer, K.C.B. In memory of his father and mother. John Fryer, Esquire. Born at Wimborne Minster 1797. Died 1854, and Mary R. Fryer, 1808-1886. Mr. Wilhelmus Loringe me primo fecit in honorem Stoe Cutbergoe renovabar sumptu parochiali per A.B. Anno Domini 1629.

Notes:—

(a) St. Lioba, referred to on the treble, was one of the Saxon saints educated here and who helped St. Boniface in his evangelisation of Germany.

(b) I.W., on the seventh and eighth bells, are the initials of the founder John Wallis of Salisbury.

(c) The tenor bell was recast in 1629 in Wimborne itself, in a garden near the Minster.

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Getting Ready for Central Council Meeting

WORCESTER'S MASTER: MOST IMPORTANT OCCASION

THE Worcestershire Association's annual general meeting was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, as has been the custom for a good many years. A proposition to hold next year's meeting at Malvern found little support.

The day began with a well-attended service at All Saints' Church conducted by the Association's chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Davies. Also present were the president of the Association, the Dean of Worcester, and the Rector of All Saints'. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by L. J. Haines 1-2, R. G. Morris 3-4, D. Beacham 5-6, M. V. White 7-8.

The meeting followed in the Cathedral Chapter House under the chairmanship of the president. The officers' reports had been previously circulated in the annual report and were presumably acceptable to members as they provoked no discussion. The general secretary gave the meeting a full description of the arrangements the sub-committee was making for the forthcoming visit of the Central Council.

As no other nominations had been received, all the officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr W. B. Cartwright; general secretary, Mr. D. Beacham; treasurer, Mr. G. Westwood; peal secretary, Mr. G. L. Bowen; chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Davies; librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper.

A NEW FREEMAN

The Association's highest honour, that of being a "Freemason of the Association," was conferred upon Mr. Sydney T. Holt. This was in recognition of his long years of service as an officer and as one of the Association's leading peal ringers and conductors.

During the afternoon the towers at Dodderhill, Stoke Prior, Wychbold and Claines were open. A large number of ringers, including many visitors from other Associations, went from tower to tower on a beautiful and sunny afternoon, and this same crowd later filled the Cathedral ringing chamber to capacity to ring on the heaviest bells in the Midlands.

POINTS FROM REPORTS

In his foreword the chaplain (the Rev. H. Lewis Davies) quotes from the churchwarden's accounts for Old Swinford Parish in 1604. Over 200 years later, in 1815, the churchwardens had to pay £2 to "the ringers at Old and New Churches as promised when Bonaparte was taken by the English." Perhaps Waterloo was not won on the playing fields of Eton, but in the towers of North Worcestershire.

"All this goes to show that one of the unchanging sounds of the country has been the ringing of the bells at the Parish Church. This sound is perhaps the only one that has remained virtually unchanged since the Middle Ages. The modern methods are of fairly recent invention, and the art is more sophisticated than it has ever been, yet basically the sound of the clapper striking the bow today would be recognised as such by a man from Tudor times."

The Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright) devoted his report mainly to the forthcoming visit of the Central Council, which he regarded as the most important occasion in the life of the Association. He appealed to all members to attend and see what happened at the ringers' parliament to which they had elected representatives.

The same theme was taken by the general secretary, who wrote: "Our Association covers an area which has contrasts in both countryside, churches and bells, and the ringing tours we are planning are arranged to exploit this. Over half the rings of bells of our area will be visited during the week-end and so I urge all of you to 'get cracking' and prepare your ringing chambers in readiness."

Paid-up ringing membership was more or less static at 507 this year as against 512 in 1966. There were no changes in the Association's officers but there was one addition, with Mr. A. J. Brazier being elected their fourth representative on the Central Council.

The general treasurer (Mr. G. Westwood) reported a surplus on the year in the General Fund of £33 1s. 6d. The doubling of subscriptions had given the General Fund a satisfactory working balance with the result that they carried forward £88 16s. 9d. Income in the Belfry Repairs Fund was £75, including £43 from the P.C.C. affiliation scheme. Expenditure totalled £27, including two grants of £10. The total of the Association funds, including badge stock of £50, amounted to £463 compared with £382 a year ago.

The peal secretary (Mr. G. L. Bowen) reported 56 peals in 1967 rung in 28 towers by 149 members (60 resident and 89 non-resident). Eleven members rang their first peal, a much better showing than in 1966.

Wide Interest at Randwick's Dedication

The dedication service for the two main improvements in the restoration of the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Randwick, took place on Palm Sunday evening. These improvements are the new chapel in memory of the Rev. John Elliott, incumbent of the parish from 1819 to 1891 (a record of 72 years very rarely surpassed), and the ring of bells recently augmented from four to six. The dedication was conducted by the Archdeacon of Gloucester, the Ven. W. T. Wardle, who also gave the address on the theme "The House of God."

Although about 30 extra chairs had been procured for the occasion, some ringers had to stand for the service. When the bells had been dedicated, rounds were immediately rung by Messrs. M Simpson (tower captain), A. R. Barnett, E. J. Barnett, B. E. Pegler and John Taylor (all of Randwick). The other ringer was Mr. Trevor Pritchard, Stroud Parish Church captain, who had been instrumental in helping the augmentation scheme. After the service there was ringing till 9 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Taylor came down for the occasion from the Loughborough Foundry, which had cast the two bells. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who had helped the scheme with a £75 grant, were very well represented with the following present: Miss Mary Bliss (chairman), Messrs. C. Rouse (secretary), Cyril Wratten (treasurer) and William F. Scudamore (Ringing Master), who read the first lesson, Psalm 150. The Stroud and District Branch were also represented by Mr. Roy Nicholas (chairman), Mr. Peter W. Screen (secretary), Miss Sara Cornock (secretary) and Mr. E. Cribley (Ringing Master), who made a tape recording of the entire service. Also present were many ringers from various parts, including Mr. A. L. Barry from Gloucester Cathedral, and ringers from Cheltenham, Swindon, Cirencester, Bath and elsewhere.

The second lesson was read by Mr. John Wehner, son of the late Rev. G. R. Wehner, in whose memory a new communion rail has been placed in the Elliott Chapel. His name is also inscribed on the treble bell, for which his widow, Mrs R. A. M. Wehner, was a sponsor.

Many of those who had come from afar accepted the offer of refreshments at the Vicarage, served by the Hon. Mrs. S. M. Morrison, helped by ladies of the Church Council, and slides were to be seen there showing the casting of the treble bell on December 18th, 1967, and various stages of the installation of the bells by the bellhanger, Mr. John Walker.

The Randwick six have a very remarkable history, as they are three pairs of bells from widely different ages. Nos. 3 and 4 are from the late 14th century, from Bristol; No. 5 and the 6½ cwt. tenor from the early 18th century, from the Abraham Rudhall foundry at Gloucester (the date of the tenor is 1701); and the two new trebles are dated 1967, exactly 250 years after the casting of the 5th in 1717. Despite the disparity of ages of the bells, the six make a pleasant and well-balanced ring, which, thanks to some sound-control to prevent dominance of the old bells, which are higher in the tower, ring out over the Cotswold Hills as harmoniously as any.

Over a dozen people, mostly of the younger generation, have expressed interest in learning bellringing from scratch, and have turned up so far to the regular Thursday evening practice (7 to 9 p.m.), so it is hoped in a few months time to have an up-and-coming call change band which may go on to learn the basic methods.

The Church Council are extremely grateful to all who have helped their appeal so that they have not had to provide any funds for the bell restoration (their funds are fully committed with the Elliott Chapel and the redecorating and rewiring of the church). Particular thanks are due to the Stonehouse factory of Hoffman (Gloucester)) Ltd., nearby, who supplied free of charge the ball races for the four old bells, which were rehung on the existing steel frame which had been originally installed in 1902 by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough. These facts are briefly recorded on a brass plaque in the ringing chamber, which gives some details of the restoration of the bells which would never have taken place without the very generous offer of a bell (the second of the six) in memory of Mr. Russell Harper (1904-1964), who was born and buried at Rodborough.

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HOW TO ACHIEVE A GOOD RISE AND FALL

By EUNICE D. OVEREND

SOMEONE recently asked for hints on trebling the bells up and down in peal. Before trying to oblige may I say that it all depends on what the band wants to achieve. A style that suits a light Cornish six may cause chaos on a heavy Somerset eight, and vice versa, and a ringer who has been able to follow the bell in front for years may not take kindly to the suggestion that any improvement is possible.

It is best to begin from the very beginning, from the first day the recruit arrives, in fact. He can be taught how to let out and take in coils, swinging all the bells in turn (muffs on or clappers tied, please) quite safely up to the sally-beginning-to-bob height and down again. This enables him to get the feeling of keeping a tight rope and making a long pull once the bell is swinging high enough. He can also discover the difference between pulling and checking, and any awkwardness in movement and foot position can easily be corrected at this stage. Several can practise this together, watching and correcting each other, while one has undivided attention on a raised bell.

ACCURATE STRIKING

Accurate striking in the rise and fall is controlled by the length of rope. The upper hand must keep its place on the back-rope while a coil of rope is made or let out below this by the other hand. The lower hand must take its position again immediately, touching the other hand. With a sufficient pull the combined length of ringer at full stretch and rope takes the bell to exactly the same height as at the previous stroke, before the coil requires attention The size of the coils should be small enough to prevent their swinging and hitting the ringer in the face, and large enough to avoid too big a bunch in the hand. Three or four, of equal size, is about the right number.

SETTING RIGHT AND WRONG SIDE

With this groundwork the learner should be able to raise and fall a bell alone by the time he can ring rounds. The next stage is to raise the bells in twos, the improver keeping his bell exactly above or below the learner's, at whatever speed, within reason, the latter chooses to go The knack of getting the bell up (and down) the right stroke is best shown by the bell itself, if the layout of the bell chamber permits. The first pull sets bell and clapper swinging together, the checking of the bell at the end of the second swing sends the clapper on to hit it. The clapper hits the bell upward all the way and finishes on the lower side when the bell is set. If the clapper hangs in the middle, the bell catches it up as it swings higher, so that it is knocking the bell down all the way, making heavy work, and finishes balanced on the upper rim, altering the centre of gravity, so that the bell is difficult to set. From below, if the sound comes when the hands are raised (while the bell is still only striking on one side), the bell is right-stroke, if it comes when the hands are down, the clapper is on the wrong side.

After this the bells can be raised in threes, 135, 246, with the least skilled in the middle and the most skilled in front. In this way everyone has a chance to learn to treble up and down—a useful accomplishment—and learns the difficulties of both ends at different speeds. There are few enough bells for everyone to hear and identify all of them and correct the spacing accordingly. (The commonest fault in raising and falling bells in peal is for each ringer to take his spacing from the bell immediately in front and to ignore the bells behind.) The treble ringer also learns to leave room for the second side to come in, and all learn to accommodate speed to the weakest member. From this to raising all the bells together is but a small step. Half the interval for twice the number of bells is the only practical difference.

A NEAT START

With a band at this stage the treble ringer has no particular problems. On light bells a neat start is to swing them altogether and then check on the third swing, so that all strike in order the first time. On heavy bells, bringing them in one at a time, 1, 12, 123, etc., is more practicable. The best general direction is to keep them all as close as possible until the tenor is striking both sides, then to open up gradually. Heavy bells should let those in front get well away before starting or their slower swing will bring them too wide.

On light bells it sounds best if the second side of the treble comes in behind the tenor (this depends entirely upon the spacing); the gap quickly fills up. On a heavy eight it will probably come in behind the fourth or fifth and should be lifted over each bell in turn as the second side sounds. The interval between tenor and treble should be taken by all the other bells, so the speed of the rise can be controlled. At the top the tenor man nods to the treble to show he is up.

With a mixed band it does not always work out like this. Someone who rings too wide is too weak for his bell and dare not drop back. Someone ringing too close probably cannot hear his bell and is ringing by rope-sight. Odd-struck bells cannot be corrected until the sally can be pulled. If those who can hear keep in the right position between treble and tenor the rest will sort themselves out at the top.

THE FALL

During the fall the bells pack in closer and closer, the treble tight behind the tenor, till they sound like a stick running down the railings. As the tenor loses its second side the treble closes in to the seventh, and so on. The danger is almost at the end, when the big bells tend to get left behind. If the tenor man has to swing on the bell the clapper goes across and the bell will not chime at the bottom. If the treble ringer, noticing this, slows up too abruptly and the tenor man stops checking, or has to pull, again the clapper goes over. At the bottom it sounds best if the bells chime in rounds as low and close to each other as the tenor can be made to strike. They can either all be let go at a shout from the treble (the little ones tend to jangle as they swing to rest), or can be missed for a swing after a count of three, and caught in rounds or queens, which brings them to silence. When dropping a heavy ten it is probably best to keep them packed in close as long as possible, and then to drop the front six in peal, letting the others boom to silence among them.

All this will be long-winded old-hat to our friends in the West, but if we can persuade our friends from the East to have a go we may no longer have to explain after their visits that it was not the death knell ringing. Once the art has been mastered by the whole band a good rise and fall can be the most exhilarating and satisfactory part of a good evening's ringing.

Surrey Member Complains of Pressure

THE recommendation of the joint sub-committee of the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild regarding the question of boundaries, which was accepted at the annual meeting of the Guildford Guild by an overwhelming majority, is likely to be challenged at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association at Merstham tomorrow.

The agreed motion in effect was, pending the implementation of the Archbishop of Canterbury's commission on the organisation of dioceses, the Surrey Association should hold no meetings (other than joint meetings with the Guildford Guild) in the present Diocese of Guildford except at the following towers: Ashtead, Banstead, Dorking, Egham, Epsom, Epsom Common, Ewell, Leatherhead, Ranmore and Thames Ditton.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

In the event of this motion not being carried, Mr. C. F. Mew has given notice to propose:—

"That the members of this Association, noting pressure from within and outside the membership to contract the activities of the Association in so far as it has been suggested that all meetings should be held exclusively at towers outside the Guildford Diocese except those of Ashtead, Banstead, Dorking, Egham, Epsom, Epsom Common, Ewell, Leatherhead, Ranmore and Thames Ditton, wish to direct the committee that they should follow a policy of complete freedom of choice for any meetings within the Ancient County of Surrey as it existed at the time of the formation of the Association.

"This directive to be carried out, bearing in mind that the Association has no towers affiliated to it but is dependent on individual members' support and therefore in holding a meeting at any tower does not lay claim to any right to ring at that tower but to provide an amicable arrangement for the pleasure of the ringers attending and to foster good relations with all ringers."

LONGER CENTRAL COUNCILS

The Central Council also comes under fire. Concerning them, another notice reads:—

"That this Association views with dissatisfaction the running of the Central Council meetings in that they do not give sufficient emphasis to the management and decision-making necessary for the well-being of the Exercise and that as a first step to rectify this it is suggested that the amount of time given to actual meetings be increased, and that the business meeting should start on Bank Holiday Monday morning and extend through to Tuesday evening if necessary."

DOUBLES AND IRREGULAR METHODS

Two other motions are also on the agenda and these would meet with general endorsement in many Associations. They read:—

"That this Association abhors the chaotic state into which Doubles methods and variations has fallen and directs that the Central Council should investigate those claimed to have been rung and substantiate the correct namings involved and ensure that acceptable compositions have been used and report on the same through the columns of 'The Ringing World'."

"That the Central Council should clarify the position as regards the acceptance of peals rung in irregular methods, especially Major methods, and as regards the use of calls and changes of method made other than at the lead-end, as all these factors have increased recently."

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on March 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jill Oakshott 1, J. C. Davidge 2, S. Mortimore (first of Major) 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, P. J. Munday (cond.) 5, M. Morris 6, J. Munton 7, R. D. Mills 8. A wedding compliment to John Hilder and to Martin Morris and Jane Bewick on their engagement.

Letters to the Editor

RIGHT TO NAME

Dear Sir,—May I thank those of your correspondents who have commented on our Doubles peal, and clear up a few points raised in their letters. Mr. David "disagrees with the further naming of methods already adequately named." Headbourne Worthy and Stoney Middleton may already be adequately defined as Reverse New Newborough and Reverse New Middleton Stoney, but it is the right of the band that first rings a method or variation in a peal to name it, and I could find no record of these particular variations having previously been rung in a peal. If the "New" methods had been rung and named as New Newborough, etc., we would have to follow that lead (there was nothing to be done about Reverse Grandsire and Antelope as they are included in the Central Council Collection and therefore officially recognised as such), and might then not have rung the peal.

Mr. Jackson points this out in his simple but excellent article, which will do a great deal to help bands otherwise restricted to Plain Bob and Grandsire. Variety creates interest, especially when the variations have a local flavour, and many of them are much more likely to be rung in the district with which they are associated. Hampshire ringers are more likely to ring Headbourne Worthy than Reverse New Newborough.

Regarding the duplication of names, I have already corrected the error in St. Cleer.

As there are methods belonging to the three other spellings, there is a case for letting St. Catharine, with a C and an a—the spelling of the Cambridge College after which it was named— stand. (P B P S will work for St. Catherine—St. Simon with Plain Bob bob and O.D.S.). I admit I overlooked the existence of Darwin and Itchen, and suggest as alternatives Wonston and Test.

St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley are Winchendon, St. Nicholas and St. Remigius with Plain Bob bobs.

	2345	G	23	(Bells on
	3524	M	35	the front)
—	4532	Ch	43	
	3245	G	32	
	2534	G	25	
	5423	M	54	
—	3452	M	35	
	5234	G	52	
	2453	G	24	
	4325	Ch	43	
—	5342	G	54	
	4253	G	42	
	2345			

As long as different sets of front work are done in the lead before each bob and the same frontwork is used for the second meeting on the front, as was used for the first, the three variations can be truly incorporated, though not with "all the work." The same applies to St. Albans, St. Paul and St. Ambrose, which are St. Simon, St. Martin and St. Osmond with Reverse Canterbury bobs. — Yours faithfully, RICHARD UNDERWOOD.

Peterhouse, Cambridge.

A PREVIOUS PEAL

Dear Sir,—While congratulating Bob Smith and his band on ringing a peal of Little Bob Maximus "in hand" at Prestbury, Cheshire, I am sure that they would like to know that the Lincoln Diocesan Guild rang the first peal "in hand" at Cleatham on June 17th, 1959, conducted by John Freeman.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.

"IT'S KID'S STUFF"

Dear Sir,—Quite recently I heard the remark "It's kid's stuff." It was uttered by a so-called expert (who can ring Surprise Major) when commenting on a beginner's seeming lack of understanding of the method Plain Bob Doubles. Of course it is kid's stuff to the expert, who has already got well past the first hesitant steps in change ringing. But to the learner, who previously has never been faced with such a mathematical permutation, it is perhaps the most difficult step in the new hobby that he or she will have to face. It is therefore most unfortunate when so-called experts appear to, even if they do not mean to, poke derision at the struggling learner for his or her own slowness. No wonder we lose so many promising recruits when they meet with such an attitude as shown by these so-called experts.

A similar attitude can be seen at ringing meetings. All the so-called experts are the first to seize the chance for a rest when "call changes" or plain hunt" is called for. Result—the Ringing Master finds himself with too many learners in the touch, which only defeats its own purpose. You see, plain hunt is "kid's stuff"

It is fortunate that the Exercise has only a few of these so-called experts around. Perhaps these people ought to reflect back to the days when they were struggling to learn the first steps. Then, perhaps, they will no longer say "Oh, Bob Doubles is kid's stuff."—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL KING.

Rotherham.

DOUBLES PROBLEMS

Dear Sir,—In addition to the names mentioned by Mr. Jackson (page 282), Newnham, Ryton and Abberley have been used before.

Like Mr. Jackson, I have a collection of methods for which I can find no true extent. These fall mainly into two groups, Mr. Jackson's and another where the call has the same effect as a plain lead. There are also the methods containing "Dragon Singles," which have two consecutive rows the same. I see no possibility of any of these groups having what one might accept as valid names.

The real trouble with Doubles naming has been the concept of "method." Doubles is not composed in the same way as changes on larger numbers, but an attempt has been made to apply a similar system of nomenclature, and the result is the chaos which exists at present, with 1,000 or so names chasing about half as many structures.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Dear Sir,—I feel that Mr. Buswell's sweeping generalisation ("Ringing World," page 280) of "unadventurous and unimaginative quarter peal ringers" is both unjust and untrue. One wonders how many of the depressing 881 quarters of Grandsire and Plain Bob contain first performances of any description.

In the ten quarter peals rung at Minster last year there were 20 "firsts" of some description. Perhaps Mr. Buswell believes in starting his learners on Cambridge and London before Plain Bob and Grandsire.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID P. LEWORTHY.

Minster, Sheppey.

SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—Your recent correspondents who have requested compositions of Spliced Surprise Minor may be interested in the following extent containing the "Cambridge Eight." It has the advantage of having no 65's at backstroke and may therefore appeal to those who have objections to 65's.

23456		
5324	I B I K C	"X"
4235	I B I K K	
5243	I B I Q N	"Y"
3425	N P H K K	
2345	"X" or "Y"	

Containing Bourne (B), Cambridge (C), Hull (H), Ipswich (I), King Edward (K), Norfolk (N), Primrose (P) and Queen Mary (Q).

Yours sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Herne Hill.

HANDBELL RINGERS ARE NOT A CHOIR

Dear Sir,—Together with other members of our Moorside Handbell Ringers, I have noticed that on occasions you have referred to a group of handbell ringers as a "choir," the last word in the third column on page 265 of the issue of April 5th being a case in point. Now while this may be a word in common usage to describe a group of ringers in the United States (where they dress their ringers in cassocks and surplices when they take part in their church services) we feel that it is not a correct term to use when describing our English bands of handbell ringers.

Our ringers prefer the use of the word "band" as being a more correct description of a group of performers on musical instruments, such as ourselves; other terms that come to mind are "company," "group," etc., whereas my dictionary describes the word "choir" as "a group of singers, especially in a church service," i.e., a group of performers who make music with their voices, and not with instruments, as do handbell ringers.

The only group of handbell ringers in this country to perform in cassocks and surplices (that I know of) are Mr. Frederick Sharpe's band, and even so, if they do not sing as part of their performances we feel it would be incorrect to describe them as a choir.—Yours sincerely,

THOMAS OGDEN,

Moorside Church Handbell Ringers.

Oldham.

LADY RINGERS AT WESTMINSTER

Dear Sir.—It is with pleasure I learn that other lady ringers have enjoyed the privilege of ringing at Westminster Abbey, not having any wish or desire to be the only lady to have done so.

But, one ponders, did we cherish the privilege more 20 or 40 years ago than we would have done these days?

The reason for my letter is to show that the courtesy of the Abbey ringers when possible was given to all, old or young, good or, like myself, just a humble "not so good."

Mr. R. G. Morris' letter (page 302) now also shows this.—Yours sincerely,

FLORRIE E. WYMAN.

Dormansland, Surrey.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Letters—continued

COMPOSITION OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to some readers that the composition of Plain Bob Royal by me on page 717 of "The Ringing World" of October 28th, 1966, actually consists of 5,000 and not 5,040 changes.

The other day I had occasion to call it again and I found that the turning course "X" is a lead short of a full course; hence the two leads difference.

I should also like to point out again that the third "X" should be a bob at Home; there was a misprint.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

Llandaff, Cardiff.

CROYDON TENOR

Dear Sir,—The conductor of the peal of Londinium at Croydon was fully aware of the correct note of the tenor before Mr. Stevens was born. He was not responsible for the omission of the necessary sign from the peal report. If Mr. Stevens must write to "The Ringing World" it is a pity he cannot contribute something interesting.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRED WILLIAMS.

London, S.E.

TWO LEWIS COCKEYS?

Dear Sir,—On page 305 you printed a letter from a Frome reader on the above subject. My notes on Frome bells indicate that the treble and second were cast by William Cockey in 1724 and the sixth in 1746. Also in the notes is the following: "A prominent ringer, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, formerly of Sheffield and now of Harrow, is a descendant of William Cockey, the Frome founder." This Mr. Cockey represented Middlesex on the Central Council from 1939 to 1948, but I do not know his present address.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

MINIMUS PEAL AT NEWTOWN

Dear Sir,—I read on page 308 (April 19th, 1968) that Geoffrey K. Dodd has rung a peal of Stedman Minimus. I am interested to know what his place notation for this Minimus principle is, as I have been unable to find an acceptable one. As Erin Minimus (34 14 34 14 34 —) is possible, I wonder whether perhaps this principle has been misnamed Stedman.

I would also like to know the names of Minimus methods and principles which have been rung in peals and their place notation.—Yours faithfully,

R. H. JOHNSTON.

Trowbridge, Wilts.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the peal of Stedman Minimus rung at Newtown, Hampshire, on February 22nd and conducted by Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd, I was aware that a method similar to Stedman, called Shipway's Principle, was applicable to even numbers of bells, but not to four!

Try as I might, I have not been able to find anything even remotely like Stedman that can produce an extent of Minimus.

Could Mr. Dodd please explain just what this method is?

I feel sure that many members of the Exercise would like to know.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BEDFORD.

Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Northern District

For the Easter Monday meeting this year the District visited Hovingham, a delightful village which lies between York and Helmsley and which is the home village of the Duchess of Kent, whose father, Sir William Worseley, is Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of Yorkshire and also president of Yorkshire County Cricket Club and who owns Hovingham Hall. The Saxon tower of All Saints' Church houses a pleasant ring of six bells and ringing took place during the afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A short service was conducted by the District secretary, Mr. E. Hudson, in the absence of the Vicar, and was well attended, with hearty singing.

Cups of tea were provided by the local band and helpers in the Village Hall, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. T. Cox, District vice-president. The company stood in silence to the memory of Mr. W. H. Johnson and Mr. J. H. Parrish, who both died suddenly in February. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Association president, Mr. V. Bottomley, who thanked Mr. F. Bishop for all the arrangements. Ringing was then resumed until 8 p.m. under the guidance of Mr. F. Hodgson (Ringing Master).

Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor and various Doubles methods. Ringers were from the other three Districts and visitors were welcomed from Lancashire and County Durham.

The next meeting is arranged to be held at Northallerton and Kirby Wiske. E. W. M.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

In lovely weather the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers held its April meeting on the 20th at the towers of Shalbourne and Great Bedwyn. There was a fair average attendance of members, including a high proportion of young people, which is always a pleasant feature of these monthly meetings. Towers represented included Aldbourne, Chisledon, Marlborough, St. Katherine's (Savernake) and the home towers, with unattached members in addition.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. on the somewhat tricky five at St. Michael and All Angels', Shalbourne, under the direction of Mr. F. Read (Ringing Master) and continued until 4.15 p.m., when a move was made to Great Bedwyn for tea. This was prepared and served in the Village Hall by Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Hoare and Mrs. Wells and was greatly enjoyed. Mr. G. Newman (chairman of the Branch) thanked the Rev. A. Bromham and the Rev. W. G. Currie for permission to use the bells, and also all those who had contributed to the day's events.

The Guild service was then held in St. Mary's, Great Bedwyn, with the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Currie) officiating, and Mr. A. Keen as organist. The lesson was read by the Rev. R. Keeley (Branch representative). At 6 p.m. the heavy six at St. Mary's were brought into use and rung for the rest of the evening. This majestic ring with its magnificent tenor (28 cwt., the heaviest in the Branch) calls for competent handling, and in the hands of the more experienced are a delight to hear. Although their weight proved a bit of a problem for the younger members, full use was made of them until 8 p.m. W. A. E.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Mansfield District met at Warsop on March 23rd as the first venue for 1968. A popular and well-attended meeting, it shed light on progress made during the previous twelve months: first, in the number of young ringers present—a good 50 per cent. of the attendance and secondly, in the methods rung, by far the greatest amount of Surprise Minor rung at a Mansfield District meeting.

The Rev. David Leaming, Rector of Warsop, officiated at the service, which was followed by an excellent buffet tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke, enjoyed by more than 50 members and friends.

During the business meeting Ian Scothern and Trevor Dorn, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, and Julian Priest, of Warsop, were elected Guild members. It was agreed, with the co-operation of the East Derbys and West Notts Association, to make the next meeting, at Blackwell, in Derbyshire, a joint meeting.

Hearty votes of thanks were extended to the Rector and Mr. and Mrs. Rooke, ringing continuing until 9 p.m. D. J. B.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

An excellent opportunity for practice was afforded by the meeting of the St. Martin's Guild, held at Shirley on April 6th, the attendance being smaller than usual.

The Master referred to the passing of Sidney George Chaplin, which occurred on March 23rd, and the members observed a moment's silence to his memory.

New resident members elected included Miss Catherine Ticquet, of Coleshill, the Misses Helen and Patricia Lattimer and Messrs. Ian Sawdon and Simon Barratt, all of Knowle. The tower elections, as life members, of Miss Irene Ellsmore and Geoffrey T. Horritt, of Lydney, were duly ratified.

The R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad was chosen as the place of the next meeting, which should be held on July 6th.

It was decided to hold a striking competition combined with the October quarterly meeting, and final arrangements for this will be made at the July meeting.

A variety of methods for learners and more advanced ringers was rung during the afternoon, and a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Shirley for the use of the bells.

DRAYTON TENOR REDEDICATED

The pre-Reformation tenor at the Church of St. Margaret, Drayton, Norfolk, which was recently recast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, was rededicated at Sung Evensong on Easter Day by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, M.A. president of the Central Council, who preached a splendid sermon about the tenor being the keynote of a ring as Easter is the keynote of life. The service was conducted by the Rev. Humphrey Squire, who announced that the bell fund was now closed, £1,865 having been raised in 20 months, and that the parish is proud of its ring of six new bells.

The Rector thanked Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for their kind co-operation over the whole project, and Trevor Bailey and Richard Hunt, who had dropped the old tenor and rehung the new in their own time and without reward. He also thanked everyone who had contributed, whether in cash or kind, large or small, without whose help this great effort would not have been possible. The new tenor, which weighs 7 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in B, fits in beautifully, as the visiting ringers who attended the service soon found out. H. E. S.

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The Glorious Ninth of March

WHEN the telephone rang at 1.10 p.m. on March 9th, and the secretary's wife learned of the success of the peal at Hackney, the result of some months' careful preparation for an ambitious venture by the Cumberlands began to come to fruition. The idea, which orginated in discussion between the Master and secretary after dinner—in fact in the early hours of the morning—some nine months previously, was to attempt a number of peals of nine-spliced using A. J. Pitman's "all the work" composition, all on the same day with different bands Initially it was thought that five such bands could be arranged, but more detailed study elicited six, and in the event it was found that by developing a seventh conductor yet another band could be arranged. Even so, it was clear that this did not use all the ringers of the Society potentially capable of ringing this composition, but organisationally it would have been impossible to get more together for practice peals within a reasonable time period.

So the preparations began in July, 1967, and a provisional date was arranged for the final event, this being altered subsequently, because of matrimonial proceedings of great importance. Then followed a programme in which as many of the bands as possible were taken through the necessary Pitman spliced series. During this time the members of the bands were told of the plan and the date, and, to create the surprise element, were asked not to talk of the event.

The towers were arranged well in advance, as near to London as possible, as it was planned we would all meet for a social gathering after the peals. Although arranged well ahead, this did not prevent a last-minute problem when it was discovered that one tower was double-booked for a meeting as well as a peal attempt, and we are very gratefull for being allowed to go to Hertford at short notice.

AN UNDERGROUND MEETING

The week before the peals was spent in making numerous telephone calls to confirm the final arrangements. Everyone arrived at the right place at the right time—in fact perhaps it was taken to extremes by the Woodford band, where five of them, starting from different stations, found themselves in the same coach of an Underground train!

And so we met for the peals. The tension in each of the towers was quite noticeable, and this mounted throughout the peals, where each band was determined not to be the one to lose the peal—or perhaps it was the thought that there was a reserve tower for the afternoon if the peal in the morning was not successful.

Meanwhile, at the "nerve centre" at the secretary's home, excitement and hopes mounted as time went on and there were no telephone calls reporting failures. However, at 12.5 p.m. the phone rang—it was too early for a success, but fortunately it turned out to be a wrong number. Then at 1.10 p.m., as mentioned earlier, came the first success, that of the Essex band at Hackney. At 1.35 p.m. the successful conclusion of the second peal, this time at Stamford Hill, was reported, and five minutes later came another from Woodford. A 100 per cent. record so far and as the minutes ticked by it began to look more and more as though this record might be maintained. At 1.45 p.m. the fourth, from Gravesend. and then a gap to 2.10 p.m. for the Master's at Stanford-le-Hope. Finally at 2.35 p.m. the result of the last of the morning attempts were reported. All six successful!

PEALS LOST

The ringers in these six peals then gathered in the early hours in glorious sunshine at Shoreditch Church Hall, where the light refreshments provided were most welcome. While they discussed the morning peals and exchanged congratulations, the seventh attempt, arranged for the afternoon because an international crisis in the honey industry prevented one of the ringers participating in a morning attempt, was starting. It was a tremendous disappointment to learn in the early evening that the peal had been lost after 1¼ hours when the local captain stopped the attempt because of a most unfortunate misunderstanding. Disappointment it may have been, but not a failure, as the ringing had been excellent.

By the time the ringers in this peal arrived at Shoreditch, an excellent wine and cheese party, most ably arranged by Olive Barnett and her helpers, had been prepared. This was a most original type of social gathering for the Society, and was greatly enjoyed by everyone. We are most grateful to Olive and all who assisted in the preparations, and a beautiful spray of flowers was presented to Olive and to the wives of the Master and secretary for their part in the proceedings. The Master thanked everyone for their enthusiasm in taking part in this "completely spontaneous and unrehearsed venture."

As a postscript, this report was delayed to cover another attempt for the peal by the seventh band, arranged for March 31st. Once again, however, there was a disappointment for the band when the tenor rope broke eight leads from the end, after 5,216 changes had been rung. The band for this attempt stood as follows: Walter H. Dobbie treble, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Alison M. Mann 3, Doris E. Colgate 4, Stanley G. Ponting 5, Tom Page 6, C. Martin Press 7, Stanley Jenner (cond.) tenor.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Paignton

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild held a quarterly meeting at Paignton on April 20th, when there was a moderate attendance.

The ringing throughout the afternoon, which was under the supervision of Mr. K. E. Dursdon, the Ringing Master, consisted of Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

The service which followed was conducted by the Rev. Preb. J. W. G. Molland, Vicar of Paignton, who heartily welcomed the visitors. After tea in the Methodist Schoolroom the usual business meeting followed with Mr. W. Simmonds in the chair, in the absence of the Rev. Fr. Paulinus Angold, who was away from home. Two other apologies for absence were received.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed, whilst two new members from Paignton and one from Ipplepen were elected. A long discussion arose as to what form future meetings should take, but it was eventually decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Buckfast Abbey on September 14th, and it was left to the Branch secretary to look into the suggestion of Saturday practices.

Prior to the commencement of the business, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service, to the organist for his assistance, and to Mr. John Kelly and the ladies for the tea arrangements. A. L. B.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL OUTING

Fortified by a successful peal of Royal the night before by a Sunday service band, Llandaff ringers began the annual outing, held this year on Easter Tuesday, in good heart. Before we could reach the first tower, however, we stopped to pick up that "grandfather of Welsh ringing," Jack Pryor, and his wife, who, I should hasten to add, is as yet far from being grandmotherly! Amongst other ringers to board the coach at this point was John Parsons, late of Bristol University, and quite a well-known figure in a number of circles. Those who knew him well were glad to note for once the absence of his camera, which has embarrassed them on too many ocasions. The party now numbered 25, so it was hoped to enjoy a day to satisfy all tastes.

The first tower, Lydney, was reached in good time, and after we had wandered round the church the Vicar led us to the bells, where we enjoyed some reasonable ringing on what is quite an interesting ring. Modern tuning tends to standardise bells and the slightly haphazard notes here gave individuality and charm to the bells.

UNTYPICAL GLOUCESTERSHIRE SCENERY

We had looked forward to Mitcheldean and we were not disappointed after a rather tortuous journey through some untypical Gloucestershire scenery—untypical that is in its lack of interest. The bells are a renovated Rudhall ring, and many thought them the best of the day. The ringing lived up to the bells and some good touches were rung, although nothing very ambitious was attempted.

An abstemious lunch was eaten at Hereford and it was a pity we had too little time to visit the Cathedral before ringing on the rather average eight at Lugwardine. Luckily we had plenty of time to look round the exceedingly interesting Leominster Priory. It must be difficult to find such a variety of styles of architecture in any other church; but of course Leominster is literally "two churches in one," a parish church being joined to the Norman Priory in the 13th century. Of the many interesting objects within the church perhaps the most striking is a relic of "Merrie England"—a ducking stool. The bells live up to the majesty of the Priory and we were able to ring some presentable Stedman and Erin Caters.

In now pleasant weather we journeyed on to Monmouth to again arrive punctually to ring on the badly-going eight—it is difficult to believe that the bells were recently rehung for they are not at all easy. In spite of this we managed to ring quite well—touches of Double Norwich, Yorkshire and Cambridge proving that good ringing is not impossible on the ring. Afterwards some stayed on to help at the local practice night, although it meant forgoing for a time some refreshment in the nearby hostelry.

A most entertaining evening was enjoyed in the Griffin. The ancient house is decorated with a number of curiosities from the Far East, arousing much interest and speculation as to their origin.

Although the evening was a purposefully long one, all arrived back at the end of the day in a comparatively alert state after a very successful day's outing. N. W. H. S.

Gratefully Acknowledged

Personal.—R. Goodship 18s., E. P. Inskip 4s., J. Knight 6s., Guild of Devonshire Ringers 15s., Yorkshire Association 6s.

Peals.—Newton Nottage 5s., Llandaff 3s., Aberafan 4s., Dewsbury (2) 10s., Hemingbrough 3s., Farnworth 4., St. David's 4s., Seend 2s. 6d.

Quarter Peals.—Lanchester 4s., Newcastle upon Tyne 2s., Clenchwarton 5s., Minster-in-Sheppey (2) 5s., Tenby 2s. 6d., Stevenage 2s. 6d.. Aldbourne 2s., Melksham 2s., Chideock 2s. 6d., Barton St. David 3s., Windsor 2s. 6d., Staines 2s. 6d., Littleham 3s., Tannington 5s., Cranbrook 3s., Stockbury 3s., Wiggenhall 2s 6d., Devizes 2s. 6d., Sutton-in-Holderness 3s., Aldenham 5s., Castor 3s. 9d., Lympne 5s., Tamworth 5s., Dorchester 2s. 6d., Clifton 5s., Nempnett Thrubwell 5s., Batheaston 5s., Evesham 5s., Newton Nottage 5s., Llandaff 4s., St. Clement Danes' 2s. 6d., Shoreham-by-Sea 3s., Findon 3s., Dunkerton 3s., Leigh-on-Mendip 3s., Ilminster 10s., Ilton 3s., St. Peter-in-Thanet 2s. 6d., Warnford 3s., Chawton 3s., Leatherhead District 10s., Washington, U.S.A. 5s., Bentley Common 3s., Chisledon 3s.. Walsoken 2s. 6d., Alwalton 2s. 6d., Peterborough 2s. 6d., Chigwell 3s., Thurlaston 2s. 6d., Hartest 2s.

BUILDING UP DOUBLES VARIATIONS

BY DEREK C. JACKSON

(Continued from page 335)

Part 8

The final peak of ringing is generally accepted as the acquisition of the mantle of conductor and composer. The field of Doubles ringing offers an introduction for the latter, and one can rise from the elementary to a complexity rarely encountered on higher numbers of bells.

We are concerned now solely with Index Rows (Lead Ends), and we must know the first Index Row and the row we would obtain if a call were made here. For example:—

Old Doubles 13524 S13245

We know that to obtain 120 changes we call three Singles when our observation bell is making seconds. We can write out this extent using our Index Rows as a form of shorthand and utilising our system of Transposition described in the previous article. For example:

Plain Course	Single
12345	12345
13524	s 13245
Using number five as observation	Using number two as observation
12345	12345
13524	13524
s 15324	15432
13452	14253
14235	s 12453
12543	14325
s 15243	
12354	Now you complete it!
13425	
14532	
s 15432	
14253	
12345	

Now try the same exercise with (a) Plain Bob, (b) Southrepps, (c) St. Columb.

With Seighford Doubles we encounter complications. The Index Rows are 13524 B13542. If you examine the call in Seighford, given in Table 1, you will see that the bell making seconds (number three bell) and the bell making fifths (number two bell) both then start on the work of number two and number five respectively in a plain course. However, the bell making long thirds (number five bell) and the bell making fourths (number four bell) DO NOT start on the work of number three bell or number four bell in a plain course. Here the long thirds bell goes to the front, and the bell making fourths goes to the back. Hence if there is no call at the next lead, the Index Row is NOT given by:—

12345

B13542
x15234xx

Since number five bell and number four bell have crossed over their work, the Index Row is given by:—

12345

B13542
14235

i.e., number five bell acts as fourths place bell, and number four bell acts as thirds place bell after this call. Using this information you should now be able to write out a 120 of the method and also prove why number two cannot be utilised as observation bell.

In April Day Doubles the complication is increased, since after the Index Row S13524, number five bell acts as fourths place bell, number two as fifths place bell and number four as thirds place bell! In Kennington and May Day Doubles the complication is similar to that encountered in Seighford Doubles.

As an exercise you can prove that number three bell can be called observation in all six variations. Then verify that number two bell cannot be called observation in Seighford, April Day and May Day Doubles. Now you can check which of these variations can be called B-P-B-P-B-P, and these 60 changes will give your band some variety on practice night, especially if you apply it to any four of your variations (with or without warning) and allow your band to ring a mixed 240. Finally I have left two columns incomplete in Table 2. You can now attempt to check on the possible observation bells in these methods.

Part 9

What next? By now you will be performing the usual juggling acts of the experienced tower captain, and your ideas will be better than mine. You will have learnt more than I have described in these articles; for example, where to make the calls in April Day, Kennington and May Day Doubles. I have suggested the introduction of St. Osmund Doubles and St. Remigius Doubles, these being variations of the preceding four. Other possibilities are:—

(a) Simple splicing.—Try ringing Southrepps Doubles, except that the number five bell rings Plain Bob in 3.4. with all the other bells.

Try St. Simon's Doubles with the number five bell ringing St. Osmund for its front work.

Clearly there are many possibilities. You try some!

(b) New variations.—Use a Grandsire Extreme for a Bob. Use an Antelope Single for a Single. Discover the names of these 16 new variations.

(c) More calls.—Use two calls with the plain course, e.g., Plain Bob with a Grandsire Bob and an Antelope Single. Call B-S-B-P three times. This is Snodsbury Doubles.

(d) New methods.—Mr. C. A. Lewis has applied some of our calls to other plain courses, e.g., New Bob Doubles, Huntspill Doubles. See page 602, issue No. 2940.

If you reach this point, or intend to make the effort, you will need a copy of that excellent "Doubles Collection", formulated by Messrs. Dodd and Jones. This is to be found in the following issues of "The Ringing World' :—

1964 Issues No. 2779, 2780, 2781, 2782, 2784, 2788.

1966 Issues No 2861, 2862, 2864, 2865, 2867, 2869, 2870, 2884

Here you will find Folke Doubles, Grandsire Extremes, Antelope Singles and many others. Reference should also be made to 1967 Issues No 2916, 2925, 2940 and 2943. In addition, that excellent collection of 41 touches of Grandsire Doubles in Issue No. 2911 is a must. Copies of all these Issues can be purchased from the Editor, and this should be done before they become unobtainable.

In conclusion, may I point out that I can claim no credit for the work entailed here. Messrs. Dodd and Jones have performed the spade-work and more recent research by Messrs Dawson and Lewis has also been utilised. However, if additional copies of my tables would be of use to anyone, a s.a.e. sent to 13, Testbourne Road, Totton, Hants, will be readily returned bearing such tables. I would in return make one final plea: please introduce variety and interest to your young ringers—they are the future strength of your band.

(Concluded)

OBITUARY

REV. F. S. H. MARLE

The death occurred suddenly whilst living in retirement at St. Mary Bourne, Hampshire, of the Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Rector of Deane, Hampshire, until his retirement a few years ago and a past District secretary of the Andover District for 16 years.

It was during his curacy at Newtown that he first took an active part in ringing and during this time he founded the Newtown band of handbell ringers and unsuccessfully tried to augment the tower ring of four to five, but was advised by a well-known Newbury ringer that this was not possible so abandoned the project—a great pity, as the bells would have made a splendid ring of five.

He was elected District secretary in 1931 and carried on until 1947, when Mr. J. Hill. of Andover, continued in his place and he acted as auditor until just before his death.

His first peal, after several attempts, was at Burghclere in September, 1937—Grandsire Doubles. The peal was conducted by Henry Lawrenson, who was ringing his first as conductor. Mr. Marle rang in the first peal on the new six at Goodworth Clatford, augmented from three in December, 1937. The peal was Bob Minor, conducted by Harry Balaam, in March, 1938, and his final peal—four methods of Minor—was on his own bells at Deane in company with the young team from Basingstoke a year later, in March, 1939, the conductor, Donald Nash, being one of that young band who did not return from the war

The writer knew him well as a real Christian gentleman and although he moved from the Andover District he retained his interest in us to the last. May he rest in peace. E. D.

MR. S. G. CHAPLIN

The sad news of the death of Mr. Sidney George Chaplin, which happened on March 23rd, was received by his colleagues at St. Martin's with great regret.

Born at Glascote, near Tamworth, 74 years ago, George's early ringing days were spent at Tamworth, but about 30 years ago he went to Birmingham to work and immediately joined the Cathedral and St. Martin's bands for Sunday ringing.

At the funeral service at Robin Hood Cemetery, Hall Green, the St. Martin's Guild were represented by Messrs. E. T. Lloyd and G. E. Fearn.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's on April 2nd with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to his memory.

MR. J. P. MORRISS

On April 10th Swineshead, Lincolnshire, band lost a faithful member in the sudden death of John Pearson (Jack) Morriss. He was a regular Sunday service ringer at Swineshead and Bicker. He was Ringing Master of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Guild and a sidesman at Swineshead Church.

After the funeral the local band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Swineshead and Bicker, the bells being half-muffled.

CLENCHWARTON, NORFOLK.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Britton 1, V. Bowen 2, W. Spiller 3, G. Rich 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for service.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Travellers along the A.31 to the South and West may care to note the changes of ringing times at Romsey Abbey on Sundays—see last week's display notice.

Quarter peals are being published in "The Sentinel" of the Ely Diocese at a charge of 2s. each. This cost will just about pay the cost of production.

"The Sentinel," the Ely Diocesan Association's magazine, calls attention to the number of bells in a scrapmetal merchant's yard at King's Lynn, which formerly hung in the church tower at Barton Bendish, Norfolk.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal at Staines on February 24th was Jeffrey M. Britchford, and not as published.

Warfield, Berkshire, bells will shortly be augmented to a ring of ten by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. It is hoped that the dedication will be on October 12th.

Mr. C. J. Bennett, of Bilston, Staffs, writes pointing out that in the list for the leading towers in the county list of quarter peals in 1967 ("Ringing World," April 12th, page 280), the leading towers for Staffordshire should read Bilston and Walsall, and not Lincoln and Walsall, as published.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

MEMBERSHIP OF HOME TOWER

Editor Fred E Dukes gives a ruling in the spring issue of the "Irish Bell News" of the following point:—

"A member of the Irish Association protested some time ago about the fact that a certain member of the 'home' town had been referred to as a member of the 'home' tower. He said that because that person was a member of another Society within the jurisdiction of the Association he could not become a member of the 'home' tower.

"A ridiculous situation was therefore prevalent, whereby the person concerned was a regular worshipper before 'emigrating' and during holidays in the 'home' church, yet was not allowed to become a member of the resident bellringing team and was referred to as a visitor.

"As far as the Irish Association of Change Ringers is concerned, there is no rule forbidding, nor is there any objection by the Association as a body, any ringer being a member of more than one Society. Further, the Association has no right to say to any bellringer: 'You cannot be a member of more than one Society.'" Mr. Duke heads his article "False Course."

LIMERICK'S 800th ANNIVERSARY

Preliminary information of a ringers' festival week-end on September 7th and 8th to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the foundation of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, is announced by the St. Mary's Cathedral Society of Change Ringers. It is hoped that bellringers and friends from every tower in Ireland and many cross-Channel ringing friends will be present.

The Saturday programme includes ringing at the Cathedral from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or later by arrangement), a garden party at the Deanery in the afternoon, including tea and a social evening (with supper) at Villiers' Secondary School.

On Sunday morning there will be ringing preceding the service of Morning Prayer at 10.40. In the afternoon the bells will be available from 2 to 4.40, when a ringers' festival service of thanksgiving for the 800th anniversary of the foundation will be held. The congregation and ringers are afterwards invited to tea.

The bells of the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus (10) will also be available on both days.

RECORD CENTRE FOR ELY DIOCESE

According to "The Sentinel," the newsletter of the Ely Diocesan Association, the Dean and Chapter of Ely Cathedral have allowed the Association the use of the Goldsmith's Tower, above the Sacrist's Gate, for use as a muniment room in which to keep records. The room has light and heat, a large table, and, filling practically one side, a magnificent range of cupboards and shelves, ideal for accommodating records, etc. The chamber has a number of seats and has been completely redecorated. The Association will share it with another Cathedral organisation.

Comments "The Sentinel": "The establishment of the Centre at Ely—a natural home—though it may appear insignificant, will do much to strengthen and burnish the link between the Association and the church authority."

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. PETER CROOK

During the Easter Day service at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, the presentation was made of a lectern Bible in memory of Mr. Peter Crook, who was a ringer for over 60 years, Bolton Branch secretary for 35 years until his death in January, 1966, and a member of the Central Council on two occasions.

The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Sykes) called all members of the Lancashire Association present to the chancel while he dedicated the Bible and presented Mr. Tyson, of Holy Trinity Church ringers, with a tower record book.

After the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by some of Peter's closest friends, a fitting memorial to him as it was his favourite method.

A HUNTS AUGMENTATION

The five bells at Houghton, Hunts, have been augmented to six as a memorial to the late Rev J. D. Ward, who was for 30 years Rector of the parish.

Under the guidance of the new incumbent the P.C.C. set about the task of raising sufficient money for the bells to be rehung. The estimated cost of providing the new treble bell and the complete dismantling and rehanging of the bells, together with bird proofing of the tower and other repairs, was a little over £3,000. Including the memorial fund for the treble, some £2,000 has been raised.

The contract for work on the bells was given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells are provided with new fittings and are hung on ball bearings. The new frame is of iron and has been designed to house the six bells, with two hanging above four.

Inscriptions are: Treble, I will live for Thee; 2, VIRG BEGO EGAHC; 3, Man taketh paine but God giveth gnyne (gain), 1626; 4, Hee that will be meri let him be meri in the Lord, 1626; 5, Non Clamor Sed Amor Cantat in Avre Dei, 1626; 6, CYM CANO BVSTA MORI CYM PVLPITA VIVERE DISCE, 1626.

RINGING TOWERS IN IRELAND, 1968

According to the "Irish Bell News" four parties will visit Ireland this year.

Mr. C. C. Clarke will bring a party to tour both the North and South from July 27th to August 3rd.

Mr. R. B Smith's party will take it easy in the South from August 3rd to August 10th.

Mr. G. N. Hart's party will visit both Northern Ireland and the Republic from August 31st to September 13th.

Mr. F. L. Harris and his band are due for a peal attempt at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

YOUNG RINGERS OF DEWSBURY

On Easter Day the local band of All Saints', Dewsbury, rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. This is believed to be the first on the bells since 1929. The peal, which was the first for five of the band, was conducted by Vernon Bottomley and the band included 10-year-old Ruth Richardson "inside."

A peal in honour of this young lady's birthday was rung by the local band on Easter Tuesday. The second peal included 12-year-old Avis Thompson, who would have been in the first peal but there are not sufficient bells at Dewsbury! All rang very well and there were surprisingly few blisters among those who rang their first two peals in three days.

NORTH HANTS RINGERS VISIT CANTERBURY

Geoff Dodds' trips to a Cathedral city with a 12-bell tower are now becoming a regular feature for ringers from around Newbury; already we have visited Taunton, St. Albans and Worcester, and the party on April 21st voted this to be one of the best yet.

An early start enabled us tt be at Rochester at 9 a.m., and an hour's ringing on the glorious ten in company with the local ringers ranged up to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Further ringing followed at Chatham with the same band for another service, and then a special ring arranged at short notice for our benefit by the local captain at Frindsbury.

A quick ring at Hernhill before lunch and then the highlight of the day, when we were allowed to join with the local band in ringing Grandsire and Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral.

During the ringing on St. Alphege's six in Canterbury. non-ringing members of the party had the opportunity of seeing the Archbishop in his robes being photographed by sightseers—a great thrill for them.

The six at Thanington Without proved to be the front six of an eight, nevertheless we enjoyed our ringing here, as we did on the fine six at St. Dunstan's, where ringing for Evensong had been put forward for our benefit.

We joined the local band at Sturry for ringing for Evensong before dashing to the last tower to ring the congregation out of church, this being on the famous ring at Leeds, where Grandsire Caters and Treble Ten ended a most enjoyable day. Ringing here enabled two of the party to ring at all the Leeds towers.

A good lower on the ten before farewells. Certainly a day to remember. G. D.

ELY DISTRICT STRIKING CONTEST

The Ely District's fourth striking competition, held on April 6th at Chatteris, was won by Fordham "A" with 60 faults. Others were Histon (78½), Chatteris (111½), Fordham "B" (116½). The judges were Messrs. W. W. Cousins and W J. Ridgeman.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Committee regrets that owing to the illness of Mr. J. E. Jeater there has been a delay in dealing with accounts of "The Ringing World" and also acknowledgment of subscriptions.

We are also sorry to state that Mr. Jeater's health does not permit him to continue as accountant.

The books are being sent to Guildford. All remittances and enquiries should be addressed to Mr. C. W. Lucas, The Ringing World, c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

SIX PEALS OF NINE-SPLICED IN A DAY BY THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

All rung on Saturday, March 9th, 1968

HACKNEY, London, E.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
In 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 16 cwt 1 qr 6 lb. in F.

Claire Hudson	Treble	Ian R. Panton	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Andrew S. Hudson	3	James L. Towler	7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

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

TOTTENHAM, London.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.
In 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

James M. Hills	Treble	David D. Smith	5
*Susan Rothera	2	*Douglas A. R. May	6
Christopher B. Fynes	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
David J. Tubbs	4	Derek E. Sibson	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of nine-Spliced Surprise Major.

WOODFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
In 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher P. Starbuck	Treble	Edward F. P. Bryant	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Edwin A. Barnett	6
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	7
Simon Humphrey	4	Peter Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
In 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Hilary Hinde	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Margaret E. Oram	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Frank J. Matthews	7
Tony Lewis	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
In 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr 5 lb. in G.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	Frank W. Rivett	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
John R. Pratchett	3	J Michael Lakin	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

HERTFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
In 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr 22 lb. in F.

Adrienne Gibson	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	James A. D. Woolford	6
Hilary Muirhead	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church of Great St. Mary.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 27 cwt 13 lb in C sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	David E. Rothera	7
Richard A. G Inglis	2	Frank E. Haynes	8
Derek Butterworth	3	John G. Gipson	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Brian D. Threlfall	10
*Philip J. Rothera	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
John H Fielden	6	Christopher M. P. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by C. W Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 200th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TAUNTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	Gwilym Salmon	5
Philip H. D. Jones	2	Peter Bridle	6
Diana M. Bridle	3	Adrian P. Beck	7
Marcus P. Barton	4	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Edward J Chivers.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb in D.

Alfred E. Rushton	Treble	Alan S. Smith	5
Robert L. Piron	2	Ivor N. Pett	6
Barbara Butterworth	3	David W. Manton	7
Robert R. Churchill	4	Anthony H. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Barbara Butterworth.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MANCHESTER.—At The Town Hall.
On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42¾ cwt.

Kenneth R. Davenport	Treble	*Raymond Ballard	7
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	Neil Donovan	8
Derek Butterworth	3	Stuart Armeson	9
F. John Nelson	4	Richard E. Price	10
John Robinson	5	Denis Mottershead	11
Philip G. K. Davies	6	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of Maximus.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BATTERSEA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard King	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
F. John Nelson	2	Geoffrey Gardner	6
David Vincent	3	Alexander Richardson	7
Sidney Hough	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

NANTWICH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Harry W. Howard	Treble	*John R. Scott	5
John Moore	2	Edward V Rodenhurst	6
David A. Godfrey	3	‡§James S. Baker	7
*†Geoffrey A. Edwards	4	†§Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 125th peal. † 125th peal together. ‡ 25th peal. § 25th peal together. The conductor's 200th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild.
The band would like to associate Mr. J. E. Brough. the local local tower captain and churchwarden. with this peal. wishng him a speedy recovery from his illness and hoping to see him ringing again soon.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Neil D. Lomas	5
Eric Roughley	2	Geoffrey Gardner	6
Joyce Gardner	3	Alexander Richardson	7
Richard King	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
Rung as an engagement compliment to John Robinson and Anne M. Culley.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Hardulph
On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Roger I. Gosling	Treble	Michael Edwards	4
*Michael I. Hardy	2	Geoffrey Bridges	5
Arthur F'. Hall	3	Richard Farnsworth	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Farnsworth.
* First peal "inside."
Rung to celebrate the Festival of Easter.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAIUS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Maryl Fielden	Treble	Kenneth Hesketh	5
Donald Murfet	2	John Gipson	6
Geoffrey Pearson	3	John Fielden	7
Philip Rothera	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey Pearson.
First peal in the method.

CAIUS SURPRISE MAJOR
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Peter Border	7
Susan Rothera	2	Philip J. Rothera	8
Maryl R. Fielden	3	John H. Fielden	9
Ann E. Fellows	4	George W. Pipe	10
David E. Rothera	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr 2 lb in F.

George E. Thoday	Treble	Joe E. G. Roast	5
*Josephine A. Quilter	2	†Peter G. Brown	6
*Yvonne A. Murray	3	John H. Fielden	7
Philip J. Rothera	4	‡James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal in the method. † 125th peal for the Association.
‡ 200th peal for the Association.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 6, 1968. in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge S., Ipswich S., Norwich S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt

Edward E. Davey	Treble	Urban W. Wildney	4
Alfred E. Honeywood	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
Walter Ayre	3	George N. Orman	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
UPPER CAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., April 13, 1968. in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Neil Amphlett	Treble	Henry Taysom	4
Ronald J. Cox	2	John H Taylor	5
Andrew Howard	3	Alan Tubb	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Taylor.
* First peal First as conductor
Rung half-muffled on Easter Saturday, and in memory of Frederick Summers, a ringer at Stinchcombe for 50 years.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CRANLEIGH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr 22 lb. in F.

Robert M. Ashman	Treble	Christopher W. Daws	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	*Peter G. Smart	6
*G. Kenneth Williamson	3	*Michael J. Church	7
*Alan D. Elsmore	4	*Peter J. Joyce	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam O Leslie Warner, former captain at Cranleigh and a ringer here for 53 years, who died on January 11th, 1968, aged 68.

CHOBHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*R. Anne Collins	Treble	*Edward J. Futcher	5
Patricia C. Hill	2	Martin J. Kirk	6
Peter J. Privett	3	Roy Collins	7
Judith M. Collins	4	John A. Collier	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Collins.
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CHARING, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

Andrew J. Robbins	Treble	Peter M. J. Bradford	4
Rhian N. Bagshaw	2	John L. Anderson	5
Diana H. M. Bradford	3	Paul J. Bagshaw	Tenor

Conducted by Paul J. Bagshaw.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung for Easter by a resident band.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St John the Evangelist.
On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt

William Birmingham, jun.	Treble	R. Keith Lister	5
Roy Jolley	2	John P. Partington	6
James E. Andrews	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Albert Greenhalgh	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the treble.
First peal in the method for the Lancashire Association.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WELLS, Somerset.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B.

Alan Tubb	Treble	John M. Jelley	6
Martin C. Faulkes	2	Malcolm E. Wade	7
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Roland H. Cook	8
Martin Green	4	A. Maxwell Lindsey	9
*Philip A. Mason	5	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by W Eric Critchley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method. First of Albanian Surprise Royal on the bells.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

John M. Jelley	Treble	*Philip A. Mason	5
Malcolm E. Wade	2	A. Maxwell Lindsey	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

GADDESBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968. in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Simon, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire, Winchendon Place, Southrepps and Rev. Canterbury.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Betty Woodcock	Treble	Harold T. Bonshor	4
*Sylvia N. Hall	2	Roland H. Cook	5
*Brian W. Rhodes	3	*Malcolm G. Hall	Tenor

Conducted by Harold T. Bonshor.
* First peal (all members of Sunday service band). First on the bells.
Rung as a tribute to Mr. Hugh Ross-Wilson. churchwarden for many years and donor of the treble, second and third bells.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 20, 1968. in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*Andrea North	Treble	Alexander R. Jones	4
Ronald D. Hughes	2	Malcolm D. Barsby	5
Roger I. Kendrick	3	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to six.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(And the Llandaff Cathedral Guild)

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*Anne Cooke	Treble	‡Michael Pilgrim	6
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland ..	2	‡Frank W. Corney	7
†M. Felicity Cooke	3	William J. Goodfellow ..	8
Nicholas W H Simon ..	4	‡Christopher Aldridge ..	9
‡Nevil A. James	5	David S Bishop	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nicholas W H. Simon.
* First peal. † First "inside." and of Royal. ‡ First of Royal.
First of Royal by the Cathedral Guild and 50th peal on the bells.

ABERAFAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Paul A. Williams	5
David S. Bishop	2	Christopher Ricketts	6
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland ..	3	Alec Marsh	7
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by A. R. Kench. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

James L. Fitzgerald	Treble	David Pike	5
Reuben S Clench	2	David J. Hughes	6
Jacqueline S. King	3	David J. King	7
David L. Philips	4	Richard W. Owen	Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Blaenavon. the Rev. J. T. E. Davies. who has been appointed to the living of Llantarnam. near Newport.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE. Glam.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Easter Sunday April 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
A J. Pitman's 20-part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Peter Fenton	Treble	Alwyn R. Lewis	5
Michael Larcher	2	Edmund J. Morris	6
J. Arthur Hoare	3	Trevor M. Roderick ..	7
Gwyn I. Lewis	4	*David Kirkaldy	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor M. Roderick.
* First peal of Triples. Rung for Easter Evensong.

CADOXTON, near Neath, Glam.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis	4
Susan Harber	2	Alwyn R. Lewis	5
D. R. Lynn Jones	3	Ellis N Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by Ellis N. Thomas.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Susan Harber and Ellis N. Thomas on their engagement.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes. W.C.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 ST SIMON'S COLLEGE BOB CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt in E.

Alan R. Pink	Treble	*Walter G. Knight	6
D. Kay Adkins	2	Christopher C. Clarke ..	7
Peter N. Felton	3	William Birmingham ..	8
Ronald K. Russ	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	9
Barry J. Davies	5	Norman F. Felton	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.
* First peal of Caters. Possibly the first of Caters in the method.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the R.A.F.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GULID.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., March 21 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 STOKE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's Tenor 7¼ cwt.

C Edward Lankester ..	Treble	Dennis Knox	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley ..	6
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 23, 1968, 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
H. Johnson's six-part Tenor 17½ cwt

Monica Blagrove	Treble	*Malcolm S. Loveday ..	5
*David C. Brown	2	G. William Critchley ..	6
Norman Summerhayes ..	3	William S Deason	7
Claudia A. Critchley ..	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T Blagrove.
* First peal in the method

HARROW WEALD. Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Freda Clayton	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	*David Redfearn	7
*Brenda P. Redfearn ..	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Charles W Roberts Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat. April 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Roland H. Cook	2	R Brian Mills	7
John K. Smith	3	Martin Green	8
Gordon H. Lane	4	Rupert A. Clarke	9
*Dan S Pont	5	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Edward C. Gobey Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat. April 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Derek Francis	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	6
Dennis Knox	2	Robert H. Newton	7
Beryl R. Simpson	3	*Frederick R. Scott	8
Michael J Church	4	J. Keith Ward	9
Robert M. Ashman	5	Frank T Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by William Pye Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* Has now "circled the tower."

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., April 14. 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*J Keith Ward	Treble	Michael J. Church	6
Beryl R Simpson	2	Robert M. Ashman	7
David C. Brown	3	William Birmingham ..	8
Alan D. Elsmore	4	Frederick R. Scott	9
Stanley G. Ponting	5	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.
* Has now "circled the tower."

NORTHMOOR. Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Mon., March 11, 1968. in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ROSSENDALE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Martin J. Turner	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Peter Pearce	2	Bertram J. Coggins	5
Terence J. Hester	3	D Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

BEDFORD—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., April 15, 1968. in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

William Hibbert	Treble	Martyn J. Marriot	6
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	Brian R. White	7
Anthony H. Smith	3	John H. Napper	8
John W. T. Hibbert	4	Francis A. White	9
Robert L. Piron	5	Frederick A. H Wilkins ..	Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Brian R. White.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 20, 1968 in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	David J. Marshall	7
Roger W. Smith	3	Graham C. Paul	8
Malcolm J V. Chown ..	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Christopher C. Stokes ..	5	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

(Daventry Branch)
WHILTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Stanley F. Webb	Treble	Edward Garrett	4
*Iris R. D. Webb	2	John Townley	5
Harold Haynes	3	Malcolm J V. Chown ..	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
* First peal in five Minor methods Rung to celebrate Easter.

THE ST DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire.—At the Cathedral of St. David.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Susan Jones	Treble	Derek H. Walters	5
Simon P. Rogers	2	Ivor R. Nichols	6
Anthony R. Trickett	3	Rev. Russen W. Thomas ..	7
Richard L Underwood ..	4	Adrian C Boorman	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor, and to Ellis Thomas and Susan Harber.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEEND, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Jonathan H Nibbs	Treble	Frederick W. Box	4
William T. Alexander ..	2	David L. Nibbs	5
Richard M Garratt	3	Richard H. Johnston ..	Tenor

Conducted by Richard H. Johnston.
First peal as conductor at first attempt.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St Clement's and three extents of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Charles J Copp	Treble	F. William Midwinter ..	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	Harold Stevenson	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., April 19, 1968 in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*David Brown	Treble	A Harry Hawcroft	4
Katherine Burchnall ..	2	Philip Rogers	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal. Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HENLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*†Joe E. G Roast	Treble	†Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	5
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
Yvonne A Murray ..	3	Peter G Brown	7
Howard W. Eggleston	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 450th peal. † 300th peal together First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 20, 1968 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Raymond J. Talbot ..	Treble	Richard C. Stevens	5
*Julia C. Greenhalf	2	R. James Cook	6
John C. Davidge	3	Derek G. Spittle	7
Jill P. Oakshott	4	Leonard A. Bance	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond J. Talbot.
* First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

ZENNOR, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Senara.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising one 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*T. Roy Hart	Treble	‡Rev. A. S. Roberts	4
†Anthony P. Smith	2	G. William Critchley ..	5
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal. † First of Surprise. ‡ 275th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London, Rutland and Bristol and 576 each of Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Michael J. Thomas	Treble	*Robert A. Partridge ..	5
*Tom Chapman	2	*Richard Youdale	6
Thomas H. Francis	3	*Maurice J. Butler	7
*Derek C. Jackson	4	David J. Forder	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal of eight-spliced.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society)
BEVERLEY, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34 cwt 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

Alan H Bridges	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	6
Richard S Starkie	2	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	7
F Charles Hobson	3	Rev. Frederick Ross ..	8
Richard D. Gibson	4	Ronald Ducker	9
F. Neville Pailing	5	John N. G. Chaddock ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

NEWARK-UPON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

Anne P. Leigh	Treble	Ian North	6
Iris M E. Lemare	2	Alan E. Hartley	7
Shelagh R. Collins	3	Norman V. Harding ..	8
W. Eric Critchley	4	C. Barrie Dove	9
Patricia Lockwood	5	*Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* 250th peal for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., April 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5136 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan McFall	1–2	*Neil Bennett	7–8
†Alan F. Scholfield	3–4	*Bernard F L. Groves ..	9–10
*Robert B. Smith	5–6	Gerald Moorhouse	11–12

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* Completes Oxford Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus on handbells. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells. First of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Moorhouse.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

NORTHAM, Devonshire.—At Cedars, Durrant Lane.
On Tues., April 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Gillian R. Cleaver	1–2	*Timothy C. Hine	3–4
John N. Longridge (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal attempt.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—In the belfry of St. Paul's Church, Sketty.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

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

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* 300th peal. 500th peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — 1,320 York Surprise Minor: Penny Cocks 1, Wendy Wallace 2, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 3, Carol Cousins 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Newman 1, T. R. Jones 2, Miss H. L. Jones 3, Dr. H. Craig 4, T. A. Palmer 5, F. J. Read 6, A. G. Keen (first Triples as cond.) 7, C. Barnes 8.

ALDENHAM, HERTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley Bonfield (first quarter) 1, R. Clouston 2, Maureen Carruthers 3, E. Ashby 4, A. Wootton 5, T. Norris 6, J. Southey (cond.) 7, J. Hart 8.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS. — 1,260 April Day Doubles: H Christine Younger 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. D. Barsby 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, R. Wilmore 5, C. L. Younger 6.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, L. A. England 3, F. J. White 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, A. Callow 6. First in eight methods by all except 2 and 5.

BOBBING, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. May 1, Miss P. Tomsett 2, Miss W. Austin 3, F. Dadson 4, J. Clarke 5, R. Bushell (cond.) 6.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. R. Hill 1, A. Foster 2, K. Oliver 3, G. F. Oliver 4, J. Cooper 5, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 6. Also to commemorate the 844th anniversary of the church's dedication.

CHAWTON, HANTS. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mary White 1, B. E. Pink 2, Sandra Pearce 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, F. W. Sherfield 6.

CLIFTON BRISTOL. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Cox (first quarter) 1, Margaret Powell 2, Susan Moore 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, R. Moore 5, M. Gregory 6. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

COLESHILL, WARKS.—1,260 Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering; 11 methods/var.): Dawn Holly 1, Anne E. Deebank 2, L. L. Willis (cond.) 3, Lynda M. Deebank 4, D. L. Hooper 5, Lynne Winfield 6, A. G. Ensor 7, H. Walker 8. First quarter 1 and 6.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Barker (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Spray 2, R. Spray (first "inside") 3, Jean Buswell 4, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 5, W. L. Exton 6.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain B.), 1 and 2 leading: H. Burnham 1, D. Beeken 2, Margaret Savage 3, R. H. Candy (first "inside") 4, M. A. Legg 5, B. N. Butler 6, A. J. Leeves (first cond. two methods) 7, A. W. Webb 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: O. J. Hemmings 1, W. F. Cowley 2, Brenda Ivings 3, C. C. Clarke 4, H. N. Pratley 5, W. Ivings 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, J. K. Pratley 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Greenaway 1, R. W. Bridges 2, W. Beavan 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, J. Potter 5, J. Saxton 6.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Absolam 1, C. Woodward 2, P. G McIlhone 3, V. Fox 4, F. Godden 5, B. Gray 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, D. Exon 8.

DUNKERTON, SOM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. L. Barnes (first quarter) 1, S. C. Davis 2, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 3, S. W. J Milverton 4, V. J. Bowring 5, A. F. Butt 6. Also in memory of H. L. Parfrey.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—1,500 Plain Bob Doubles: J. R. Rigby (first attempt) 1, Miss S. O'Neill (longest length) 2, R. J. F. Watson (first in method) 3, Miss S. Anthony 4, Miss E. J. Foster (cond.) 4, G. A. Dawson 5, R. Anthony (first attempt) 6.

ILMINSTER, SOM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Barbara Dean 1, R. Welch 2, L. Besant 3, R. Dean (cond.) 4, E. White 5, T. Hill 6, G. Novell 7, d. Brown 8.

ILTON, SOM. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Welch 1, Barbara Dean 2, S. Welch 3, R. Dean (cond.) 4, R. Welch 5, B. Spiller 6. Also a 50th wedding anniversary compliment for the parents of the treble ringer.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G W Bishop 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Mrs. M. Thomas 3, E. S. Wells 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop (cond. 6, J. H. Napper 7, D. Napper 8. For Easter Day Evensong.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R Parratt (first quarter) 1, D. R. Fallick 2, W. C. Perry 3, I. H. Trueman 4, W. R. Gilks (cond.) 5, H. J. Page 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. P. Pearce (first on eight) 1, Heather A. Walters 2, Valerie C. Allen 3, A Carveth (cond.) 4, C. A. Wratten 5, R. C. Kippin 6, A. J. Davidson 7, T. J. Bell 8.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. E. B. Reed 1 Carol Thompson 2, H. P. Thompson 3, Ann H. Whaley 4, A. C. Walker (cond.) 5, Isabel Appleton 6.

LITTLEHAM, S. DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N J. Webber (first quarter) 1, Miss J. A. Hayward 2, J. M. Clarke 3, J. J. Gatter 4, R. L. Horder (first as cond.) 5, D. W. Gatter 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM. — At the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Anne Pilgrim 1, Felicity Cooke 2, Mary Pryor 3, N. W. H. Simon 4, P. A. Williams 5, F. W. Corney 6, M. Pilgrim 7, R. King 8, D. S. Bishop (cond.) 9, C. Ricketts 10.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, R. A. Birch 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, H. P. Yates 3, G Neilson 4, B. Butcher 5.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At the Church of St. George, Jesmond, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Cheryl Chorlton (first of Triples) 1, J. Pardoe 2, A. Craddock (cond.) 3, Joy Askew 4, G. White 5, S. Pardoe 6, R. Yeates 7, P. Martin 8.

PROBUS CORNWALL.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Margery A Wratten 1, Heather A. Walters 2, A. Carveth 3, Claudia A. Critchley 4, A. J. Davidson 5, G. W Critchley 6, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 7, C. A. Wratten 8.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL.—1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Anne Pearce 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. J. Bell 3, A. J. Davidson 4. First of Minimus for all.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Allison Butterfield (first quarter) 1, B. L. Burrows 2, Rita M. Stratford 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Frankie McAlear 1, Stella G. Rice 2, Lydia M. Barnett 3 Jean M. Pike 4, J. M. Hills (cond.) 5, C. Painter 6. First in three methods for all.

STAINES MIDDX.—At the Church of St. Peter, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: F. T. Blagrove 1, Elsie Savory (first of Surprise) 2, Monica Blagrove 3, N. Summerhayes 4, M. S. Loveday 5, M. J. Palmer 6, M. J. Church 7, D. E. Rothera 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Munson (first except covering) 2, P Rumley (first in method "inside") 3 W. Lawrence 4, S. Gullick 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6, D. Taplin 7, R. Kirkpatrick (covering) 8.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: C. Mannering 1, Miss P Tomsett 2, M. Lacey 3, R. Bushell (cond.) 4, F. Dadson 5.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: J. Gibson (first quarter) 1, Gwynneth C. Ducker 2, Linda Sherwood 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, Maris C. Stephenson (cond.) 5, R. Ducker 6.

TENBY, PEMBS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: W. G. Thomas 1, Mrs. S. Lewis 2, D. Walters 3, J. Webb 4, E. Williams 5, H. L. Jenkins 6, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 7, M. Jenkins 8.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. P Pearce (first on ten) 1, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 2, Claudia A. Critchley 3, Heather A. Walters 4, D. Burnett 5, G. W. Critchley 6, G. D. Carter 7, C. A. Wratten 8, A. J. Davidson 9, A. Carveth 10

WHITSTABLE, KENT. — 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. E. Gray 1, D. L. Cawley (cond.) 2, C. A. Steed 3, M. Ostler 4, J. Steed (first quarter) 6. First in five methods by all except conductor.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Bridges 1 W. W. Cousins (cond.) 2, R. Newson 3, P. J. Gagen 4, D. P. Gagen 5, C. Cousins 6.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Whitear (first of Major) 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, A. R. Walters 3, Jennifer M. Andrews 4, M. H. Whittell 5, D. J. Derrick 6, R. J. Southgate 7, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 8.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, L. Stilwell 3, Margaret Wenban 4, A. C. Wenban 5, A. J. Glass 6, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples Elizabeth West 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. Williams 3 N. D. Shepherd 4, W. J. Harvey 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

DATE TOUCH

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—1,968 Plain Bob Major: Jane Osbon 1, Rosemary Heighes 2, R. D. Divall 3, E. Larkyn 4, A. F. Lewry (comp. and cond.) 5, Mrs J. Osbon 6, C. Osbon 7, R. Harris 8. Also for births of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. Larkyn and great-grandson to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hairs.

HALF PEAL

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT. — On April 15th 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Stockwell 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, I. Whorlow 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, G. Firman 5, P. Stockwell 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, W. Bridges 8. A farewell to Canon T. E. Prichard, Vicar, on appointment as Residentiary Canon of Canterbury and Archdeacon of Maidstone. First half peal for all the band.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On April 6th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Felicity Hamilton 1, R. D. Mills 2, A. Flood 3, Jill Oakshott 4, T. Skilton 5, P. J. Munday 6, G. Stevens 7, A. D. Elsmore (first of Yorkshire as cond.) 8. First in method for 4, 5, 7.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin 1, Hilary J. Osborne (first "inside") 2, Amette E. Bradbury (first in method as cond.) 3, P. J. Franklin 4, D. R. McLean 5, A. Turner 6.

BATHEASTON, SOM. — On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. C Hawkins 1, Jane M. Dennis 2, A. F. Lee 3, P. J. Devrell 4, I. P. Cox 5, G. J. Hawkins 6, J. E. Newman (first of G.T. as cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gill Laver 1, Jill Oakshott 2, John Oakshott 3, P. J. Munday 4, J Munton 5, J. Laver 6, R. D Mills (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, A. Elsmore 8. First of Stedman 1, 3.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St Mary's Church, on Feb. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine Rose 1, Elizabeth A. Ewan 2, J. M Brook 3, J. Birdsall 4, A. E. Shingles 5, A. T. Taylor 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 4, 5. First of Major by the local band.

BOW LONDON, E.—At St. Mary's, on April 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mary Wilkinson 1, D. Ellisdon 2, T. Sharp 3, Jane Fransella 4, K. Warner 5, D. Rothera 6, T. Pett 7, J. S. N. Porter (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather M. Craven 1, Catriona M. McNeil 2, Frankie McAlear (first "inside") 3, Lydia M. Barnett 4, J M. Hills (cond.) 5, J. H. Lilley 6. First quarter 1 2. Rung after an ill-fated peal attempt.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On March 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Burgess 1, Miss L. Roper 2, E. H. Jones 3, J. F. Gibbons 4, W. F. Gibbons (first as cond.) 5, D. Jenkinson 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First quarter by a local band for ten years.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On March 24th, 1,312 Kent T.B. Major: S. Penfold 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, C. C. M. Pain 4, J. Fowler 5, J. McDonald 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS. — On March 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Rogers 1, L. Toseland 2, D. Witchell 3, S. Robinson 4, C. N. Stephenson 5, J. Mitchell 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, B. Austin 8. Rung for the birth of a daughter (Ruth Elizabeth) to Mr. and Mrs. D. Bowen, and also for the silver wedding of the parents of the ringer of 5th.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOM.—On April 16th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (nine methods): P. J. Devrell 1, J. E. Newman 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. J. Orledge 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. McDonald 1, J. Fowler 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, C. E. Brown 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, Flt.-Sgt. F. E. Scoones 8. For Matins.

MELKSHAM, WILTS. — On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Newman 1, T. R. Jones 2, R. Purnell 3, K. Harvey 4, T. A. Palmer 5, F. J. Read 6, A. G. Keen (cond.) 7, J. Cuss 8.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, SOM.—On April 15th, 1,260 Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: V James 1, Suzanne Withers 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, S. Bateman 4, D. Rennolds 5, N. Dawson 6. First quarter in the method by all.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On April 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. L. Pickering 1, B. L. Burrows 2, Jane M. Tooby 3, I. S. Merry 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, R. A. Gilliver 6. Rung for Passion Service.

NOTICES

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BY ADOPTION

FIDLER.—To Jean and Arthur Fidler, a daughter, Jaqueline Ann, a sister for Susan Jane, on April 23rd 3839

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DARVILL.—On May 4th Stephen is fleeing once more from his creditors. Friends and debtors please note his new hideout at 24, Rusthall Avenue, London, W.4. Tel. 994 7536. 3823

SMITH. — The address of Lawrence and Louise is now 39, Springfield, Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. 3834

PERSONAL

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." — James 1, 17.

PUBLICATIONS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—1967 Annual Report now available from the Ringing Secretary, Mr J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. Price 3s. 6d. post free. 3828

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MISCELLANEOUS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—Bellringing practice on Friday, May 3rd. cancelled, as The Bethersden Players' production. "Basinful of the Briny," by Leslie Sands, takes place in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th.—J. E. S. 3816

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 1968. at Hoole, Chester

Annual meeting 2 p.m. prompt, in the Church Hall of All Saints', Hoole, Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. A. B. Martin, Vicar of All Saints'.

Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Church Hall Cost of tea tickets 5s. 6d. All applications for tickets to Mr. E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester, not later than Monday, May 13th.

Towers open before the meeting: Dodleston (6), 10–10.45 a.m.; Tarvin (6), 10–11 a.m.; Eccleston (8), 11 a.m.–12 noon; Handbridge (8), 12 noon–12.45 p.m.; St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, 12 noon–12.45 p.m.; Hoole (6), 12 noon–1 p.m.

Available after tea: Handbridge (8), St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Hoole (6), Christleton (8) 6–7.30, Backford (6) and Eccleston (8) by arrangement till 8 p.m.—Henry O. Baker Gen Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Conductors wishing to credit peals to the Association should send details, with composition and fee of sixpence per rope, to the peal secretary, Mr. G. Penney, 5, Mentmore Road, St. Albans.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 3850

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING
May 25th, 1968

Rochester Cathedral, 10.30–11.30.
Lunch at 1.15 p.m. at Adelaide Suite, Castle Restaurant, 71, Castle Street, Canterbury.

Business meeting at 2.45 at St. Alphege's Parish Hall, King Street, Canterbury. Canterbury Cathedral 4.15–6.

Sevenoaks Parish Church 7.30–8.30. Social evening at the Vine Tavern, Sevenoaks.

Accommodation for lunch is limited, so early application is advised (cost 14s. each). Names to me by May 18th, please. Cars may be parked at yard of Twymans Ltd., Old Dover Road, Canterbury.

J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 3844

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Chesterfield District

Monthly Meeting and Annual Striking Contest

CLAY CROSS (6), SAT., MAY 11th
Draw for order of ringing 2.30 p.m.
Tea 5 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. D. Bunting, 160 Williamthorpe Road, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, or myself, by previous Wednesday, please, **without fail** — Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Holy Trinity Church, Meldreth, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Dedication of the augmented ringing of eight by the Rev Canon A. G. G Thurlow. Everyone welcome. Tea 5 p.m., Village School. Ringing after service and after tea. **Names for tea, please,** to J. G Gipson, The Nook, High Street, Meldreth, Royston, Herts, by Thursday, May 9th. —B. Pratt, Dis Sec. 3813

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL
(Stroud Branch)

The Fourth
Randwick Festival of Handbell Music
(in no way a competition)
will be held at Archway School, Paganhill, Stroud, on Saturday, June 15th. Handbell teams are invited to share this opportunity of listening to each other's music, improving their own ringing thereby, and inspiring new interest in unused handbells. Details from: E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud, Glos. 3744

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES

Ringing Festival, LEEDS, Sat., June 22
20 towers available in the Leeds area. Programmes with tickets (10/6 adults, 7/6 children under 12) from R. Brown, 5, Copley Lane, Robin Hood, Wakefield. 3802

LIMPSFIELD CHART, Surrey. — A reminder to visit St. Andrew's **Bell Festival** on Saturday, May 4th. All-day programme of events; everyone catered for. Lunch and tea in the Hall. Please bring your tape recorder. 3845

MASONIC RINGERS' MEETING. — Revised date Liverpool, Saturday, June 22nd. For details send s.a.e. to Jack N. Brown, Langley Dale, New Lane, Aughton Park, Ormskirk, Lancs. 3840

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at St. Stephen's, Ealing, Tuesday, May 7th.—M. J. Palmer. 3852

NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter's Church.—12-bell practice on Wednesday, May 8th, at 7.30 p.m. 3857

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Norwich, Saturday, May 4th

Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church 4 p.m. Tea at Chantry Hall at 4.45 p.m Meeting to follow.

Bells available:—
Afternoon:
St. Giles' (8) 2.45–3.45
Evening:
St. Peter Mancroft (12) 7.00–8.30
St. Miles' (8) 7.00–8.30

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:

Garveston (6)	1.30–2.15
Hethersett (8)	2.30–3.30
St. Giles', Norwich (8) ..	2.45–3.45
Bergh Apton (6)	1.30–2.00
Brooke (6)	2.10–2.40
St John de Sepulchre, Norwich (8)	3.10–3.45
New Buckenham (6)	1.30–2.00
Bunwell (6)	2.15–2.45
Mulbarton (6)	3.00–3.30

Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich Nor. 57N,

H. Wm. Barrett, General Secretary. 3792

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
(Northampton Branch)

OPEN DAY

At St. Giles' Church, Northampton, Sat., May 11th, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Exhibition about bells and ringing, also film show. All ringers welcome. 3830

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK

Flower Festival

May 11th, 12th and 13th, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Bells available Sat., May 11th, from 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. 3819

SUFFOLK GUILD

ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION
Ashbocking, Saturday, May 4th

Will teams please be present at 12 noon or as soon as possible.
Evensong 5 p.m. Tea and presentation of Shield, Hemingstone Village Hall. (2½ miles distant, directions given.)
Entries and names for tea to S. Bloomfield, 1, High View, Hemingstone, Ipswich, Suffolk. 3791

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

The attention of all members is drawn to the Secretary's notice of the Annual General Meeting on May 11th. Important constitutional changes may be necessary at this meeting to obtain recognition direct by the University instead of through U.L.U., as until recently — D. J. R. Martin, president. 3800

CANCELLATION

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—There will be **no meeting** at Old Brampton on May 4th.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 3816

UNIVERSITY of LONDON SOCIETY The A.G M. will be held on Sat., May 11th. Bells: All Saints', Poplar 1.45–2.30. St. George-in-the-East 3–3.45; St. Olave's, Hart Street 4–4.30. Service in St. Olave's 4.30, followed at 5 by tea and the meeting. A film on the Society's activities will be shown. Names for tea to C. Starbuck, 148, Hailsham Avenue, Streatham Hill, London, S.W.2. 3793

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Annual General Meeting
HORSHAM
Saturday, May 11th, 1968

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West Hoathly	10.15–11–15
Turner's Hill	11.00–12.00
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Crawley	12.45– 1.45
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Bolney	11.30–12.30
Cuckfield	1.00– 2.00
Horsham	2.30– 4.00
Service	4.15
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Annual General Meeting ..	6.00

Names for tea to Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Telephone E.G. 23815. 3837

WESTON-SUPER-MARE. — Ringing arrangements:—Parish Church: Sundays at 10.20 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. for service; practice, Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.; visitors welcome. St. Nicholas' Old Church, Uphill, first Sunday in the month at 3 p.m. up to October. 3842

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at Felmersham Service, tea and business meeting 4.30. Towers available (for one hour each): Cardington 9.30, Elstow 10.30, St. Paul's, Bedford, 11.30, Bromham 1.15, Clapham 2, Oakley 2.30, Pavenham 3, Odell 3.15, Felmersham 3.30 and evening. Sharnbrook 7.30. Names for tea to C. Payne, 32, George Street, Clapham. Tel. Bedford 57312 3835

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Monthly meeting at Arlecdon on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage. No names, no tea. 3819

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Longstanton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. Special methods: Stedman and Double Norwich. 3841

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District. — Quarterly meeting at Llangarron, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 3851

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting at Offley (6) on Saturday May 4th, from 5.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3827

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Leigh on Saturday, May 4th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 3858

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Creaton, Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. No name, no tea. 3843

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Isham (6) 7.30–9. All welcome.—M. A. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting. Saturday, May 4th, Attenborough. Bells (8) from 3.30. — S Adams. 3831

SURREY ASSOCIATION—A.G.M.

Saturday, May 4th, at St. Katharine's, Merstham. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea and meeting in Church Hall adjacent at 5.45 p.m. All members are asked to endeavour to attend this meeting. 3843

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Advanced practice meeting at Fairwarp (8), Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Cups of tea will be provided; please bring own cups. — Jean Osbon. Hon Div. Sec 3826

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Surprise Major practice at Aylestone, May 6th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Aspirants to Surprise Major ringing are particularly welcome to come and struggle (plenty of help) through Cambridge.—Ron Hughes.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 6th at 7 p.m. 3831

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Euston (5) on Friday evening, May 10th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 3833

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sampford Arundel (6), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 15 p.m. Wellington (8) available 7 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed. 41, George Street. Taunton. 3832

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Rise (5), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hinds' House, Park Farm, Rise, Skirlaugh, Hull, by previous Thursday. 3817

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Consett, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business and further ringing. Ringing at Blackhill in afternoon—St. Aidan's 2–3 p.m. and St. Mary's R.C. 3–4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Tyson, 1, Seymour Street, Consett.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Huntingdon District — Striking Competition at Holywell on Saturday, May 11th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. Please send names for tea (except members of ringing teams).—H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 3842

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District. — Meeting at Christ Church (6), Wanstead. Saturday, May 11th District heat of striking competition Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. J. P. Eyre, 4, Greenhays Drive. South Woodford, London, E.18. 3611

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold. May 11th. Striking competition in afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea in Winn Hall 5.15. followed by quarterly meeting. Bells available after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Fincher, Ivy Cottage. Dunsfold, Godalming, by Tuesday. May 7th 3808

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5). May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Chilton, Chess Bungalow, Dawes Lane, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 3847

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Snodland, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea, please, to Miss L. King, Papermakers' Arms, Constitution Hill, Snodland.—M. L. H. 3827

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Huyton, Saturday, May 11th Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Birchall, 157, Bluebell Lane, Huyton, by Wednesday.—M. E. D. 3840

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting to be held at Emmanuel, Southport, on Saturday, May 11th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Snape, 417, Guildford Road, Southport, not later than Wednesday, May 8th.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec., Wigan Branch. 3799

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Names for tea to Rev. C. E. Whitaker, The Vicarage, Kirkby-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 3856

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, Penhow, May 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. H. Jones, Parc Cottage. Penhow Mon 3824

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Peckleton, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, please, to Mrs R. Kibble, Charnwood, Peckleton, Leicester (Tel. Desford 436) by the Wednesday previous. — C. Wells, Dis. Sec. 3832

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Joint meeting with the Leicester District at Billesdon, Saturday, May 11th. Ringing: Skeffington (5) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Billesdon (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 pm. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Geary, 16, Leicester Road, Billesdon, by Wednesday. May 8th. Method: Plain Bob Major.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting at Prestwold (8), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please meet at church by 4.45, as arrangements for tea may have to be altered near to date. Names for tea to R. M. Wilson, 138, Park Road, Loughborough. 3848

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 o'clock. Tea at Royal Oak 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. T. Bonshor, Great Dalby. Melton Mowbray by May 8th.—J. H. Cook. Dis. Sec. 3849

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch —Meeting at Goxhill on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Neave, Westfield Road, Goxhill, Lincs. 3815

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —St. Mary's, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16, Saturday, May 11th, 3–4 p.m Tea and meeting Church Hall 4.15. St. Alfege's, Greenwich Church Street, S.E.10, 7–8.30 p.m. — Miss V. E.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, May 11th. Bells: All Saints' (6) 2.30–3.30; St. Modwen's (8) after meeting until 8–8.30. Service at St. Modwen's 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Friars Walk Schools. Subscriptions due. Reports will be available. 3833

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, by Wednesday, 8th. 3826

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Flore (6), Saturday, May 11th Names for tea to Mrs. R. Fonge, 1, The Avenue, Flore, by Monday previous.—Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec. 3825

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild Festival at Wimborne on May 11th. Festival service in the Minster Church of St. Cuthberga 3 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. J Strickland. Address by the Rev. R. Keeley. Tea 4 p.m. in Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. Tickets (6s. 6d.) obtainable from Mr. N. G. Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, before May 4th. **No name, no tea.** Bells available: 11.30–1 p.m., Cranborne (8); 1–2.30 and 6.30–8.30, Poole (10); 2–3 and 6.30–8.30, Wimborne (10); 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and 6.30–8.30: Canford Magna (6), Corfe Mullen (6), Gussage, All Saints' (5), Gussage, St. Michael's (6), Hampreston (6), Long Crichel (6), Lytchett Matravers (6), Lytchett Minster (6) Morden (5), Spetisbury (5), Sturminster Marshall (6), Swanage (8), Wareham (8), Wimborne St Giles (8), Witchampton (6), Kington (7, one bell out of order).—F. Slatford, Gen Sec 3809

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Meeting at Market Drayton (8), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton, Salop, by Wednesday, May 8th. 3820

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Heveningham on Saturday. May 11th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Badingham (5). Names for tea to Mr. J. Pigney, The White Horse Inn, Badingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk, by Wednesday, May 8th.—T. N. J. B. 3824

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Great Totham on May 18th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea 3690

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' Guild (Kent Branch) (A.G.M.). — Meeting at Tenterden, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Miss V. Relf, 3, The Bungalows, Shrubcote, Tenterden, by Thursday, May 16th.—A. P. S. B. 3835

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Branch meeting at Bassingham on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, 56, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by previous Wednesday, please.—G. R. P. 3821

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Nor 26W, by previous Thursday, please. 3860

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cholsey, May 18th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, not later than May 14th. 3818

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at Aldridge on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting also reverts to 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for latter, please, to Mr. J. Burton, 23, Portland Road, Aldridge, Walsall, Staffs (Tel. Ald. 52869) by Wednesday, May 15th latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3694

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Twyford and Owslebury, May 18th. Bells available: Twyford (8) 2.30–4.15. Service 4.30. Tea, Owslebury Village Hall, 5.30. Business meeting follows. Bells available: Owslebury (6) 7.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. E. B. Whitear, 2, Farm Cottages, Low Hill Farm, Fishe.rs Pond, Eastleigh, by **Monday, May 13th,** please. 3846

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Beverley, Saturday, May 18th. Minster bells 2–4 p.m. Service, Minster, 4 p.m. Tea, Minster Parish Room 4.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea. St. Mary's bells available evening to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. H. Parham, 35, Molescroft Road, not later than **Tuesday, May 14th.**—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3822

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QUARTER PEALS

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On April 6th, 1,541 Stedman Caters: A. J. Davidson 1, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Margaret Swain 4, F. M. Bowers 5, A. Carveth 6, C. Bryant 7, R. Edwards 8, M. D. Fellows 9, M. P. Tobin 10. First on ten by 4, 5 and 10.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Bishop 1, A. H. Webb 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, C. J. Garlick 5, G. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. In memoriam Edward Robey, a former ringer, aged 81 years.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Madeleine Forrester 1, Jennifer Catchpole 2, G. Hunt 3, J. H. Smith 4, R. Hunt 5, G. Taylor 6, L. Mills 7, B. Hunt 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Gordon Telford Brown and Miss Elizabeth C. Quinn.

HAVERFORDWEST, PEMBS. — On April 15th, 1,260 Canterbury Doubles: Stella Lewis 1, D. H. Walters 2, Rev. R. W. Thomas 3, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 4, P. C. Rogers 5, A. R. Trickett 6. First in the method by all. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Triples.

LYMINGTON, HANTS. — On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (tenor in): F. L. Harris 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, Katharine J. Maundrell 3, J. N. Longridge 4, L. F. Cobb 5, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 6, R. N. Marlow 7. Congratulations following the baptism of Bernard Lewis Cobb the previous day.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT. — On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Bryant 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Susan Rayner 3, Jennifer Wood 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Ingleton 6. For Evensong. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mira Ford (first on treble) 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Jane Bryant 3, Miss J. Exeter 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Ingleton 6. For Evensong and as a 13th birthday compliment to 2nd ringer.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAM.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): C. H. Davies 1, P. Fenton 2, M. Larcher 3, D. Kirkaldy 4, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 5, D. Everett 6. For Evensong.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 21st, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Susan Chew 1, R. C Ingram 2, J. G. Perry (first of Surprise Maj.) 3, J. Insley 4, J. R. Insley 5, R. J. Tibbetts (comp. and cond.) 6, D. J. M. Purnell 7, J. A. Ainsworth 8. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet Aston 1, Susan Chew 2, J. G. Perry 3, M. Androlia 4, M. Burston 5, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 6, D. J. M. Purnell 7, C Kennaugh (first quarter) 8. First of Bob Triples by all (local band). Also on March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Kennaugh 1, Susan Chew 2, M. Burston 3, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 4, J. G. Perry 5, M. Androlia 6.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On April 13th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. H. Hunt 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, Miss B. J. Daysh 3, Mrs. S. K. M. Baldwin 4, Miss E. W. Keys 5, E. W. Colley 6, P. Page 7, R. Baldwin (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 3.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 7th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Thelma-Lynn Willis (first of Surprise) 1, H. V. Frost 2, Frances Dodds 3, C. Forster 4, C. E. Slade 5, J. D. Duggan 6, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 7, B. C. Johnson 8. For Evensong.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA. — At the Cathedral Church, on April 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hanscombe (first on a working bell) 1, K. S. Cross (first "inside") 2, Jennifer Way (first quarter) 3, Frances Pellatt 4, G. Armitage (cond.) 5, R. Coombs (first quarter) 6. Rung on the occasion of the conferring of the Freedom of the City of Salisbury on the Prime Minister, the Hon. I. D. Smith.

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Archer 1, L. P. Brain 2, L. J. Parry 3, D. J. Derrick 4, Dorothy M. Durrant (cond.) 5, C. S. Bloomfield 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA. —On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Hallett 1, Margaret Wheat 2, J. Rosi 3, J. White 4, E. Lee 5, J. Hallett (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King on the eve of his funeral.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): K. G. Waller 1, Mary White 2, Sandra Pearce 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, B. E. Pink 6. For Easter, and a greeting to Charlotte Elizabeth Hurst, the Rector's grand-daughter.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.—On March 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. J. Chesson 1, Glynis Poppleton (first "inside") 2, M. Hitchcock 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, N. R. Mattingley (cond.) 6.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints', on April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sheldon 1, N. Hadley 2, C. Williams 3, Sandra Spooner 4, Christine Turner 5, K. Knowles 6, J. R. Cotterill (cond.) 7, F. Pickering 8. To mark the completion of the first phase of relighting the church.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: G. R. Hills 1, Brenda I. Cox 2, S. R. Strange 3, R. G. Harmer 4, R. M. Cox (cond.) 5, R. Land 6. For Evensong and the 100th birthday of Mrs. E. M. Strange, grandmother of 3rd ringer.

WILTON, Taunton, SOM.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Arscott (first quarter) 1, R. F. Arscott 2, Mrs. M. B. Bindon 3, Miss M. J. Beale 4, L. H. Arscott 5, F. Avery 6, K. E. Beale (cond.) 7, M. R. Arscott (first on eight) 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 4.

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By ANTHONY CLAYTON

Compositions Reviewed by Christopher Mew

SOME time ago a friend told me that he had come across a manuscript book on ringing whilst working in Dulwich Central Library in Lordship Lane, London. A visit to the library was at first disappointing but finally the book turned up references under "Ringing in South London in the Early Nineteenth Century" by C. F. Browne.

The book itself is quite small, measuring eight inches by four inches, and is bound in red leather with a clasp to keep it shut. It is very battered, but on what remains of the spine are the dates 1828–1847. Inside the book and on the first page is the title of this article. The book is Charles Browne's peal and composition book, written in the most beautiful copperplate hand. Each peal occupies a page and each peal has a border in the style of a classical peal board. Charles Browne seems to have had an inexhaustible supply of designs typical of the period and quite untainted by the growing Gothic Revival. There are 54 peals recorded.

By far the majority of the peals are Grandsire Triples. This is only to be expected at a period when London ringing was at a very low ebb. The first peal in the book is obviously Charles Browne's first, in which he rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Peter's Church, Walworth, on May 22nd, 1828, in 2 hours and 56 minutes. The slower speed for peals compared with today is very noticeable, indeed he adds the note "in the short time of 2 hours 40 minutes" to a peal rung on the old eight of St. Giles', Camberwell, before that church was destroyed by fire. The slower speed is perhaps partly explained by the "go" of the bells and their hanging, but more to the influence of the ringing fashion of the day.

Various peals of Grandsire follow, the towers being Walworth, Camberwell (St. Giles', on the old eight) and St. George's, Southwark. In 1829 he rang his first peal of Major, Bob Major, at Lambeth, in 3 hours and four minutes. By now Charles had progressed from the treble to an inside bell. He had started to climb the socal ladder and the next twelve peals are all for the St. James' Society, bringing us to the year 1830.

A COUNTRY TRIP

One of these was rung at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, in the City, and, besides towers mentioned before, Mitcham (Surrey) and Christ Church, Blackfriars Road, appear. In 1830 the St. James' Society seems to have gone for a country trip, ringing the first peal on the bells at Staines Parish Church and a peal recorded as being rung at "St. George's Church, Windsor," in 2 hours and 57 minutes. This last peal has baffled me as there is no such record in the Curfew Tower at Windsor, and the time, 2 hours and 57 minutes, makes it quite impossible. Perhaps it was at Windsor Parish Church? The St. James' Society records could possibly clear this up. Charles Browne seems to have been confused by this trip, because both January 4th and 5th, 1830. are called Monday! The year before, he had rung two peals in a day on October 12th, 1829. All these peals are of Grandsire Triples, one being labelled "Most excellent"!

By now it seems that Charles was itching to do some conducting and he broke away from the St. James' Society never to return. He turned to calling handbell peals in public houses, mostly at the Rising Sun, Walworth. Very soon the Rising Sun echoed to the sound of Charles conducting 10,836 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours and 19 minutes, followed by 5,280 Grandsire Cinques. All these were called for the Newington Youths. On two occasions Charles and two fellow Newington Youths visited the Plough in Lordship Lane to ring Grandsire Cinques with three members of the Dulwich Union. Charles conducting these peals. Charles conducted peals at Holy Trinity, Newington (Southwark), Putney the ("First Peal on the New Bells"—unknown previous to the discovery of this book) and St. George's, Camberwell. He pealed at Lewisham and Woolwich and was very careful to label the peals he called "true and correct." In 1840 he was still ringing Grandsire Triples, this time at St. Clement Danes'.

In 1844 he was persuaded to go to Rolvenden, Kent, with the College Youths. The presence of George Lansdell in the band explains the peal, as he is known to have come from Rolvenden. In 1845 he rang a peal at Walworth headed "Camberwell Ringers." This was rung in February and was obviously a preliminary get-together for the band to ring on the new 10 at St. Giles', Camberwell, for in March the same band, with two additions, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters headed "The Ringers appointed to the Church at St. Giles." Later on this band called itself the "Surrey Youths." This clears up a point in Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing," where a guess is made as to the origin of this Company.

WITH COLLEGE YOUTHS

The new band opened up new fields for Charles Browne and he rang four peals of Kent and one of Stedman Caters and no peals of Grandsire! Then followed a peal of Kent Royal at Fulham and an interesting peal with the College Youths at Walworth. Let Charles speak for himself on this latter:—

"On Wednesday, March 1st, 1848, the understated members of the above Society ascended the steeple of St. Peter's, Walworth, to ring the Celebrated Production of Mr. Saml. Austin of Kent Treble Bob of changes, but owing to the insufficiency of light after ringing 4 hours, 13 minutes they were compelled to shorten the number of changes to 7,040, making a true and complete Peal of that Number of changes."

These last two peals, both a year outside the date on the spine of the book, are the last recorded. It would be fascinating to know if there was a further volume. Many of Charles Browne's fellow ringers will be familiar names to those who know something of 19th century ringing in London. Many are still to be seen on peal boards in different churches. Some of these boards are of great merit and real efforts should be made to preserve them. St. Peter's, Walworth, contains many fine boards in various states of decay.

THE COMPOSITIONS

In the middle of Charles Browne's book are pages devoted to composition, which Mr. Christopher Mew has kindly reviewed for me.

The compositions contained in the manuscript were mainly of such a nature that they would be considered of little value today. The interest lies therefore in the different approach of the composers to their subjects and in one or two oddities which appear. The compositions included one or two shorter touches but were in the main full peals and were set out in easily understandable forms, many being written out in full.

Since the larger part of the collection features Grandsire as a method, the following points arise in respect of those compositions for this method. Holt's Original is well in evidence together with the equally famous Ten-part; with these must be coupled Reeves' variation of the ten-part and there also appear two similar variations by W. Shipway, both with the 7th observation and employing Holt's bob-singles.

Next in popularity were peals on the three-lead plan including Taylor's Six-part, similar peals by one E. Wheeler, and another which is not attributed to anyone, and a five-part peal with the 6th observation by W. Cooper, of Birmingham. One rather unorthodox composition appears in the shape of a five-part peal by W. Shipway which incorporates 21 ordinary bobs plus one bob made in 5ths place in each part and no singles. Also included are a number of peals of Grandsire Major, which was quite popular at the time; these range from 5,040 to 8,000 changes, being of little interest. They include Shipway's five-part and one simple peal by W. Eversfield, which is shown for those who would ring the method.

Grandsire Caters is represented by some of the most unmusical compositions possible for what can be a beautiful method; most of these are spoilt by virtue of the composer's desire to make one of the lower bells observation. For example, who today would consider ringing such a length as 11,340 with a part-end of 148326597 merely so that the peal could be readily called from the 6th!! For interest sake is appended the calling of a 5,058 by an unknown author which gives the part-ends as the lead-ends of the plain course. To round off, there were two compositions of Grandsire Royal, one of which had subsequently been endorsed "false."

NEW SINGLES FOR STEDMAN

Still keeping on odd numbers, there appeared only one composition of Stedman, Thurstans' four-part of Triples. There were, however, two examples written out of peculiar singles named "Tebbs' Single" and "Cox's Single," and the figures of these are appended; both involve the back five bells lying still.

There is comparatively little shown for even-bell methods, Plain Bob is not represented at all, plain courses of Double Norwich and Single Norwich Major are shown but with no compositions. Incidentally, it is interesting to note Single Norwich appearing, as this method is shown as first being pealed (see C.C. Collection of Major methods) in 1922, nearly 100 years later; could it be that a peal was previously rung and not recorded? Finally there appear compositions for Treble Bob Major and Royal, Oxford seemingly more in vogue at that time than Kent; they do not merit giving details.

APPENDIX—COMPOSITIONS

5,280 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

By W. Eversfield

23456	8 IN 3	M	H
64352		—	2
35462	—		2
46532	—		2
65342	—		—
34562	—		2

Repeat four times.

5,058 GRANDSIRE CATERS

(Unknown)

Calls at 1, 6, 5, 2, 1, 1, 7 give 125374968 = 1st part end.

Calls at 1, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7 give 127593846 = 2nd part-end = "A."

Repeat "A" five times.

Note: "A" is simply a bob at 1, then call the same bell before as at this lead until the 2nd goes in the hunt. Part-ends are lead-ends of plain course.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

1234567			
2135476	Bob		
2314567			
3241576	Single	3256417	Single
2345167			
2431576		2356417	
4231576		2534671	
4325167		5236417	
3421576		5324671	
4312756		3526417	
4137265		3254671	
1432756		Cox's Single.	
1347265			
3142756			
3417265			

Tebbs' Single

A fascinating find which I hope will interest others as it has interested me. One amusing note to end. The book contains the earliest known peal, rung in 1487, but alas, on inspection, it turns out to be a mistake for 1847!

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Longbridge Deverill, on April 6th. Ringing commenced, under the able direction of Ringing Master E. E. Norris, of Warminster, at 3 p.m., continuing until 4.30, when the company repaired to the church below for the service, taken by the Vicar (the Rev. G. I. Williams), with Mr. D. Cane as organist, the lesson being read by Hugh Lawrence, of Dauntsey School. In his speech of welcome, Mr. Williams told the company of a staunch band of ringers at his previous living, and ended by saying that ringers were a favoured section of the community, by being able to practise their art unhampered.

The service over, the party took a sunny walk along the main road to the George Inn, where a sumptuous tea had been prepared by the local captain of ringers, Mr. Reg Jones, and his wife, Ruth, with the willing help of the band. Nearly 50 sat down to tea and full justice was done by all concerned. The business meeting which followed was chaired by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Melksham, with Mr. G. Davis, of Bradford-on-Avon, secretary. Proficiency certificates were presented by the chairman to T. Angel and A. Riddle, of Bradford-on-Avon, a third, S. Moore, receiving his the following day. A complete new band of ringers from Sutton Veny were present, and these, with Mrs. D. Hutchins, from Warminster, were made members of the Guild. The secretary outlined the plan to be followed for the instruction of beginners at future monthly meetings, and this was accepted after a lengthy discussion.

The next monthly meeting was fixed for Hilperton on June 1st, the July quarterly is to be at Urchfont, and the October quarterly at Warminster. The striking competition for 1968 was fixed for the first Saturday in September, to take place at Seend, arrangements to be made by Ringing Master R. Purnell, who did so well last year.

Visitors were welcomed from Swindon and Colerne and, after the votes of thanks, the company once more adjourned to the tower, where under the direction of Mr. Norris ringing from rounds to Surprise methods was carried on until 8.30 p.m.

The six bells at Heytesbury were also available during the evening, good use being made of them.

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Also an extension but with different front work (Expanding D/U). When pealed, perhaps its name could be associated.

Maximus. l.h. 2—5T—16—127T—38—149T—1450—36—1670—58—189T—70—9 h.l.

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St. Peter's Church, Bromyard, Herefordshire



FROM the sturdy, squat Norman tower of St. Peter's, Bromyard, a Rudhall six has chimed out for more than 200 yrs. Now the octave is complete and such is the skill of 20th century tuning that Messrs. John Taylor have given to this market town bells that blend perfectly. There were bells here for centuries before the Rudhall foundry brought its wares to this countryside.

In the church there is much of antiquarian interest. A characteristic of the tower is the circular stair turret with its castellated top. The South and North doorways are examples of Norman craftsmanship and over one doorway there is a carving of St. Peter.

How the Norman font would have rejoiced the heart of the late Ernest Morris, who added these to his interest in bells. It is tub shape with two tiers of decorations, and one writer has interpreted one of these as representing the Tree of Life.

Probably the absence of arterial roads has enabled Bromyard to be largely unspoilt. Good specimens of 16th and 17th century architecture prevail and Tower Hall House is regarded as one of the finest specimens of half timbered buildings in a county rich in Tudor and Jacobean edifices.

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Peter's, Bromyard, Herefordshire

By T. COOPER

BROMYARD, a small market town (population 1,800), is situated in the beautiful countryside of the Worcester-Herefordshire border. The Parish Church of St. Peter is a large building with a plain low solid central tower. In 1553 the tower contained "v great belles" and later, in 1752, a ring of six Rudhall bells was installed in a heavy timber frame.

In recent years the "go" of the bells and the deterioration and movement of the bell frame began to cause concern and misgivings to the ringers, and, as one visitor remarked, they had developed into "a very lumpy ring."

In 1966 the P.C.C. received reports and estimates from the bellfounders with apprehension, as heavy expenditure on heating and decoration had recently been completed. An overdue major organ overhaul was already receiving their attention. But their interest and concern about the bells was shown by appointing in the early months of 1967 a small committee to investigate the problem of bell restoration.

10 YEAR LOAN SCHEME

The parish of Bromyard St. Peter's is in its seventh year as a Christian Stewardship Parish. With this in mind, the bell committee were able to devise a scheme to raise an interest-free loan of £2,000. This loan scheme was to be raised in £10 loan bonds, repayable at £200 each year over the next ten years. The principles were approval and accepted by the P.C.C. and the "get on with the job" was given to the bell committee. The money thus raised would enable the ring of six bells to be rehung in a new cast iron eight-bell frame. A gift of a new treble bell towards an octave by one of the ringers was a further incentive.

In June, 1967, the bell committee, consisting of three non-ringers and six ringers, launched the scheme with support and encouragement from the Vicar, churchwardens and P.C.C. members and using all local means of advertising available. Within a few days the first £1,000 was in hand. With the earnest desire to help so readily coming from the church members and the rest of the community (proving, incidentally, the love of the sound of bells inherent in our people) the attaining of the target was rapidly approaching. But "halt" came from the treasurer; and in a day or two news of a magnificent gift to the church and parish was forthcoming.

MAGNIFICENT GIFT

In thankfulness, and as a memorial to her late husband, George Granville Dowson, Maggie Dowson donated the cost of the new bell frame and one new bell to complete the ring of eight. How deep was the gratitude of the town and district is beyond me to assess and express; but I am sure that whenever the question of generosity arises Bromyardians will instinctively remember the name of Dowson.

Within a few days the £1,600 loaned had been repaid, and in September the bells were at John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough. Now came the gift of time and talent from the ringers: bell chamber completely cleared and cleaned, padstones formed to carry the new girders, woodwork treated with preservative, ringing chamber redecorated, electrical fittings renewed and extended, fetching and carrying up and down the tower steps until physical tiredness almost dimmed enthusiasm.

In November the ringers had been to Loughborough to see the two new trebles cast—had poked about everywhere in the foundry as ringers from many a tower have done before. They almost managed the foundry ring.

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT BELLS

It was strange with no Christmas and New Year ringing. We did try our hands at Triples through the kindness of the incumbents and the help of the ringers at the towers of Ledbury and Colwall. Limited service ringing also took place at towers in the district.

Winter slowly passed with continual enquiries as to "When are the bells coming back?" Right to programme, on March 18th, the work of installing the new frame and rehanging the bells commenced. Daily, with unhurried capability and control, Mr. Eric Fowler and Mr. Leslie Evans went about their task and soon all was ready for the great day.

In the presence of a large congregation on Friday evening, April 5th, 1968, the Bishop of Hereford, at an impressive service, dedicated the augmented ring of eight bells. Afterwards, ringers from near and far tried out the bells. It was clearly apparent that the founders and bellhangers had converted our "lumpy six" into an easy going and splendid sounding eight.

Now, as our regular service ringing routine comes back, we ringers realise how blessed and fortunate we were in this parish of Bromyard. We know that other parishes have striven and succeeded in greater and harder and more difficult tasks, where enthusiasm and effort and tremendous courage and example were needed. And we know that that courage can be found and sustained by faith and prayer, through willingness to give our service to our God and Church, and through our earnest desire to spread our Christian fellowship amongst all men.

THE BELLS

Treble—Thomas Cooper gave me 1968. (John Taylor and Co., 4 cwt. 17 lb.)

2nd—In Loving Memory of George Granville Dowson 1968 (John Taylor and Co., 5 cwt. 6 lb.)

3rd—Peace and Good Neighbourhood. (A. Rudhall 1752, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.)

4th—Prosperity to this Parish. (A. Rudhall 1752, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.)

5th—Abel Rudhall cast us all 1752. (8 cwt. 22 lb.)

6th—Thos. Williams, Churchwarden. (Abel Rudhall 1752, 8 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.)

7th—May the Church Flourish and her Enemies Decrease. (A. Rudhall 1752. Recast 1899.) Barwell, Founder, Birmingham. W. Martin, Vicar. T. Day, E. Powell, Churchwardens. (10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.)

Tenor—I to the Church the Living Call, and to the grave do summon all. (Abel Rudhall 1752, 14 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.)

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1968 PEALS

Mr. G. E. Thoday reports that, up to and including the April 19th issue, 766 peals had been published, called by 301 different conductors. In these, 1,988 ringers took part, in which 138 were ringing their first peal. Five ringers have already reached 25.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Worcester Arrangements

Headquarters will be the Giffard Hotel, High Street. Entrance to the hotel car park is off the Cathedral roundabout. The Wulstan Room is reserved as a meeting place, with bar, on Sunday and Monday evenings from 7 p.m.

Essential notices will be displayed in the Wulstan Room Lobby.

Holy Communion on Tuesday in the Cathedral at 7.45 a.m.

Civic Reception at the Guildhall, High Street, on Tuesday at 5.15 p.m. Application cards will be enclosed with reports circulated by the Hon. Secretary.

There will be an informal social evening in the Wulstan Room at 8 p.m. to which members and friends are invited.

Accommodation. — Members requiring the accommodation list should get in touch with the Accommodation Secretary, 32, Badsey Fields Lane, Badsey, Evesham, Worcs, without delay.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

The following tours have been arranged; own arrangement for transport and meals. Members of the Worcestershire Association acting as Ringing Stewards will be present at each tower to co-ordinate the ringing. The published times will be adhered to.

Saturday, June 1st, 1968.

Tour No. 1

Hallow, SS. Philip and James'	(8)	9.30–11.00
Ombersley, St. Andrew's	(6)	10.15–11.45
Droitwich, St. Augustine's, Dodderhill	(8)	11.00–12.30
Droitwich, St. Peter-de-Witton's	(6)	11.45– 1.15
Bromsgrove, St. John's	(10)	1.30– 3.00
Stoke Prior, St. Michael's	(8)	2.15– 3.45
Wychbold, St. Mary-de-Wyche's	(6)	3.00– 4.30
Feckenham, St. John Baptist's	(8)	3.45– 5.15
Hanbury, St. Mary's	(8)	4.30– 6.00
Claines, St. John Baptist's	(10)	5.15– 6.45

Tour No. 2

Kempsey, St. Mary's	(6)	9.20–10.50
Stoulton, Campanile	(6)	10.00–11.30
Earl's Croom, St. Nicholas'	(6)	10.40–12.10
Strensham, St. John Baptist's	(6)	11.20–12.50
Ripple, St. Mary's	(6)	12.00– 1.30
Bushley, St. Peter's	(6)	1.20– 2.50
Longdon, St. James Gt.	(6)	2.00– 3.30
Upton-on-Severn SS. Peter and Paul's	(8)	2.20– 4.10
Hanley Castle, St. Mary's	(6)	3.20– 4.50
Hanley Swan, St. Gabriel's	(6)	4.00– 5.30
Malvern Link, St. Matthias'	(8)	4.15– 5.30
Powick, St. Peter's	(6)	5.20– 6.50

Monday, June 3rd, 1968.

Tour No. 1

Broadwas, St. Mary Mag.	(5)	9.30–10.30
Martley, St. Peter's	(6)	9.45–11.15
Clifton-on-Teme, St. Kenelm's	(6)	10.30–12.00
Shelsley Beauchamp, All Saints'	(6)	11.15–12.45
Bewdley, St. Anne's	(8)	12.00– 1.30
Kidderminster, St. Mary's	(12)	1.30– 3.00
Stourbridge, St. Mary's Old Swinford	(8)	2.15– 3.45
Amblecote, Holy Trinity	(8)	3.00– 4.30
Brierley Hill, St. Michael's	(8)	3.45– 5.15
Dudley, St. Thomas'	(10)	4.30– 6.00
Old Hill, Holy Trinity	(8)	5.15– 6.45
Stourbridge, St. Thomas'	(8)	6.00– 7.30
Chaddesley Corbett, St. Cassian's	(8)	6.45– 8.15
Hartlebury, St. James Gt.	(8)	7.30– 9.00

Tour No. 2

Stoulton, St. Edmund, King and Martyr	(6)	9.30–11.00
Pershore Abbey	(8)	10.15–11.45
Little Comberton, St. Peter's	(6)	11.00–12.30
Great Comberton, St. Michael's	(6)	12.15– 1.45
Hinton-on-the-Green, St. Peter's	(8)	1.30– 3.00
Great Hampton, St. Andrew's	(8)	2.15– 3.45
Badsey, St. James'	(8)	3.00– 4.30
Bretforton, St. Leonard's	(8)	3.45– 5.15
Middle Littleton, St. Nicholas'	(6)	4.30– 6.00
Cleeve Prior, St. Andrew's	(6)	5.15– 6.45
Bidford-on-Avon, St. Lawrence's	(8)	6.00– 7.30
Salford Prior, St. Matthew's	(8)	6.45– 8.15
Evesham, the Bell Tower	(12)	7.00– 9.00
Norton, St. Egwin's	(8)	7.30– 9.00

COACH TOUR

A coach will leave the Cathedral on Whit Monday at 8.15 a.m. to tour the Worcestershire-Herefordshire border (fine countryside) with ringing at five towers. It will return in time for the Standing Committee meeting and evening ringing. Numbers limited to the first 40 applicants.

The cost, inclusive of lunch, is £1. Names, with fare, to Mr. P. Cattermole, St. Alban's House, The King's School, Worcester, by May 27th. enclosing s.a.e.

SERVICE RINGING

There will be no general ringing on Whit Sunday at Worcester Cathedral. Instead, bands have been arranged to ring at the following times:—

9.30–10.20 a.m. Two bands to ring touches on 12 bells.

5.00– 6.20 p.m. A quarter peal of Stedman Cinques by a band arranged by the Vice-President of the Central Council.

(An arranged band will also ring the Cathedral "Middle Eight" before the Communion service on Tuesday, 7.10–7.35 a.m.)

Sunday, June 2nd, 1968.

Worcester, All Saints'	(10)	10.00–11.00 5.30– 6.30
Worcester, St. John's	(8)	5.30– 6.30
Worcester, St. Swithun's	(6)	5.30– 6.30
Claines, St. John Baptist's	(10)	10.15–11.00 5.45– 6.30
Hallow, SS. Philip and James'	(8)	10.00–11.00 5.30– 6.30
Malvern Link, St. Matthias'	(8)	9.15–10.00 5.30– 6.30
Upton-on-Severn SS. Peter and Paul's	(8)	10.00–11.00
Welland, St. James'	(6)	5.30– 6.30
Evesham Bell Tower	(12)	10.15–11.00 4.30– 6.30
Pershore Abbey	(8)	8.30– 9.30 5.30– 6.30
Great Hampton, St. Andrew's	(8)	7.30– 8.00 9.30–10.00 6.00– 6.30
Badsey, St. James'	(8)	9.30–10.15
Droitwich, St. Augustine's, Dodderhill	(8)	10.00–11.00 5.30– 6.30
Droitwich, St. Peter's	(6)	5.30– 6.30
Hartlebury, St. James Gt.	(8)	10.00–11.00
Kidderminster, St. Mary's	(12)	10.15–11.00 5.45– 6.30
Stourbridge, St. Thomas'	(8)	9.30–10.00 5.45– 6.30
Amblecote, Holy Trinity	(8)	8.45– 9.30 5.45– 6.30
King's Norton, St. Nicholas'	(10)	10.15–11.00 5.45– 6.30
Selly Oak, St. Mary's	(8)	5.30– 6.30
Feckenham, St. John Baptist's	(8)	9.45–10.30

ADDITIONAL RINGING

Saturday, June 1st, 1968.

Worcester Cathedral	(12)	7.00– 8.30
Worcester, All Saints'	(10)	7.30– 9.00
Worcester, St. John's	(8)	7.30– 9.00

Monday, June 3rd, 1968.

Worcester, All Saints'	(10)	7.30– 9.00
Worcester, St. Swithun's	(6)	7.30– 9.00

Tuesday, June 4th, 1968.

Worcester Cathedral	(12)	6.00– 7.30
Worcester, All Saints'	(10)	6.30– 8.00
Worcester, St. John's	(8)	7.00– 8.30
Worcester, St. Swithun's	(6)	7.00– 8.30

PEALS

Applications for peals should be made as soon as possible to the Peal Secretary, Mr. G. L. Bowen, 35, Chesshire Avenue, Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs, enclosing s.a.e.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
Honorary Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax.

CORRECTION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

(See page 323)

Motion (9) (b) paragraph 1 should read: In the case of Doubles a "variation" be defined as the plain course of one method used with the call(s) peculiar to another method. Each variation shall be given its own name.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Margaret's Win District Striking Contest

The annual District striking competition was held at Bitteswell on April 6th. Five bands competed and Messrs. A. Ballard, B. G. Warwick and B. C. Law acted as adjudicators.

A sumptuous tea was laid on by the ringers and friends at Bitteswell, after which a District meeting was held.

The chief item was the announcement of the results of the competition. St. Margaret's, Leicester, were the winning band, having clocked up only 55 faults. Mr. Ballard then presented the trophy to Mr. John M. Jelley, who captained St. Margaret's, at the same time adding some warm words of encouragement to the not-so-good bands. The congratulations of the District go to these very capable ringers.

The other bands who competed were Aylestone (73 faults), South Wigston (75), All Saints', Leicester (132) and Markfield (178).

Also discussed were the District Surprise Major practices, which are now a regular monthly feature. It was thought that these were achieving results, but the ringers they were being aimed at, i.e. the "learners," were not chiefly the people who were attending. Attendance at the moment seems to consist mainly of established Surprise ringers.

The secretary asked for guidance regarding District meetings where tea facilities were not available, in particular as to whether a service should be held or not on these occasions. Mr. Warwick thought that the omission of a service was a retrograde step, and in general it was felt that a service should be held as part of a meeting wherever possible.

Attending were 43 members and three visitors, the largest number at a District meeting for three years. The chairman, Mr. John Bramley, expressed his gratification at this good turnout.

A variety of ringing took place during the evening, which rounded off an enjoyable meeting.

R. H.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE

Mr. P. Amos is standing as an independent candidate for the Northampton Municipal Council. He is fighting for the abolition of the Compulsory Purchase Act, and thinks it wrong for a person to be turned out without adequate compensation.

New Surprise Royal Record

But Not the 27,000 Objective

THE attempt to ring 27,000 Cambridge Surprise Royal at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on April 20th was called round at 18,000 changes after 9 hours and 10 minutes' ringing.

Ringing commenced at about 8.25 a.m. and the first five courses of the first part took approximately 55 minutes. The times for all the following parts were within about a minute of this time. By the time that the first part-end came up after 9,000 changes it appeared that the 27,000 would be accomplished with very little difficulty. However, as time progressed, mistakes began to occur and the conductor decided to omit the last bob on 890 in the second part, and ran the peal round two-thirds of the way towards the required target. (Having listened to more than two hours of tape recording, the decision appears to be a little harsh.)

Naturally the band are disappointed in not having rung the longest peal on ten bells. For over half the band it was their first experience of an attempt for a peal of considerable length and on the foundry bells it was found to be more taxing than had been anticipated (following the four peals of Surprise Royal rung on them last year). I have no doubt that we could have rung the complete length to quite a fair peal, but a record peal must be beyond question in every aspect.

It is the latter point which creates a technical problem, in that 18,000 changes exceeds the record of Surprise Royal and of Cambridge Surprise, but both of these peals took much longer to ring, being on much heavier bells. In the past we have always aimed at surpassing a previous record, either by ringing on bells of similar weight or by adding a considerable number of changes. This was our intention with the recent attempt, but by calling the peal round at a shorter length it is only 1,080 changes longer than the Yorkshire Royal record and 1,632 changes longer than the Cambridge record. We will rectify this situation in the not too distant future.

There were two changes in the band from that announced in "The Ringing World": both Richard Inglis and Bernard Groves were indisposed. I would like to thank Simon Humphrey and Alan Scholfield for standing in the peal in their places. I would also like to thank Lawrence Haines for umpiring and taping-in the ringing, instead of Alan Scholfield, who was called on to ring. Finally, thanks are once again due to Paul Taylor for the use of the foundry bells.

ROBERT B. SMITH.

UMPIRE'S REPORT

The attempt to ring 27,000 Cambridge Surprise Royal was scheduled to start at 8 o'clock, but for various reasons was delayed until 8.25. The first lead was a trifle shaky as the band adjusted to the bells, but the ringing rapidly improved and, by the end of the first course, everyone seemed happy. For the first ten courses the ringing was at a steady eleven minutes per course, except for the third course, which took 11¼ minutes, probably in response to the conductor's "Push them along a bit"! In the eleventh course the back bells were brought into the "Home" and the ringing speeded slightly to 10¾ minutes per course—the little bells seemed to appreciate this return to familiar territory more than the big ones.

At 11.10, after the band had rung a normal length peal, the speed dropped to 11¼ minutes and remained there until towards the end. At 12 o'clock someone remarked that "they" were open, and was immediately told to faint. Nearly an hour later the first third was completed—the distinctive 1234567908 being easily recognised. This change was the cue for shuffling of feet and stretching of backs as the ringers prepared for a further nine hours of ringing. At around 1 o'clock I was ordered to fetch "fish 'n chips" ten times. The thought of food must have inspired the band, for there was some excellent ringing at this time.

By half past one 10,000 changes had been rung on very difficult bells; soon afterwards the occasional trip began to creep in, rapidly corrected by the conductor. At 3.20 the half-way change came up, soon followed by the eighth part-end. At this point a high-level conference was undertaken, and a decision was made not to pass the 21,363 Stedman Caters or 21,600 Bristol Major. At 4.20 the band had rung more Cambridge Royal than any other team; at quarter to five the Cambridge Maximus length was passed, and minutes later the bob on 8-9-0 was omitted, leaving the bells in the backstroke home. This had a detectable cheering effect on the band, and the ringing proceeded, at a slightly faster 10¾ minutes per course, with but one trip to the end. At nearly ten past five a bob Wrong brought the bells into the plain course, and there followed two-and-a-half courses of very good ringing to finish the peal, after 9 hours and 10 minutes and 18,000 changes. The reason for the late start now became apparent: by the time the belfry had been evacuated the hostelry doors were opening . . .

No visitors appeared in the belfry; this could have been due to the Leicester Diocesan annual general meeting, which was also held that day. The ringing was certainly adequate for a record peal, and it was only the high standards set by the band that prevented the full length from being rung. I am sure that it is only a matter of time before the full 27,000 is rung, but, for the sake of future umpires (and ringers!) it would be better if rung somewhere other than at the foundry—I can still hear the plink-plonk of the little bells!

LAWRENCE J. HAINES.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BELL RHYMES

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the article on "Bell Rhymes from Northamptonshire." Mr. Thomas North puts "Pancakes and Fritters" into print in his book on "The Bells of Northamptonshire." He also mentions another one, and here it is:—

"Roast beef and marsh mallows,
Say the bells of All Hallows.
Pancakes and fritters,
Say the bells of St. Peter's.
Roast beef and boil'd,
Say the bells of St. Giles'.
Poker and tongs,
Say the bells of St. John's.
Shovel, tongs and poker,
Say the bells of St. Pulcher."

This sounds like Shrove Tuesday, as well it might, and Mr. North provides, quote:

"But hark I hear the Pancake Bell,
And Fritters make a gallant smell."

So with the sound of pancake bells in our ears and the smell of fritters in our noses I would suggest that Mr. Terry, of the Northampton Museum, gets hold of a copy of Mr. North's book. His library is sadly short of a notable work.—Yours sincerely,

J. M. C. HOOTON.

Ardingly, Sussex.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES E. FISHER

The Suffolk Guild lost one of its most respected members when Charles E. Fisher passed away recently at his home at Ufford, Suffolk. He had served the Guild with distinction, not only by virtue of the offices he held but in his belfrymanship and his undoubted ability as a ringer and conductor.

Charles was born in 1885 and spent most of his life in the picturesque village of Ufford. He started his ringing as a lad and records show that in fact he conducted his first peal at Ufford in 1902 for the Norwich Diocesan Association, which of course covered most of the county of Suffolk at that time. In all he rang 105 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association and a further 103 for the Suffolk Guild.

Charles Fisher commanded respect in any belfry by his many qualities. He had a quiet manner but there was always a twinkle in his eye and a lasting keenness to help beginners. He was an immaculate handler and striker, and was particularly fond of six- and eight-bell ringing. Over his long ringing life he often rang with the famous Leiston and Helmingham companies and was particularly proud of his younger brother, Frank, a most gifted conductor.

Charles held several offices within the Guild, including that of secretary and treasurer, and remained a vice-president until he died. The Suffolk Guild and many others will long remember him—his welcome to visitors, and the man that was Charles E. Fisher. Our sympathy goes out to his widow and family. May he rest in peace.

G. W. P.

MR S. C. COOK

With the death of Mr. Sydney Charlie Cook on March 10th members and ringers of St. Peter's Church, Hever, mourned the passing of the last of its "old brigade."

A native of the village, Charlie started work as a boy on Hever Castle Estate and stayed there for 52 years apart from a short break during the first world war, when he served with the Army and was wounded in France. His connection with Hever Church as a ringer covered a period of 55 years and during much of that time he was a member of the Kent County Association. He was also verger at the church for 30 years.

Although never a prolific peal ringer, he did take part in one or two during his earlier days, but his main interest was with the local band, of which he was captain for some time. A few years ago he was forced to give up ringing because of ill-health but maintained his interest in ringers and their activities through the columns of our journal, which was delivered to him regularly by one of the Edenbridge band. In addition to his own church, Charlie often used to ring at Chiddingstone and Edenbridge, and on the evening preceding the day of his funeral a half-muffled quarter peal was rung to his memory by a band comprising two members from each of the three towers.

MR. JOE HAYNE

An Appreciation

I have just read in my "Ringing World": "Abbotsbury, Dorset, has lost an old and respected ringer by the death on April 13th of Mr. Joe Hayne." How fitting and eloquent is that brief announcement and what memories are conjured up by it. To one whose introduction to ringing was in the Dorchester area in the early days of the last war, Joe Hayne was one of the stalwarts who helped to give meaning and character to the Exercise. He was forthright by nature, of complete integrity and sincere in his fellowship.

How he hated formality and loved to be Joe to all the world! With great delight he told the tale of a letter which once reached him, bearing the seemingly inadequate direction: "Joe, Abbotsbury." His love of the cricket field was perhaps even greater than that of the belfry, and many were the kindly taunts of the then Branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, if Joe missed a meeting or was late because he was "chasing a ball." And now he will be missing—both in the belfry and in the cricket field, but I am sure that both have been enriched by his life, for which we give thanks.

M. M. GODLEY.

University Students Help Southwell Guild's Membership

THE attendance at the 22nd annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, held at Southwell on April 20th, was most encouraging. The committee's fears that an annual meeting starting with the business meeting at 2.30 p.m. would prove unacceptable to the majority of the members was soon dispelled, and the attendance of upwards of 110 ringing members, plus their wives and visitors, proved that the ringers are interested in the running of their Guild.

The business meeting, presided over by the Guild chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, supported by the vice-chairman elect, the Rev. W. H. Snow, the retiring hon. treasurer, Mr. J. W. Raithby, and the hon. general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton, was opened with a minute's silence for 14 members who had died since the last annual general meeting, namely, Mr. A. Munks (Mansfield Woodhouse), Mr. G. Oakley (Warsop), Mr. J. T. C. Barnes (St. Mary's, Nottingham), Dr. J. D. S. Thomas (Radcliffe-on-Trent). Mr. F. A. Salter (St. Peter's, Nottingham), Mr. W. Thornley (Stapleford), the Rev. W. B. Evans (North Wheatley), Mr. J. P. Wright (North Wheatley), Lady Sibell Argles (Holme Pierrepont), Mr. E. Wilcox (Nuthall), Mr. H. D. Argles (Holme Pierrepont), the Rev. Canon R. P. Tinsley (Holme Pierrepont), Mr. J. H. Marshall (Cotgrave) and Mr. F. L. Hemstock (Southwell).

The minutes were approved and the annual report, which had been in circulation for some weeks, was, with one or two minor amendments, accepted, on the proposition of Mr. S. W. Fossey, seconded by Mr. D. A. Whetton.

A SMALLER ANNUAL REPORT?

Mr. B. Hough said that in view of the cost of the annual report, almost 3s. per copy out of a 5s. subscription, perhaps consideration should be given to reducing the amount of material inserted, and suggested that perhaps the list of the members could be omitted and only a list of new members be inserted.

The hon. general secretary said that when viewed in isolation this figure was high, but when analysed the details were that the report cost was 2s. 8d. per copy, but if the income from peal fees were deducted from the total cost then the resulting figure was 2s. per copy (i.e. 40 per cent. of the annual subscription) and if the non-resident life membership subscriptions were also deducted then this figure would be reduced to 1s. 9d., which he considered was a reasonable proportion.

The hon. general secretary reported that membership had been maintained at over 500, mainly due to the inclusion of the Nottingham University ringers at Beeston, to whom he extended a very warm welcome.

Bell restoration during the year had been the lowest for some time. A donation of £25 had been made to Pinxton, where a new light ring of five had been installed and where it is understood three trebles had now been ordered to complete the octave. Beeston bells had been retuned, the sixth recast and the bells rehung with new fittings in the original timber frame.

The income to the bell repair fund had risen by £5 8s. 1d. to £157 3s. 3d. during the year, the total standing at £346 5s. 6d. This was a most welcome sign, bearing in mind that provisional donations had already been earmarked for East Retford, where the ten bells were to be recast and rehung, Aspley, where two trebles were to be added to complete the octave, and Arnold, where the four bells were to be restored with possible augmentation.

Lectures on bells and ringing with handbell demonstrations had continued during the year unabated, over 30 having been provided.

The hon. treasurer reported that a small loss of £8 17s. 6d. had been made on the year's working, but in view of the expenditure incurred over the visit of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to Nottingham and the Three Counties Festival at Derby this was considered reasonable.

PEALS LESS THAN USUAL

The peal committee reported that the total of 75 peals was the lowest for several years. Fifteen members rang their first peal and, considering the drop of 48 peals on the 1966 total, this drop of two compares very favourably. Three new conductors appeared against none in 1966.

The 69 tower bell peals were rung in 40 towers, 32 of them in the county. The six handbell peals were all rung by the same band. The conducting was shared between 30 people, the leaders being Ruth Blackshaw (12) and R. B. Mills (11). There were 173 ringers involved, 88 of whom were resident, representing 17 per cent. of the Guild membership.

Four new members were elected at the annual meeting—Miss Jill Kelley (Newark), David Woodhead (Edwinstowe), Peter Hayward (Woodborough) and David Brown (Gamston). The retiring officers were thanked for their services to the Guild during the past year, and especially the vice-chairman, the Rev. F. W. Stephens, and the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. W. Raithby, neither of whom is accepting re-election. The chairman (Mr. F. W. Midwinter), the hon. general secretary (Mr. W. L. Exton), the auditors (Messrs. C. J. Copp and B. Hough) and the trustees (Messrs. W. Nichols and F. W. Midwinter) were re-elected, there being no other nominations. The vice-chairman (the Rev. W. H. Snow) and the Peal Committee (Messrs. B. M. Buswell and R. B. Mills) were declared elected, there being no other nominations. Two nominations, Miss M. E. Chilton and Mr. H. Hanson, were received for the post of hon. treasurer and on a ballot Mr. H. Hanson was declared elected. Six nominations were received for the four Central Council delegates for 1969-71, and on a ballot Messrs. W. L. Exton, H. Poyner, R. B. Mills and J. D. Clarke were elected, the unsuccessful candidates being Messrs. C. W. Reed and B. A. Richards.

The collection for the Bell Repair Fund taken at the meeting realised £6 4s. 9d.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Provost of Southwell for the use of the bells, the ladies of the Newark District for the tea, the officers of the Guild for their past year's work, and in particular the hon. general secretary and his wife for their work in conjunction with the Central Council meeting last May, was moved by Mr. David Stainsby and carried unanimously.

Following the business meeting the twelve bells of the Minster were available up to tea time, when a most enjoyable tea, prepared and served buffet fashion by the ladies of the Newark District to the 130 people who had sent their names in, was provided.

Evensong held in the Minster choir was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood).

Further ringing then took place under the direction of the Newark District Ringing Master, Mr. P. Wakefield.

W.L., H.G.S.

Hereford Ringing School's Five Day Course

THIS was the first five-day bellringing course to be held at Hereford, following the request from last year's week-end course, which was the fourth one, that we might have a longer time under instruction in the tower to try to put into practice what we had learned in theory.

Our tutors for the course were Mr. G. T. Cousins, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. F. Sharpe and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

On Tuesday evening after Easter we all arrived at Hereford Teachers' Training College. After supper we had a lecture to start the course, then each day except Friday we had instruction and tested our theory using handbells prior to visiting a tower with our instructors. On Friday we went further afield and had tower practice as one group and instead of returning to the college for lunch we had a picnic on the church wall, Mr. Sharpe taking a photograph to prove ringers do not always make a beeline for the nearest "local." We were split up into two groups during the rest of the week, the advanced starting with Stedman and Cambridge, and the elementary bell handling to Plain Bob. By the end of the course the advanced had rung a quarter peal and the elementary were learning Kent and Bastow Little Court.

We would like to thank all the local people who welcomed us to their churches and made ringing possible in allowing their bells to be used for this purpose. Also to the instructors for their unfailing patience with us learners; at times they must have wanted to knock our heads together!

At one of the churches we visited someone, who shall be nameless, offered to get the key to the church. After he had been gone rather a long time we began to wonder what had become of him—well, we found out that the key was kept in the "local" in the churchyard!

As one of the instructors, we had Mr. F. Sharpe, who gave us, among other things, an "Illustrated Lecture on Bells." There was also some tune ringing done with him, but this was not on the syllabus and therefore done in "spare time."

The conductor of the quarter peal learned to call it in the morning during the theory class, then rang a quarter of Grandsire Triples that same morning; several of the band made their first in the method.

Of course, during the evenings when we had some "free time," if we wanted to find someone there was always the Bridge Inn; several individual instruction sessions were held by Mr. Sharpe and others in anything from methods to hanging bells in belfries, etc.

When we went to one tower, W. G. W. was heard to say something to the effect that he was going home with the carpet; the ringing chamber there was like a five-star hotel, where you sink into the carpet. Fortunately his "boot" was not big enough to hold it so it should be there next time you go!

We were all very sorry indeed to hear that Mrs. Moreton senior had had to go into hospital during the week and wished her a speedy and complete recovery.

A great deal of hard work went into the arranging of the course, and we all owe our thanks to Mr. W. F. Moreton, also for all the help he gave us during the week; many of us have gone home much better ringers for his and the others' continuous perseverance. We all owe a great debt to Mr. G. T. Cousins for arranging the towers for ringing in some very lovely villages and towns of Herefordshire.

On the Friday evening we were joined by some more students and two more instructors, Mr. P. G. K. Davies and Mr. A. Wingate, for the week-end course.

C.D.S.S.

Letters to the Editor

AN APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—On behalf of members of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild may I say how much we appreciate the space given us in your issue of April 19th to record our 40th anniversary celebrations?

I would like to make one small correction —that the conductor of the second attempt at Kingsclere for Grandsire Triples was Reginald F. Crook, and not Reginald Rex, as printed. Reginald Rex was the District's first Ringing Master and was invited for his past connections to take part in the Kingsclere attempt and also one at Woolton Hill, which was previously his home tower; unfortunately both were unsuccessful.

Our main object was to give as many District members as possible the opportunity to ring in a peal, and during the last month to advance the standard of the methods rung, giving individual ringers the opportunity of something new It was regretted that the Cambridge Minor planned for the last week had to be cancelled the night before, as it would have included five firsts in the method.

Again many thanks for your coverage. — Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD,
Chairman, Andover District,
Winchester and Portsmouth D.G.

STILL MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hunt has questioned the inclusion of 20 peals in the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association Report for 1967, since the names of three ringers do not appear in the list of members in this Report.

The ringers concerned are members of the Association and their names were inadvertently omitted from the Report, as was explained at the Association annual general meeting held at Malmesbury on April 20th (which meeting Mr. Hunt did not attend, incidentally).

The format of the 1967 Report is a new venture. The Association officers are well aware that it does contain a number of errors, but these will be dealt with as a domestic matter within the Association.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE, Ringing Master.
E. MARY BLISS, Chairman.
CHARLES ROUSE, Secretary.
CYRIL A. WRATTEN, Treasurer.
MARGERY A. WRATTEN, Peal Secretary.

TWO CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—I have been informed that the peal of Little Bob Maximus we rang on handbells at Prestbury, Cheshire, was not the first. It seemed unlikely that it had not been rung before, but the records we had available showed that the Royal had been rung but apparently not the Maximus. The claim is now withdrawn.

Turning to another point, that of Mr. Blagrove's peal of Minor, apart from the fact that it was neither clever nor original, it was not Plain Bob either. It was Spliced Plain Bob and Original and should be recorded in the Central Council's analysis as such. If people carry on at this rate, especially those who are capable of better things, where will it end?—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.
Maple Grove, Cheshire.

FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. K. Mason has asked me to write and withdraw the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung at Aston on March 16th, 1968, due to the composition being false, and at the same time to include a brief note of how a false composition came to be used, in the hope that other conductors whose knowledge of composition is limited may avoid falling into the same trap.

One very often hears the expression "Any composition of X is true to Y." In the case of the peal at Aston the expression would read "Any composition of Cambridge is true to Yorkshire." In a great number of cases this will be true, but it is important to realise the limits within which this statement is correct. The conditions in which a statement of this nature should not be relied on are in compositions where the tenors are parted or in which singles are used. In the case of the peal at Aston a composition of Cambridge was used which included a fair number of singles. A composition of Cambridge with the tenors together and just one single at Wrong immediately prior to the bells coming round will, however, be true as all the changes after the single are common to both methods.

Mr. Mason also asked me to convey his apologies to all those who took part in the peal and others associated with it by way of footnote, peal analysis and comment in Belfry Gossip.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY.
Leicester.

SOUTHWELL A.G.M.

Dear Sir,—The annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Southwell on April 20th will no doubt be officially reported in the usual glowing terms. As one present at that meeting I wish to voice an opinion which, as I have subsequently heard, I am not alone in holding.

After a long business meeting, which seemingly occupied half the afternoon, ringing was eventually begun at 3.45 p.m. During the following half-hour (only!) ringing included two touches of Cinques (both of which failed to come round) and three sessions of rounds too short to benefit any beginner taking the limited opportunity to ring at a twelve-bell tower. After the so-called "last touch" the majority of the ringers were packed off to await their tea at 4.45 p.m., some not having rung at all. Meanwhile a chosen few had the bells to themselves to "perform" on the back eight. After tea an "in" band again took over the bells to ring some unidentifiable method, leaving everyone else to hang around doing nothing until the service at 5.45 p.m. How the ringing was shared out during the evening I can only imagine, as I and others to whom I have since spoken did not wait to find out and went home.

Considering that it was supposed to be an annual general meeting, visited by people from considerable distances, I regard the event as a great disappointment, being marred by bad timing and selfishness I took along with me a beginner attending his first meeting. If he attends another it will certainly be a credit to his patience.

The tea, may I add, was excellent.. — Yours faithfully,

E. SHUTTLEWORTH.
Breaston, Derbyshire.

ASSOCIATION EXPUNGES FOOTNOTE

Dear Sir,—In "The Ringing World" of March 22nd you published a peal of Plain Bob Major rung at St. George's, Bristol, on March 2nd, the footnote of which occasioned a letter from Mrs. Angela Newing, which was published on April 5th.

At the annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held at Malmesbury on April 20th a resolution was unanimously passed that the footnote should not be included in the peal records of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The conductor of the peal has been informed of this decision.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE,
Ringing Master.
E. MARY BLISS,
Chairman.

ANOTHER LADY IN THE QUEUE

Dear Sir,—Another one for the queue of ladies who have rung at Westminster Abbey is my wife (Mrs. E. L. Hairs). As to whether she was the first lady to ring there I cannot say, as it is nearly 50 years ago. But I can remember when the "rumpus" first started—immediately after we had rung for Princess "Pat's" wedding.—Yours sincerely,

F. I. HAIRS.
Groombridge, Sussex

THE EXERCISE CONGRATULATES

Dear Sir,—I am sure the congratulations of the Exercise should go to Messrs. Saydisc, of Bristol, for their excellent EP record which gives examples of 6-, 8-, 10- and 12-bell ringing in that city. Surely also congratulations should go to the band who rang the short touch of Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe. The method may have been Erin, but the quality of the striking was Superlative!—Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.
Whitstable, Kent.

METHOD NAMING

Dear Sir,—With regard to the (false) handbell peal conducted by Richard J. Parker, printed in "The Ringing World' of October 20th, 1967, I am informed by Geoffrey Dodds that the method names, which will stand, represent an incorrect extension from the Minor (see "The Ringing World," January 12th, 1968). Accordingly, as conductor of the first true peal of Major to include these methods, I rename —1458—1238—1238—38 as Radley (2nds) and Northcourt (8ths), and —1458—38 —1238—38 as Cliviger (2nds) and Barkby (8ths).

No change will be necessary in peal reports, but I apologise for the inconvenience caused to those who keep records of methods. I should like to thank Mr. Dodds for his help with extensions, and Mr. Derek Sibson for his unfailing interest in suspect reports.

On the subject of Spliced Plain Major, it has been pointed out to me that the record Spliced Plain belongs not to the 61-Spliced Major ("The Ringing World," April 4th, 1968) but to Frank Blagrove's peal of Doubles some years ago. The 61-spliced remains as the record Major on handbells and the record Plain Major.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.
Maidenhead, Berks.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LETTERS—continued

QUARTER PEAL RINGERS "UNIMAGINATIVE" (?)

Dear Sir,—Our thanks are due to Mr. Alan Buswell for taking so much time and effort to compile a report of quarter peal ringing during 1967. What a pity that this otherwise excellent document had to be marred by the inevitable sneer at quarter peal ringers: ". . . how unadventurous and unimaginative quarter peal ringers are"—not even most or many, note you.

It is my belief that the majority of quarters are rung by local bands before divine worship; are rung by the people who were intended to ring the bells; and for the purpose the bells were installed by our generous benefactors. I, for one, would far rather ring in one quarter of Plain Bob Doubles as a preliminary to service and to the glory of God than any number of peals of this or that Surprise Maximus to the glory of the band and the county Association.

Any fool who has learned to ring two or three Surprise Major methods and has also learned how to use a telephone (though what is so wonderful in either achievement I fail to see) can then assemble a ready trained band with which to astound his humbler brethren. How much more worthy the man who maintains a local band ringing in God's service twice each Sunday, week in week out, year after year. One Elizabeth Barber is worth more to the Exercise than a hundred daft beggars prancing around Edgbaston belfry shouting about record lengths of Glasgow.

The doubtful honour of leading the quarter peal lists in Yorkshire falls to my tower, Longwood, where 12 of the 13 quarters were rung before service. Doubtful, since in a county boasting five Anglican cathedrals and more than 20 parish churches of major importance, in a county with a flourishing Association and 10 District Guilds, in a county which has more than its fair share of famous members of the Exercise, the leading quarter peal tower should be in a backwater of the Pennines and manned by a band of self-taught teenagers whose only reason for ringing is to be of service to their church.

Shame on you, peal ringers! Are you unable to teach local bands or are you just too idle? The fact that the total number of quarters in Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles is so high is ample proof that the majority of you are shirking your duty. If you would only devote more of your time and effort to your local tower, would attend Sunday by Sunday and practice by practice giving more of your skill and undoubted enthusiasm to the band there, then we should soon see an improvement in the standard of methods appearing in the quarter peal columns.—Yours faithfully,

IAN ROBERTS.

Huddersfield.

LATE REPORTING

Dear Sir, — There were two reasons for writing my previous letter (page 262), firstly to suggest a time limit for submitting peals and quarter peals, and secondly to inquire why those 1967 peals, published in March, were so late.

I think that there should be a time limit for submitting such performances and whereas a week is asking too much of some lazy people, eight months is beyond the other extreme. Can I suggest three weeks?—Yours sincerely,

GORDON H. BALDAM.

Taunton.

Note.—There is only one conclusion we can put on late reporting—indifference to the Exercise and this journal.—Ed.

A RINGERS' STORY

PORTRAIT OF A PRACTICE

By "FIFTH OBSERVATION"

(Though of necessity based on experience, this story is composed of absolutely fictitious elements.)

Part 1

Splat-splat-splat. Feet descending the stone steps of the turret stairway; Bob coming down from aloft

Mick looked up from Double Oxford. "Hullo, Bob."

"Hi, Mick." He came over to the bench and sat down.

"Phew, Mick," he remarked, loosening his tie, "I think you'd better take this practice. I'm not compos mentis."

"Tough day?" inquired Mick.

"Century's understatement. These juniors! Not a brain between the lot of 'em. I could cheerfully knock all their heads together."

"Make a grand front page story for us if you did. Chaos at Knapton's; Proprietor berserk! Quite a publicity draw for the old tower, too."

"Idiot," said Bob mildly; he was used to this sort of thing.

Feet pounding up the stairs—two pairs of feet—accompanied by much heavy breathing.

"Paddy and Tim," murmured Bob. "Well, will you take Tim or shall I?"

"Leave all to me," cried Mick. "Hullo, boys! Splendid to see you so early! Pad, you'd like to get the tenor up, wouldn't you? Just the job for a warm evening like this."

Paddy, who knew his Mick, emitted a groan indicative of extreme exhaustion. "Go on," said Mick, grinning.

"Oh, well, if I must," sighed the injured martyr, "but, Bob, why don't you do it?"

"Wouldn't deprive you of the practice," replied Bob from the bench.

"Tut,' said Paddy delightedly. "I do all the work in this tower," and crossed to the tenor rope.

The front five were left habitually up. "Tim," said Mick, "time for our handstroke practice."

. . . . .

The tenor was raised — as Paddy's scarlet countenance testified. Tim, replete with handstroke practice, sat on the cool stone windowledge and thought roseate thoughts of Being Good Enough to Ring on Sundays like all these other clever people. . . . There was a silence, broken only by a windmill whirr from the clock case in the corner, announcing the unpalatable fact that it was eight o'clock already

Then the Troughton girls arrived.

"Oh, good evening, Bob—Mick—boys! Sorry we're a bit late. We had company to tea, and they stayed—"

"—rather a time; in fact we've left Mum and Dad to carry on entertaining them. I say, Mick, how **did** you get so brown?"

"Just what I was going to say! You don't know how lucky you are. And what a super shirt Paddy's got!"

The Troughton girls amply made up for their lack of usefulness in the campanological field by their ornamental and social qualities.

But Bob was still feeling a little disagreeable — sundry thoughts of his recalcitrant juniors persisted in recurring, and "Can't **ring** anything much yet, of course," he remarked heavily, regarding the assemblage with a hint of disfavour.

"Oh, **Bob**," protested the Troughton sisters. "We've got Doubles," said Jill reproachfully.

"Best wait until somebody else—ah, **Martin**," exclaimed Bob, with the air of a shipwrecked mariner who has sighted a sail.

Martin was a quiet, self-effacing young man destined for university and a B.Sc. "Not ringing yet?" he said as he entered. "Thought I'd be late. The Cocks brigade are on their way," he added.

Lethargy dropped from Bob. "Right! Grandsire," he announced. "Sandra take treble, Jill take second. Pad, you on the third, and remember to hold her off at hand. I'll bump tenor. Mick and Martin, fight it out for four and five between you, and for the privilege of conducting, unless Pad—"

"Oh, I don't think I **could**," said Paddy, untruthfully.

"—as I was saying, unless Pad would like to call his own bell as observation. That'll be, er, bob-plain-bob-plain-single-plain and repeat. Try that! You'll double-dodge behind at the calls, and make third's at the plain leads. O.K., treble. Set 'em going."

The younger Troughton sister looked portentously round the band.

"All ready?" she inquired, as though about to start a race. "Look to; treble's going. . . ." She put her weight on the sally. "She's gone."

Ti-ti-TANG-di-da-BONG, said the bells of St. Dunstan's as they set off into rounds.

Paddy had only once in his life called a touch before. He swelled to twice his size.

"Go, Grandsire," he commanded, in the peremptory tones of the conductor; "and let's have some striking, please."

. . . . .

Clash! Crash! Da-ti-bong.

Crash! Wallop! Ti-da-bong.

"Oh dear, oh dear," said the Cocks brigade, hastening up the hill in the last of the evening sunshine

Leslie, immaculate in fawn slacks and flaring orange shirt, permitted himself a faint shudder.

"We are needed, my friends," he declared, increasing his pace as he swung through the lych-gate into the precincts of St. Dunstan's; before Sue and Jane had fairly accomplished the length of the path he was through the tower door and rapidly ascending the steps to the ringing chamber.

Outside the ringing chamber door he paused to regain breath. From the altercations within it was clear that Grandsire was at any moment due to grind to an unpremeditated halt.

"Four! Course me down!"

"Rubbish! I'm following two."

"Pad! Is it **me** in the hunt?"

"Yes—er, no—that is, yes! Take me from lead, quick! Five, you're behind somewhere! Get down, treble! There! You've nearly made me miss my call. Bob—no, I mean Single! Oh, blow! Stand!"

Tinkle, clash, BONG. Silence.

(To be continued)

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 21st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: S. Hare (first of Kent Major) 1, D. C. Brown 2, G. W. Limmer 3, J. D. C. Finch (first of Kent Major) 4, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham 7, G. R. Shedden 8. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen and for the annual St. George's Day District Scouts' and Guides' Parade Service.

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Llandaff and Monmouth Association

THE 75th annual general meeting was held at All Saints', Newport, on April 20th and was attended by approximately 90 member; the decision to move the meeting away from Easter Monday appeared to be popular with the majority of the members. The bells of All Saints' Church and St. Woolos' Cathedral were available throughout the afternoon and after the meeting.

The Association form of service was held at All Saints' conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. A. Jones, assisted by our hon. treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards, the lesson being read by the Master, Mr. I. Davies. The ladies of All Saints' Church had provided and served a really bounteous tea in a local hall and they were sincerely thanked for their efforts by the Master.

Before the start of the meeting we were entertained by a short film show given by the Rev. A. W. McAdam, Vicar of Grosmont, illustrating the work which he and his parishioners had carried out in removing the old bells and frame, transporting them to and from London, making a new frame and re-installing the lot into the tower.

The Rev. J. A. A. Jones took the chair for the meeting, supported by the Master, Mr. I. Davies. The meeting paid silent tribute to eight members who had passed away since the last annual general meeting—Harold Blick (Cowbridge), John E. Bloxham (Cadoxton), Herbert Davies (Pentre), Harry Green (Porthkerry), Edgar Lufl (Usk), A. Nicolls (Pontypridd), Albert Probert (Llangibby) and Edward Thomas (Bonvilston).

INCREASE OF 51

The hon. secretary, Mr. M. J. Pryor, reported that the year had been one of steady progress both as regarded recruitment and the advancement of the art. During the year there was a net increase of 51 members, the total membership being 393 ringing members, five honorary life members and one honorary member. Whilst this is most satisfactory we still have towers within our area with bands of ringers not in membership. An appeal was made to bring these towers into the brotherhood of the Association. Both Branches had reported good attendances at the meetings with an average of 50 to each. At the Central Council meeting, held at Nottingham last year, Mrs. J. S. King was elected to serve on the Broadcasting and Television Committee, our other representative, Mr. T. M. Roderick, is already serving on the Towers and Belfries Committee, and our representatives are to be congratulated on the active part they play in the Council's affairs. The work of collecting together past numbers of "The Ringing World" and having them bound is now complete, and thanks are due to our librarian for this work. During the early part of 1967 the bells of St. Woolos' were placed on ball bearings and a major task of rehanging the ring at Grosmont is being carried out by the Vicar and his parishioners working under directions from a local architect and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

AND 51 PEALS

Fifty-one peals were rung during 1967, the same number as in the previous year. Mr. T. Yeomans headed the list of peal ringers with 18 peals, whilst Miss Susan Harber led the ladies with nine peals. The band at Llandaff Cathedral rang a peal of Caters by a Sunday service band, a very creditable performance. Mr. Gwyn Lewis rang his 150th peal for the Association and conducted a peal in which both his father and his son took part. Mr. David J. King rang his 200th peal and David J. Hughes, of Usk, had "circled" his home tower. In conclusion the secretary stressed that the production of the annual report was a team effort—Mr. David Llewellyn continues to check the peal records, and a very big "thank you" is due to Mr. I. Davies, who again, with the assistance of two lads from Cowbridge Grammar School, produced over 400 copies of the report.

The hon. treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards, presented the accounts, which showed total assets of £252 0s. 6d., an increase during the year of £26 3s. 7d. The fact that the accounts are in such a healthy position is due to the large amount of work which various members do for the Association. None of the officers, including the Central Council representatives, had claimed any expenses, and again the annual report had been produced by Mr. Davies for the cost of the materials. Both of these reports were adopted and the officers thanked for their work during the year.

The librarian reported that some 40 books had been loaned out during the year, whilst other ringers had attended at All Saints' Church to do research into the books held there. This was considered to be most satisfactory and made the setting up of this library well worth while. The librarian, Mr. L. Bainham, was sincerely thanked for his work.

The secretary reported that the new Bishop of Monmouth had accepted an invitation to become a joint president of the Association in the place of the Archbishop of Wales, who recently retired. Mr. R. J. Stewart was elected Master for the coming year and installed in office by the retiring Master. Mr. Davies thanked the members for their support during his year of office, and Mr. F. J. Hannington expressed the feeling of all in thanking Mr. Davies for continuing to work so hard for the Association The other officers were re-elected.

It was decided to purchase a copy of W. G. Wilson's "Change Ringing" for the library.

The secretary was instructed to obtain insurance cover for the Association's set of ten handbells.

£50 DONATION

A proposition from the Management Committee that the sum of £50 be donated to Grosmont to assist in meeting the cost of rehanging their bells was carried unanimously after the new Master had very ably explained the cost of the work and what the parish was saving by making the frame and installing it themselves. The Vicar of Grosmont thanked the meeting for their generosity and hoped to see many of them at his church when the bells are dedicated, probably some time early in June.

The secretary gave details of the arrangements made for the anniversary dinner to be held in October and hoped that the members would support this function.

It was decided that the next annual general meeting shouuld take place at St. John's, Cardiff, on Saturday, April 12th, 1969.

In conclusion, Mr. T. M. Roderick thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The members then made their various ways to further ringing and those casual social gatherings for which the fraternity is noted M. J. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Westerham on April 6th. Some of the members were able to help by ringing for a wedding, while others occupied the ringing time usefully at Sundridge.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Aidan Chapman, who extended a warm welcome to all present.

The business meeting was held in the church with Mr. S. Jenner in the chair. The secretary reported on the success of two evening practice meetings, one at Horsmonden, at which 45 were present, and the other at Lamberhurst, which attracted 36. The announcement was made of a forthcoming cricket match with the Maidstone District on July 7th, and a ringing school to be held on May 11th. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and to the Rector of Sundridge.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. F. Thomas 1, Miss E. J. Darby 2, Miss G. E. Perry (cond.) 3, P. Dickinson 4, G. Walker 5, J. Murfitt 6. Half-muffled for morning service.

RICHMOND-ON-THAMES MUSIC FESTIVAL

The annual competition in the Bell Ringing Section of the Richmond Music Festival was held at Isleworth on April 6th and was one of the most successful yet. Five bands competed in the tower bell contest, and ringing included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and the most ambitious yet—Grandsire Caters. The adjudicator was Mr. A. P. Cannon, who listened for nearly two hours to the efforts of the various bands, and a very high standard of striking was achieved by all of them The winners of the shield were Frank Lufkin's Colchester team, and after some general ringing those present adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, and so popular was the afternoon that nearly 70 ringers and their friends sat down to tea, which was provided by the ladies of Isleworth Parish Church.

After tea, handbell ringing took place. Unfortunately only one team entered in the change ringing section, but they gave an excellent performance and easily passed the minimum mark necessary to be awarded the handbell change ringing shield; this was the team from St. John's, Hillingdon.

The last handbell ringing item was tune ringing; something a little different for most of the ringers present. There were two entries—one from St. Giles', Ashtead, and the other the De Brome Handbell Society. The standard of both teams was extremely high and only one mark separated them, the De Brome ringers gaining the shield.

The provisional date for the next year's competition is Saturday, March 29th, at the same church. Teams considering the possibility of taking part should write, after September, to Mrs. D. J. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, when they will be sent a syllabus. Teams who have entered previously will automatically be on the mailing list and need not write.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Bellringers from eight towers in the Dorchester Branch and visitors from Canterbury met at Upwey on April 20th for the spring quarterly meeting. The six bells were rung to a variety of methods up to Cambridge Minor under the direction of Mr. E. H. Amey.

The Rector, the Rev. A. Leslie Jones, conducted the Guild service, and the organist was Mrs. J. Poyner, from Preston, the lesson being read by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. An excellent tea was provided by lady helpers and everyone had a piece of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duke's wedding cake.

At the meeting members paid tribute to the memory of Mr. J. H. Hayne, tower correspondent and ringer for many years at Abbotsbury and a former Branch secretary. Details were given of the arrangements for the forthcoming Guild Festival at Wimborne Minster tomorrow.

Subject to approval, evening practices will be held at Bere Regis on May 18th, Cattistock June 1st, Piddlehinton June 17th, Wyke Regis June 29th, and Maiden Newton July 27th. Next quarterly meeting: St. Peter's, Dorchester, on July 13th.

FRATERNAL FRIENDLINESS

Dear Sir,—Having been elected a member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers as recently as April 20th I feel I should like to put on record the great spirit of friendliness which I have found exists among all bellringers.

Although only a novice as yet, I have been struck by the patience and warm welcome extended to myself by the more experienced bellringing fraternity, especially when they join in ringing mere "rounds" for my benefit.

In conclusion, I cannot praise too highly our president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, not only for their dedication to the Exercise in general but also for their helpful guidance to me and many other learners. — Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY EDMANDS.

Nuneaton, Warks.

ABERGAVENNY, MON. — On April 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Sonia Hughes 1, Jennifer Bradley 2, R. Stephens 3, G. Lewis 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, R. J. Ward 6, R. Horsington 7, M. Roberts 8. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Monmouth, which took place at St. Woolos' Cathedral the same day.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Bennett 1, Miss P. Powell 2, Mrs. D. Reeves 3, J. Carter 4, P. Davis 5, M. Sayers 6, R. Reeves (cond.) 7, B. Davis 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. A. Sayers, father of the 6th ringer, who died on March 30th.

ALTON, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kersey 1, Ann Biddlecombe 2, H. Moody 3, E. Hedger 4, G. Noakes 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. In honour of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Laver 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, J. V. A. Stedman 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, J. A. Laver 6. For Evensong.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Barsby 1, Cherrill L. Everard (first of Minor) 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, M. G. Godwin 4, J. R. Perkins 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. For Parish Eucharist.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Ann Harris 1, Sybil Tonkin 2, D. J. Winchester (first in four methods) 3, D. R. McLean 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, I. S. Holland 6. 150th quarter for 5. For Evensong. Also on April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob) on handbells: Ann Harris 1-2, I. V. J. Smith (first on handbells as cond.) 3-4, D. J. Winchester 5-6. First on handbells 1-2 and 5-6.

BICKER, LINCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Key 1, R. Reynolds 2, N. B. Fovargue 3, H. Barsley 4, W. B. Dawson 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6, R. Stephenson 7, R. Howard 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. P. Morriss.

BIDEFORD, DEVON.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian R. Cleaver (first quarter) 1-2, T. C. Hine (first quarter) 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On March 16th, 1,320 Bob Minor (tenor covering): G. Saunders (first quarter) 1, P. Dodd 2, Mrs. Moore 3, H. W. Moore 4, P. Suckling 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Fuller 7. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Peacock and Mr. C. Firmin, faithful members of St. Mary's. Also on April 16th, 1,320 Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): G. Saunders 1, Mrs. Moore 2, P. Dodd 3, H. W. Moore 4, P. Suckling 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Fuller 7, D. Kemp 8. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. G. Bowen, wife of Dean Bowen. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. Dodd 1, Mrs. Moore 2, P. Dodd 3, H. W. Moore 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, G. Saunders 6, J. Fuller 7, D. Kemp 8. In honour of Easter, and a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Coppin, 76 years old, a faithful member of St. Mary's.

CHIDEOCK, DORSET.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. A. Hiller 1, D. B. Ellery 2, R. Williamson 3, F. Knight 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Holmes, married at Holy Trinity Church, Bradpole, this day.

CRAWLEY, HANTS.—On April 1st, 1,320 April Day Doubles: D. C. Jackson 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, T. Matcham 4, L. D. Smith (cond.) 5.

CLOVELLY, DEVON.—On April 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline Whitnall 1, T. Shepheard-Walwyn 2, A. N. Hine 3, C. F. Longridge 4, D. Ley 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6.

DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minimus: A. E. Cooper 1, A. A. Parsons 2, Sandra P. Fairfield 3, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 4.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On April 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters): J. C. Davidge 1, Jill M. May 2, Jill P. Oakshott 3, T. Skilton 4, J. F. Oakshott 5, Adrienne Gibson 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, P. J. Munday 8, R. D. Mills 9, K. B. Burgess 10. First of Stedman Caters for 3, 4 and 5.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On April 21st, 1,340 Doubles (three variations): J. Dawson 1, Miss E. J. Foster (cond.) and G. A. Dawson 2, Miss S. O'Neill 3, Miss S. Anthony 4, R. J. F. Watson 5, S. Rippon 6. For Evensong.

GODSHILL, I.O.W. — On April 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Dennis 1, Mrs. Wyatt 2, Mrs. Guy 3, F. Taylor 4, L. Bailey 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. Rung on the 60th anniversary of the conductor's first peal. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge.

QUARTER PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY. — On March 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Colcombe 1, J. King 2, H. Colcombe 3, Mrs. G. Webb 4, J. Bailey 5, P. Henry 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, P. Hartt 8. For evening service. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Bob Triples: A. Bailey (first of Triples) 1, J. Bailey 2, Mrs. G. Webb 3, Miss D. Colcombe 4, W. Webb 5, H. Colcombe 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8. Rung for Easter Evensong. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, J. Bailey 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. For evening service.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Elliott (aged 12) 1, F. W. Whiterod 2, P. Elliott 3, Miss W. M. Elliott 4, C. W. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. First quarter 1. For Evensong, and as a 76th birthday compliment to J. Elliott, grandfather of ringer of 1.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on April 21st, a specially arranged quarter of 720 Single Oxford and 720 Plain Bob was rung on the back six to mark the birthday of H.M. the Queen: Shelagh R. Collins 1, D. Gagen 2, W. W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (360 May Day, 480 April Day and 420 Plain Bob): Susan M. Tonks 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, F. M. Bowers 4, A. P. Smith (cond.) 5. Rung for the birthday of the Queen, and the Lelant Youth Club service.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. T. E. Burnett 1, Valerie Edge 2, Brenda Stone 3, Jean Kelly 4, C. A. Moxon 5, A. J. Illingworth 6, J. E. Andrews (first Triples as cond.) 7, W. G. Wilson 8. First of Triples 1, 2, 4. Rung by the advanced section of the Hereford Ringing Course.

LYMPNE, KENT. — On April 7th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): Judith Brooks 1, R. A. Birch 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, B. Butcher 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Taylor 6. For Family Communion. Also 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): A. Neilson 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, M. Taylor 6.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS. — On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Harper (first quarter) 1, Rev. P. Newing 2, J. W. Nicholls 3, V. W. Rigg 4, C. M. Povey (first as cond.) 5, L. J. Joynes 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (four Reverse Canterbury and 6½ Grandsire): L. Childs 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

SHILTON, WARKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Whitfield 1, Delphine E. L. Holman 2, Caroline Mackie 3, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 4, Shirley E. Jones (cond.) 5, Shirley E. Ruddlesden 6. Rung by a band of teenage ladies from the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

SHIRLEY, WARKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Clark (first quarter) 1, E. Lloyd 2, C. Baugh 3, D. Walters (cond.) 4, N. Smith 5, G. Rushton (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Clark 1, C. Baugh 2, N. Smith 3, D. Walters (cond.) 4, V. Nash 5, G. Rushton 6. Also on March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon, Plain Bob): Diane Clark 1, M. Hughes 2, Pamela Turner 3, E. Lloyd 4, D. Walters (cond.) 5, G. Rushton 6. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Clark 1, N. Smith 2, G. Bailey 3, D. Walters 4, V. Nash (cond.) 5, G. Rushton 6.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On April 1st, 1,380 April Day Doubles: V. Hollands 1, R. Bushell (cond.) 2, Miss P. Tomsett 3, M. Lacey 4, F. Dadson 5. First in method by all the band.

SUTTON-VENY, WILTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Payne 1, L. Hawkins 2, Miss R. Payne 3, P. Roynon 4, N. G. Knee (cond.) 5, R. Holly 6. Rung for the centenary service of the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Payne 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, L. Hawkins 3, E. Norris 4, N. G. Knee (cond.) 5, P. Roynon 6. Rung by members of the British Legion for the A.N.Z.A.C. commemoration service.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 27th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. New 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Mrs. P. Wilton 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, M. Penny 5, R. Hulme 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, M. Stanley 8, D. Carr 9, W. W. T. Daniell 10. For Confirmation service.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS. — On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Reynolds 1, R. Stephenson 2, N. B. Fovargue 3, W. B. Dawson 4, J. H. Taylor 5, H. Barsley 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. P. Morriss, tower captain and Branch Ringing Master. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): R. D. Holland 1, R. Reynolds 2, R. Howard 3, A. Key 4, W. B. Dawson 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6, C. Stubley 7. Rung for 8 a.m. Communion.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—At the Church of All Hallows, on March 31st, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret Hawkins (first quarter) 1, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 2, Margaret Chapman 3, P. W. Bevington 4, Julie Armstrong 5, C. R. Harris 6, Anne Horsford 7, M. Dane (first quarter) 8. First in method for all the band.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—At All Saints' Church, on April 11th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Pickering 1, Mrs. K. Belcher 2, Mrs. R. Tooby 3, G. Pickering 4, J. Morris (cond.) 5, N. Chaplin (first quarter) 6.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Horspool 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, R. N. Scholes 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist on Maundy Thursday.

WINDSOR, BERKS. — On March 31st, at the Church of St. John, 1,280 Windsor T.B. Major: L. Stilwell 1, Monica Blagrove 2, Margaret Wenban 3, A. C. Wenban 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. Gosling 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers in North London are warned to beware of a man who may try to obtain money from them.

The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild had an increase of 51 members in 1967. They also rang 51 peals.

Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, who has been hon. secretary and treasurer of the Clerical Guild of Ringers for the past 15 years, has resigned. His successor is the Rev. P. T. Robbins.

In our story of Edington Priory it should have been mentioned that Imber is now a part of this parish. "This is the reason," writes the Rev. Ralph E. H. Dudley, "that we are appropriating the bells from there."

Timothy Angell, aged 12, of Bradford-on-Avon, who started ringing last September, rang the treble to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on March 31st for the service at which he was confirmed.

The enthusiasm of the Vicar of Bredgar for the rehanging and augmentation of the bells of his church was rewarded when he participated in a peal of Cambridge Minor recently on the new bells. The conductor was also particularly pleased to take part, as he had taught the Rev. S. M. Evans to ring in 1943.

The peals of Cambridge Surprise Major and Yorkshire Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 16th, were rung consecutively, each ringer ringing the same bell.

The Rawlins School Campanological Society was restarted last September under the direction of Mr. D. L. Alderton, with the invaluable help of some members of the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society, Barrow-upon-Soar, Leicestershire, who joined this school in 1967. Since then some 60 or 70 pupils have tried ringing, of whom at least 10 have gone on to ring at their local church towers.

The Porthkerry (Glam) ringers rang at four towers on their April outing, at Penhow (6) in the morning and at Lydney (8) after lunch, where they were asked to ring beyond their scheduled time for a special service for Scouts. At Newland, in the Forest of Dean, trouble with a stay necessitated the removal of the Hastings tip, and with a stayless third some good ringing was enjoyed on a fine six. After tea at Monmouth the last tower was at Skenfrith (6), where the Rector joined in the ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

LLANELLI NOW HAS A RING OF EIGHT

The dedication of two new bells and the opening of the restored tower and ring by the Lord Bishop of St. David's (Dr. John Richards) took place at St. Elli's, Llanelli, on April 20th. The six old bells were rung up singly before the service and the two new ones after the dedication, then as the Bishop returned to the sanctuary a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss Joan Bailey (Llanelli) 1, S. V. Rees (Llanelli) 2, R. E. Scudamore (Llandeilo) 3, F. Sharpe (Launton, Oxon) 4, S. P. Rogers (Pembroke) 5, Rev. R. W. Thomas (St. Florence, Master) 6, P. C. Rogers (Pembroke, Ringing Master) 7, W. P. E. Sage (Burry Port) 8.

The Bishop based his address on the story of the madman possessed by the legion of devils whom Jesus cured; by this miracle Our Lord made it possible for the man to return to his own family and friends and live in harmony and unity with them. He said that the two new bells had had to be tuned in such a way that they, too, could take their place in the existing ring of six and become a harmonious ring of eight.

The lessons were read by Mr. F. Sharpe and the Rev. D. Jenkins (curate); the organist was Mr. Alan Morris. The anthem sung by the choir was accompanied by organ and handbells. There was also a trumpet descant to the last hymn.

The whole congregation was entertained to tea, and the ringers, who returned to the tower afterwards, enjoyed their evening's ringing on the light eight.

The restoration of the tower (attributed to the 12th century) has cost almost £6,000.

B. M. R.

WALSALL RINGERS' SUPPER

Early in 1967 a sum of money was left to the Walsall ringers to be invested and the interest from this investment to be used to provide a supper annually for the ringers during the month of April.

The first of these suppers was held on April 24th at the Quo Vadis Restaurant. The ringers met in the belfry before proceeding to the restaurant for the meal. Conviviality was the theme of the evening and an excellent meal was served which was enjoyed by everyone.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Jackson) joined us in time for a meal, much to the ringers' satisfaction, and he was very enthusiastic over the result of our efforts re the supper. At 10 p.m. we reluctantly left for home, everyone very delighted at our get-together and looking forward to next April.

J. S. E.

RINGS OF TEN IN DORSET AND WILTS

E. C. S. writes: "I regret that in my note on rings of ten in Dorset and Wiltshire I omitted to mention Poole. I have tried to find some reasonable excuse for the error but I have not succeeded! I must apologise to the Poole band, and I thank Judith Robertson for drawing attention to my careless mistake."

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, Saturday, May 18th, Hull Parish Church, 5 p.m., Superlative Surprise Maximus. Saturday, May 25th, Kendal, 2 p.m., Surprise Royal.

BROKEN STAY FOR CHARTHAM BRIDE

The six bells at St. Mary's, Chartham, Kent, were kept busy on Easter Monday on the occasion of the marriage of Martin E. Harrisson and Janet E. Cluett. A half-peal of 2,520 Plain Bob Minor was rung in the morning by an integrated band from Sturry and Chartham, and the bells were also rung before and after the wedding.

The bridegroom, originally a ringer at St. Nicholas', Sturry, is well known in Middlesex ringing circles, and before the wedding he and his best man rang in a touch of Minor with the local ringers.

After the wedding the bride was presented with an inscribed broken stay in remembrance of her early days of ringing at Chartham. All ringing friends wish Martin and Janet the very best for the future and hope they will find every happiness in their new home in Croydon.

"A WORTHY LIST"

Miss Anne Horsford, of Twickenham, commenting favourably on the reduction in the "tower grabbers" list, writes: I would like to see a list of those people who have rung for more than 100 services in their own church, attended at least 50 each year and taught at least two pupils per year to handle a bell. These, I feel, are the people worthy of names in 'The Ringing World.'"

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

The following officers were elected at the annual general meeting on April 24th: President, W. J. Ridgman (Queens'); Master, A. F. Scholfield (Clare); secretary, R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse).

CHEW DEANERY'S STRIKING CONTEST

The sixth annual striking competition of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Butcombe on April 20th, when a record entry of 12 teams representing nine towers took part. The splendid setting, fine weather and ready co-operation of the Rector made this a memorable occasion, and the judge, Mr. A. M. Tyler, of Bristol, was kept very busy.

The test piece was again 120 changes of Doubles or Minor, with not more than 12 whole pull of rounds before or after. Each team was also allowed up to two minutes unmarked rounds to get the feel of the bells.

When all the teams had rung, the Rector, the Rev. A. W. J. Reader, and the judge joined the competitors and churchyard critics for tea in the Village Hall, after which Mr. Tyler gave his placings and comments on the performance of the various teams.

The results were: 1 Long Ashton 17 faults (made up of 34 half-faults), 2 Backwell A 26 (10 whole, 32 half), 3 Kingston Seymour B 27 (5 whole, 44 half), 4 Kingston Seymour A 28 (4 whole, 48 half), 5 Yatton 29 (11 whole, 36 half), 6 Nailsea A 30 (4 whole, 52 half), 7 Backwell B 31 (14 whole, 34 half), 8 Portbury 38 (18 whole, 40 half), 9 Nailsea B 43 (10 whole, 66 half), 10 Wraxall 62 (37 whole, 50 half). Wrington and Winford were disqualified for not ringing the required number of changes.

After thanks were accorded to all who had contributed to such an enjoyable competition and certificates were presented to the first and second teams, Butcombe and Nempnett Thrubwell towers were available for general ringing.

M. J. H.

MUCH PUBLICISED EAST RIDING RINGERS

For many years the East Riding ringers have had an annual Easter tour, cycling around various areas of the country, sampling many fine rings of bells. The 1968 tour failed to differ in this respect and the ringers enjoyed every tower—contrary to a report published in the "Lincolnshire Echo."

Our tour was a success at soon as we arrived at the Lincoln Youth Hostel. Here, before an excellent meal, we began to ring Plain Bob Major on our handbells. This advent brought the warden to investigate and on hearing that we were touring Lincolnshire to ring at neighbouring towers he arranged for the Press to publicise it. Next morning we received a telephone call from the "Yorkshire Post" asking for an interview, which was immediately given. That afternoon the "Lincolnshire Echo" greeted us at Navenby, but their report gave an inaccurate story and was not given by the spokesman for the party. Our fame seemed to be increasing. The following day saw the B.B.C. filming us for "Look North" at Eagle, and on Friday Anglia Television made a film for their equivalent programme. By now we were so well known that whenever we asked someone the way we were immediately recognised as "being on the television last night."

Despite the fact that only 11 ringers took advantage of the tour, the standard of ringing was high, Surprise Major being rung as well as Plain and Surprise Spliced Minor. Probably our best ringing took place on the easy-going extremely fine ring of eight at St. Giles', Lincoln.

It was agreed by the band that the tour was made a success by the tremendous hospitality at Lincoln Youth Hostel, and all hope to visit it again in the near future.

R. A. B.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER

It was in February, 1908, that Bill Shute first learned to ring at Buckhorn Weston, Dorset, and now, 60 years later, he is still going strong. During this time he has tirelessly taught many learners and rung many peals with his boundless enthusiasm. For over 40 years he has been a popular Ringing Master for the North Dorset Branch, since its inception. From 1935 he has lived at Ferndown, which was in the parish of Hampreston. Here he gave invaluable assistance to the local band, and so it was felt this tower was a suitable place for a congratulatory quarter peal. This was rung on April 27th, and the band hope that this tribute in some small way will show their appreciation to Bill for all he has taught them and other ringers. We now look forward to Bill achieving 70 years as a ringer.

It is hoped to hold a ringers' social gathering on June 29th at Hampreston, to which all Bill's many friends are invited. Details will be announced later.

77 YEARS A RINGER

Congratulations to Mr. J. Cheetham, of Dunholme, Lincs, on his 90th birthday. Appropriately the occasion was commemorated by a peal of Minor in seven methods at St. Chad's Church, Dunholme, on April 15th.

Mr. Cheetham learned to ring at North Collingham, near Newark, 77 years ago. His service to Dunholme Church, where he was married 52 years ago, has been conspicuous. He was the first secretary to the Parochial Church Council and later became Vicar's warden. His service in the belfry has been outstanding.

TOWER BELL PEALS

RECORD PEAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 9 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 18000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Brian J. Woodruffe	Treble	Michael W. Crowder	6
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Jeffrey Brannan	3	Basil Jones	8
Simon Humphrey	4	Brian Harris	9
Richard S. Starkie	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Umpire: Lawrence J. Haines.

This is the greatest number of changes ever rung to a peal of Surprise Royal, to a peal of Royal on tower bells and to Cambridge Surprise.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	David J. Purnell	6
Brian Bladon	2	David P. Hilling	7
John N. Diserens	3	D. John Hunt	8
Martin C. Faulkes	4	Noel J. Diserens	9
Alan J. Frost	5	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark.
On Sat. April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F.

William Hibbert	Treble	John W. T. Hibbert	5
Michael V. Chilcott	2	John H. Napper	6
Roger F. Overington	3	Dennis Randall	7
David E. Parsons	4	John Chilcott	Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of William Hibbert's first peal of Stedman Triples, rung in this tower in April, 1918.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Leonard A. England	Treble	*Alan D. Flood	5
*Walter S. Rice	2	*Christopher R. Jenkins	6
*Roy W. Rice	3	Norman Summerhayes	7
*Geoffrey Hebden	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by J. Jaggar. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal in the method.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb.

Leonard A. England	Treble	Roy W. Rice	5
Malcolm S. Loveday	2	Walter S. Rice	6
Alan D. Flood	3	*John C. Sheppard	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	Edgar T. Skipsey	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Edgar T. Skipsey.
* First peal in the method.

WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	*John C. Sheppard	5
*Malcolm S. Loveday	2	Michael G. Bartlett	6
*Jennifer M. Andrews	3	David G. Massey	7
†Neville F. Whittel	4	Edgar T. Skipsey	Tenor

Composed by S Ivin. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.

PITMINSTER, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Andrew and Mary.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

Keith E. Beale	Treble	*Rodney A. C. Cross	4
*Mervyn Aston Arscott	2	Leslie H. Arscott	5
Graham Nabb	3	Robert Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Minor.

(Bath Branch)
WELLOW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Julian.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 31 methods/variations: (1–2) Stedman, (3–4) Winchendon Place, (5) St. Miles, (6) St. Luke, (7) St. John, (8–9) St. Nicholas, (10) St. Giles, (11) St. Thomas, (12) St Andrew, (13–14) St. Martin, (15) St. Paul, (16) St. Peter, (17) St. Leonard, (18–19) St. Simon, (20) St. Albans, (21) Cassington, (22) Eynsham, (23–25) Reverse Canterbury, (26) Southrepps, ((27) St. Colomb, (28) Clifford's Pleasure, (29) Wychbold, (30–32) Plain Bob, (33) Kennington, (34) Old, (35) Norfolk, (36) April Day, (37) Dedworth, (38–39) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (40) Fortune, (41–42) Grandsire. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Kay Whittiker	Treble	Peter J. Devrell	4
Julian E. Newman	2	David A. Burt	5
Alan F. Lee	3	Robin L. Coles	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
Most methods in a peal by all the band and on the bells. First peal in 31 methods for the Association.
Rung following the wedding of Lieut. A. R. Perkins, R.N., and Miss Judith Miller, daughter of the Vicar.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Norman Sherratt	Treble	Michael Platt	5
T. Felicity Ashford	2	*David J. Danby	6
Gerald Parsons	3	David J. Midgley	7
Roy Worrall	4	Raymond J. Ballard	Tenor

Composed by L. Goodall. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal in the method. First of Bristol as conductor.

HARTFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

*Jenny Green	Treble	Harry W. Howard	4
*Roger Green	2	Geoffrey Green	5
Reginald W. Worrall	3	Christopher J. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Green.
* First peal for conductor's son and daughter.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.
HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., April 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars' six-part Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Rev. S. M. Evans	Treble	Rev. R. Keeley	5
Rev. P. T. Robbins	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	6
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	3	Rev. M. Hart	7
Rev. R. C. Lucas	4	Rev. R. W. Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ILKESTON, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Edward F. Gobey	5
Clive A. Thrower	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
Brian A. Tomlinson	3	David J Marshall	7
John V. Chadwick	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Peter J. Eves	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Edward W. Roast	3	George E. Thoday	7
Richard J. Housden	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harrison, also a 73rd birthday compliment to Mrs. M. L. Dowsett.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LYDNEY, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's transposition of Bruerton's 12-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*J. Martin Rice	Treble	Jack A. Long	5
*Keith W. Scudamore	2	*Roger M. Day	6
William F. Scudamore	3	Geoffrey T. Horritt	7
†Kathryn R. Lloyd	4	*E. Geoffrey Beech	Tenor

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. SIMON'S COLLEGE BOB CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D.

Douglas A. R. May	Treble	David J. Tubbs	6
Jill M. May	2	Harold A. May	7
Carolyn Tubbs	3	Stanley G. Ponting	8
Tony Skilton	4	Malcolm C. Powell	9
John F. M. Maybrey	5	Christopher M. White	Tenor

Composed by D. A. R. May. Arranged by F. T. Blagrove.
Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

First peal of Caters in the method by all the band, for the Guild and in the county.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Jill M. May	Treble	Roy Collins	5
Judith M. Collins	2	John A. Collier	6
Douglas A. R. May	3	E. John Wells	7
Dudley P. Elsmore	4	*Michael Blencowe	Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Edna and Charles Denyer on their silver wedding.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOSBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 10 methods/variations, being two extents of Wychbold and Windrush, four extents Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, April Day and Rev. St. Bartholomew, six extents Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

Roy K. Williams	Treble	Charles E. Biggs	4
Leonard J. Walters	2	James Ward	5
C. William Nutt	3	George Gwynne	Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.

Most methods of Doubles to a peal on the bells.

Rung for the Easter Festival and as a birthday compliment to C. William Nutt.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RICKMANSWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RICKMANSWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb

Eric Edmondson	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	6
*Katherine S. Hardy	2	Michael D. Frost	7
Christopher Forster	3	John E. Ewer	8
Bertram C. Johnson	4	Robert E. Hardy	9
Frederick W. Ellis	5	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Gerald Penney
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal in the method by all the band.

TRING, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 24 cwt.

*George H. Austin	Treble	Brian M. Barker	5
Walter Ayre	2	Richard G. Austin	6
Howard Collings	3	Gerald Penney	7
Augustin V. Good	4	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

Rung as a welcome to Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grace.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRENCHLEY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

*Marilyn J. Chidwick	Treble	Colin A. Tester	5
Simon A. B. Wigg	2	†Malcolm Barden	6
Olive D. Tester	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Alexander Waddingon	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BREDGAR, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Stanley B. Dobbie	Treble	Rev. Peter T. Robbins	4
*Rev. Stanley M. Evans	2	*Philip A. Corby	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	3	Walter H. Dobbie	Tenor

Conducted by Walter H. Dobbie.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the new bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	‡David J. Danby	8
*Margaret Wright	3	*Derek J. Marshall	9
*Michael J. Platt	4	J Barry Pickup	10
Christopher M. Movley	5	§Edward Jenkins	11
†James E. Andrews	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by P Border. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First of Cambridge Maximus. § 100th peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B.

John R. Ridley	Treble	James Hedgcock	6
Christopher J. Jones	2	Dennis R. Jones	7
Michael Thomson	3	William E. Court	8
Martin E. Snape	4	*B. Stedman Payne	9
Rachel J. Sinden	5	Graham K. Austin	Tenor

Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* 50th peal on 10 bells and 50th peal on this bell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	†Michael H. Tompsett	5
John P. Partington	2	Michael J. Platt	6
*John Smith	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Alan P. Ogden	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* First peal attempt. † First "inside."

TWO CONSECUTIVE PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
*Michael J. Platt	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Richard J. Parker	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
James E. Andrews	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* 25th peal. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Michael J. Platt	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Richard J. Parker	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
James E. Andrews	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan
Central Council regulations complied with.

LANCASTER.—At the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Robert Moore	Treble	*Geoffrey Tembey	5
James Blackburn	2	Alan Capstick	6
*Stanley Richardson	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	7
Stanley Anderton	4	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Composed by W Huobard. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal of Triples in the method. Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*J. Barry Pickup	Treble	†Christopher M. Movley	4
§Patricia A. Etchels	2	‡Richard S. Starkie	5
††Michael J. Platt	3	¶Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* 300th peal. † First of Minor, and has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. ‡ Has rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus this week. § First on six bells and first of Surpgrise "inside." ¶ Has now conducted peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, also 25th peal this year.

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas, Musbury
On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

John P. Partington	Treble	†John Smith	4
*Christine Broadley	2	*Wyn Pugh	5
†Janet Lawson	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in three methods. † First of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5065 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D

Herrick B. Bowley ..	Treble	Murray A. Coleman	7
*Sheila J. Staley	2	Shirley Burton	8
Peter J. Staniforth	3	T Edward Harrold	9
*John Harrold	4	E. Alan Jacques	10
Richard Grant	5	William J. Root	11
Roy Stephenson	6	Edward R. Whitehead ..	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton (14). Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung in memoriam Cyril B. Innocent, verger at Leicester Cathedral for 40 years and beloved friend of the ringers.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Feb. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb.

Cynthia M. Wells	Treble	Tony R. Natt	5
Christopher M. Sturgess ..	2	William Johnson	6
K. Paul Gilliver	3	John Watkins	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by A. James Poynor.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Aylestone.
On Fri., April 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Peter J. Staniforth	Treble	W. Arthur Riddington ..	5
Andrew S. Hayden	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
Tony R. Natt	3	A. James Poynor	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
Rung fully muffled, excepting the tenor, open at backstroke, for Good Friday Evensong.

WIGSTON MAGNA, Leics.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb.

*Herrick B. Bowley ..	Treble	Andrew R. Carter	5
†Jean M. Whait	2	Cecil H. F. Knight	6
John E. Harrold	3	T. Edward Harrold	7
Richard J. Carter	4	William J. Root	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by T. Edward Harrold.
* 400th peal. † First peal. 50th peal in the tower.

WHITWICK, Leicester.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., April 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Frank Chambers	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Edward F. Gobey	6
*John W. Rawson	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Richard Clifton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

(Syston District)
SWITHLAND, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

George A. Barber	Treble	N. Roderick Ellway	4
Michael W. Brown	2	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Clive J. Mobbs	3	Maurice R. A. Kirk	Tenor

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

John R. Ketteringham ..	Treble	David C. Carrott	5
Terrence Carrott	2	C. Victor Waite	6
Jacqueline Quickfall	3	Harold F. Gibson	7
Geoffrey R. Parker	4	Jack L. Millhouse	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, Durham, London, Surfleet, York, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Maureen J. Carruthers ..	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	4
*Robert E. J. Dennis ..	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
Audrey R. Alexander ..	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* 100th peal of Surprise

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 15 methods: (1) Burnaby Delight, (2) Kent and Oxford, (3) Plain and Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Rosehill, Radley and Hanney, (6) Cambridge, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Christopher I. Rowson ..	Treble	Jonathan R. Rowson ..	4
J. Richard Poole	2	James R. White	5
Anne M. Carpenter	3	A Keith P. Poole	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
The conductor has now "circled the tower" from tenor to treble in order, conducting each peal. Sixth peal on the bells.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—At the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., April 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720 Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

P. Gerald McIlhone ..	Treble	Philip J. Daniel	4
Peter H. Mackie	2	J. Paul Coad	5
Jeremy R. Pratt	3	Anthony P. Foster	Tenor

Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.
Rung on St. George's Day for the introduction of decimal coinage.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Easter Day, 1968 in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 CORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Richard F. B. Speed ..	Treble	Roger W. Smith	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	2	David J. Marshall	7
Patrick I. Chapman	3	Barry E. Saunders	8
Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Graham C. Paul	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method.

CORK SURPRISE ROYAL
f 30—30, 14—12—30, 14—14, 50, 14—36, 70, 18—78, 90.

LOIS WEEDON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Mary & Peter.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CHADKIRK TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Graham C. Paul	4
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	2	Roger W. Smith	5
Bridget Bates	3	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being 720 each of Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and 2,880 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Roger N. Scholes	Treble	J. Charles Hudson	4
Patsy M. Barnes	2	Stephen J. Franklin	5
Cynthia E. Barnett	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
Rung as a belated welcome to the Rev. J. H. I. Jones as Rector of Preston. Also a birthday compliment to Christine Broadley.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamsnire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Katharine Burchnall ..	Treble	Peter Wakefield	5
Grace Burchnall	2	Harry Poyner	6
*Derek J. Tysoe	3	Colin W. Reed	7
Mary C. Poyner	4	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by Edgar Wightman. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Major. First of Major in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the treble and second.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent Oxford T.B and two extents each Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	Derek J. Tysoe	4
Katharine Burchnall ..	2	Harold Stevenson	5
F. William Midwinter ..	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Norman William Stevenson, son of the ringer of the fifth, and Miss Janet Elizabeth Farmer, who were married at Hougham, Lincs.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., April 17th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Bryan Birkett	Treble	†Philip Rogers	4
†Keith Hilton	2	Linda M. Wilkinson ..	5
Harry Poyner	3	S. Geoffrey Pick	Tenor

Conducted by S. Geoffrey Pick.
* First peal including Treble Bob † Most methods to a peal. First as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Linda M. Wilkinson, Diane Coates, Geoffrey Pick and Paul N. Mounsey.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*H. James Wightman ..	Treble	W. Keith Whittle	4
Winifred Lockwood ..	2	E James Lockwood	5
†Peter Archer	3	Alan R. Bridges	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Bridges.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

THEBERTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Adrian Knights	4
Katharine M. Thorley ..	2	Peter S. Bedford	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	Rev. Peter N. Bond ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, Sussex.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sat, April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*Mrs. R. Jean Osbon ..	Treble	Laurence C. Way	6
Herbert E. Audsley	2	Frederick J. Cullum ..	7
Arthur G. Mason	3	John A. Howard	8
Reginald V. Johnson ..	4	John W. Smith	9
Ernest J. Ladd	5	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary de Haura.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Colin J. Champion	Treble	James M. Hills	5
Roger E. Peckham	2	Henry C. Weaver	6
Olive D. Tester	3	James H. Lilley	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Colin A. Tester	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchford. Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
Rung to celebrate the marriage this day of the Vicar's daughter, Miss Jane Froggatt, to Mr. Keith Jones.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 64 lb. in E flat.

Stephen Kirby	Treble	David J. Forder	6
Katherine Maundrell ..	2	Frank J. Matthews	7
Thomas H. Francis	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Derek C. Jackson	4	Tom Chapman	9
Edward W. Colley	5	R. Roger Savory	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

KINGSCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BASING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Philip Murduck	Treble	Barry J. Davies	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Ronald K. Russ	6
William Birmingham ..	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Christopher C. Clarke ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First true peal in the method, replacing the false peal rung at All Saints', Basingstoke, on April 16th, 1966.

UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Mary of Upham.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire and 18 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Walter J. Stubbington ..	Treble	Ramon A. Stone	4
†Sally E. Stacey (13) ..	2	Charles E. Bassett	5
‡Valerie A. Rushforth ..	3	†Frederick W. Sherfield ..	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ First "inside."

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

WOOD GREEN, London, N.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents, differently called. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Timothy G. Pett	Treble	Christopher J. Easton ..	4
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	2	Peter G. Holden	5
*Rodney Horder	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal of Minor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Robert Edwards	Treble	Stephen W. Barton ..	5
J. Clifford Skidmore ..	2	†Michael J. Fellows	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
*Roger A. Smith	4	Clifford A. Barron ..	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Robert Edwards.
* First peal of Surprise. † 250th peal for the Association.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
J. Clifford Skidmore ..	2	Peter L. Bill	6
*Stephen W. Barton	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Michael J. Fellows	4	Gerald C. Hemming ..	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

Janet Warwick	Treble	*David A. Town	6
William Davidson	2	*Philip M. Park	7
Peter Wishart	3	Thomas Cooke	8
*Peter F. Town	4	Roland Park	9
Dennis G. Blows	5	Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by G. Hayward. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., March 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Catherine R. Slater ..	Treble	*Michael R. Meadows ..	5
*Susan Mitchell	2	*Ronald J. Snack	6
*Iris M. E. Lemare	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
*Ronald R. Warford ..	4	John Potts	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in the method. 200th peal as conductor. 225th for the Association.

DORE, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,344 Rutland, 1,248 Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 91 changes of method with all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Susan Jackson	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Neil Donovan	2	*David Nichols	6
John S. Seagar	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Ronald Snack	4	J Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Spliced.

ESCRICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FRAMLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Frederick A. Munday ..	Treble	Ian North	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Alan Hartley	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

DEWSBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*John M. Ineson	Treble	Vernon Bottomley	5
Ernest B. Betts	2	*John Wightman	6
Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	3	*Geoffrey Richardson ..	7
*Ruth Richardson	4	*Douglas Carruthers	Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett, sen. Conducted by Vernon Bottomley.
* First peal.
Rung by the Sunday service band for the Festival of Easter, and as a compliment to the Vicar, Canon E. C. Henderson, on his appointment as Archdeacon of Pontefract.

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Michael R. Meadows ..	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Alan Hartley	6
Ian G. North	3	Ronald Snack	7
Neil Donovan	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

DEWSBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	Treble	Vernon Bottomley	5
*Avis Thompson	2	John Wightman	6
John M. Ineson	3	Geoffrey Richardson	7
Ruth Richardson	4	Douglas Carruthers	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jeanne E. Bottomley.
* First peal. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

ESCRICK, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb in F.

*Katharine M. Thorley ..	Treble	Susan E. Thompson	5
James Thorley	2	A. Colin Banton	6
Jennifer E. Pearce	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	7
Alan Sheppard	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal on eight bells. First with three generations of Thorleys.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S TRIPLES
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Gail Cater	Treble	David S. Lockwood	5
R Ann Johnson	2	Alan Clifton	6
Robert Cater	3	Ian North	7
Patricia Lockwood	4	Eric Robinson	Tenor

Composed by Wilfrid F. Moreton Conducted by Ian North.
First peal in the method by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan F. Scholfield	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
†Alan Potts	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
Robert B. Smith	9–10		

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Royal. † First of Treble Bob Royal "in hand."

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
*J. David Atkinson	9–10		

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Stedman Caters and first of Stedman on handbells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jenny Alcock and Alan F. Scholfield; also as a birthday compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
Frank R Morton (cond.) ..	5–6		

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 124 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	*Brian J. Woodruffe	7–8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Wed., March 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price	5–6
Kenneth R. Davenport ..	3–4	*Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	7–8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal on eight handbells.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Wed., April 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C Price	5–6
Noel J Diserens	3–4	Wilfrid G Wilson	7–8

Composed by H. J Howlett. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

WARFIELD Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Thurs., April 11, 1968, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4
Stanley G. Scott	5–6		

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the University College of Swansea.
On Sun., March 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5220 SPLICED MAJOR
In four methods, being 3,888 Plain Bob, 768 Little Bob, 372 Gainsborough Little Bob and 192 Double Plain Bob, with 134 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in four Major methods on handbells by all except the conductor, for the Guild and in Wales.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—In the ringing chamber of All Saints.
On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

J. Martin Thorley	1–2	A. Colin Banton (cond.) ..	3–4
Jennifer E. Pearce	5–6		

NOTICES

NEW SCALE OF CHARGES

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BIRTHS

FITZHUGH.—June and Godfrey are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Deborah Sally, on Saturday, April 27th, 1968, at St. Mary's Hospital, Eastbourne. 3894

SHEPHERD.—On Saturday, April 20th, 1968, to Maureen and Charles, of Jonquilla, Sanctuary Road, Holsworthy, Devon, a daughter, Helen Margaret, a sister for Catherine and Richard. 3908

ENGAGEMENT

WATKINS—ANDREWS. — The engagement is announced between David Edward Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Watkins, of Belvedere, Kent, and Rosalie Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. G. Andrews, of Kemerton, Worcs. 3861

DEATH

MAWDESLEY, Jack.—On April 28th, 1968, at 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows, suddenly after a short illness. Will be sadly missed by all ringing friends, especially at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, and Coppull. No flowers by request. Donations to St. Peter's Bell Fund. 3874

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BRIDLE.—The address of Peter and Diana is now 10, Downland Close, Church Mead, Nailsea, Bristol. 3896

CLAINES, WORCESTER, St. John the Baptist's—All communications regarding bells to be addressed to the new tower secretary, Mr. J. E. Whittall, 5, Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester. 3909

DYE.—The address of Paul and Erica is now 17, Fairfield, Cholsey, Berkshire. 3867

REED.—The address of Frank Reed is now 2, Elm Road, Credenhill, Hereford. 3868

TAYLOR. — The address of A. Stephen Taylor is now 49, Station Road, Harpenden, Herts. Tel. 3470. 3905

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT.—For the months of May, June and July, Aldridge, Staffs. practice night will be Tuesday instead of Monday, 7.30-9.30. 3875

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT. — All Saints', Cockermouth, practice night will now be Thursday, not Wednesday, in future. Will all owners of "Dove" please note. 3877

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—Surprise Major practice, Friday, May 10th, 7-9 p.m. Methods: London, Rutland, Bristol, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey and Lincolnshire. All welcome.—G. P. Adams. 3885

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Holy Trinity Church, Meldreth, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Dedication of the augmented ringing of eight by the Rev. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow. Everyone welcome. Tea 5 p.m., Village School. Ringing after service: Meldreth (8), and Melbourn (6) available after tea. **Names for tea, please,** to J. G. Gipson, The Nook, High Street, Meldreth, Royston, Herts. Tel. Melbourn 375.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3813

S.F.E. WHITSUN TOUR.—All friends welcome to join Sussex Tour, June 1st to 4th inclusive. Details from Frank D. Mack, 7, Bapton Lane, Exmouth, Devon. 3868

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The new peal secretary is Dr. T. D. Spencer, 298, Batley Road, Wakefield. All peal reports, fees and compositions should in future be sent to him. 3872

WOULD the person who lost his hat at the annual meeting at Accrington, April 27th, contact A. V. Williams, 289, Whalley Road, Accrington, Lancs. Tel. ACC 31845. 3871

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

TOWER OPEN DAY
Sat., May 18th, 1968

Ringing Exhibition and refreshments 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
In aid of Cathedral completion fund. 3888

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 1968, at Hoole, Chester

Annual meeting 2 p.m. prompt, in the Church Hall of All Saints', Hoole, Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: **Rev. A. B. Martin, Vicar of All Saints'.**

Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Church Hall. Cost of tea tickets 5s. 6d. All applications for tickets to Mr. R. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester, not later than Monday, May 13th.

Towers open before the meeting: Dodleston (6), 10–10.45 a.m.; Tarvin (6), 10–11 a.m.; Eccleston (8), 11 a.m.–12 noon; Handbridge (8), 12 noon–12.45 p.m.; St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, 12 noon–12.45 p.m.; Hoole (6), 12 noon–1 p.m.

Available after tea: Handbridge (8), St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Hoole (6), Christleton (8) 6–7.30, Backford (6) and Eccleston (8) by arrangement till 8 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING
May 25th, 1968

Rochester Cathedral, 10.30–11.30.
Lunch at 1.15 p.m. at Adelaide Suite, Castle Restaurant, 71, Castle Street, Canterbury.
Business meeting at 2.45 at St. Alphege's Parish Hall, King Street, Canterbury.
Canterbury Cathedral 4.15–6.
Sevenoaks Parish Church 7.30–8.30.
Social evening at the Vine Tavern, Sevenoaks.

Accommodation for lunch is limited, so early application is advised (cost 14s. each). Names to me by May 18th, please. Cars may be parked at yard of Twymans Ltd., Old Dover Road, Canterbury.

J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 3844

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Chesterfield District

Monthly Meeting and Annual Striking Contest

CLAY CROSS (6), SAT., MAY 11th
Draw for order of ringing 2.30 p.m.
Tea 5 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. D. Bunting, 160 Williamthorpe Road, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, or myself, please, **without fail.**—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec.

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"RINGING TOWERS"—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to "Ringing Towers," the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57, Hollowayn Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

UNIVERSITY of LONDON SOCIETY

The A.G.M. will be held on Sat., May 11th. Bells: All Saints', Poplar 1.45–2.30. St. George-in-the-East 3–3.45; St. Olave's, Hart Street 4–4.30. Service in St. Olave's 4.30, followed at 5 by tea and the meeting. A film on the Society's activities will be shown. Names for tea to C. Starbuck, 148, Hailsham Avenue, Streatham Hill, London, S.W.2. 3793

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Annual General Meeting
HORSHAM
Saturday, May 11th, 1968

Route 1	
West Hoathly	10.15–11.15
Turner's Hill	11.00–12.00
Worth	11.45–12.45
Crawley	12.45– 1.45
Rusper	2.00– 3.00
Warnham	2.45– 3.45
Route 2	
Danehill	10.00–11.00
Lindfield	10.45–11.45
Ardingly	11.30–12.30
Balcombe	1.00– 2.00
Slaugham	1.45– 2.45
Lower Beeding	2.30– 3.30
Route 3	
West Grinstead	10.00–11.00
Cowfold	10.45–11.45
Bolney	11.30–12.30
Cuckfield	1.00– 2.00
Horsham	2.30– 4.00
Service	4.15
Tea (Horsham High School)	5.00
Annual General Meeting	6.00

Names for tea to Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Telephone E.G. 23815. 3837

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To our deep regret Mr. J. E. Jeater is seriously ill and unable to continue his duties.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. P. Laflin, of 25, Hallam Street, Stockport, on April 30th.

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The May meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on May 11th. Ringing during afternoon and evening. Cups of tea only will be provided. All ringers will be made welcome.—Trevor Tarbatt. 3903

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at Keynsham (8), May 11th, 6.30–8 p.m.—R. M. Virgin. 3892

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Practice at Wiveliscombe (8 bells), Saturday, May 11th, at 7 p.m. 3878

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Consett, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business and further ringing. Ringing at Blackhill in afternoon—St. Aidan's 2-3 p.m. and St. Mary's R.C. 3-4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Tyson, 1, Seymour Street, Consett.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Huntingdon District — Striking Competition at Holywell on Saturday, May 11th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. Please send names for tea (except members of ringing teams).—H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 3842

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District. — Meeting at Christ Church (6), Wanstead, Saturday, May 11th. District heat of striking competition Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. J. P. Eyre, 4, Greenhays Drive, South Woodford, London, E.18. 3611

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—A.G.M., Moreton-in-Marsh (8), May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 5 p.m. Bells available to 8 p.m. 3863

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slymbridge (6), Saturday, May 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester. 3862

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cotleigh, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec., Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth. Tel. 2795. 3864

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5), May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Chilton, Chess Bungalow, Dawes Lane, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 3847

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Snodland, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss L. King, Papermakers' Arms, Constitution Hill, Snodland.—M. L. H. 3827

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —St. Mary's, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16, Saturday, May 11th, 3–4 p.m. Tea and meeting Church Hall 4.15. St. Alfege's, Greenwich Church Street, S.E.10. 7–8.30 p.m. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, May 11th. Bells: All Saints' (6) 2.30–3.30; St. Modwen's (8) after meeting until 8–8.30. Service at St. Modwen's 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Friars Walk Schools. Subscriptions due. Reports will be available. 3833

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 3826

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Bingham District. —Meeting, Elston, May 11th. District round Crawford Cup contest. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 3865

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Heveningham on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Badingham (5). Names for tea to Mr. J. Pigney, The White Horse Inn, Badingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk. —T. N. J. B 3824

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Didbrook (5), May 15th, 7.30 p.m. 3890

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Writtle on May 15th, 7.30 to 9. All welcome. —I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 3689

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District. — Evening meeting, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Thursday, May 16th. Ringing 7.30 to 9.15.—E. H. Kilby. 3910

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at East Bedfont, Friday, May 17th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3853

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting, Butleigh (6), Saturday, May 18th. Ringing 6.30. — P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 3882

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Winford (6), Saturday, May 18th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3897

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—Meeting at Monks Kirby (8) on Saturday, May 18th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 8. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Davies, School House, Monks Kirby, near Rugby. Please make a good attendance.—L. Trevor. 3902

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Great Totham on May 18th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea. 3690

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District.—Striking Competition, Thorington (6), May 18th, 2.15 p.m. start. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. R. Andrews, Abbey View, Thorington, Colchester. 3880

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, Wheathampstead, Saturday, May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to F. W. Ellis, 130, Marford Road, Wheathampstead.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3818

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath (8), May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. T. H. Norris, 49, Ashfield Avenue, Bushey, Herts.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 3876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' Guild (Kent Branch) (A.G.M.). — Meeting at Tenterden, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Miss V. Relf, 3, The Bungalows, Shrubcote, Tenterden, by Thursday, May 16th.—A. P. S. B. 3835

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Littleham, Exmouth, May 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Ringing at Exeter Cathedral after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. J. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, by Monday, May 13th. 3828

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Special meeting, St. Matthew's (6), Ipswich, May 18th, 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting St. Matthew's 6 p.m. Sproughton (6) 7–8 p.m.; Bramford (6) 8–9 p.m. A good attendance, please. Gentlemen very welcome.—J. Lester, Dis. Sec. 3872

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Misterton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 3901

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Branch meeting at Bassingham on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, 56, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by previous Wednesday, please.—G. R. P. 3821

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Upton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise and Bob Doubles. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3889

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Nor 26W, by previous Thursday, please. 3860

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cholsey, May 18th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Corderoy, Westwynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, not later than May 14th. 3818

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wing (5), May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to A. Scholes, Lindisfarne, Wakerley Road, Harringworth, by Tuesday, 14th. 3866

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby (Crawford Cup contest), Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Tysoe, 2, Valley View, Coddington, Notts, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Tysoe, Dis. Sec. 3887

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at Aldridge on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting also reverts to 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for latter, please, to Mr. J. Burton, 23, Portland Road, Aldridge, Walsall, Staffs (Tel. Ald. 52869) by Wednesday, May 15th latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3694

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Midhurst and Lodsworth on Saturday, May 18th. Midhurst (6) 2.45 to 4.25. Service at St. Mary's, Midhurst, at 4.30. Tea at Midhurst at 5.15. Ringing at Lodsworth (6) from 6.30 to 8.30. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 3904

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ten-bell practice for ringers with experience of inside ten-bell ringing, Truro Cathedral, May 18th, 6 p.m.–7.30.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 3884

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Twyford and Owslebury, May 18th. Bells available: Twyford (8) 2.30–4.15. Service 4.30. Tea, Owslebury Village Hall, 5.30. Business meeting follows. Bells available: Owslebury (6) 7.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. E. B. Whitear, 2, Farm Cottages, Low Hill Farm, Fishers Pond, Eastleigh, by Monday, May 13th, please. 3846

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. SATURDAY, MAY 25th, 1968

At GAYTON, NORTHANTS

Committee meeting in Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m.
Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o) to be obtained before Tuesday, May 21st, 1968, from Rev. E. G. Orland, The Rectory, Gayton, Northampton.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

10.30–12.30	12.00–2.00	1.30–3.45
Alderton (5)	*Towcester (6)	*Easton Neston (8)
Grafton Regis (5)	*Greens Norton (6)	Blisworth (5)
*Cosgrove (6)	Bradden (5)	Collingtree (5)
*Potterspury (6)	Blakesley (5)	Milton (5)
Wicken (8)	Lichborough (5)	*Rothersthorpe (5)
*Whittlebury (5)	Pattishall (6)	*Bugbrooke (5)
*Paulerspury (6)		

2 p.m.–4.15 p.m. *Gayton (6).

Towers marked thus * are available after the meeting until 9 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Beverley, Saturday, May 18th. Minster bells 2–4 p.m. Service, Minster, 4 p.m. Tea, Minster Parish Room 4.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea. St. Mary's bells available evening to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. H. Parham, 35, Molescroft Road, not later than **Tuesday, May 14th.**—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3822

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The A.G.M. will be on Saturday, May 18th. Bells and ringing at Norton (8) 3 to 3.30, and Dore (8) 3.30 to 4.30 and after the business meeting until 8.30 approx. Election of a new secretary and three committee members. Due to unavoidable circumstance, only cups of tea available, so bring own food. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 3870

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at **Skipton** (8) on Saturday, May 18th, 6–8.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Stedman, Plain Bob, call changes. All welcome, especially learners. — Maurice Thurmott. 3906

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Dorking 7.30–9 p.m., Monday, May 20th.—J. P. O. 3821

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Curry Rivel (8) on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting. Ringing after meeting to 9 p.m. Names for tea **essential** to R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. (Telephone Ilminster 2435) by **Tuesday, May 21st** 3900

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Striking Competition at Harston (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. (Competition approx 2.30 p.m.) Tea 5 p.m. Village Hall. General ringing after tea.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3893

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at Churchill on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford (Tel. Kingham 472) by May 22nd. 3883

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at **Kedlington,** Sat., May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please note change of venue. It is hoped that the meeting on August 24th will be at Polstead. Names for tea, please to Mr. G. F. Senior, 127, Westward Deals, Kedington, Haverhill, Suffolk, by May 22nd.

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STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. Crofts (first "away" from tenor) 1, Rosemary Snawdon 2, Rosemary Myers 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, K. Bellew 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Whitear (first quarter) 1, A. R. Walters 2, R. J. Southgate 3, M. H. Whittell 4, Rev. L R. Pizzey (cond.) 5, J. H. W. F. Hollins 6. For Evensong.

BRYANSTON, DORSET. — On April 16th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): C. F. Longridge 1, W. T. Perrins 2, M. J. Corry 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, T. F. Collins 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK. — At the Norman Tower, on April 6th, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. E. Rofle 1, A. Ballam 2, J. Stannard 3, R. Stannard 4, A. Feaver 5, H. Clarke 6, P. Everett 7, W. Goodship 8, C. Stannard (cond.) 9, J. Banks 10. Rung for the wedding of Miss Pamela Rowlands.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Spurling 1, C. R. Nunn 2, B. E. Whiting (first of Minor "inside") 3, Janet I. Rogers 4, A. F. Ballam 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6.

HASFIELD, GLOS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (six meth./var.): Richard W. Collins (first attempt, aged 12) 1, R. K. Williams (cond.) 2, Rosemary F. Collins 3, Ronald W. Collins 4, P. G. Hickey 5, R. J. Bullock 6. For Evensong.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS. — On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Heaton (first "away" from covering) 1, J. Whalley 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, W. Kenyon 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5, Rev. R. Lindsay 6. Rung fully-muffled in memoriam Canon W. E. Bradley and Mr. T. W. Thompson, historian.

HEAVITREE, DEVON. — On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. S. Turner 1–2, J. N. Longridge 3–4, D. J. Atkins (cond.) 5–6.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Davidge 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Jill Oakshott 4, J. F. Oakshott (first of Minor) 5, T. Skilton (cond.) 6.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry, on April 5th, 1,440 Spliced T.B. Minor (29 methods): P. A. Slight 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, B. M. Buswell 3, W. L. Exton 4, D. A. Frith 5, R. Brian Mills (cond.) 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, G. Neilson 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, B. Butcher 2, G. Neilson 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 5, D. H. Gower 6. For Evensong.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDX. — On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rose Sharpe 1, M. Soper 2, Susan Thompson 3, Valerie Maynard 4, T. Pink (cond.) 5, W. Bradbrook 6. First quarter in the method by all the band. For morning service.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On April 9th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. R. Savory 1, Joy F. Butler 2, C. J. Butler 3, D. C. Jackson 4, J. S. Hopwood 5, R. Allinson 6, M. J. Butler 7, D. J. Forder (cond.) 8. First quarter 2, 3, 5 and 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX. — On April 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: Miss P. Nichols 1, P. Chapman 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. May 4, T. Sharpe 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Longridge 1–2, J. N. Longridge 3–4, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 5–6.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. W. Foreman 3, O. Claxton 4, D. Boast 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled after Good Friday service. Also on April 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. W. Foreman 3, H. B. Fuller 4, D. G. Boast 5, O. P. Claxton (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Hugh Ford, bellringer and chorister.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On April 19th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: M. Lacey 1, Miss P. Tomsett 2, J. Clark 3, F. Dadson 4, R. Busbell (cond.) 5. First quarter of St. Simon's for all the band.

STOURPAINE, DORSET. — On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, C. F. Longridge 3, D. J. Knight 4, M. J. Corry 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Angela Mary Horsey and Mr. William John Marker.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Parsons 1, E. J. Dicken 2, Christine A. Haynes 3, Sheila Parsons 4, G. H. Peers, jun 5, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor 1, 2, 3, 5. First quarter on front six of the ten.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stephanie Boddy (first quarter) 1, Monica Griffiths (first quarter) 2, Kitty Willers 3, Ursula Stubbings 4, M. Kitson 5, B. Threlfall (cond.) 6.

Restoration of the Bells at Newhey, Lancs

THE bells of St. Thomas', Newhey, had for years been the despair of intending peal ringers (the last successful peal attempt being in 1952), successive bands of local ringers had become discouraged, and the bells had been silent for long periods since 1939. In 1963, however, a new Vicar was appointed to the parish, and his wife, a non-ringer but bell enthusiast, gathered together yet another band of would-be ringers. We struggled, with the guidance of the only two of our number with any previous experience, until one evening the sounds brought a visit from the ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association, who had been passing through the village. On his advice and in response to his persistent invitations, we began timidly to visit other towers in the neighbourhood. By this time the second and fifth bells at Newhey were completely unringable and the two bellfounders were called in. These agreed that the complete structure was unsafe and nothing short of a new installation would suffice. Accordingly, the bells were rung down for the last time on June 28th, 1964.

At this stage the tower captain at Milnrow, our nearest neighbour, invited us to continue our ringing at this tower. This we have been glad to do and have benefited greatly from his guidance and experience.

Whilst enjoying ringing at Milnrow, we felt that something should be done about our own tower at Newhey and—in spite of opposition from some quarters—in March, 1965, the P.C.C. gave their approval to a bell restoration appeal, starting with a house-to-house collection, the target being £2,000 to restore the bells. Following this we had concerts, a slide show, cookery demonstration, competitions, etc., and received one donation of £50. The Lancashire Association gave £25 but we still had only a little over £500 by November, 1966, when the Vicar and his good lady returned to Ireland. One member of the restoration committee gave all her earnings as church cleaner over a period of 18 months to the fund, and with other smaller donations (not forgetting "kitty" money given to us over the years!) the fund stood at just over £600 when the new Vicar was inducted in July, 1967.

ORIGINAL TARGET TOO HIGH

From the outset we had the wholehearted support of the Vicar, but clearly our original target of £2,000 was too high. Money was needed for other purposes and we must settle for a lighter ring if we were to have any bells at all. Further letters passed between Vicarage and foundries (several also between our friend the ringing secretary and the foundries!), discussions were held with Lancashire Association members, and the present ring of eight decided upon. Money was now coming in more readily, chiefly due to the Vicar's efforts, but not forgetting another £25 from the Lancashire Association plus one of £10 from the Rochdale Branch and £50 which had been promised in 1965 "when we were nearing the target." There was, however, still the need to cut costs wherever possible, as local work, additional to the bellfounders' estimate, could add hundreds of pounds and kill the project. During one discussion certain Lancashire Association enthusiasts decided that one job they could do themselves would be to lower the bells, and this work was undertaken by four stalwarts from Heptonstall, Walsden, Milnrow and Newhey, with occasional help from a Todmorden ringer.

There were ripe remarks when the first four went up to plan their campaign. Pigeons abounded (with all that goes with pigeons!) and during the early weeks part of the task was to rid the tower of these uninvited guests. It was obvious that the main work was, to quote Thomas Edison, to consist of 1 per cent. inspiration and 99 per cent. perspiration. However, nothing daunted, the work commenced and before long the bell chamber resounded to breaking wheels and occasional chiming bells when pieces of unwanted timber missed their mark on their way to the floor below. Humour was rife and hearty laughter was added to what the local Press called "ghostly noises issuing from Newhey bell tower." A good system was adopted, half the evening being spent in dismantling and the other half in lowering the debris to the porch and thence to the tip. When it came to the actual lowering of the bells some good chain blocks and slings, kindly loaned by a local engineering works, were used. The height of the bells and the shortness of the chain blocks sometimes necessitated three chain blocks being coupled together to enable the porch floor to be reached. Unorthodox, perhaps, but constant checks regarding safety were made at each move. The Vicar kept us informed on his correspondence with the bellfounders, popping in with encouraging words and impressing with his interest and enthusiasm. All the bells were lowered and in the porch for Harvest Festival Sunday. This provoked a lively interest from the congregation, half of whom thought they were "rather big" and the other half "rather small"! The following day the bells were taken to Loughborough, transport having been arranged by the engineering works gentleman who had loaned the lifting tackle.

The old timber frame was next to be dismantled, and much sawing and hammering took place before the tower was empty. One point not overlooked whilst there was still somewhere to rest a ladder was the repairing of the louvres and blocking up of ingress points of the pigeons. All the work was carried out with great cheerfulness and entirely without mishap, and no praise is too high for the splendid volunteers, two of whom travelled many miles twice a week for the whole of the two months the job lasted.

DEDICATION SERVICE FIXED

At last the bellfounders could be told that the tower was empty and their plans were awaited with mounting excitement. The dedication service was fixed for March 31st, 1968, and the fitter from Messrs. Taylor arrived on February 27th with frame, girders, etc., to commence installation. At the beginning of this year we were pleased to welcome to our band a local unattached ringer of skill and experience who, owing to ill-health, had been absent from ringing for four years. With characteristic enthusiasm he now assisted the bellhanger at every possible moment, spending some of his annual leave days in the tower and generally making himself invaluable. The bellhanger commented that he had never hung bells so fast in his life!

All was in readiness a fortnight before D-Day and the ringers cautiously took hold for the preliminary trial. Apart from some minor adjustments, this went off surprisingly well, though it did not go unnoticed that we seemed to have a ringing chamber full of tenor ringers. (Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.) However, experience overcame the initial difficulty in handling and after a few constructive suggestions all that remained was the answer to "When are we ringing the first peal?"

Now that the bells were safely installed, attention turned to the ringing chamber. During the following fortnight many hours were spent in repairing the ceiling, then in general tidying up and cleaning. Regrettably there was no time to renew the lighting and decorate, but we feel sure our visitors on the day of dedication overlooked this.

The service deserves special mention. Everyone who helped in the restoration must have felt that this was a most fitting culmination of their efforts. For members of the original band the atmosphere could not have been more moving, the most poignant moment being when ringers, chosen from those who had worked so hard and officials of the Rochdale Branch, made their way quietly to the tower to ring for one minute after the Lord Bishop of Manchester had offered the prayer of dedication.

This then was what our Vicar described as a wonderful day in the life of our church, and it is with a feeling of intense pride that we at Newhey offer our hospitality to all ringers, whose brotherhood has been proved in this little spot in Lancashire. N. L.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ALWALTON, HUNTS. — On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, F. Sismey 3, Ann Smith 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5. Rung for Parish Communion.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, 6 covering): S. Hardy 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Catherine Hardy 3, R. Coughlan 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fisher 6. For Evensong.

BURMARSH, KENT. — 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and P. Bob): W. Beeching 1, Minnie Watts 2, Rose Wratten 3, Annie Rayner 4, B. Watts 5, A. Lamb 6. Also for the christening of Jonathan, son of Brian and Yvonne Watts.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—At Holy Cross Church, on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bowman 1, Miss A. Toomer 2, Miss J. Pursur 3, Miss V. Ballard 4, F. G. Cook (cond.) 5, C. Wilkins 6. First in two methods 1, 3, 4. First "inside" for 4. For Evensong.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Green (first quarter) 1, P. Perkins 2, M. Hunter 3, C. Hardy 4, E. Roper 5, F. Roper (cond.) 6.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS. — 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: M. Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. Dickinson 2, T. F. Metcalfe 3, R. Moore 4, D. H. Garnett (first as cond.) 5, Rev. J. W. Garnett 6. By Sunday service band.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On April 14th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: H. B. Whitney 1, E. Houghton 2, Anne Houghton 3, E. Mary Farr 4, P. G. Williams 5, E. Conquest 6, R. Woodruffe (cond.) 7, K. Jackson 8. First of Grandsire Triples "inside" 2, 3. Rung to commemorate the christening this day of Jennifer Carol Needham (niece of 4th ringer).

MONTACUTE, SOM.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Irwin 1, G. W. Rendell 2, V. J. Farthing (cond.) 3, I. Read 4, H. Jones 5, G. W. Parkin 6. For Easter Day Evensong, and to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Farthing on their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Farthing introduced change-ringing to Montacute in 1948.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Long 1, B. Burton 2, R. G. Seymour 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, G. Blake 5, A. Peacock 6. First in method 1 and 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Foster (first quarter) 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Cowlin 3, B. Smith 4, G. Davis 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong on Easter Sunday, and for the baptism of Louise Davis, niece of 5th ringer.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Cowan 1, Helen Dadswell 2, Eileen Cowan 3, T. Edwards 4, Angela Holland 5, G. Muggeridge 6, A. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Cowan 8.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS. — On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howell (cond.) 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss P. Bockland 3, D. Tomlins 4, N. Amphlett 5, R. Page 6.

COMPOSITIONS

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(No. 14)

By S. BURTON

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A	21645378E90			
	615423	—		
	213465	—	—	3
	315462		—	3
	514362		—	2
B	4152638709E			
	513264		—	3
	314265		—	3
	412365		—	2
C	51426378E90			
	413265		—	3
	315264		—	3
	512364		—	2
B	2154638709E			
	513462		—	3
	312465		—	3
	214365		—	2

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A=1, 6, 7.
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(For Handbells)

By ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD

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34256			2
24536		2	1
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32654	2	2	1
53246	2	2	2
63425	1	2	1
35426	1		2
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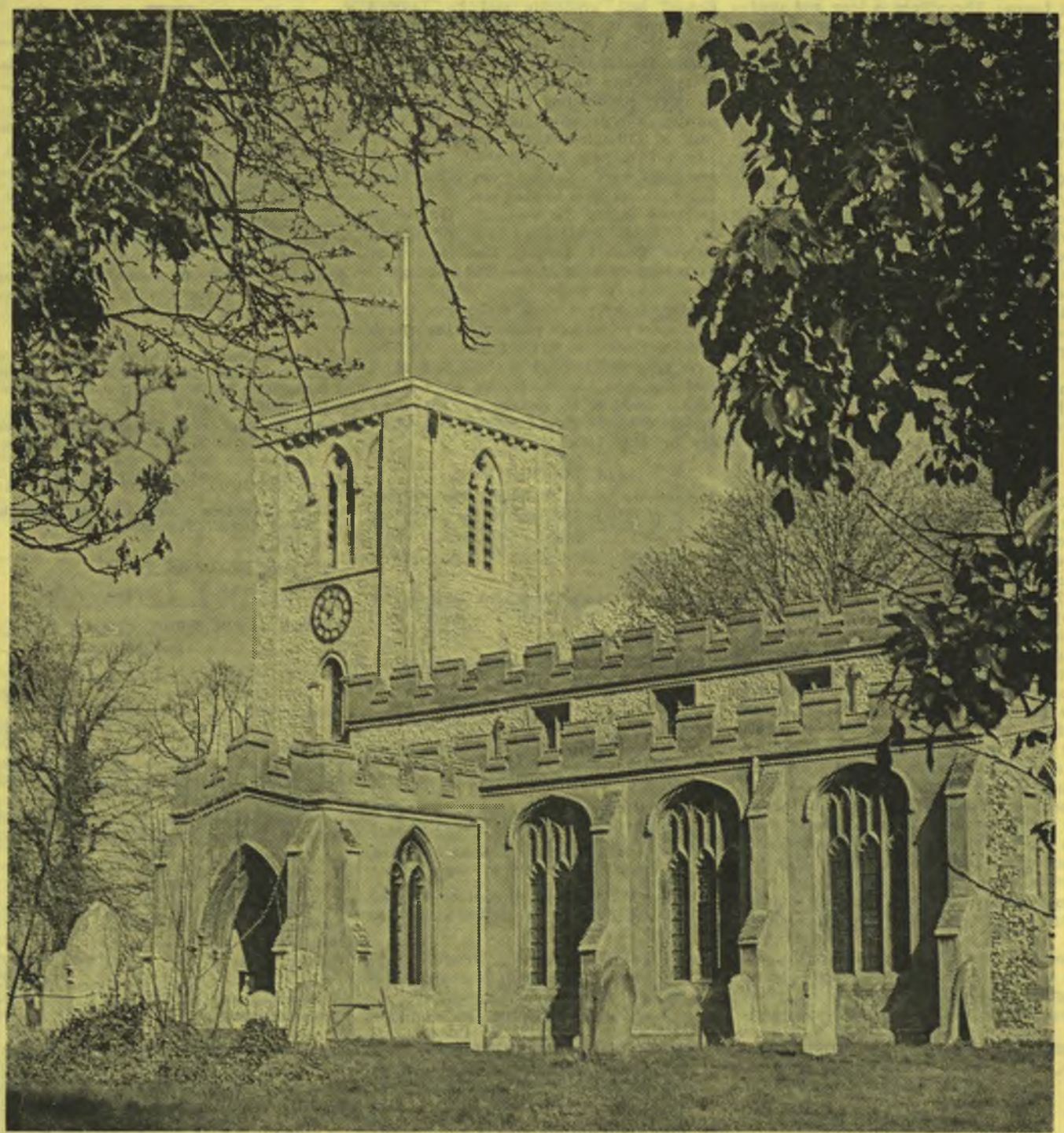
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The Church of Holy Trinity, Meldreth, Cambs

OUR COVER PICTURE

Holy Trinity Church, Meldreth, Cambs

MELDRETH village is ten miles south-east of Cambridge, near the borders of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. It is one of the most southerly parishes of the Ely Diocese. It has a population of some 900, lies in a mainly agricultural area and is becoming increasingly popular for commuters to London and Hertfordshire industrial towns. The village is long and straggling with the parish church at the northern end.

There has been a church on the same site since Saxon times and the present building has many features of its Norman origin. The Norman church, which consisted of a nave, chancel and low west tower, was built of Barnack stone and completed about 1200 and remained in this form for a century or more. Between 1300 and 1350 decorated windows were cut into the thick Norman walls on the north side of the nave and chancel, and a great east window was inserted in 1379. An upper storey was added to the tower. During the fifteenth century the Norman roof of the nave was removed, a clerestory added, and the small Norman chancel enlarged. The south aisle and porch were built of flint and local clunch. The exterior has remained almost unchanged for four hundred years except for some plaster put on as protection during the last century.

THE BELLS

Nothing is known of the history of the ring of three or four bells which existed before 1855. During that year two bells were cast and hung by John Taylor of Loughborough, making a ring of four. In 1887 a treble was added by Gilletts of Croydon and hung above the other four. Owing to the poor state of the medieval frame the bells were seldom rung. In 1937 Alfred Bowell of Ipswich rehung the five in a new six-bell teak frame, with entirely new fittings, at a cost of £298 (which included overhauling the clock!). A treble was added in 1950 by Mears and Stainbank as a memorial to the men of the parish who gave their lives in the two world wars. There were probably three peals on the old five and 38 peals on the six. One of these was the 2,000th peal for the Ely Diocesan Association, and many of them included learners ringing their first peals.

In February, 1967, the fifth bell cracked in the soundbow. She was a Miles Graye III. of 1665, and after an inspection in June it was decided to recast both this and the second, which had poor tone. These, together with the third and fourth, were removed from the tower by the local ringers and taken to the Whitechapel Foundry. The third and fourth were retuned and were rehung with the two recast bells by Mr. John Gipson and his helpers. The bells now made a first-class ring of six, heard again in August, 1967, and another peal was rung.

Later that year John Gipson acquired a disused bell, originally cast by Taylor's and hung in a chapel in a Cambridge cemetery, and from this metal Mears and Stainbank cast two trebles to complete the octave. Once again the local ringers got to work, constructing new framework and moving bells to other pits. Mr. W. Newman of Litlington skilfully made the two new wheels. On February 8th, 1968, the new bells were collected from Whitechapel and were on view to members of the congregation during the weekend. On February 13th Mr. John Gipson and Mr. Dennis Pepper finished hanging them and they were rung by local ringers that evening.

In order to make more room in the ringing chamber a stone coffin was moved to a more prominent position in the church and the clock-case was cut back. All who have rung and listened to these bells agree that this new Cambridgeshire eight is indeed a credit to all concerned. They were dedicated by the Rev. Canon Gilbert Thurlow on May 11th.

BELL INSCRIPTIONS

Treble—Mears and Stainbank 1968 (3 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.). "Blessed be the most Holy Trinity." Patrick McNeice, Vicar. Herbert Hilton, John Gipson, Churchwardens.

Second—Mears and Stainbank 1968 (3 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.). "All Thy works shall praise Thee."

Third—Mears and Stainbank 1950 (4 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.). "Honour the fallen in two wars, 1914–1918, 1939–1945."

Fourth—Gillett and Co., Croydon, 1887 (4 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.). Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1967. "God save the Queen, 1837–1887."

Fifth—"+John Taylor & Son, Founders, Loughborough" 1855 (5 cwt. 3 qr.).

Sixth—"+John Taylor & Son, Founders, Loughborough" 1855 (6 cwt.).

Seventh—Miles Graye of Colchester 1665 (6 cwt. 2 qr.). Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1967.

Tenor—Toby Norris I of Stamford 1617 (11 cwt.). "Non Sono Animabus mortuorum sed Auribus vivengium."

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PEAL AS STANDARD FOR PROFICIENCY

SPLICED RINGING RECORDS

IT was the turn of the Blackburn Branch annual meeting this year and the main was held in St. James' Church, and in an T. Wood) extended a cordial welcome.

About 120 sat down to tea and the business meeting followed shortly after.

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES

The president (Canon A. Hodgson) wasted no time in preliminaries and soon had affairs under way. One of the conditions of obtaining a proficiency certificate is the ringing of a peal. A motion was put forward to alter this to a quarter peal but this and the amendment to refer it to the committee were quite firmly rejected by those present.

It is interesting to note that during 1967 certificates had been awarded to the following members: Mrs. Ellen Parker (Halsall), Rev. C. J. Herbert (Rainford), Kenneth and Alan Wilson (Southport), Ivan Pass and Wyn Pugh (Oldham), Douglas Deakin, Kevan and Nigel Dean (Accrington), David Bennett (Newton-le-Willows), Ian Smith (Darwen), John Illingworth and Neil T. E. Burnett (Westhoughton), Janet Lawson (Newhey), Michael Tompsett (Healey) and Bryan D. Hill (Blackburn).

In presenting his report, the ringing secretary (Mr. J. P. Partington) commented on the fact that following the notice in "The Ringing World" the receipt of peal reports had improved noticeably.

INCREASE IN PEALS

During 1967 190 peals were rung for the Association, an increase of 12 over last year. As last year, 19 of them were on handbells and the 171 on tower bells consisted of Maximus 11, Cinques 2, Royal 23, Caters 1, Major 84, Triples 10, Minor 33, Doubles 6 and Minimus 1 (first ever for the Association).

Thirty members rang their first peal and 49 members shared the conducting, three their first as conductor. Leading conductors were Kevin M. Price (21½), John H. Fielden (17), Geoffrey Fothergill (15). Leading peal ringers: John H. Fielden (42), Maryl R. Fielden (35), Jeffrey Brannan (33), Cyril Crossthwaite (32). The leading tower for peals was St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, with 12.

to be hosts for the Lancashire Association activities centred on Accrington. The service interesting address the Vicar (the Rev. W.

The peal of ten-Spliced Surprise Maximus containing all the work for each bell and representing the maximum number of methods in such a normal peal was rung for the very first time. Similarly, the Spliced Surprise Royal "all the work" peals in six, eight and ten methods were the most achieved at their respective dates.

The treasurer (Mr. J. F. Wood) presented his accounts; these are in quite a satisfactory state, and the recently-formed Bell Restoration Fund looks really healthy already.

Being the only nominee for vice-president, Mr. Dennis Jones was declared elected and he warmly thanked the members. The general secretary (Mr. F. Reynolds) was also declared re-elected.

Members were reminded of the annual dinner which will again be in Preston on Saturday, October 26th.

An innovation this year will be a garden party at Goosnargh Vicarage on Saturday, June 29th. The president extended a hearty welcome not only to ringers but also their families and friends.

As a gesture of appreciation for her interest in ringing and the Association, the president proposed that Mrs. Joan Reynolds be elected an honorary life member. This was approved unanimously.

The president expressed his pleasure at seeing all Branches represented, and also extended a welcome to the visitors, among whom were Mr. J. Fidler and Mr. E. Hudson with several others from Yorkshire.

Grateful thanks were offered to the members of the Blackburn Branch for their organisation of the meeting and all who had helped to make it such an enjoyable day.

LANCASHIRE TO-DAY

Canon A. Hodgson, president of the Lancashire Association, gives this telling message in the Association 1967 Report:

"Last year, with that touch of modesty for which we Northerners are noted, I was saying that we are never so colourful as the South or so vociferous as the Midlands. Such is the profound and abysmal ignorance of presidents generally and this one in particular that even before the ink was dry Norman Smith had broken another sound barrier in his composition of Spliced Surprise Major and a peal was rung for the Association at Heptonstall in sixteen methods, being the greatest number rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major containing all the work of each method for every bell. From there the band went on to complete the sequence.

"That was colourful enough, but certainly not vociferous. Now to be completely up to date our chaps seem to have set Birmingham properly alight with this peal of Glasgow Surprise Major. Thank goodness they still retain their sense of humour about the whole thing and that no doubt the fertile minds to discover still more uncharted paths in the field of ringing.

"The Association manages to get a lot of fun out of its ringing and its fellowship. The Annual Dinner in 1967 was a great success and will no doubt set a pattern for such future occasions. We hope to see as many of our ringers and their families as possible at the Vicarage here on Saturday, June 29th, for a garden party at which there will be plenty to interest everyone.

"Amidst all the fun and games the real work of the Association through its service ringing goes on steadily. It is never very spectacular; many service ringers never graduate beyond it and very few reach the exalted ranks of the Spliced Surprise band. But we hope they get their own satisfaction and pleasure from their ringing, and we thank them for their services to the Church."

National Guild of Police Ringers

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT FORMED

A MILESTONE was reached on April 27th, when the National Guild of Police Ringers officially started its split into three Districts. It was the first meeting of the South Eastern District, held at Ware and Hertford. Until now the Guild had been operated on a nation-wide basis and had become difficult to manage. At the last annual general meeting a decision was reached to set up three Districts, and under the close scrutiny of ex-Sgt. Charles Willmington, acting as Master, despite several bouts of illness, arrangements were finalised for the South Eastern.

Members and their families met at St. Mary's, Ware, and were made welcome by Mr. V. R. Tubby, the tower secretary. Ringing included good striking of Stedman Triples. After paying our respects to the Vicar, several cars headed in the direction of Holy Trinity, Bengeo. Met and welcomed this time by the good wife of the towerkeeper, ringing included good touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Bob Major (due no doubt to the warm-up at Ware). At 5 p.m., our respects to the Vicar completed, our destination was the Police Headquarters at Hertford, where Insp. Wardrobe, of the Hertford Constabulary, and his catering staff had prepared a splendid tea.

The first South Eastern District meeting then took place in the Police Clubhouse. The chair was taken by the Acting Master, who outlined to members the reasons for the splitting up of the Guild, and although there were one or two small points to be ironed out, things were getting under way very smoothly. The split, in his opinion, could only do good and already there had been an increase in membership from places where no one knew of the existence of police ringers. He believed the only way to keep in touch with members was to keep them interested and make new ones. It was not the idea to take away the authority of the national secretary, but would strengthen his hand by having the District secretaries working for him.

The meeting was then asked to elect a secretary. P.C. Peter Shonk (Metropolitan), who had been acting as secretary, was proposed and elected unanimously. Supt. Ronald Hagley (Surrey Constabulary) was elected Master of the District, and ex-Det.-Insp. George Amor was elected to serve as a committee member. New members elected were P.C.'s William Page and Trevor Davies, both serving Surrey officers, and P.C.'s Clyde Curtis, Leonard Pryke and Allan Knight, all of the Suffolk Constabulary.

After further discussions regarding future outings, the chairman proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the day a success, including the police and staff at Hertford and to Mr. Peter Searles, the local Hertford District secretary.

Ringing followed at St. Andrew's, Hertford, and ended at 8.30 p.m. with a good touch of Bob Major. With respects paid to the Vicar it was back to the Club House for a general get-together and the odd pint for those not driving home.

P.S.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Witney and Woodstock Branch at its annual general meeting at Witney on April 20th agreed, after discussion to the introduction of a progress system. Six new Guild members were elected.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Chairman, Rev. F. Wilkins; deputy chairman, Mr. D. J. Smith; secretary, Mr. E. R. Venn, Kimberley, Wootton, Woodstock; treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. D. Floyd, Torwood, Queen Street, Eynsham; Guild representatives, Messrs. D. Patching and D. J. Smith. The retiring treasurer, Mr. A. Cantwell, was thanked for his services.

Good use was made of the Witney bells for an hour and a half before the service, which was conducted by Captain Newman, R.A.F., as the church is without an incumbent. Local ladies provided an excellent tea in the Friends' Meeting House, and in the evening methods up to Surprise Major were attempted.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On April 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Diana White 1, M. Mulvey 2, Rosemary White 3, M. Allery (first of Minor and "inside") 4, J. Burton 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

THE CLERICAL GUILD IN WORCESTERSHIRE

THE annual "Week" of the Guild of Clerical Ringers seems to be turning into an annual retreat! Following last year's enjoyable sojourn at the Lincoln Diocesan Retreat House, the centre chosen this year was the Old House, Cropthorne, the retreat and conference house of the Diocese of Worcester. This was a very happy choice—not only was the party of about 30 members, wives and children most comfortably housed, but Cropthorne itself proved to be an admirable centre, situated as it is on the banks of the Avon between Evesham and Pershore, beneath Bredon Hill, and within easy reach of a splendid concentration of lovely towers and fine bells.

Members met at Tewkesbury at 2.30 p.m. on the Monday following Low Sunday. After a delay caused by a funeral the bells were raised, and a reasonable course of Grandsire Cinques rung. Plain Bob Maximus was persevered in until the end, but the sound produced was not a very happy one. The party then made its way to Cropthorne in time for dinner, compassing Bredon Hill, and calling first at Bredons Norton, where several methods were well struck on the easy light six, and then at Overbury, where the beautifully-kept church and churchyard in their lovely setting seem to bear witness to a good working agreement between God and Mammon. Certainly some of the affluence connected with banking seems to have been diverted here. In the evening we sampled the six at the nearby parish church, and had an anxious moment when we discovered that the trap door through which we had entered the belfry could not be raised. There were proposals to ring an S.O.S., but fortunately a misplaced catch suddenly yielded and communication was re-established with the outside world.

IN THE CAGE

On Tuesday our first tower was at Pershore, where after the timorous had taken their courage in both hands a full party gathered in the cage. Yorkshire was successfully rung here. We repassed Pershore several times and never ceased to wonder at the beauty of the Abbey and its glorious tower. Earl's Croome (a Norman gem of a church) was visited en route to Upton-on-Severn, where a nominally successful course of London Major was rung. The coach took us on to the Malvern Hills for our picnic lunch, and the fears of some, who had envisaged some bleak mountain top, were dispelled when it parked close to an hotel at British Camp. Some climbed yet further to enjoy the magnificent views, and some younger members were nearly left behind, having found the superior attraction of the local juke-box. A short visit was paid to the six at Hanley Swan, and then in sudden torrential rain we rang at Malvern Link. A pleasant touch of Double Norwich on the good eight made some of us wonder why this excellent method is so neglected these days. After grappling with the heavy six at Powick we returned to the Old House, and the day ended with an hour's practice on our local member's bells—the Bell Tower at Evesham, where all admired the fine twelve, and Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve were the best achievements.

A CLERICAL PEAL

While most of the party rang on Wednesday morning on the sixes at Great and Little Comberton and Elmley Castle, and drank coffee (?) nearby, a band scored quite a reasonable peal of Grandsire Triples at Hinton-on-the-Green. An enjoyable lunch hour was spent on the banks of the Avon in the sun at Offenham Ferry, after which the six at Middle Littleton were put to good use in a variety of methods. More funeral trouble dogged us (we can't escape, however hard we try!) and denied us our next tower, but Salford Priors was kindly made available to us at short notice, so we slipped into Warwickshire and rang Superlative, not very superlatively. After this we tried to ring at Bidford-on-Avon in the same county. Here the lure of tea, served in the adjoining Vicarage garden (again on the banks of the Avon), proved too strong, and we remember Bidford for the tea and the Vicar's kind hospitality rather than for the ringing. We finished with ringing at Norton, and the Guild Evensong was sung here.



THE COMPANY

ONE THAT GOT AWAY

The great disappointment came on Thursday. An attempt for the elusive clerical peal of Bob Royal at Claines lasted for 2¼ hours and then was sadly lost in sight of the end. We gathered that the faithful remnant did not spend too happy a morning either, having clock-hammer trouble at Ombersley, which prevented ringing there, and not doing justice to the bells at Grimley and Hallow (at Grimley the incumbent solemnly warned the ringers not to strain the tenor rope too much). It was perhaps appropriate that we spent our lunch hour at the Mug House at Claines, although the warm sunshine soon tempted the peal band (failed) out of the "Mug's Bar" into the garden. The afternoon was spent in Worcester with ringing at St. John's, St. Swithun's and All Saints'. (Cambridge Royal was successful here.) A delightful tea was laid on at the Church House Club. On our way back we rang on the pleasant six at Stoulton Church, and the party were much diverted to have the privilege of ringing on Mr. Jopp's own six at his home nearby; Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were achieved on this incredibly light six. Perhaps the best wine was kept until last, for the evening ringing was at Great Hampton. The bells are a nice eight (tenor 12¼ cwt.), they go and can be heard perfectly, and they seem to settle naturally into a good beat. Good striking marked the achievement of Stedman, Bristol and London.

The party kept together well on the Friday morning, ringing at Badsey, Bretforton and Broadway before we finally dispersed. A fitting climax came near the end, at Bretforton, when a course of London was rung by eight members of the Guild.

At the annual general meeting of the Guild, held at the Old House, Cropthorne, on the Wednesday evening, the resignation was received with great regret of the hon. secretary and treasurer, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews. With his urbane wit and humour and quiet efficiency he has done a wonderful job for the Guild for the past 15 years and things can never be quite the same again. The president, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, the vice-presidents, Canons B. F. Sheppard and K. W. H. Felstead, and committee members, the Revs. I. J. Richards and J. B. T. Homfray, were all unanimously re-elected, and the Rev. P. T. Robbins was appointed as the new hon. secretary and treasurer. Two new members were elected. Next year's "Week" was provisionally fixed for the Oxford area, with West Kent as an alternative.

Great help was given in all the arrangements by the Vicar of Evesham, the Rev. A. Webb, and we were delighted to have both him and his tower captain, Mr. Geoffrey Hemming, with us throughout the week. Springtime in the Vale of Evesham is a lovely time, and we were able to enjoy it to the full through the benevolence of the weather, and with the kind co-operation of all who allowed us the use of their bells, who met us, who helped us and who attended to our needs. In every way this was a memorable, happy and successful week, and we are deeply grateful to all who made it so.

P. T. R.

TRURO GUILD OF RINGERS

The Penzance Branch held their Spring Festival at Wendron on May 4th, when some 70 ringers attended. During the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells. Tea was provided by the ladies of Wendron.

At the meeting the next Festival was provisionally arranged for October 19th, possibly at Manaccan.

Towers represented were Carbis Bay, Gulval, Helston, Lelant, Madron, Mawgan, Paul and Phillack.

The bells were also rung at Crowan, Mawgan and Helston.

M.C.

DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

Several members of the Devon Guild, under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, held another successful tour on May 4th, when eight towers in North Devon were visited. Accompanying him were Mr. and Mrs. N. Mallett and family (Exeter), Misses V. Stephens and M. Hawkins, Messrs. C. A. Caffry and D. J. Roberts and family (Torquay), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family (Plymouth) Messrs. S. Pierce, D. Pearse, A. Frost, J. Steer (Stoke Damerell), D. R. Bould, G. E. Mudge, J. C. Michelmore, E. J. Cann and P. Perkins (Tavistock).

A. L. B.

Dr. D. L. Gullick New President of Herts Association

THE Northern District were hosts this year for the annual general meeting of the Hertford County Association, which was held at Hitchin on April 20th. Ringing during the day was enjoyed at towers throughout the District, including Wallington, where ringing has recently been resumed after repairs to the tower. The service at St. Mary's, Hitchin, was conducted by the senior curate, the Rev. J. A. Holden, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. R. E. Meredith. The lessons were read by the general secretary, Mr. A. R. Agg, and the president, Mr. E. T. Newnham. A touch of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells was rung during the service by Mrs. S. K. M. Baldwin 1–2, J. R. Mayne 3–4, R. Baldwin 5–6, and G. Penney 7–8.

Following the service a record number of over 170 members and friends sat down to tea before the business meeting was opened by the president. The meeting stood in silence in memory of those members who had died during the year; these included one life member, Mr. R. Cook (King's Langley) and Messrs E. Bradfield (Sandon), E. G. Buck (Baldock), A. W. Coles (North Mymms), H. Gates (Hemel Hempstead) and J. Weaving (Tewin).

Reading the report of the Management Committee, the general secretary reminded members of their obligations in helping to ease the burden of routine work of the Association's officers. The regular payment of subscriptions, remission of peal reports and alterations of tower records would enable officers to devote a greater proportion of their available time to other ringing activities. Production of the Annual Report for circulation prior to the annual general meeting required the co-operation of everyone; delay from any one quarter could jeopardise the timetable imposed by the printers.

In presenting his report, the treasurer, Mr. H. Collings, indicated an excess income of over £12. Although there had been a significant fall in the income from subscriptions, a donation and interest from the Association's investments had ensured a reasonable credit balance. Mr. Collings successfully dealt with several searching questions from the floor of the hall regarding the statement of accounts.

The peal secretary's report showed a further decrease in the number of peals rung, although the number of conductors and first pealers remained reasonably high. The wide range of methods recorded included the first peal of Surprise Maximus to be rung on handbells outside Leicester. The convener of the Central Council's Peals Analysis Committee raised a quiver of alarm regarding a peal which had apparently not been recorded; it was subsequently realised that the relevant "Ringing World" report had carried the wrong date.

The following new members were elected: Miss Julia E. Indge (North Mymms), Mr. N. R. Perrin (Benington) and Misses Christine A. Eliason and Jane M. Drew (Knebworth). Mr. G. Parson (Hemel Hempstead) was transferred from probationary to full membership.

The meeting then proceeded with the election of officers. Dr. D. L. Gullick, of Stevenage, was elected as president for 1968 and installed with his badge of office by the retiring president. In thanking members for the great honour which they had conferred on him, Dr. Gullick expressed the Association's gratitude to Mr. Newnham for his services during his tenure of office. Dr. Gullick said that as a medical secretary he had closely studied the performance of committee chairmen and found that they fell into three general categories. Some hammered the table continuously and stifled reasonable debate; others sat back and allowed discussion to drift ineffectually from the topic under review; while a minority controlled the procedure with a quiet but effective restraint, to the benefit of all concerned. From his inquiries he was assured that Mr. Newnham was included in the last named. A vote of thanks to Mr. Newnham was warmly applauded. The remainder of the officers were re-elected with the exception of the peal secretary; Mrs. C. A. Agg did not seek re-election as she had taken over as Northern District secretary, and Mr. G. Penney was appointed as her successor.

Plans for the forthcoming visit of the Central Council to the county in 1969 were outlined by the general secretary. This would be the first meeting of the Council in Hertfordshire and every effort was being made to ensure the success of the venture. Considerable publicity would be generated in connection with the visit and it was up to each tower to be prepared to encourage recruitment and interest from their own areas.

A relatively short meeting was brought to a close with Mr. R. E. Sheppard fulfilling his now customary role by proposing a vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements for the day's activities. Further ringing took place at the local tower under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. M. D. Trigg, and at Offley.

WHAT YOU MAY FIND IN YEARS AHEAD By P. AMOS

IT must have been a surprising moment for those working on the foundations of York Minster recently to strike bell metal and other parts of bell making materials. Equally so was a case at Empingham in Rutland in 1876, when parts of a temporary furnace and bell metal were unearthed in a field near the church, believed to have been left there from work on the bells in 1695.

Iron ore minings and gravel workers, as well as back gardens, often throw up histories of years ago—Northamptonshire is full of such histories.

We had the remarkable case recently where at Islip, near Thrapston, a mechanical digger struck thick, very old timber, which in turn sent archæologists and other experts to investigate No one could believe at first that it was a bridge dating back as far as the 12th century, but that was the experts' conclusion after all the evidence had been sifted. The River Nene had centuries ago flowed beneath it, its course having since been altered.

GARDEN TREASURES

Then at Welford a short time ago a resident digging in his garden struck an object. It turned out to be a silver chalice of 1518, believed to have been hidden 20 years later (1538 period) when the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII took place. It has since been claimed as treasure trove and is believed one of only seven known to be like it.

Also recently from a garden at Stony Stratford on the North Bucks border was unearthed a few coins, among them a good specimen of one of Henry III (1216–1272)—this long reign of 56 years doubtless accounts for there being odd ones still to be seen.

Five miles north of there is Grafton Regis, the village with a royal history. It was from here that Edward IV married his queen—Elizabeth Woodville, a commoner and daughter of Sir John Woodville—against the wishes of the Earl of Warwick, the King-Maker, after the Lancastrian v. Yorkist battles of 1461. Ploughing up a field some seven to eight years ago, a farmer came across what was undoubtedly the foundations of the old manor house where the Woodvilles lived. It sent quite a sensation through the village and surrounding district because for years another house had been thought to have been the manor.

MEDIÆVAL BELL FRAME

In Grafton Regis Church tower is one of the oldest mediæval bell frames possible to find other than Fawsley and portions of that at Towcester. Up till 20 years ago it possessed four bells—then augmented to five. One of the old four is known to have been paid for from sale of forestry about 1491, when William Chamberlayne was supplying bells in that area from London. The murder of the two princes of Elizabeth Woodville by their uncle, the Duke of Gloucester (later Richard III), one of whom was proclaimed Edward V for two months and never crowned, no doubt changed the pattern of English royal history.

Richard III, as Duke of Gloucester, was a frequent visitor to Blaston in Leicestershire, where he gave a chalice to the church: this small but picturesque village on a summer evening has two churches, one in ruins, the other a rebuild of 1866. Some miles to the north west is Market Bosworth, where Richard himself was slain. Odd pieces of armour have been unearthed in the past from the battleground, as also from Naseby in Northants, where Charles I was defeated two centuries later.

Bells have figured in many wars, and no less in the Cromwellian civil wars than in recent ones—for melting for cannon, warning aids, hiding to steal, and even to roll into ponds as one story has it at Canons Ashby, Northants, where there was a battle inside the church between Royalists and "Roundheads".

A "BOB MAJOR" TOWER

Here there is a massive tower, nicknamed a "Bob Major" tower locally, because eight bells could hang in it comfortably whereas there is only one, no bigger than a sanctus bell.

There is a story that at the time Hugh Watts was casting bells for Preston Capes in 1631 he made four for Canons Ashby. Some 12 years later they were seized in the battle and sent to the bottom of the village lake. There have been no bells there since. For many years the church has been closed.

There is a similar story about bells lost to the small village church at Preston Deanery, Northants, between 1585 and 1622, when a certain Jasper Hertwell occupied the manor, plundered the church, selling the lead and the bells, it is believed, to Richard Benetlye, an itinerant bellfounder of the time.

Lakes have been dragged for other relics, and from the village pond at Isleham, Cambs, some years ago was fetched out a pre-Reformation lectern.

In these days one can never guess what may come to light in excavations. Who knows, one of the very earliest of bells may one day be discovered, perhaps at Glastonbury or some such old historic spot.

Norton, near Daventry, Weedon Bec, Crick, Irchester and Moulton, Northants, have all been the scene of precious finds, and a short while ago when demolishing an old cottage at Ashton, workmen found a box of old coins of the short reign of James II, all dated between 1686 and 1688, tucked away in the roof. These too are now treasure trove museum pieces.

PLANNING COCK-EYED?

A decade ago, any thought of plundering a church and selling the lead and the bells would have been looked upon with horror; but today this is again becoming quite the fashion, and by the turn of the century one wonders how many bells will be lost. Churches were once saved by planning new houses on the sites of the old ones cleared. Not so, however, today where planners are concerned—shops and offices have taken their place and houses taken to where there are no churches. Has planning gone all cock-eyed?

Churches may have been on top of each other in towns like Worcester and Stamford years ago. But the other extreme is the case nowadays, with many not going to a place of worship at all: and some of the religious teaching, I am afraid, does not help things—of this I am most emphatic!

Letters to the Editor

A PRESIDENT'S WORD TO TOWER GRABBERS

Dear Sir,—As can be seen in the advertisement columns of last week's issue, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will again be holding its annual general meeting on the Saturday after Ascension Day. As usual on these occasions, there will be a good number of towers available at various times during the day, but I suspect we are not the only Guild or Association who have cause to regret the irresponsible behaviour of the few, who attend meetings such as this, simply to add a few more towers to their list.

An annual general meeting is not only for ringing, but the three hours we spend having a service, tea, and conducting our business affairs has, in previous years, proved far too long for those with no interest in God, refreshment or the well-being of the Guild. As a result bells have been rung when no local ringer could be present to take responsibility; bell stays have been broken by enthusiastic tower grabbers, who have left without word of explanation or apology. When, months after, they are reflecting on a profitable Saturday spent in Northamptonshire, local Guild officers are still trying to come to terms with an irate parish priest who cannot understand why people should come and misuse his bells, and consequently refuses to have any more meetings in his tower.

Another undesirable but growing practice is that of knocking on the door of the Vicarage and asking for permission to ring, there and then. This is a deplorable practice at any time, and particularly so at an annual meeting. If a particular tower is omitted from the advertised list there is a good reason for doing so, and again, it does not help the work of the local Guild officers if people insist on going around making their own arrangements.

I regret the necessity of this letter, but perhaps some people have suffered in silence for too long.—Yours sincerely,

E. G. ORLAND,
President,
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY WITHDRAW QUARTER PEAL

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Birmingham University Society we should like to withdraw the "quarter peal" at Edgbaston to which Mr. Barron refers. We can assure Mr. Barron that none of the Society officers at the time, or the present officers, knew of the conductor's intention to publish this "quarter peal" in "The Ringing World," and we regret that the incident has occurred. We feel sure that Mr. Baker's letter will have clarified the situation for all concerned.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES R. WHITE.
C. S. NOKES

Birmingham.

MINIMUS METHODS

Dear Sir, — A complete list of Minimus methods, with names and means of obtaining over 5,040 changes without repeating an extent, by acceptable ways of splicing, etc., is given on page 882, "Ringing World," December 29th, 1961, and page 7, "Ringing World," January 5th, 1962. Stedman is not one of them.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. John Ketteringham's letter in "The Ringing World," April 26th, I have done extensive work on the S 3rds and S 5ths course in Rutland S.M. and I am satisfied that the three-part 5,280 he gives contains the maximum number of combination roll-ups in such a composition It also contains the minimum number of —82's and —83's, and is one of a group of compositions with similar properties which are the best available on a three-part plan

However, I believe the maximum number of roll-ups in normal peal lengths on the 3/5 plan to be 132, which can be produced in a 5,120. This can be obtained in numerous compositions (but not in a three-part), a typical example of which is given below.

It should be noted that it is not possible to produce all the combination courses with a 3/5 in every course without three courses each of —82's and —83's Personally, I find that on many bells these are not at all objectionable, but this undoubtedly limits the usefulness of these compositions.

M	3/5	W	H	23456	
—	x		—	35264	
	x	—		26543	A
—	x	—		34625	
—	x	—	—	45236	
	x	—	—	52364	
	x	—	—	23645	
		A		23564	
—	x		—	36245	
	x			45623	
—	x	—	—	53246	
	x	—	—	32465	

Repeated.

Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

MISS BELLRINGER

Dear Sir,—I have read with more than usual interest the correspondence about a "Miss Bellringing" competition. Indeed, the very same idea had been at the back of my mind for some time before the first letter was published. I would like to say that if Mr. Michael Broad is seriously thinking of organising such a competition I am prepared to help him in that venture. Modesty forbids me to say that I am not totally inexperienced in such affairs, but I will say that the type of æsthetic appreciation required has always seemed to come quite naturally to me.

To conclude my letter I would like to offer some advice to any potential candidates. Firstly, they should give up peal ringing, as this tends to develop the muscles of the body and thereby render it disproportionate. And secondly, they should not drink too much beer, the traditional reward of a bellringer, for that tends to expand the midriff.

I look forward to receiving from Mr. Broad any practical proposals.—Yours sincerely,

M. G. INGRAM,
Reading University Society.

A CAMBRIDGE HOAX PEAL

Dear Sir,—My first reaction on seeing the hoax peal of Caius Surprise Major, ostensibly rung at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, on Sunday, April 14th, 1968, was one of disappointment at having been left out of the band, since I was one of those who waited outside the belfry door for nearly an hour while unavailing efforts were made to find the "keys" to enable us to gain entry and begin our attempt. (Incidentally, I hope that the niceties of Cambridge college pronunciation will not mean that the scintillating wit of the perpetrator of this hoax is lost on too many of your readers.)

However, when I came to study the peal a little more closely I was rather glad that I had been "dropped." If one assumes the necessary dash at the beginning of the place notation, the method appears to be somewhat less inspiring than Ipswich, if that is possible, and I think I am sufficient of a traditionalist not to want to ring places in 1234, apart from the difficulties in composition which would seem to be involved. Further, St. Andrew's are musical bells with quite a bit of hum, and I do not think I would derive much pleasure from a peal there in 2 hours and 29 minutes, though I feel congratulations are due to Derek Butterworth on turning in the tenor some 20 minutes faster than the average, particularly as he did not arrive in Cambridge until Easter Monday morning!

Yes, on reflection I spent a much more enjoyable afternoon punting, though I could have sworn that it was John and Maryl Fielding who were sitting in my punt getting drenched by my rather enthusiastic style, and also that it was my brother who was seen propelling the other punt crabwise across the Cam. Still, perhaps they all have doubles!—Yours faithfully,

DAVID E. ROTHERA.

Hendon, N.W.

RIGHT TO RING IN ANY TOWER

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. George Morris, of Malvern Link, makes reference to a Hampshire tower refusing permission because only the local band are allowed to ring there.

May I suggest that he names the tower in question so that something may be done to remedy this state of affairs? Our Bishop, a fair-minded man, is very disturbed at the closed shop attitude of another Hampshire tower, and is looking into the matter. Mr. Morris can rest assured that Hampshire ringers do not condone this attitude and a very much alive Guild are ready to do something about it.

So come out with it, Mr. Morris, as we have already done regarding Westminster Abbey. Expose this tower and others like it and let us force this selfish attitude back into the 18th century, where it belongs. — Yours sincerely,

FRANK TONGE.

Longparish, near Andover.

SEARCH FOR HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—Can any reader please help me in tracing the handbells which used to belong to the late H. Parker, of Northwich, Cheshire.

The reason for this inquiry is because Mrs. Parker is claiming a set of handbells which is in the tower of Northwich Parish Church as belonging to her late husband, Harry.

As far as I can gather, Harry had 26 handbells by Shaws and they were half a set of 52, being the top 26.—Yours faithfully,

J. SCOTT.

Northwich, Cheshire.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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10,784 OXFORD T. B. MAJOR ON HANDBELLS

A peal of 10,784 T.B. Major by members of the Hertford County Association was rung, at the second attempt, on Sunday, May 5th, in the School at Leverstock Green. The peal started at 11 44 a.m at a steady beat of 36 changes per minute The first 5,024, the greater part of which had the tenors parted, was rung in 2 hours and 17 minutes (36–37 changes per minute); 10,016 was reached in 4 hours and 27 minutes and the whole completed in 4 hours and 47 minutes (average of 37.6 changes per minute). It was the first 10,000 plus for all the band except the conductor. The ringing throughout was of a very high standard and this has given the band the confidence to attempt a longer peal of Treble Bob Major in the very near future, possibly the present record length of Treble Bob—17,824. Details of the attempt will follow.

The band wish to accord their thanks to the three umpires, and especially to Walter Ayre, for arranging things at Leverstock Green.

A NEW NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY

A recently-formed body of young ringers is the Arboretum Scholars of Nottingham, who held their first outing on April 17th, travelling in the antiquated school bus 45 miles during the day

Ringing started in the meticulously-kept belfry at West Bridgford, where touches of rounds, Plain Bob Major and Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung. Thirty minutes were spent on the heavy-going eight at Ruddington, followed by the six at Bunney, which produced the best ringing of the day.

Crossing into Leicestershire, the well-known humped-back bridge came as a shock to the handbell ringers. The tenor ringers had strengthening refreshments before tackling the bells of Loughborough Parish Church, undoubtedly the best bells of the day; only rounds were rung on the ten, but Kent T.B. Minor was attempted on the front six. An enjoyable visit to the Foundry was followed by an hour's ringing on its bells. We attempted Cambridge Minor and Stedman Triples but had more luck with Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor. The last tower was at Kingston-on-Soar, where the bus driver had his first ringing lesson.

We thank our organiser for providing such an enjoyable outing at a cost of 3s. per head, and also the driver and incumbents of churches visited. Incidentally, the average age of the members was 15 years.

S.M.A. et A. L. B. K.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT'S STRIKING CONTEST

Only four towers entered teams for the Guildford Diocesan Guild Chertsey District's fourth annual striking competition, which was held at Thames Ditton on April 27th. Major Bragg and Mr. P. G. Sherwood acted as judges, and in announcing the results Major Bragg noted that the standard of ringing was better than in previous years.

Hersham came first with only ten faults in ten minutes of Doubles. Egham's two teams came second and third, followed by Horsell (last year's winners) and Thames Ditton. The new shield was presented to Mr. J. King, of Hersham, by the Guild Master, Mr. P. Smart.

After a short business meeting, attended by 29 members, ringing continued till 9 p.m. We all hope to see more teams and better weather next year. P. J. P.

WEST DORSET BRANCH TRY OUT BEAMINSTER BELLS

On a dull and wet afternoon the West Dorset Branch held its quarterly meeting at Beaminster on April 27th. Eight towers were represented, and ringing on the fine and recently rehung ring was much enjoyed. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. V. Galloway), who welcomed the Guild and gave an interesting address.

Tea was prepared and served by members of the Mothers' Union in the Tindall Hall. Afterwards the business meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by Mr. C. W. Powell, chairman. Nine new members from Beaminster were elected, and three non-resident life members.

The chairman said he would like to record the Branch's grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. E. Pannell, who have moved to Hereford, for the help they had given to the Branch. Standard methods were rung, including Yorkshire and Double Norwich, till 8 p.m. Afterwards Netherbury bells were rung till 9 p.m.

Next quarterly meeting: Melbury Osmond, Saturday, June 22nd. Practice evening meetings: Hawkchurch, June 12th; Thorncombe, July 10th. J. D.

WIMBORNE BRANCH OUTING

After a week of lovely weather, Saturday, March 30th, was the wettest day for a month. Nevertheless the Wimborne Branch members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild filled the coach and set off on their first-ever Branch outing. The driver admitted he did not know where the first tower was and even succeeded in getting lost between towns within ten miles of his home! We thought this was a bad omen. However, we reached Ludgershall safely and had a quick ring on the good bells—quick, because we had arrived late. But we were on time at Kintbury and enjoyed the mellow-sounding bells, even if the learners found them hard to handle.

Newbury in the pouring rain was very depressing, but fortified with a good lunch and a good ring of ten here we moved on the Thatcham. From there we visited Highclere, where, despite the small belfry, everyone managed to have a good ring. The last tower was at King's Somborne; we were sad to learn there was no local band to ring these nice bells set round the font at the back of the church.

Our ringing methods may not have aspired very high but we all enjoyed the trip and look forward to another outing, but next year we shall book a fine day! R.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL'S 50 PEALS

Fifty peals have been rung on Llandaff Cathedral bells. Although there have been eight bells since 1879 and ten since 1920, 32 of the peals have been rung in the last 12 years. Details:—

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 4, London Surprise 1, Pontefract Surprise 1, Rickmansworth Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 7. Total 16.

Caters.—Grandsire 9, Stedman 8. Total 17.

Major.—Bristol Surprise 1, London Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 4. Total 7.

Triples.—Grandsire 9, Stedman 1. Total 10.

Grand total 50.

BATHEASTON, SOM.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Newman 1, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 2, Miss J M. Dennis 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, R. I. Kendrick 5, G. J. Hawkins 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8.

SONNING TIP THE BALANCE AT SANDHURST

What makes one striking competition different from any other? What, indeed makes one report of such a competition any different from the rest?

Like bells themselves, no two competitions are exactly alike although some accounts are necessarily repetitive when the same teams win consistently. Not so, however, with the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild competition.

On April 20th at Sandhurst—held on a glorious day—one perhaps for the "different" column! Similarly, a second entry would read "New band from Wokingham (St. Paul's)" together with a sprinkling of "firsts" among the veterans—contenders for future reference.

Consistent wins have so far evaded any single team due to keen competition and, of course, ever fluctuating membership of bands.

On the other side of the balance sheet we have the accustomed formalities. The same judges (now almost resident), the same votes of thanks, the same keenness to do well, the organisers always there year after year, the same stalwarts.

Unlike other years, our Branch chairman, the Rev. Harcourt Trevor, was absent through illness—a debit soon to be made good, it is hoped.

Again the standard of striking was higher than in the past, and the judges, Major Bragg and Mr. W. Viggers, endorsed this by the low ratings in the faults column.

The result (different again) was: **Sonning** 6 faults (Grandsire Doubles), Easthampstead 11 (Plain Bob Doubles) and Wargrave 26 (Grandsire Doubles).

Sonning also won at Sandhurst at the very first competition held by the Branch, but this was no coincidence as they proved worthy winners—enough to tip the balance on last year's winners and it is hoped that they will similarly treat the competitors at the Guild contest.

And so we come to the last entry—"a good balance and a healthy state," but, like all accounts, the "investments" could be larger and more "interest" gained for future security and better striking in the Exercise. S. G. S.

NORTH DORSET AND WIMBORNE BRANCHES

On Saturday, April 27th, a warm, sunny day, the neighbouring Salisbury Diocesan Guild Branches of North Dorset and Wimborne held a joint meeting. Four towers were open and over 40 people attended from the two Branches.

After ringing at the two Gussage towers (5 and 6) the Guild Office was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. S. J. T. Buffrey. He gave an interesting sermon on Easter. His little Church of St. Michael looked very pretty with its Easter decorations. A delicious tea was set out at Durweston, arranged by Mr. Corry.

The Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, who is resident in the Wimborne Branch (although at the moment is a paid-up member of the North Dorset Branch), spoke a few words welcoming everyone. He said how pleased he was to see the Branches holding such a joint meeting and thanked the two secretaries for arranging everything.

Ringing was resumed at Durweston (6) for an hour, after which Blandford (8) was open.

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EASTER IN LITTLE TEXAS

GOOD FRIDAY was the day appointed for travelling to Liverpool—or was it? At 6 p.m. on the same day Mary and Graham Elmes arrived at Bootle Vicarage. "You're a bit early," said our host, "24 hours to be exact!" Obviously Dorset is still very much ahead of its time! But the big dipper at Southport proved to be sufficient penance for these early comers.

Saturday served to illustrate to these "country bumpkins" that Liverpool deserves the title of "Little Texas"—everything seemed bigger and better, from the two cathedrals to Lewis' statue! After thus improving them culturally, Bob Dennis decided to improve their vocabulary by taking them to the "Kop." Here Mike Young pulled off his most amazing feat of the week—he managed to find the three football fans amidst a crowd of 40,000. The now well-educated and deafened quartet returned to the Vicarage for tea and to await the arrival of the rest of the party.

It was not long before Julia Fellows, driving her first car, and an ashen-faced Andrew Wilby arrived. Whilst Wilb was recounting his hair-raising experiences Richard Stevens and Elizabeth Timmins joined us. Philip Mehew arrived late but, as usual, not quite late enough to miss a nightcap at the local.

Six a.m. on Easter Day saw the "campers" busy cooking breakfast. We just made the 7 a.m. Communion, at which Wilb deputised for the organist and Philip for the "quire."

EASTER DAY PEAL

The week-end's ringing commenced on Bootle's steel bells, which sound better than they go. We were made very welcome at St. Nicholas' and likewise at the Cathedral, where we rejoined Elizabeth and Richard. We now encountered an unusual phenomenon—whereas in the South the pubs and hotels increase their eating facilities on Sundays and Bank Holidays, it seems that in the North good food is served on weekdays but "Never on a Sunday."

The afternoon heralded the first peal attempt—Cambridge Royal at Worsley. Here we were joined by Christine Andrews, Michael Platt and Alan Schollfield and managed to score an average peal. The two people who "sat out" of this attempt were fortunate enough to get a ring at Manchester Cathedral. All of us rang for evening service at St. Helens and thus the first day's ringing was most satisfactorily concluded.

On returning to the Vicarage we found George Bonham and Bob Bellamy eagerly awaiting the terrific four-course meal that Mrs. Dennis had prepared, and the evening was whiled away eating and gossiping.

SCORED WITH CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE

Up again bright and early on Monday for an attempt at Yorkshire Royal on Preston bells. Richard, however, was feeling unwell so we decided to attempt Plain Bob Royal with Mike as substitute. We were pleased to score a peal with Cyril Crossthwaite, to whom we are grateful for obtaining the bells at short notice.

Stedman Caters at Leyland was the afternoon's attempt. Some of the band, however, were feeling the worse for wear after Preston, and Richard, the conductor, was still "under the weather." We were not unduly surprised therefore when the peal "fired out" at the first turning course, although we were sorry not to score a peal with Jack Brown, who was standing in this attempt.

The evening was spent in Southport with different fragments of the party looking for each other for an hour. We reunited in time for one very quick pint.

The early part of Tuesday morning was enjoyed immensely by four of the party who had a long "lie in," especially by two of the "Old Vicarage campers," who were able to watch the rest groping around in an attempt to leave for Aughton. Here Mark Nicholson made up the band for a peal of Plain Bob Minor.

PHILIP MEHEW'S 700th

Our best peal of the week was scored that afternoon at Ormskirk, which was also notable for being Philip's 700th. George at one point seemed determined to spike the peal but was soon put in his "place" and, apart from this, the ringing was well above average.

Bob was in such a hurry to get to Preston to see the Woodhouse ringing machine that Philip's car load were only halfway out of the pub when the convoy was out of sight. By intuition and by stopping every third person in Preston the laggards eventually arrived at Cyril Crossthwaite's in time to see most of the demonstration. After joining the Preston practice the worst Chinese meal for years was enjoyed!

Bootle was a hive of activity on Wednesday morning as the men cooked their breakfast, rang for Matins, packed up and washed all the dirty crockery which they had accumulated during the week! At 10.15 all were ready and goodbyes were made to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis. Bob tried his best to lose us through Liverpool, even changing lanes in the Mersey Tunnel! It was surprising, therefore, that we all reached St. Mary's, Liscard, at the same time—where we found that grand old ringer Lester Gray waiting for us.

Lester and Bob had only just settled down to a pint when the peal fired out. Undaunted, the band proceeded to ring a fair quarter of Cambridge in 38 minutes on this 16 cwt. eight. The speed of the ringing brought some caustic comments from Lester, who had been listening with a critical ear. However, we persuaded him to brave the wrath of his wife and join us in the pub, where until 2 o'clock he entertained us with amusing reminiscences. As he left he made Mary promise to come again and ring with him because he had "taken a fancy to that little girl."

Fortified by a Chinese meal as good as the previous night's was bad, we dashed the 40 miles to Bowdon. The splendid eight made a fitting end to the week-end and we were disappointed not to score a peal. Nevertheless we decided that we must come back later in the year and make a determined attempt at Liskard and Bowdon together with some of the other splendid rings in the area.

We should like to thank Bob Dennis, the organiser, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis for making us so welcome at Bootle Vicarage. You've done it now—we'll come again! Also thanks to all those who stood in our peals and allowed us to ring their bells. ULMI.

REVIEW OF TAUNTON AREA BELLS

On April 27th a party of ringers from Twerton, Corston, St. Michael's, Bath, and Batheaston spent a pleasant (if wet) day in some of the rural towers in the Taunton area. We were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. R. Dove, from Leeds, with us. Details:—

Trull (6).—A very pleasant six restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1933 and rung overlooking the church.

West Buckland (6).—A good ring restored by J Taylor and Co. in 1956; the bells go very well.

Angersleigh (5).—Short draught ring that goes well; of good tone.

Pitminster (6).—Octagonal tower with spire, odd rope circle with tenor almost behind the treble; some bells are near the clockcase but the six are pleasant to ring, nevertheless.

Corfe (6).—Only augmented in recent years; pleasant light ring; church contains Norman font.

Staple Fitzpaine (5).—Old-fashioned ring, fairly heavy (tenor 16 cwt. in E).

West Hatch (5).—Good-going five that are rung regularly; plain bearings. A new experience for some was to ring and have a shower at the same time; reason—the tower leaks.

Hatch Beauchamp (5).—Very pleasant; augmented from four by Mears in 1951.

Curry Mallett (6). — Well-kept ring; very pleasant to listen to; on ball bearings in a wooden frame.

Pitney (5).—Go well; a trifle loud in the ringing chamber; all fitted with new ropes.

So ended our tour, in which over 30 methods were accomplished up to London. All upstair ringing chambers, so plenty of aching legs. But it was a pleasure to be met by such nice people. A. F. L.

TWYNING A POPULAR MEETING PLACE

The Tewkesbury Branch's quarterly meeting at Twyning on April 30th was the best attended meeting for years and about 50 ringers took part in the ringing, which was very good. The Branch has not been able to get a meeting at Twyning for some years because it had no ringing members.

Grateful thanks are due to two lady ringers and the Vicar for making it possible to hold the meeting. The Vicar took the service, and an excellent tea was provided by the two young lady ringers in the Church Hall.

Many ringers had not had the chance to ring at Twyning, which helped to make this meeting such a success, and may we soon be invited again to this tower. The visitors came from Bromyard, Eardisland, Malvern, Leek, Claines, Cheltenham, Bishop's Cleeve and Evesham. R. P., L. C. P.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY'S FORTUNES IMPROVE

The annual general meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held on April 27th in the North Leeds area, as has been the custom over the last few years. Chapel Allerton was the venue in the afternoon, where numerous Plain and Treble Bob methods were rung on the excellent six. The business meeting and evening ringing were held at St. Chad's, Headingley, the latter under the direction of the Society's new Ringing Master, Alan Clifton, of East Ardsley.

The meeting accepted with regret the resignation of the president, Mr. Irvin Slack, and the Society's thanks for his endeavours during the last year were voiced by the new president, Mr. Robin Brown, of Rothwell. Pat Lockwood, of Ossett, declined to be renominated as Ringing Master but her fiancé, Ian North, was re-elected as secretary and treasurer.

In his annual report Ian was pleased to note that during the latter half of the year the attendance at meetings, which had been causing concern for some time, had been steadily growing. This was particularly so since the November meeting at Ossett, when members of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies swelled the ranks to over 50. It was at this meeting that the local captain, Mr. Fred Bennett, acted as host to the gathering at tea in his capacity as Mayor of the Borough.

Since November, in excess of 30 ringers have joined the monthly meetings, and regular attenders have included members of the University Society and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Warford and their brood of young learners from Chapel Allerton.

Other business at the meeting included the formation of a committee to consider the introduction of a striking competition to the Society, and a proposal to increase the subscription from the present 1s. per year.

The Annual Festival of the Yorkshire Ringing Societies is to be held in the Leeds district on June 22nd, the Society's members being responsible for much of the organisation. Plans are nearing completion for the catering arrangements and the staffing of the towers.

It was generally felt that during the last six months the Society's fortunes had improved, and although the present membership is only half that of ten years ago, the increasing attendance at meetings is encouraging. R. C.

LONG LENGTH

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 19th, 3,000 Doubles (five methods): J. M. Marsh 1, A. L. B. King 2, R. Blackshaw 3, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5, R. D Marsh 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Brailsford Wood, churchwarden, laid to rest this day.

HALF PEAL

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on April 21st, 2,520 Minimus (six methods): I. M. Minns 1, R. Smalley 2, J. Parkin 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. Conducted by R. Smalley, assisted by J. Parkin. First half peal in this tower, and by all the band.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 28th, 2,520 Doubles (Southrepps, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Snack (cond.) 1, Louise Evans 2, T. H. O. Lewis 3, D. Whitlock 4, G. Armitage 5. First half peal by all the band.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Helen, on April 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. K. P. Poole 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, G. J. N. Colborne 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, D. R. Baxter 5, P. G. McIlhone 6, M. J. Hiller 7, R. M. Ashman 8, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 9, J. R. Poole 10. First of Caters 1, 2, 10.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Christine E. M. Brooker (first quarter) 1, J. R. Rowson 2, D. C. Henderson 3, M. J. Hiller 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5. Rung by the Abingdon School Society in memory of the tenor ringer's great-grandmother, who died the previous night.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Smith 1, E. A. Barnett 2, Mary R. Andrews 3, K. Medhurst (first quarter of Stedman) 4, H. E. Audsley 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, F. J. Cullum (cond.) 7, J. T. Stevens 8. Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At St. George's Church, on April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Thornley 1, B. Moss 2, W. Birmingham, jun. 3, R. Jolley 4, G. Fothergill 5, J. Ashcroft 6, J. E. Andrews (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, A. Greenhalgh 8. Rung within the Octave of the Feast of St. George.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On April 29th, 1,380 Doubles (four methods): Elizabeth Gibbs 1, T. Skilton (cond., 50th quarter) 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, P. J. Munday 5, D. Barnes 6. Most methods to a quarter by all except 4th.

CORSTON, SOM.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. J. de Jong 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, I. P. Cox 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, P. J. Devrell 7, L. W. Jewell 8. Rung in memoriam Harold L. Parfrey.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. A. Chown 1, Sheila Bonsor 2, H. M. Johnson 3, R. Tavener 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, K. R. Holtom 6, M. J. V. Chown 7, P. I. Chapman 8. For Evensong.

DUBLIN.—At the Church of SS. John and Augustine, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (on the middle six): J. J. Reynolds 1, Helen M. Hubert 2, E. Ann Sadler 3, P. W. Brown 4, C. J. Reede 5, P. J. Mills 6. A compliment to Ann on her engagement.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Felton 1, A. M. Stacey 2, B. Read 3, Miss S. Davis 4, P. N. Felton (cond.) 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, N. F. Felton (cover). For morning service. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sprackling 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Susan Davis 4, P. N. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Marks (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Hall (first "inside") 2, Miss V. A. Hall 3, A. Idle 4, V. A. Headland 5, P. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

GREETHAM, RUTLAND.—On April 28th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Single Oxford and St. Clement's): S. J. Franklin 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, R. S. Russell 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

HAMPRESTON, DORSET.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. I. Ralph 1, A. E. Woods 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, Mrs. J. A. Robertson 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to the conductor, Mr. "Bill" Shute, on completing 60 years as a ringer.

HAYES, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss G. Harper 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, J. W. Smith 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6. For Easter Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Jennifer Felton 1, Jennifer Beck 2, Susan Davis 3, P. N. Felton (cond.) 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, B. Read 7, C. T. Richards 8, H. W. Rogers 9, C. H. Rogers 10. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Carol Blagden 1, Jennifer Felton (first "inside") 2, P. N. Felton 3, B. Read 4, H. Blagden 5, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 6, N. F. Felton 7. Also on April 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Felton 1, Carol Blagden 2, P. N. Felton 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, A. C. Knights 5, C. H. Rogers 6, L. C. Way 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. F. Felton 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Clarke, for many years verger.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ayre 1, H. M. McArthur 2, U. W. Wildney 3, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 4, A. E. Honeywood 5, A. G. Semken 6, M. Downs 7, E. E. Davey 8.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. G. Dodson 1, L. F. Palmer (first Minor) 2, R. Jones (first quarter) 3, J. J. Durham 4, Suzanne J. Withers 5, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 6. For the 21st birthday of Robert Jones. By Leeds University Union.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Armitage 1, T. H. O. Lewis 2, D. Whitlock 3, Louise Evans 4, R. Snack (cond.) 5. Louise Evans is believed to be the first person to "circle the tower" to quarter peals.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. J. Spice 1, Miss D. Colgate 2, J. Pladdys 3, P. Simmonds 4, K. J. Rider 5, J. W. Smith 6, J. Pratt 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8, M. H. O'Callaghan 9, T. Lewis 10. First in method 4, 6. For Evensong.

LYNEHAM, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sgt. S Hardy 1, Mrs. J. Webb 2, J. Webb 3, J. D. Sankey 4, Sgt. B. Evans (cond.) 5, Mrs. J. Cook 6. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the R.A.F.

MATHERN, MON.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Owen 1, Mrs. D. J. King 2, R. S. Clench 3, L. H. Jones 4, D. J. King (cond.) 5, D. J. Hughes 6. For Confirmation service, the first to be conducted by the new Bishop of Monmouth.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. John Baptist Church, on April 28th, 1,320 Minor (four methods): Sheila Woodward 1, P. J. Bruce 2, A. Dempster 3, B. Palmer 4, C. W. Ottaway 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6. By the Newcastle University band for Evensong.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On March 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: L. Shenton (cond.) 1, Rosemary Bennett (first quarter) 2, Jean Millins 3, O. Williams 4, R. Bailey 5, F. Triner 6, M. Jack 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on April 28th, 1,320 Morning Star T.B. Minor: Sue Heyworth 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, S. K. Thompson 3, R. H. Johnston (25th quarter) 4, R. E. Burbery 5, J. R. Leary (cond.) 6. For morning service.

PENN, BUCKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. H. Druce (first quarter) 1, E. H. Langley 2, Mrs. J. Cornwall 3, P. Grove 4, D. Cornwall 5, R. H. Newton (first Minor as cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Harold Parfrey, of Corston, Somerset.

FENYFAI, GLAM.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bryant 1, R. J. Mayle 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, T. E. Hiddins 5. Half-muffled in memory of John Smith, churchwarden.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sangwin 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Trewin 3, H. Heard 4, H. O. Chaddick 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6. Rung for the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stacey; also a belated 21st birthday compliment to their daughter, Penny Vince; also for the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bissat.

QUORN, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Andrea M. North 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, D. L. Alderton (first quarter of Doubles) 3, P. Chambers 4, J. E. Cook 5, P. R. Neath (first quarter) 6. First quarter for Rawlins School Campanological Society.

QUORNDON, LEICS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Seall (first quarter) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, D. L. Alderton 3, C. J. Mobbs 4, H. Marcon 5, R. Martin (cond.) 6.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Hanson 1, R. Preston (first "inside") 2, E. Buxton 3, A. Haines 4, D. Stainsby 5, A. King (first Minor as cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Andrews on the birth of Phillip Richard.

RANDWICK, GLOS.—On April 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor G. N. Scott 1, E. Cribley 2, S. G. Scott 3, R. P. Nicholas 4, J. H. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. J. Purnell 6. First quarter since augmentation to six. Rung for morning service, at which Julian John Taylor, son of John Taylor, of Randwick, was christened; also a 13th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Neil Gurdin (first quarter) 1, K. Dallison 2, G. West 3 Marion Dallison 4, I. Goacher 5, H. Comber 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, D. Atfield 8. For Evensong, and to commemorate the wedding of Derek West and Linda Peters; also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Pullan (first Grandsire) 1, D. Ralls 2, D. Potter 3, Miss A. Rowlands 4, S. Munslow (first quarter) 5, A. Weall (first Grandsire Triples "inside") 6, W. Poolman (cond.) 7, D. Heath 8. For St. George's Day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: Marie Hatswell (first quarter) 1, T. Hollis (first of Royal) 2, Ruth Gordon 3, Tessa Hollis 4, Elsie Chaddock 5, R. Harper 6, A. Holroyd 7, D. Nichols 8, N. Donovan 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On April 27th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Halifax (first quarter) 1, D. J. Attley 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, R. P. Russell 4, H. Richardson 5, S. B. Bell (first as cond.) 6. Rung simultaneously with quarter at Great Addington as part of the Thrapston Branch's teaching and rebuilding programme.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. Philip Mehew on ringing his 700th peal.

Good work is being done by the Thrapston Branch of the Peterborough Guild in teaching. Three of the new band at Lowick have now rung quarter peals and the others will soon do so.

In a peal attempt at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, the rope of the second bell broke as the band came into rounds at the end of the 25th extent. They were thus able to claim a long length of 3,000 changes.

A peal attempt of Bob Royal at Manchester Cathedral on April 20th was to have been rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Ridyard, of Southport. The peal was lost after two hours through a miscall. The band extend their very good wishes to Joe.

It is interesting to note that regarding the peal at Bexley on April 20th three of the ringers—Messrs. H. E. Audsley, E. A. Barnett and F. J. Cullum—were members of the band who rang a bob course of Stedman Triples during the rededication service in April, 1938.

On two successive Sundays at Bentley, Yorks, two ringers rang their first quarters; both were conducted by Mr. J. Whitham.

An interesting footnote to the Aldbourne peal of Grandsire Triples on April 27th: "First 8-bell peal on the bells by a local company since 1837." Aldbourne is coming back into its own.

St. John's, Devizes, ringers had a very pleasant tour of the Isle of Wight on April 27th, ringing at Ryde, Brading, Godshill, Brighstone and Freshwater. The visit was much enjoyed. The Island people made the party most welcome.

Seven Whitstable ringers had an enjoyable holiday in Buckinghamshire based on Stony Stratford. One of their six days was spent in Oxford and another at Buckingham, where the bells and the reception by the locals were much enjoyed.

Over £3,400 has been raised towards the target of £5,000 required by St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, for the restoration of the bells and a new frame. (See April 26th issue.)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A NEW RING OF EIGHT IN WARWICKSHIRE

Kingsbury Parish Church, Warwickshire, has at present six bells, the back five being cast in 1850 and rehung on ball bearings in 1921. The treble bell was added in 1959 by J. Taylor and Co.

It is proposed to recast the five old bells and make a new ring of eight, the 1959 treble being retained and tuned to make the third of the new ring. The present tenor weighs 16 cwt. 16 lb. according to the records, but it is intended to weigh it to ascertain the true weight. The new tenor will weigh approximately 17¼ cwt. and the octave will be tuned to the key of E.

This work will be started at the end of June, when the old bells will be lowered and taken to the bell foundry. Anyone who wishes to ring on the old bells before they are recast will be most welcome. Practice night is Friday between 8 p.m. and 9.30 p.m., and Sunday service ringing from 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Outing organisers will also be welcome and should contact either Mr. G. H. Lane, 7, West Avenue, Castle Bromwich, or Mr. K. C. Richards, Oakwood, Lea Marston, Sutton Coldfield.

The data and details of the new bells and their dedication will be published in 1969.

SUSSEX RINGER LEAVES FOR PERTH

This month will see the departure to Western Australia from their home in Sussex of Mr. H. W. Woolven and family.

For some years Bert Woolven has been associated with peal ringing in the South of England, notably in his home county of Sussex. Bert has done much to foster the good relationship that exists between the ringers of Kent and Sussex and will be missed by his many friends in both counties and elsewhere.

A farewell peal was attempted on April 20th at Tunbridge Wells, which lies close to the Kent/Sussex border, but this unfortunately came to grief.

All those who have known Bert over the years will certainly join me in wishing him, along with Jesse and Sharon, the very best for a happy future. Perth will, I am sure, be very pleased to welcome an accomplished ringer in their midst.

M. L. H.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD ROMANCE

A welcome Easter visitor to the Emerald Isle was Miss E. Ann Sadler. Ann, who has recently become engaged to the Rev. G. M. Frazer Williams, curate at St. James', Bolton, Bradford, was a member of the Dublin University Guild, as was her fiancé. The quarter peal, rung at John's Lane on Easter Day to compliment the happy couple, who intend to marry in August, was her 25th quarter peal.

WEDDING BELLS FOR MAJ. FREEBORN

The peal of Stedman Triples at Kidlington, Oxon, reported in this issue, was rung by four ringers from the Oxford area and four from Cambridge, at the suggestion of Mr. Walter Judge. Unfortunately Walter himself was not able to participate. Major Freeborn has close associations with both Oxford and Cambridge. His father, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, was Vicar of Kidlington from 1887 to 1925. It was Walter's father, the late Harry G. Judge, captain of the Kidlington band, who taught Major Freeborn to ring (about 1906).

SO NEARLY A PEAL—AND HE IS 93

An attempt for a peal of London Major at Grundisburgh met a sad end recently. As the last course was in progress the band were disturbed by attempts outside the tower to stop the peal, although there was fully 20 minutes before a service was due to start. Although this gave rise to one or two mistakes, everything seemed to indicate a successful conclusion. Then, in the last few changes, disaster struck. Another mistake occurred, the bells failed to strike into rounds, and so the peal was lost at the very last gasp.

What was particularly disappointing, however, was that this attempt had been arranged at the request of Mr. George Symonds, now in his 93rd year, who wanted to ring another peal of London. George, who has only rung three or four peals of London altogether, the last being over 20 years ago, proved himself equal to the task. After a slightly unsettled start (which he afterwards admitted was because he was a bit "rusty"), he soon settled down to the rhythm of the peal and made very few trips thereafter. Even in the last few courses his concentration never wavered, demonstrating clearly the alert and active life he still leads.

And what were George's thoughts after the attempt? Although disappointed, he said he had enjoyed the exercise very much because "It was a bit more interestin' than that Treble Bob stuff I keep a-ringin' nowadays!"

So bad luck, George, but we look forward to a successful attempt with you later this year.

R. P.

ANDOVER'S 40th ANNIVERSARY

Fifty ringers attended the spring meeting of the Andover District held on April 6th at Highclere, after ringing at Wolverton. Mr. G. K. Dodd presided, and the District secretary, Mr. J. C. Wimlett, presented a report on the 40th anniversary ringing. As a tribute to Mr. Dodd a plaque recording the anniversary peals is to be hung in his own tower—Highclere. Thanks were accorded to the incumbent for conducting the service, and the ladies responsible for the splendid tea. Ringing included London and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Oxford T.B.

P. G. T.

LIMERICK CATHEDRAL

It gives us great pleasure to include a quarter peal from Limerick Cathedral. This was the first as conductor by 15-year-old David Galbraith, who received many congratulations on his achievement. Mr. G. H. Ellis informs us that he has five more young ringers under 15 who ring regularly with the Sunday service band. We await their first quarter. Good luck, Limerick!

TAKE NOTE OF THE DATE

Announcing the timetable of a meeting at Woolavington, Somerset, in the local church magazine, the editor writes: "We hope the meeting will be of interest to those who appreciate the ancient and traditional art of bellringing. As for those who can't stand the sound of bells, take note of the date and arrange to go out for the day."

THE DRAGON DEFEATED ST. GEORGE

St. George's Day, 1968, was chosen by ringers from the Fawley area as another occasion for an unusual quarter peal attempt. Dragon Doubles was practised during the preceding month, while St. George Doubles, given in the Doubles Collection as a variation of Winchendon, seemed more familiar and was left until the final fortnight. The venue for the attempt identified itself very clearly after a study of "Dove"; there is only one church in Hampshire dedicated to St. George containing a ring of bells. This is at Damerham, situated on the opposite side of the New Forest from Fawley, with one of the 14th oldest rings of bells in the county.

Our first setback occurred when we discovered that St. George Doubles was not such a straightforward variation after all. The plain course is Winchendon, with half a lead of Original for a bob and an Old Doubles single for a single. We arrived at Damerham on April 23rd with the variation still not conquered. Three extents of it were planned, and we started confidently, using the calling given in the Doubles Collection. No faults this time, but rounds did not appear! A fresh start, using the other stated calling. This time rounds at hand after 50 changes! Frantic work with pencil and paper. At this point the Vicar, the Rev. G. Maule, himself an ardent ringer, arrived to watch us. With time running short we turned to Dragon Doubles solely, and 41 minutes later 1,320 changes were complete.

We understand that a full peal of St. George Doubles has been rung using the only two callings that are true. We would welcome clarification of the calls, and the calling used, from any member of the band who participated. It is to be regretted that on St. George's Day, 1968, Dragon won and St. George lost.

D. C. J.

TAYLORS OF RANDWICK

The first quarter on the newly-augmented six at Randwick, Glos, marks another milestone in the remarkable ringing career of the Vicar of this delightful Cotswold village, the Rev. Neil Morrison. Having encouraged the June handbell festival, which has become an annual event, and cycled from Truro to Thurso to raise money for the augmentation, he is now teaching a keen band of youngsters, three of whom joined in the service ringing after the quarter (Catherine Ballinger, who also read the lesson), Kim Hemer and Heather Watson).

It is also interesting that the first quarter on this excellent new six, by John Taylor, of Loughborough, was conducted by Mr. John H. Taylor and rung for the christening of Julian John Taylor, son of another John Taylor, a Randwick ringer.

HILLINGDON RINGERS LOSE A FRIEND

Lady Juliet S. Craig was a great friend of Hillingdon ringers all her life and her grandfather, Mr. John F. Stilwell, was the donor of the ten bells which were installed in 1911. Lady Juliet made a request that on the day of her funeral a muffled peal should be rung, as Hillingdon ringers did for her late husband, Sir Gilfrid Craig. A quarter peal of Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled was rung on April 25th.

TOWER BELL PEALS

EASTER TOUR IN "LITTLE TEXAS"

ALL FOR THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Christine Andrew	6
Elizabeth Timmins	2	Graham W. Elmes	7
Julia A. Fellows	3	Richard C. Stevens	8
*Robert E. J. Dennis	4	†Alan F. Scholfield	9
Michael J. Platt	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* 150th peal. † 75th peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alan Scholfield.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Philip Mehew	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	6
Mary E. Elmes	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
Julia A. Fellows	3	George E. Bonham	8
Elizabeth Timmins	4	Cyril Crosthwaite	9
*Michael J. Young	5	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by Denis R. Carlisle and Gordon A. Halls.
Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal on ten bells.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in C sharp.

J. Mark Nicholson	Treble	Michael J. Young	4
Andrew W. R. Wilby	2	George E. Bonham	5
Robert D. Bellamy	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Elizabeth Timmins	Treble	*†George E. Bonham	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Andrew W. R. Wilby	3	Richard C. Stevens	7
†Graham W. Elmes	4	‡Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by R. W Pipe. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
*† 25th peal together. ‡ 700th peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Michael J. Palmer	Treble	*David E. Parsons	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	*Michael P. Moreton	7
Frank C. Price	3	Robert C. Kippin	8
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Noel J. Diserens	9
*Martin C. Faulkes	5	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal of Royal in the method. First of Bristol Surprise Royal by the Society.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CULLOMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Arthur H. Reed	Treble	Bernard G. North	6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Allan Tubb	7
David Heighton	3	David J. Orledge	8
Patrick J. Bird	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	9
John H. Taylor	5	Richard J. Bowden	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.
Rung in memory of Harold L. Parfrey.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	Lawrence Haines	6
Derek Yates	2	Basil Jones	7
Richard S. Starkie	3	Alan Scholfield	8
D Paul Smith	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	9
C Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
First peal in the method by all the band and by the Guild.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each Cambridge, London and Superlative, with all the work of each method for every bell and 112 changes of method. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Philip M. J. Gray	5
Edward Jenkins	2	D. John Hunt	6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	Brian Harris	7
Basil Jones	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Harry W. Howard	Treble	Geoffrey Green	5
Rachel Sinden	2	David Vincent	6
Christopher J. Jones	3	Michael Thomson	7
James Hedgcock	4	C. Kenneth Lewis	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Robert B. Smith	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
*Lawrence J. Haines	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Alan J. Brown	3	Basil Jones	7
Derek F. Yates	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Major in the method.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Mon., April 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr 5 lb. in E flat.

Charles F. Pocock	Treble	†H. Lyndon Hatfield	5
*Geoffrey C. Sparling	2	Robert Peers	6
Susan D. Cowan	3	Eric J. Gilbert	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Jeffrey J. Fox	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Jeffrey J. Fox.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

(Wirral Branch)

UPTON, Wirral, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Overchurch.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods/variations, being four extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Andrew, St. Leonard, April Day and Grandsire, two extents of St. John and six extents each of St. Martin and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*M. Wendy Jones	Treble	Ernest T. Carvell	3
*John K. Ratnett	2	Alexander J. Martin	4

Thomas E. Howarth .. Tenor
Conducted by Thomas E. Howarth.
* First peal in ten methods/variations. First as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church and of the bells, dedicated April 28th, 1868.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Containing 86 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Sharnbrook, Hayes, Ringstead, Stonehouse, Beckford, Winchcombe, Stratton, Stanhoe, Mitcham, Blaxhall, Marlborough, Mildenhall, Kennett, Overton and Preshute Ordinary Alliance. Crayford L.C. and Little Bob. (2) Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Benington, Saltwood, Burmarsh, Tattershall, Alford, Candlesby, Langston, Penhill and Walcot, Special Alliance, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, London Bob, Lytham and Westlecott Bob, Bastow Little Court. (3) Barnsley, South Kirby, Havercroft and Felkirk Treble Bob, Brailes, Staverton, Honington and Farnborough Special Alliance, Bastow Little Court. (4) Sandal, London Scholar's, Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke, Donnottar and Alderbourne Delight. (5) Luton, Rhyl, Ripley, Thorne, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allandale and Fryerning Surprise, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Newdigate Delight. (6) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, King Edward, Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick and Terling Surprise. (7) Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. With 224 changes of method and a plain lead of each included.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Stephen F. Royal	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Richard J. Danby	3	*Robert W. Sherriff	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 50th peal for the Guild. Tenor 8 cwt.
The greatest number of methods to a peal on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor.

Brailes Special Alliance	—16—12—16—12—5	2nds. Le. 165324
Staverton Special Alliance	—16—12—16—34—5	
Honington Special Alliance	—16—12—16.34—12.5	
Farnborough Special Alliance	—16—12—16.34—34.5	

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

Harold Taylor	Treble	Clive A. Thrower	5
Brian A. Tomlinson	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	*A. Colin Banton	7
Burley P. Morris	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* 25th peal for the Association.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Charlotte A. Bennett	Treble	Peter Gardner	5
*Colin C. Monson	2	M. Alec Beaumont	6
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	3	Malcolm E. Johnson	7
Christopher Holmes	4	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sun., April 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	John S. Rank	5
Susan Rothera	2	John G. Gipson	6
*Geoffrey Pearson		David E. Rothera	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* 250th peal,
Rung in honour of the christening of Anne Louise Motley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Peter G. Pitt	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
*Peter G. Brown	2	Walter Arnold	6
*Josephine A. Quilter	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Neil V. Avis	4	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 50th peal together.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALMELEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Rev. Canterbury, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

*W. John Clayton	Treble	Frederick R. Harris	4
John W. Hope	2	*Bryan Giddings	5
*Lawrence Mainwaring	3	Robert A. Hatcher	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., April 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Walter Ayre	Treble	†Stephen J. Crawley	5
Francis M. Byrne	2	Peter W. Harper	6
Peter T. Dale	3	Antony R. Kench	7
*Judy B. Edwards	4	Brian M. Barker	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
* First peal attempt. † First on eight bells.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Brian Andrews as priest-in-charge of this church immediately following the installation service. Also rung as a farewell to the Rev. Alec Knight and to the organist, Mr. Alan Potts.

(The Watford Grammar Schools' Society)
STANBRIDGE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Janet Smith	Treble	John H. Naysmith	3
Jill Gordon	2	Michael J. Eastman	4

Geoffrey K. Spratt .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Geoffrey K. Spratt.
First peal by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor. First peal for the Association by a School Society and the first by this Society.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Dennis G. Brown	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
Derek C. Slater	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	7
Simon A. B. Wigg	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Canon E. M. T. McLellan, on his appointment as an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

BARMING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents of Beverley Surprise, one each of Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Philip J. Simmonds	4
Judith M. Corby	2	Simon A. B. Wigg	5
Maurice Thompson	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven method, being one extent each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

Peter S. Muchlinski	Treble	Tony Lewis	4
Judith M. Corby	2	John A. Howard	5
Derek Slater	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun., April 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	†R. Keith Lister	6
*Geoffrey Fothergill	2	‡Thomas W. Smith	7
†Neil T. E. Burnett	3	‡A. John Illingworth	8
†Roy Jolley	4	John Ashcroft	9
†James Cunliffe	5	*James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by James E. Andrews.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal. First on ten bells as conductor.
Rung by one past and nine present members of the service band of St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton, to mark the centenary of the erection of the Walkden Memorial Monument, which is shortly to be removed, and also as a welcome back to peal ringing to Thomas W. Smith.

MANCHESTER, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John Evangelist, Miles Platting.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	Michael J. Platt	5
*John P. Partington	2	James E. Andrews	6
*J. Barry Pickup	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Jeffrey Kershaw	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* 50th peal together.

WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's six-part Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Margaret Crossthwaite	5
*Janet Lawson	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
John P. Partington	3	Albert Greenhalgh	7
*John Smith	4	Colin S. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Triples.
Specially arranged and rung in memory of Edmund Leach Taylor (1899–1967), father of the tenor ringer.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MELTON MOWBRAY, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MELTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

John Walden	Treble	Richard Hayes	6
Lucile M. Corby	2	*David E. Rothera	7
John Freeman	3	Andrew J. Corby	8
Judith M. Corby	4	*Robert E. J. Dennis	9
Trevor A. Cross	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Arranged by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Monica M. Jelley	Treble	Philip A. Mason	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Malcolm E. Wade	7
G. Stedman Morris	3	John Bramley	8
G. Harry Bray	4	John M. Jelley	9
Martin Green	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby Conducted by John M. Jelley.
Rung as a farewell to Canon E. N. Ducker, Vicar since 1938.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

John Walden	Treble	Phillip C. Pitchford	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	H. Leslie Pask	8
George E. Feirn	3	Jack Bray	9
Harold F. Gibson	4	Dennis A. Frith	10
Walter Tomlinson	5	Geoffrey Paul	11
Raymond F. Smith	6	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Very Rev. M. D. S. Peck, Dean of this Cathedral and president of this Guild.

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of (1) Single Court, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Kent T.B., and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

G. Angus Dixon	Treble	John Blaikie	4
Gillian Radley	2	Walter S. Smith	5
Charles V. Cade	3	Paul Coddington	Tenor

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Cheetham on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

LEADENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Double Court.
Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*David Phillipson	4
Harold F. Gibson	2	Frederick Derry	5
Phillip C. Pitchford	3	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Minor.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond J. Mayle	Treble	M. Jack Pryor	5
D. R. Lynn Jones	2	*William T. Petty	6
Mary Pryor	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
Thomas T. Yeomans	4	*†Harold Preece	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal.

CADOXTON, near Neath.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., two Kent T.B. and four Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	Treble	John M. Hughes	4
Benjamin Williams	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Alwyn R. Lewis	3	William J. Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Thomas.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composer's Circuit A.W. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

Jennifer E. Pearce	Treble	Richard F. Prime	6
William S. Deason	2	Michael J. Palmer	7
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	3	Christopher H. Rogers	8
*Michael T. Sprackling	4	Frank T. Blagrove	9
†Laurence C. Way	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by Charles I Sedgley. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MARSHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pamela J. Cadman	Treble	Hanbury F. Carter	5
Mrs. Hanbury F. Carter	2	David E. House	6
*E. Sybil M. Tonkin	3	David McLean	7
Peter N. Mackley	4	Richard A. J. Bower	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magd.
On Sat., April 20 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

David Cubitt	Treble	*Martin Cubitt	5
*Janet House	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	*Peter Adcock	7
*David G. Adams	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Bristol. Tenor 15 cwt. 50 lb. in F.

HAPPISBURGH. Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 28 lb. in G.

Norman P. J. Cossey	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
Frederick Gunton	2	Stephen F. High	5
Thomas J. Brock	3	Gilbert Larter	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. High.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WALLINGFORD, Berksnire.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-More.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 35 lb. in E flat.

David P. Hilling	Treble	David J. Forder	5
*Angela M. Ayres	2	P Gerald McIlhone	6
*Heather A. Walters	3	Roger M. Heyworth	7
Robert A. Partridge	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. (C.C.C. No. 2.) Conducted by R. C. Kippin.
* First peal of Cambridge. First of Surprise on the bells.
Rung for the Festival of Easter and to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Hester, of Wallingford.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
KIDLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat. April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 23½ cwt.

Frank E. Haynes	Treble	Christopher M. P. Johnson	5
Edgar J. Smith	2	Brian R. White	6
Hilary Muirhead	3	Brian D. Threlfall	7
Frederick A. H. Wilkins	4	Francis A. White	Tenor

Conducted by Frank E Haynes.
Rung as a compliment to J. H. R. Freeborn and Mrs. Ada Miller, married the previous day at Cambridge.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
ROTHWELL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 ROTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Mary R. Coleman	Treble	Herrick B. Bowley	5
Sheila J. Staley	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
Geoffrey E. Watson	3	Murray A. Coleman	7
Shirley Burton	4	William J. Root	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
First peal in the method. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.
ROTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	John C. Eisel	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
James W. Belshaw	3	Ernest J. Gower	9
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Roderick W. Pipe	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D.

Roderick W. Pipe	Treble	James Insley	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Norman J Goodman	3	John C. Eisel	9
Tudor P. Edwards	4	George E. Fearn	10
Richard J. Tibbetts	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James W. Belshaw	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Maurice F Edwards	2	Raymond Aldington	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	J Alan Ainsworth	7
Susan E. Smith	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., April 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's odd-bob one-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Susan E. Smith	2	J Alan Ainsworth	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Henry H. Fearn	4	George E Fearn	Tenor

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDBOURNE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's six-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

Timothy R. Jones	Treble	T. Arthur Palmer	5
George A Newman	2	Frederick J. Read	6
*Karl Harvey	3	Allan G. Keen	7
Heather L. Jones	4	John Cuss	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Read.
* First peal. First eight-bell peal by all except the ringers of 5 and 7. First eight-bell peal on the bells by a local company since 1837.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

John N Lindon	Treble	Philip J. Evans	5
Susan E. Smith	2	Maurice G. Ingram	6
Richard J Tibbetts	3	Ernest F. Willcox	7
Reginald H. Newton	4	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RUDDINGTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL of 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arthur Newell	Treble	*Sydney Adams	5
Kevin A. Betesta	2	John Eborall	6
David K. Walklate	3	H David Oliver	7
Neil Handley	4	Reginald J. Stretton	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal on eight bells "inside." First of Major on the bells.
Rung for the Festival of Easter and as a farewell to Miss I. Mayfield. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in E.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

PRESTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Maurice T. Symonds	Treble	Richard Chambers	4
W. Keith Whittell	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
Harry D. Lister	3	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., April 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Extents Nos. 1, 2, 21. 22, 23, 24, 26.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*Brian R. Wells	Treble	Arthur F. Ballam	4
†Tony Spurling	2	John A. Underwood	5
Christopher R. Nunn	3	Robin H. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
* First peal. † First peal "inside."
Arranged to mark the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Mary, to Brian and Christine Wells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Valerie L. Hayward	Treble	‡Alan H. Long	4
*Wendy Wallace	2	‡Robin A. Grant	5
†Lucy P. A. Hopkins	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Minor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. Christopher F. Hopkins and Miss Janet Linn, who were to be married the following Saturday at Southwark Cathedral.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, Lewes Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5094 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*Hilary A. Thick	Treble	Frank H. Hicks	6
*Charlotte M. Harris	2	*Roger Osbon	7
*Janet E. Blake	3	Philip Stevens	8
*R. Jean Osbon	4	†David D. Smith	9
E. Winifred Keys	5	*Douglas J. Hoad	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters in the method. First of Caters as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 96 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Susan E. Smith	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Robert Edwards	7
Peter L. Bill	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, being 1,120 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and Eastcote, 320 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Richard E. Price	6
Susan Jackson	3	David Nichols	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Alan Clifton	5
Ian North	2	David S. Lockwood	6
*Adrian Dempster	3	Rev. Giles C. Galley	7
*E. Guy Cox	4	Robin Brown	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow Conducted by Robin Brown.
* First peal in the method. First of Major as conductor.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Catherine R. Slater	Treble	H. David Holland	5
C. Barrie Dove	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	David Smith	7
*Ronald J. Snack	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal of London.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., April 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Christopher I. Rowson ..	Treble	Peter D. Hepburn	5
D. Paul Treble	2	Terry G. Williams	6
Janet E. Cleeve	3	Bernard J. Stone	7
John R. Norris	4	Ivor N. Pett	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Adrian Semken and Heather McArthur. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WRAGBY, West Yorks.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
On Mon., April 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Double Oxford, Pinchurst and Thelwall, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (4) St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Reverse Canterbury, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
Susan Mitchell	2	*Ronald J. Snack	5
Michael R. Meadows ..	3	Ronald R. Warford ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 50th peal of Minor. First in 14 Minor methods by all the band except the conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Good Friday, April 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

James Thorley	Treble	G. Frederick Terry	4
Ronald R. Warford	2	John J. Taylor	5
John Potts	3	Alan Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.
Half-muffled—rung at the request of the Vicar.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Christopher J. Groome ..	4
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	Susan E. Thompson ..	5
Katharine M. Thorley ..	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* Has "circled the tower" as conductor.
Rung half-muffled on Good Friday.

HANDBELL PEALS

RECORD PEAL

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Herts.—At The School, Pancake Lane.
On Sun., May 5, 1968 in 4 Hours and 47 Minutes,
PEAL OF 10784 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Brian J. Woodruffe	7–8

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
Umpires: Walter Ayre, Anthony R. Carter and Robert E. Hardy.
The greatest number of changes yet rung to a peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

*J. David Atkinson 9–10
Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Royal "in hand" in the method.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire.—At 52, Grove Park.
On Fri., April 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 12 in G.

*Christopher J. Jones ..	1–2	*Geoffrey Green	3–4

C. Kenneth Lewis (cond.) .. 5–6
* First peal "in hand."

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY, Derbyshire.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.
On Wed. May 1, 1968, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4

A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5–6

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WIGSTON, Leicestershire.—At 13, Bradgate Drive.
On Wed., April 24 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

A. Maxwell Lindsay	1–2	John Bramley	5–6
John M. Jelley	3–4	*Martin Green	7–8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal "in hand."

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On April 28th, 1,296 Hull Surprise Minor: C. H. Macve 1, N. Bennett 2, Amanda Powell (cond.) 3, Wendy Wallace 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins.

CHERITON, KENT. — On April 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mary Munt 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, Pamela Court 3 A. Binstead 4, R. A. Birch 5, R. J. Birch 6, A. C. Eastmead 7, K. Butler 8. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Munt and their daughters, Helen, Margaret and Rachel

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND. — On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Woodgate (first quarter) 1, Rosetta Roberts 2, R. Wetenhall (cond.) 3, W. Fooley 4, E. Halton 5, A. Shepherd (first quarter) 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Upton 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, J. Jeffery 4, B. Dixon 5, J. Herbecq 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, S. Upton 8. In honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

DEDDINGTON, OXON. — On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. H. Minnear 1, P. Davis 2, A. W Ivings 3, P. R. Davis 4, H. N. Pratley 5, W. Ivings 6, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7, O. J. Hemmings 8. Rung for the wedding this day of the Vicar's son (Michael Palmer).

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. Booth 1, Mrs. S. Tonkin 2, C. Spreadbury (first "inside") 3, G. Titherly 4, Miss A. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Breed 6, B. Stepney 7, D. McLean 8. Rung on the birthday or the treble ringer.

LEICESTER. — At the Cathedral, on April 17th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1, Mrs. H. B. Bowley 2, P. J. Staniforth 3, E. A. Jacques 4, J. P. Kesterton 5, R. Grant 6, S. Burton (cond.) 7, H. B. Bowley 8, W. J. Root 9, E. R. Whitehead 10. Half-muffled to the memory of Cyril B. Innocent, verger at Leicester Cathedral, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

QUARTER PEALS

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on March 24th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): I. M. Minns 1, M. Todd 2, J. Parkin (cond.) 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. For Mothers Day; also as a wedding compliment to David Louch and Susan Turton.

LODERS, DORSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hiller 1, Mrs. J. Davis 2, D. Ellery 3, M. Hiller 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, C. H. Crabb 6. A 21st birthday compliment to T. Dennitt and D. Gill; also on the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D Thomas.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Violet Relf 1, R. Lucas 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, J. Spree 4, E. Clifton 5, W. W. Ring 6, G. Stewart (cond.) 7, M. W. Marshall 8. A compliment to Highwood S. Humphrey, of New Romney, who was to celebrate his 87th birthday on April 19th, and the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

SELLINDGE, KENT — On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Judith Brooks 1, K. D Butler (cond.) 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. A. Birch 5, A. J. Binstead 6.

SCALBY, YORKS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. A. Watson 1, E. P. King 2, M J. Pickup 3, R. F. Watson 4, C. J. Easton (first as cond.) 5, F. O. Tabberer 6. First quarter 1, 4. Half-muffled in memory of Our Lord's Crucifixion.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On March 24th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: A. A. Parsons 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, E. J. Dicken 3, A. A Rackham 4, Sheila Parsons 5, R. G. Howells 6, E. Elton 7, G. H. Peers, jun. 8, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 9, G. H. Peers 10. First quarter 1, 2. First of Plain Bob Caters on bells. Rung to mark the dedication of a processional cross in memory of the late Rev. W. MacGregor; also the marriage of Mr. Geo. H. Peers, jun., to Mrs. Nina Gorney, of Lidlington, Beds.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. Sutton 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Mrs. E. Jaques 3, B. Bladon 4, M. Penney 5, R. J Hulme 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, M. J. Stanley 8, M. New 9, W. W. T. Daniell 10. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. E. Farley curate, who is being inducted to the living of Dunston, Staffs.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, Liscard, on April 16th, 1,250 Cambridge S. Major: Julia A. Fellows 1, R. D. Bellamy 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, M. J. Young 4, G. W. Elmes 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, G. E. Bonham 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, a quarter peal: Susan F. Cooper 1, Christine T Wilkins 2, S. Mallett (first "inside") 3, Leah Floyd 4, A. Wenden (cond.) 5, R. S. Foster 6.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Carol Andrews 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Bruce Rogers 3, T. Skilton 4, Alan Elsmore 5. First quarter on five for all the band. Rung to celebrate the wedding this day of Stephanie Childs and Alan Luxford.

WILTON, Taunton, SOM.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marian J. Beale 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, Brenda M. Bindon 3, A. H. Reed 4, W. H. Tarr 5, F. Avery 6, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 7, R. M. B. Cullen 8. For the Patronal Festival.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Maynard 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. Williams 3, F. D. Mack (cond.) 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, W. J. Harvey 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. T. West 1, F. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, D. A. Wills 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6.

YATTON, SOM.—On April 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W S. Rice 1, G. Hebden 2, G. Gaylard 3, T. E. Marks 4, G. Prescott 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6, F. Sand- 7, J. K. Baker 8.

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ENGAGEMENT

HUTCHBY—BELLABY. — The engagement is announced between Edward Hutchby and Rosemary Bellaby, both of Nottingham. 3914

DEATH

LAFLIN. Peter. — On April 30th, 1968, peacefully in hospital, and of 25, Hallam Street, Heaviley, Stockport, aged 78 years. Beloved father and friend of Harry, Edna, Frances and Winnie and dear granddad of Philip, Roger and Roselin, Elizabeth, William and Peter, and Brian. Service at St. George's Church, Stockport, followed by interment at Stockport Borough Cemetery on May 4th, 1968. 3916

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHAPMAN.—The address of the future Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will be 61, Chelmer Road, Witham, Essex. Stage coach passes the door. 3922

MORDAUNT.—The new address of Bob and Elaine is 1, Ribstone Road, Cox Green, Maidenhead, Berks. Tel. Maidenhead 20314. 3913

ROGERS.—The address of Robin, Janet and Simon, at present of Bury St. Edmunds, will be 306, Oundle Road, Peterborough, from May 30th. 3879

TUFTS.—The address of Mrs. Nancy Poore Tufts is now 12001, River View Road S.E., Washington D.C., U.S.A.

PERSONAL

"Those that he planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."—Psalm xcii, 13 and 14.

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Refreshments available. Special rates for parties who book. Details from Miss R. J. Vidler, Tall Oaks, Headcorn. 3925

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING
May 25th, 1968

Rochester Cathedral, 10.30–11.30.
Lunch at 1.15 p.m. at Adelaide Suite, Castle Restaurant, 71, Castle Street, Canterbury.
Business meeting at 2.45 at St. Alphege's Parish Hall, King Street, Canterbury.
Canterbury Cathedral 4.15–6.
Sevenoaks Parish Church 7.30–8.30.
Social evening at the Vine Tavern, Sevenoaks.

Accommodation for lunch is limited, so early application is advised (cost 14s. each). Names to me by May 18th, please. Cars may be parked at yard of Twymans Ltd., Old Dover Road, Canterbury.

J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road. London, S.W.12. 3844

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICESTERSHIRE. — Practice nights will be by arrangement, the first of which will be on Thursday, May 30th, 7.30–9. All visitors are very welcome. — R. H. M. 3924

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Aldershot Tower: As from first week in June, weekly practices will be held on **Thursday** evenings, 7.30–9 p.m., instead of Fridays.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Tower Sec. 3941

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Leatherhead District

Summer Festival, June 1st, 1968

Merrow (6)	10.30–11.15
West Clandon (8) ..	11.00–11.45
Ockley (6)	11.30–12.15
Newdigate (6)	12.15– 1.00
Banstead (8)	1.45– 2.30
Dorking (8)	2.00– 3.00
Ashtead (8) (Time later)	
Ewell (8)	3.30– 4.30

Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.

Epsom (10)	6.00– 7.00
Epsom Common (8) ..	6.15– 7.00
Leatherhead (10) ..	6.30– 7.30
Stoke D'Abernon (6) ..	7.00– 7.45
Cobham (6)	7.30– 8.15

Capel bells are unfortunately not available.

Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, by May 29th, please.—Jill Oakshott, Dis. Sec. 3943

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Striking Competition, Shepshed, Saturday, May 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, 20, Kirkland Road, Braunston, by May 15th. 3918

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Preliminary Notice.—The 345th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Please book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highlands. 3948

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MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at East Bedfont, Friday, May 17th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3853

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District.—Striking Competition, Thorington (6), May 18th, 2.15 p.m. start. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. R. Andrews, Abbey View, Thorington. Colchester. 3880

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Oaksey (6), 5.30 to 6.45 p.m.; Kemble (6), 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, May 18th.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 3927

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Painswick (12), May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by May 14th. 3912

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, Wheathampstead Saturday, May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, **please**, to F. W. Ellis, 130, Marford Road, Wheathampstead.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3818

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath (8), May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. T. H. Norris, 49, Ashfield Avenue, Bushey, Herts.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 3876

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bishop's Stortford District.—Evening meeting at Thorley (6) on Saturday, May 18th. Ringing 6.30–9.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 3951

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Littleham, Exmouth, May 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Ringing at Exeter Cathedral after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. J. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. 3828

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Special meeting, St. Matthew's (6), Ipswich, May 18th, 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting St. Matthew's 6 p.m. Sproughton (6) 7–8 p.m.; Bramford (6) 8–9 p.m. A good attendance, please. Gentlemen very welcome.—J. Lester. Dis. Sec. 3872

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Upton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise and Bob Doubles. Tea for those who notify me.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3889

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chiltern Branch. — Monthly practice meetings: 6.30–8, p.m.: May 18th, Ellesborough; June 15th, Slapton; July 20th. Monks Risborough. All welcome.—A. J. White, Branch Sec. 3915

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on May 18th at 6 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Surprise Major. 3926

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Crawford Cup Contest meeting, Barnby. Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Open ringing after tea.—D. J. Tysoe, Dis. Sec. 3931

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Midhurst and Lodsworth on Saturday, May 18th. Midhurst (6) 2.45 to 4.25. Service at St. Mary's, Midhurst, at 4.30. Tea at Midhurst at 5.15. Ringing at Lodsworth (6) from 6.30 to 8.30. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 3904

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The A.G.M. will be on Saturday, May 18th. Bells and ringing at Norton (8) 3 to 3.30, and Dore (8) 3.30 to 4.30 and after the business meeting until 8.30 approx. Election of a new secretary and three committee members. Due to unavoidable circumstance, only cups of tea available, so bring own food. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 3870

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at **Skipton** (8) on Saturday, May 18th, 6–8.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge. Stedman, Plain Bob, call changes. All welcome, especially learners. — Maurice Thurmott. 3906

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Dorking on Monday, May 20th, 7.30–9 p.m. 3942

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on May 21st at 8.15 p.m. Practices: May 21st, St. Paul's Cathedral; May 28th, St. Mary-le-Bow; June 4th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; June 11th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m. **Canterbury meeting,** May 25th. Parking at Twymans Ltd. will be available if no room elsewhere; the gates will be locked at 1.15 p.m. until after the ringing at the Cathedral.—J. G. A. Prior. 3923

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice, St. James', Bristol, Tuesday, May 21st, 7.30 p.m. Please note change of plans for meeting on June 8th. Instead of meeting in Bristol this will probably be at Clapton-in-Gordano. Confirmation of this in "The Ringing World" later.—B. J. 3921

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Evening practice at St. George's, Hyde, on Tuesday, May 21st. Bells (8) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with special attention to L.A.C.R. Cert. of Proficiency. — A. Ward, Branch Sec. 3919

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Doynton 7 p.m., Dyrham 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, May 24th.—R. H. D. 3938

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Uphill (6) on Saturday, May 25th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 3946

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS

Annual General Meeting

BIDEFORD, SATURDAY, MAY 25th

Service at Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:—

Throwleigh (6) 10–11, Hatherleigh (8) 11.30–1.30, Merton (6) 12.30–1.30 Frithelstock (6), Markleigh (6) and Littleham (6) 2–3.30, Parkham (6) and Buckland Brewer (6) 3–4, Colebrooke (6) 10–11, Winkleigh (8) 11–12, Great Torrington (8) 12.30–1.30, Beaford (6) and Appledore (8) 2–3, Northam (8) 3–4, Holsworthy (8) 12–2, Westleigh 12–3 and 6.30–7.30, Bideford (8) 2.45–4.15.

Names for tea to Mrs. B. L. Crabb, 7, Kenwith Road, Bideford, by May 20th latest.

DON ROBERTS, Hon. Sec. 3933

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. SATURDAY, MAY 25th, 1968

At GAYTON, NORTHANTS

Committee meeting in Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o) to be obtained before Tuesday, May 21st, 1968, from Rev. E. G. Orland, The Rectory, Gayton, Northampton.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

10.30–12.30	12.00–2.00	1.30–3.45
Alderton (5)	*Towcester (6)	*Easton Neston (8)
Grafton Regis (5)	*Greens Norton (6)	Blisworth (5)
*Cosgrove (6)	Bradden (5)	Collingtree (5)
*Potterspury (6)	Blakesley (5)	Milton (5)
Wicken (8)	Lichborough (5)	*Rothersthorpe (5)
*Whittlebury (5)	Pattishall (6)	*Bugbrooke (5)
*Paulerspury (6)		

2 p.m.–4.15 p.m. *Gayton (6).

Towers marked thus * are available after the meeting until 9 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting, Westoning, Saturday, May 25th, from 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Tea in Vicarage. Toddington bells after tea. Names, please, to Mr. B. Deacon, 10, Flitwick Road, Westoning. 3928

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Thrybergh (6), Saturday, May 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; cups of tea only. 3937

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Striking Competition at Harston (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. (Competition approx 2.30 p.m.) Tea 5 p.m. Village Hall. General ringing after tea.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3893

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Sutton Benger (5), May 25th, 5.30 p.m. 3945

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Smart, Okemead, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot. (Aldershot 25710.) — Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 3899

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Hon. Sec. 3934

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Practice, Tarrington, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone made welcome. 3930

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, May 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 3929

LEEDS & DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Batley, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Sheard, 20, Suffolk Avenue, Calfcon Grange, Batley, by previous Thursday. 3954

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 25th, at All Hallows', Twickenham (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing at Chiswick (8) 6.30 p.m.–7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3952

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Castleacre, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea essential to C. E. G. Banham. Bridge Cottage, Caston, Attleborough, by Wedday, 22nd. 3920

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at Churchill on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford (Tel. Kingham 472) by May 22nd. 3883

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — High Wycombe, Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please note new secretary: J. Muller, 7, Brampton Court, Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead. 3953

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.— **Evening** meeting at Broad Hinton (6), May 25th. Meeting commences 6 p.m.—E. A. Spearey, Branch Sec. 3855

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Broadchalke, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Striking competition 6 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 21st. 3935

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District) and E. DERBYS and WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at Blackwell, Derbys (6), Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. South Normanton bells (6) available 6–9 p.m. **Cup Contest:** Contestants only, please, to Tibshelf—draw 2.30 p.m. sharp. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derby, DE5 5TY, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 3932

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at **Kedlington,** Sat., May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please note change of venue. It is hoped that the meeting on August 24th will be at Polstead. Names for tea, please to Mr. G. F. Senior, 127, Westward Deals, Kedington, Haverhill, Suffolk, by May 22nd.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening practice, Richmond, May 25th, 7 p.m.—E. G. H. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 3886

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Rye, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Further ringing after tea and meeting. Names to me as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, Sussex. 3895

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Meeting, Fawley, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea (5 p.m.) and meeting in Church Hall. Ringing at Eling after. Names for tea essential to Lionel V. Smith, 10, Springfield Grove, Fawley, by Thursday, 23rd. 3944

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Northallerton (8), Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. A.G.M. after tea. Evening ringing at Kirby Wiske (6) Names to Mr. David Town, Thornton-le-Moor, Northallerton, by Thursday, 23rd. —Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3940

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival at Hereford, June 3rd. Service, Cathedral, 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Application for list of towers open and tea tickets (5s., payable in advance) with s.a.e. to G. T. Cousins, 7 Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye, not later than May 27th. 3950

(Notices continued overleaf)

LADIES' GUILD. — A.G.M., July 6th. Tickets for lunch (6s.) and dinner (24s.) are now available from Miss V. E. Ware, 4, Book Centre Mansions, North Circular Road, Neasden, N.W.10. Please enclose s.a.e. Numbers must be received by June 21st. 3947

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

17,824 T.B. Major

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring on handbells a peal of 17,824 Kent Treble Bob Major on Sunday, May 26th, starting at 11.30 a.m., in The School, Pancake Lane, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. The composition to be used is as follows:—

17,824 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By T. B. Worsley

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52436 W
23564 B
36245 B
64352 B
734526 M B 5ths H H
274365 In 4ths
647325 M H
475623 4ths 4ths In 4ths In 4ths B 4ths
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754623 M M In B 5ths 5ths W H
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Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

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QUARTER PEALS

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Andrea North 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, B. S. Payne 3, M. D. Barsby 4, R. Wilmore (cond.) 5, P. G. Chambers 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Charles Lovett, ringer and for many years a ringer in this tower.

BUTCOMBE, SOM. — On April 15th, 1,320 Old Doubles: V. James 1, S. J. Bateman (cond.) 2, D. Rennolds 3, Helen Kirkpatrick 4, N. Dawson 5, W. Willans 6. First in the method by all.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan J. Devey 1, Susan Lloyd 2, Angela Pearn (first "inside") 3, M. Barrat 4, P. J. Barker 5, R. D. Baker (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

COTLEIGH, DEVON. — On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Stamp (first quarter, on her 12th birthday) 1, W. Sparkes 2, F. Stamp 3, L. Stevens 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6.

DUNHAM MASSEY, CHESHIRE.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hilary McCormac 1, R. Green 2, T. W. Lamb 3, G. Green 4, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 5.

EATON SOCON, HUNTS.—On April 27th, 1,248 Kent T.B. Major: I. P. Sawford (first Kent) 1, G. E. Thoday 2, P. S. George (first Kent Major) 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. D. Corby (first Kent Major) 5, R. D. Bellamy 6, G. E. Bonham 7, B. F. Sims (cond.) 8. Rung in memoriam Mrs. Maureen Bloomfield, killed in a road accident.

ELFORD, STAFFS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. Mulvey 1, Kate O'Sullivan (first "inside") 2, Rosemary White 3, T. Shilvock 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5. Rung by St. Michael's, Rushall, Sunday service band.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On April 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Crossthwaite 1, R. G. Green 2, L. F. Palmer 3, R. A. Beresford 4, Suzanne J. Withers 5, R. J. Chandler 6, J. J. Durham 7, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3. For the 20th birthday of the conductor.

HESSLE, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: R. A. Sharp 1, Elizabeth Moss 2, R. H. Jordan 3, K. Gatman 4, Rev. F. Ross 5, R. R. Horton (cond., 20th quarter) 6.

HEVER, KENT.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Leppard 1, P. R. Everest 2, D. J. M. Cox 3, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 4, B. E. Jeffrey 5, M. W. Thompson 6. Half-muffled in memory of S. C. Cook, aged 74 years.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne Parr 1, Pauline Smith 2, Margaret James 3, A. H. Smith 4, P. Ford 5, A. J. Smith (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hilda Smith.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At 17, Hanover Square, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Suzanne J. Withers 1–2, P. J. Crossthwaite (cond.) 3–4, R. G. Green 5–6. First "in hand" 1–2, 5–6. By Leeds University Union.

LIMERICK. — At St. Mary's Catnedral, on April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Cox 1, T. T. Marsden 2, D W. Galbraith (15, first as cond.) 3, C. W. Galbraith 4, G. H. Ellis 5, F. G. Bingham 6. For the 800th anniversary of the Cathedral.

MILTON REGIS, KENT. — On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Denise Wingrave 1, Susan Rayner 2, P. Jackson 3, P. R. Cockrill 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, C. Roberts 6. Rung after St. George's Day Scout parade.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—At the Watch Tower, on April 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Tyson 1, K. Arthur (cond.) 2, P. Wishart 3, E. N. Harrison 4, G. S. Deas 5, J. Roach 6, T. M. Cox 7, P. Tocock 8. Rung at the invitation of the organising committee to inaugurate the Morpeth Arts Festival for 1968.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jane Reynolds 1, F. J. Maude 2, F. Reynolds (cond.) 3, G. O. Sanders 4, E. A. Reeves 5, P. Reeves 6, Rev. M. Holt 7, A. Ward 8. Half-muffled in memoriam A. Leighton, a ringer at Prestwich for 20 years.

SALTWOOD, KENT. — On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. H. Gower 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, R. A. Birch (cond.) 3, B. G. Butcher 4, K. D. Butler 5, A. P. S. Berry 6. For the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Tumber.

SEND, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire: Miss D. Colcombe 1, E. Warner 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. Bailey 4, J. King (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. Rung for the sixth anniversary of W. Goldstone's death, and in thanksgiving for the life of Dr. Lucy Wallace who was buried the previous day.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—On April 27th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (Oxford and Kent): Iris Piper 1, Maria Stephenson 2, T. W. Thirkell (first as cond.) 3, C. R. Robinson 4, Linda Sherwood 5, R. Ducker 6. A wedding compliment to John Edward Willats and Patricia Anne Wilson (member of local band).

THORLEY, HERTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Warboys (cond.) 1, K. Westwood 2, T. Camp 3, F. Bird 4, R. Hayden 5, D. Kingston 6. For morning service.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOM. — On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. P. Tudball 1, S. Wyburn 2, Miss B. Bindon 3, F. Casley 4, H. Purchase 5, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, R. Arscott 7, H. Lloyd (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 6. Rung for the introduction of Mr. Miller as priest-in-charge.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. G. Green (first quarter) 1, Suzanne J. Withers 2, J. J. Durham 3, L. F. Palmer 4, M. G. Dodson 5, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 6. By Leeds University Union.

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A RINGERS' STORY

Portrait of a Practice—By "FIFTH OBSERVATION"

(Continued from page 363)

Part 2.

[On a warm summer evening enough ringers have assembled at St. Dunstan's practice to permit an attempt at a six-score of Grandsire Doubles—the bobs to be called by the young and enthusiastic Paddy. Unfortunately his conducting ability doesn't prove equal to the task of keeping the bells right and the touch grinds to an unmelodious halt as the Cocks brigade—brother, sister and cousin—arrive . . .]

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Enter Leslie, wearing an engaging grin.

"Having trouble?"

"Why, no," responded Mick, "we were just seeing what Grandsire would sound like if we rang it, er, semi-conducted, as you might say—eh, Pad?"

"Grr!" spluttered the conductor. "You two back-enders crossed over on purpose."

Mick and Martin opened wide eyes of innocence. "Not we," said Martin; and "I only did what you told me," said Mick. "'Go in,' you bellowed at the last bob and in I went. No man can do more than execute the commands given him by . . ."

"Oh, Mick," said Paddy a trifle testily.

". . . his superiors, whose word is, on all occasions . . ."

Enter at this point Susan, somewhat uncomfortably attired in a gaudy tubular garment striped in a variety of startling colours; behind her cousin Jane, dressed in a slightly more suitable fashion for the negotiation of steep, spiral staircases; the former wearing an expression of chagrin, the latter grinning widely.

"Hullo, you two! You've just missed the all-time record glorious crunch-up," observed Martin by way of greeting.

Leslie favoured Sue with a pontifical look. "If it had not been for my sister's insistence on wearing this regrettable garment to practise," he sighed, "we three should have been here considerably sooner—perhaps even in time to avert the crisis. As it was, however, speed was reduced to one inch per step."

"Oh, you beast, Les! Don't rub it in," cried mortified Sue, hands to curly head. "It was cuckoo of me to wear it tonight, I know—but it's such a super dress, and I wanted to stun Mick—always saying he wants a bit of life and colour in the ringing chamber" (loud snort from Mick at this point) "and now I've gone and split the seam all up this side, trying to get up your rotten old stairs just to please you. I think I'll claim damages, Bob."

The band were vastly diverted.

"Rubbish! We didn't split your seam."

"I'm afraid we can't alter the height of the steps, you know" (this was Bob) "just to accommodate the latest in feminine inelegance."

"Ooh, BOB!" (from the Troughton sisters and Sue, in unison).

"After all" (this from Mick) "you couldn't expect the old Normans to have anticipated your little bit of life and colour coming up their stairs, Sue."

"Normans, my foot! The whole tower was renovated in eighteen-something."

"Well, only one thing for it—or rather two; forswear the fashion, or ring from the ground floor. We'll rig up a special rope for you," offered Mick, kindly.

The shouts of mirth which greeted this gem of wit tailed off somewhat at the entrance of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tedder and the Rev. John Southcott; partly in deference to the feelings of the curate, who was not yet hardboiled enough to be entirely immune from the fear that on occasion his ringers cracked hearty jokes at his expense on account of his being only a learner and a rather slow one at that. But the present aspect of old Bill Tedder's countenance would have stopped a double-decker in mid-career; and Bob, anticipating trouble, took measures to forestall it.

"Come and ring, sir," he beamed, extending a hand to the Rev. Southcott. "And Bill and Pat, too—this is wonderful! We'll have a nice touch of Bob Minor."

"'Eard some rum old Grandzur as we was comin' up 'ill," grunted Bill. "Thought all yew young ladies 'n' gennelmen 'd be able ter make a better noise 'n that."

"Yes, yes, well, it was Patrick here's first attempt at conducting."

"Second!" (Paddy had a strict regard for truth in such matters.)

"Sorry, Pad; second, and we all got in a bit of a mess, but now you're here we'll have a really strong side . . . let me see . . . yes, we might even get some Surprise."

Paddy fixed Bob with a hopeful eye; "Cambridge?"

"Oho," said Bob. "you've ambitions in that direction, have you? Cambridge it shall be, then; but Bob Minor for Mr. Southcott now, please. Catch hold, all who will. Would you take the second, sir? I'll stand behind you. Martin, would you like to take charge of this one? Just a short touch—make sure the second's affected; it's all right, sir. I'll tell you what to do. Right you are, Martin . . . oh, somebody for the fifth? Leslie? Good man. Off you go, Jill."

They rang Bob Minor, and then they had Mick's Double Oxford, with old Bill Tedder in his element, putting everyone else right (and himself wrong) from the tenor; and then Bob hauled the Troughtons by main force through a plain course of Stedman, and Leslie got himself into a fearful muddle attempting to conduct a touch of Kent and Oxford, and was forced to call "Stand" halfway through.

In the ensuing pause Paddy, emboldened by Leslie's misfortune, raised his head from Cambridge Minor, to which he had been glued for the greater part of the evening, and remarked, "Bob, you said . . ."

"Come on, you Surprise addicts, here's Paddy getting impatient" announced Bob. "We haven't got long, so catch hold quickly, please. Where are you intending to start, then, Pad?"

"Third's place bell," said Paddy.

"And do you know how it goes? My goodness, you ought to; you've been huddled over the diagram all evening."

"Oh, yes—it's the work on the back; double-dodge, lie, single dodge, fifths, single dodge, lie, double dodge and go in to—er—fourth's place bell; and then I go dodge, places, places, dodge, places, places, dodge, and run in, and snap, lead, run out, dodge . . ."

"Spare us the rest," implored Bob, feigning weakness at the knees.

The Cambridge band got into position—Jane on the treble, Sue on the second, Martin, Bill and Mick on the heavy end, and, in the middle, Paddy, stiff as a ramrod, Bob standing casually behind him.

Jane sent the bells into rounds; and, after four whole-pulls, "Go, Cambridge," said Mick.

(To be concluded)

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,368 Berwick Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, I. Wiltshire 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

AMPORT, HANTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (22 methods/var.): R. J. Latham 1, R. W. T. Slack 2, B. R. M. Johnson 3, N. G. Hughes 4, A. J. Mason (most methods as cond.) 5, A. M. Donaldson 6. Most methods/variations 1, 2, 4, 6. By Winchester College Society.

AWRE, GLOS.—On April 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anita K. Tyler 1, R. M. Day 2, J. M. Rice 3, R. C. A. Philpott (first in method) 4, J. A. Long 5, G. T. Horritt (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor for all the band except 4th ringer.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Percy 1, Jane Mason (first in method) 2, Susan Harrison 3, P. Fox 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, C. Percy 6.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: L. Cooper 1, C. Woodward 2, D. Woodward 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, T. Hurst 6. First in method 1, 2, 4 and 6.

CHURCHILL, SOM.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Lynette Brennan 1, B. Mills 2, J. Walton 3, J. Chaplin (first as cond.) 4, C. Avery 5, W. Warren 6. Rung following the visit this day of Her Majesty the Queen to Langford University.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lyn Parker 1, Anne Cooke 2, Felicity Cooke 3, Ruth Havard 4, N. Simon 5, S. Fenwick 6, C. Ricketts (cond.) 7, P. Williams 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 21st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, Angela Quick 2, G. S. Morris 3, M. Hiller 4, H. G. Keeley 5, D. Ellery 6, F. G. Knight 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 6, 7. For Evensong

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Minor (Plain, Little, St. Clement's): J. R. Whittaker 1, M. Johnson 2, M. F. Brook 3, J. L. Birdsall 4, A. Spivey 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. First in three methods for all.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, LEICS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill Howitt (first quarter) 1, R. H. Cook 2, D. L. Alderton 3, R. D. Hughes 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6. With birthday compliments to Jill Howitt and David Alderton.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bell Richards 1, A. Butcher 2, D. Wilson 3, G. Young 4, J. Webb 5, R. Brewer 6, K. Tyler (cond.) 7, How. Meek 8. An 85th birthday tribute to W. Beard, life member of the Association.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On March 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Harvey 1, Mrs. M. E. Brown 2, R. W. Smith 3, M. E. Brown 4, B. L. Burrows 5, J. Watkins (cond.) 6. Rung for the laying of the foundation stone for the new church hall.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On April 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Barwell 1, Cynthia Charter 2, W. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Spencer 1, G. Davis 2, Ann Smith 3, W. S. Smith 4, T. Bush 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung after the baptism of Martin Peter Spencer.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 7th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: Liz C. Duncan 1, Caroline R. F. Cole 2, Laura M. Grindrod 3, R. Durrant 4, M. C. Austin 5, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 6, A. J. Slade 7, D. E. Cobb 8. For Matins.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On April 21st, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. E. Fullbrook 1, H. White 2, Anne M. Carpenter 3, K. Leach 4, I. P. Stoter 5, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 1, Miss J. Shaw 2, R. Garratt 3, E. E. Norris 4, V. Bull 5, R. Pagdin 6, N. G. Knee 7, P. Roynon 8. For Palm Sunday, also a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd. Believed to be first of Stedman Triples by Sunday service band.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. P. Sale 1, I. G. Morgan 2, R. A. Eldridge 3, D. J. Edmonds 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. For Eastertide. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Parker 1, R. Henman (cond.) 2, D. Robinson 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, D. J. Edmonds 5. For the Festival of St. George.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM.—On April 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Mills 1, R. Jones 2, E. Forrest 3, J. Coombs 4, B. Williams 5, D. Gay 6, S. Lewis 7, J. Walton (cond.) 8. First of Major by all except 6 and 8.

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—		—	34265
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	2S	—	42365
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The Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol

OUR COVER PICTURE

The Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol

By ALAN P. HANCOCK

THE parish church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, is generally accepted as one of finest examples of Gothic architecture in England. Indeed, Queen Elizabeth I, in 1574, described it as "the fairest, goodliest and most famous parish church in England." Later, in 1628, Charles I declared: "The parish church of Redcliffe for the foundation structures and buildings thereof is one of the most famous absolute fairest and goodliest parish churches within the realm of England."

Numerous quotations have been made before and since; sufficient to sum up with the phrase used by Thomas Chatterton, the boy poet: "The pride of Bristowe (Bristol) and the western land." The Rowley poems were written by Chatterton in the muniment room over the north porch and the church manuscripts were used as his parchments.

On the south side of the River Avon are the Red Cliffs and it is from the latter that the name originated; the church is that of St. Mary on the Red Cliff. It is hard to realise now that the "suburb of Redcliffe," as Pensvor described it, was once a separate entity from the city of Bristol. The River Avon separated them, Bristol being on the north bank and Redcliffe on the south. It was in Redcliffe that the wealthy merchants had their dwellings, wharves and warehouses. This glorious building, dedicated in honour of St. Mary, was the offering made to God by generation after generation of these men, among whom were Edward Colston, John Cabot and William Canynges.

The main features of the present church are its grandeur and the excellence of the proportions and the perfect symmetry of the cruciform design worked in ashlar blocks of stone from nearby Dundry. The roof is adorned by a variety of individual sculptured bosses which number about 1,200 and are covered with pure gold.

1,200 SCULPTURED BOSSES

The origins of the church are uncertain, but it is known that the inner north porch and the tower base are 12th century. The remainder of the church, with exception of the cloistery, the roof and eastern bay of the Lady Chapel, is 13th and 14th century. The last are 15th century. The present-day building was completed by the addition of the two upper stages of the spire in 1872. The capstone stands 292 feet above ground level, it measures 12 feet across and weighs over a ton.

Various catastrophes have befallen the building during the ages. In 1446 the spire was struck by lightning and the top two-thirds of it crashed to the ground. This brought about the first great restoration, which was undertaken by William Canynges, a wealthy merchant. Further restorations have been required since then, the next being in the late 17th century, which brought about the Georgian appearance. The third great restoration of the church took place between 1840 and 1870, when the stonework was completely restored. The fourth took place between 1930 and 1933, when Lord Dulverton made himself responsible for the completion of the whole exterior restoration. In recent years the tower fabric has been completely restored and the rest of the church building washed down.

HEAVY BELLS

The earliest record of a ring of bells being present in the tower of St. Mary Redcliffe is from notes made by William Wyrcestre, about 1480, which stated that Redcliffe had six bells, the heaviest of which (tenor 62 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.; 5th about 44 cwt.; 4th about 30 cwt.) were equal in weight to those placed in St. Paul's Cathedral in the 19th century, when they were considered to be the heaviest ring in the world.

Since this early record of bells being present additions and alterations have been completed. In 1572 William Jeffers recast the 4th bell for £8. The next major work on the bells was undertaken in 1622 by Roger Purdue, who recast the tenor (42 cwt. 27 lb.) and the 5th (28 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.). The latter is still present in the tower as the 11th in the ring of 12. Not long after the recasting of the bells a new cage was erected. A ring of eight was achieved in 1698 when two new bells were cast by Abraham Rudhall. In 1763, Thomas Bilbie, one of the well-known founders of Chew Stoke, Somerset, recast the four middle bells. The ring of eight was made up to ten in 1823 by Thomas Mears of Whitechapel, London. Meanwhile the tenor had been recast at some time since 1622 and weighs 39 cwt.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank cast another two bells in 1872 (1st and 3rd) bringing the ring up to twelve. In 1888 Taylors, following consultation, rehung the bells in a new frame which for the first time introduced iron girders into the framework. At the beginning of the present century Taylors rehung the bells in a completely new frame of steel. The tenor and eight other bells were recast at this time and constitute the present ring of twelve with the tenor weighing 52 cwt. In 1951 a flat sixth was added to give a middle ring of eight, the tenor of which weighs approximately 19 cwt. This bell was placed as a memorial to Relph G. Morgan, organist at the church for 43 years.

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DOUBLES NOTICE AMENDMENT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that I shall propose the following amendments to the motion proposed by Mr. C. A. Lewis on the C.C. Agenda:—

(a) That para. 4 and 5 be taken separately from para. 1, 2 and 3.

(b) That para. 1, 2 and 3 be amended to read as follows:—

(1) In the case of Doubles only, a variation be defined as the use in a plain method of calls other than the standard calls for that method. The resulting bobbed or singled lead must not by itself constitute a plain lead of another method. Each variation to be given its own name.

(2) The variation must by itself be capable of producing the 120 true changes. Peal reports must draw a clear distinction between methods and variations, either by separate listing or, for example, "Plain Bob, New Bob, Old Variation, Eynsham Variation, etc."

(3) One variation with one or more methods, or two or more variations with or without methods, may be rung in one extent, provided that the plain courses of all the variations and methods in the extent are different, and that there is included at least one of each of the plain lead and different calls for each of the different variations and methods rung in the extent.

I understand that the usual procedure is for the chairman to call to the floor for a seconder to an amendment.—Yours faithfully,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

57, St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor.

Ely's Traditional Easter Monday

THE tradition of the Ely Diocesan Association of holding its festival on Easter Monday was observed this year when, after a round of visiting the many towers open, a large company assembled at Fordham for the service, the tea and business meeting.

At the meeting, presided over by Mr. W. W. Cousin, the traditional Bank Holiday gathering was challenged. The first proposal was for the business meeting to be held on the Saturday after Easter. This was withdrawn when a further proposition was made that the meeting should be held with similar arrangements as at present on a Saturday after Easter. Put to the vote, it was narrowly defeated. Finally, a proposal that the meeting should be held on Easter Monday with similar arrangements as at present was carried by a good majority. It is hoped to visit the Cambridge District next year.

The report for 1967, presented by Mr. H. S. Peacock was again one of progress and showed a slight increase in membership. They were pleased to welcome one hon. clerical member, 21 non-resident members and 88 resident member. On the debit side they had some who had not paid their subscriptions for 1967.

The obituaries included George W. Johnson (Hilgay), Stanley Faircliffe (Burwell), Arthur J. Ginn (Over), Harry A. Piggins (Wisbech), J. P. Stocker (St. Ives). H. W. Pratt (St. Ives), H. Sherman (Great Gransden).

Only 29 peals were rung for the Association, reported Mr. G. Pearson (peal secretary), compared with 56 in 1966. These comprised: Royal 1, Major 18, Triples 1, Minor 9. Eighteen towers were visited—Aspenden for the first time. Eighty members took part in peals, with over half only appearing once. There were five first-pealers and one first as conductor. The leading peal ringer was D. F. Murfet with 15 peals, and the leading conductor was D E. Sibson. The Trumpington Tuesday band had now rung all A. J. Pitman's all-the-work Spliced Surprise Major in four methods to nine methods, and thanks were extended to D. E. Sibson for travelling regularly from London to Cambridge to conduct these complicated one-part compositions.

A paragraph in the report congratulated George Thoday on being the leading peal ringer of the Exercise in 1966. The reports were adopted

The officers were re-elected with grateful thanks for their past services. They were: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. S. Peacock; peal secretary, Mr. G. Pearson; auditor, Mr. A. J. Davey.

Two appeals for money for restoration work were received, but owing to the amount of work in their own diocese it was decided that neither could be supported.

The service in the Church of SS. Peter and Mary Magdalene was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Cole), Mrs. W. W. Cousins was the organist. The tea, attended by over 100, was served in the Victoria Hall.

The meeting closed with a sincere vote of thanks to all who had made the day a success and this was acclaimed by all. H. S. P.

Commentary — The Price of Privilege

By K. H. FLEMING

RECENTLY when holding a conversation with a Rector of a local church I was astounded when he came out with the following statement: "I would have thought that if bellringers wish to guarantee the long-term future of their art they would seriously be considering purchasing private towers with bells in various parts of the country."

You may be as initially shocked to the same extent as I was, but like me, if you allow a few days (or weeks) for this statement to fit into perspective, in view of one's own local experience, then you may also come to think that he has a much more enlightened outlook of the future than the greater majority of ringers. Of course, the conversation did not end on this controversial point—he was trying to put over the church planning authorities' view in a discussion on future building needs of the church. The planners are not just obsessed with the idea of building churches without towers, etc., but are governed by one hard fact—MONEY.

Also the likely outcome of recommendations of the publication entitled "The 1970 Report" were mentioned. This Report deals with diocesan reorganisation and long-term planning. If you think of your own locality I am sure there are many examples (especially in towns) where the future of some churches is bound to come in for question in the next few years. Should the church authorities try and maintain these old buildings in the centre of decentralised towns and keep open others serving a fast lapsing congregation in small villages, or shauld they accept the challenge of the future and move and build in the fast-growing modern suburbs, thereby sounding the death knell for the older buildings?

No matter how prejudiced a ringer is, he will have to accept that this is going to happen, and provide the answer to the question, "Why not install bells in these modern new buildings?" The inevitable answer is MONEY.

Like the majority of readers, I for one was thrilled to read the article accompanying the picture in a recent issue of the "R.W." about the restoration of the bells of Edington Priory, and cannot help thinking this is the answer to the ringers' dream. But can we in all honesty expect to read of many more places undertaking such a colossal task? I doubt it very much.

In my opinion, although I may sound like a "prophet of doom," I can only foresee a lot of hard work (with sleeves rolled up and spanner in hand) and ringers having to give far more in terms of Money for the privilege which they enjoy at present in order to keep towers and bells in a condition for ringing. An excellent example of just what can and must be done was given in the same issue of the "R.W." by the Epsom ringers, and as I see it this is the pattern for the future. I do not wish to generalise, but my own local experience of what bell ringers as a collective body give in terms of hard cash when a restoration or augmentation takes place hardly covers the cost of the bell-hangers' first journey from the foundry to the church in question.

Ringers should realise that their future is at stake, and that the only position they can afford to be in when arguing with the church planning authority over the future of a particular ring of bells is one of sound financial backing accompanied by the ability to take any practical step (hard work) necessary. This second ability not only helps in purely practical terms but also saves money.

Now I can hear a great wail going up that by doing a lot of any practical work necessary ourselves we would be entering into competition with the bellfounders, but before these people shout too loudly they should remember that the most costly item on any restoration bill is time (or labour). Just send a T.V. for repair and see which is the most costly item on the bill.

The Church as a body is at present undergoing considerable strain with not only the problem of future building needs but with a world full of troubles of war, famine and racial tension. Whilst we as ringers also face these same problems, being members of that Church, we must be prepared to face our own personal problem of the approaching serious challenge to the future of our art. Each and every ringer, of whatever means in life, must ask himself and herself just how much they are prepared to do and how much they are prepared to give in the hard terms of action and money for the privilege which they enjoy at present.

Suffolk Guild Push for 500 Members

AN objective of a membership of 500 by 1970 was put before the Suffolk Guild at its annual general meeting at Stowmarket on April 20th. Membership had again increased, by 37, and totalled 404 together with 20 probationers.

A change in the officers arose through the resignation of Mr. Andrew T. Beckwith, who had been hon. secretary and treasurer for the past four years. His successor is the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey, of Bramford Lodge, Bramford, Ipswich, who is assistant curate at Bramford.

The meeting attracted a large gathering of members and visiting ringers, who made good use of the 18 towers which were available from mid-day.

The Vicar of Stowmarket, the Rev. A. A. Muxlow, conducted a service in the Parish Church commencing at 4.15 p.m., at which the preacher was the Bishop of Dunwich (the Rt. Rev. D. R. Maddock). The service was preceded by a course of Grandsire Triples "in hand," and the lessons were read by the Ringing Master (Mr. G. W. Pipe) and Mr. Oliver G. Barnard. The congregation numbered 150.

Tea was served in the neighbouring Church Hall, where the Bishop and Mrs. Maddock were guests of the Guild.

The chairman, Mr. John W. Blythe, opened the business meeting by welcoming visitors from Warwickshire, Northants, Essex and Norfolk. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. G. Goodship, H. W. H. Leather, Dr. S. G. C. Harrison and the Horringer ringers.

Minutes of the 1967 annual general meeting at Beccles were read, approved and adopted. There were no matters arising.

LOSSES BY DEATH

A short period of silence was observed to the memory of those members and friends of the Guild who had passed on during the past year. These were Charles Bailey (Beccles), Mrs. Arthur Ballam (West Stow), Fred Boreham (Lavenham), Arthur Cuthbert (Wickham Market), William Faiers (Lavenham), Percy Marjoram (Tuddenham), Cecil Marriott (Ipswich), Arthur Moore (Bury St. Edmunds), John Stokes (Beccles) and Claud Woodard (St. Margaret's, Ipswich).

The Ringing Master, Mr. G. W. Pipe, said how pleased he was to see the improved relationships with the clergy and the increased membership during the past year. He illustrated the fluctuations in membership by the use of a graph and added that a membership of 500 by 1970 was a very real possibility. He also expressed pleasure at the increased support for the striking competition, the 12 teams at Horringer being the largest number entering so far. Twelve members had rung their first peal and four members had called their first peal.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Andrew Beckwith, also expressed his satisfaction at the increase in membership and congratulated the Guild on the promptness of payment of subscriptions. He urged members not to be hesitant about taking office in a District capacity and felt the experience to be gained in so doing was invaluable and often boosted a District when new enthusiasm was needed. On the financial side, the General Account was satisfactory and recorded a balance of £204 0s. 2d.

RESTORATION FUND HEALTHY

The Restoration Fund was in a very healthy state, the total income over the past year being £88 4s. 9d., making a balance of £240 13s. 7d. Funds had benefited by £16 12s. 6d. from the social at Bramford and there had been one or two other generous donations. A grant of £20 had been awarded to Stowmarket, and one of £25 had been promised for St. Mary's, Bungay

The secretary then said that owing to having commenced business on his own account recently he was unable to spare the leisure time to cope with duties as he would like, and therefore would not be seeking re-election. He had made his decision known at the last committee meeting and the members present had given most ready assent to his recommended successor. He concluded by thanking everyone for helping him during the past four years and for the welcome which he had always received.

The technical adviser (Mr. Ranald Clouston) said inspections had been carried out in six towers during the past year, as published in the annual report. He felt that as he resided out of the county a resident assistant would be of great help to him and asked if any keen young and agile member who had mechanical leanings would care to get in touch with him. Mr. Clouston also said that he felt that his approval should be given to completed restoration work before grants were paid. He hoped that the committee would give support to this suggestion.

Mr. Hubert Mitson gave details of the Pearson handbells, which were on loan, on behalf of the trustees, and added that £3 had been collected during the past year towards maintenance.

The aforementioned reports were accepted and approved with thanks to the respective officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice-presidents.—With the exception of Mr. Charles E. Fisher, who had passed away recently, the following vice-presidents were all re-elected: The Ven. T. R. Browne, Messrs. Bert Chilvers, Cecil W. Pipe, H, Claude Rush, Charles J. Sedgley and George E. Symonds. The meeting elected two new vice-presidents—Samuel Twitchett (Clare) and Andrew T. Beckwith (Ipswich).

Chairman.—Mr. C. W. Pipe occupied the chair during this election, and there were proposals for Mr. Blythe to accept office again and also a proposition that Mr. George Pipe become chairman. On being put to the vote a large majority voted in favour of Mr. Blythe continuing in office.

Ringing Master.—Mr. George W. Pipe was re-elected unanimously.

Hon. secretary and treasurer.—Following Mr. Beckwith's decision not to seek re-election, the chairman moved the election of the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey to fill the vacancy on behalf of the committee. The retiring secretary seconded the proposal and the meeting carried the election unanimously.

Hon technical adviser.—Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston was re-elected unanimously.

Report Editor.—Rev. Lawrence Pizzey proposed that Mr. Alan R. Bridges become Report Editor, and this was seconded by Mr. Hubert Mitson and carried.

Pearson's Handbell Trustees.—Dr. S. G. C. Harrison and Mr. Hubert A. Mitson were re-elected.

Hon. Auditor.—Mr. J. W. H. Preastner was re-elected as Guild auditor.

Mr. George Pipe proposed that the 1969 annual general meeting should be held at Bury St. Edmunds on April 12th. Mr. C. Stannard seconded and the proposal was carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Leslie Mills said he thought that election of Guild officers should be on proposals from members to their respective District meetings, and recommendations would be conveyed by District officers or other representatives to the general committee and thence to the annual meeting. Mr Peter Bedford proposed that elections continue as at present and this was carried.

Mr. Cecil Pipe remarked on the complacent attitude of the St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, P.C.C. with regard to restoration of the ring of 12 bells. He proposed that a resolution be sent from the Guild stressing the urgency of the problem. The meeting agreed to this. As there was no other business the chairman closed the meeting by expressing thanks to the many people who had contributed to a very successful day.

Ringing took place in a further four towers and thus ended another successful and much enjoyed meeting.

M.U.G's ANNUAL DINNER

NOT even "the sweetness of the grass and the tenderness of the moonlight" could convince the group of visitors in Fallowfield of the advantages of an airy night prior to their ringing on March 9th. Perhaps the array of the Saturday's mis-events will persuade us all to have a quiet "night before" next time. Despite the early morning fog, a Guild peal was rung at Marsden, its late start causing disruption to most of the other ringing arrangements.

In the evening, however, most managed to arrive at the Waldorf at the appropriate hour, and order prevailed. After an excellent meal, the president, Brian Tomlinson, offered the loyal toast and then invited the first speech from the steeplekeeper, David Ley. In the traditional proposal of the toast of "The Church," traditionally used as a mouthpiece of challenge to the Church, David introduced some well-chosen extracts from Birmingham University's Rag magazine. This was applauded, in part, by a tiny handbell, smuggled into the dinner by an ex-Master!

The reply came from the Rev. Alan Overell, the Rector of Sacred Trinity, Salford (our home tower), who took the challenge and put it down—much to the amusement of the company—and proceeded with further interesting tales. The secretary, Chris Munday, turned quips on almost all resident members—except his hand to a poem which seemed to include himself! He ended by proposing the toast of "The Visitors," and Graham Jones, of Leeds University, replied on their behalf.

Paul Coddington, of Lancaster University, proposed the toast of "The Guild," and amongst the funnies (a cleverly innovated mod speech), was a story which, he claimed, had been related by a past secretary three years previously. Discussion afterwards proved his point, and it was suggested that, for those who want to hear it again, it should be made a triennial tale. Unfortunately it cannot be included here!

The Master replied on behalf of the Guild, expressing his surprise that the proceedings had managed to get that far, in view of the trail of disasters through the week-end. He reported that, although few peals had been rung, the Guild had been extremely active, both in and out of the belfry. There had been no "lasting links" formed during or after the summer tour, but the Guild congratulated Margaret and Ron Warford, who were married the week-end after. He then explained that it was a summer tour two years previously which had brought them together. Echoing the welcome to the visitors, he said there were people from Nottingham, Leeds, Lancaster and Sheffield Universities present, and commented that it was quite a pleasure to have representatives from the Branches coming up to head office from time to time.

Reporting on a cult of beard growing over the year, he commented that most had given up after a while, but a few were still trying. He concluded by introducing the Master for the coming year, Chris (Digby) Munday, almost the only one who had not yet attempted a beard.

The president then had the pleasure of announcing the engagement of Chris Movley and Jane Colley. When a speech was called for, Chris offered the few words, "Well, it all happened this afternoon, really," and thanked the Guild for the congratulations.

Formal then gave way to informal proceedings, which did not give way for quite a long time.

BELL ARCHAEOLOGY

J. E. Lewis Cockey Writes on the Cockeys

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Shepherd's letter in a recent issue, the writer is still in existence, and living in retirement at 47, Bath Road, Swindon. Now in the 80's and suffering rather badly with arthritis, one's ringing activities are much restricted; though still a member of the Christ Church company and an hon life member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, I still manage to get an occasional ring here and there.

While on the subject, I would refer to Miss Overend's letter in your issue of April 18th, which is of considerable interest.

In your issue of April 16th, 1954 (No. 2,245), I submitted an article on the Cockey family, which has some bearing on the matter, and I venture to repeat some items. The draft of this was shown to the late Sir Cyril Flower of the Records Office, when I was residing in Ealing. Sir Cyril was a Warminster man, and had considerable knowledge of the district, and was much interested in the matter, giving me some useful information and making one or two suggestions.

I was aware of the dates of the trebles and sixth at Frome by William Cockey, and on New Year's Eve, 1938, had the pleasure of ringing the second to a good peal of Double Norwich, the first of Major on the bells, conducted by Mr. Nolan Golden, with Mr. Pat Cannon on the tenor. This peal was referred to by a lady visitor, "Pandora," in the "Sunday Times" in January, 1939.

It really appears that the family originated in the Bristol area, spreading eventually to many parts of the West Country, e.g. Salisbury, Totnes and many parts of Somerset. Stephen le Cokke was Provost of Bristol in 1261, and James Cokkye was Baliff in 1487. In 1524 it is stated that a John Cockys was assessed upon his personal goods, the sum of 9s. in the Manor of Holcombe, near Frome. A Lewis Cockey was casting bells in Bristol about 1680, and a Mordecai Cockey, near Totnes, about the same date. I saw one of these bells at the Croydon Foundry some years ago. Preb. Daniel states that a Lewis Cockey came from Warminster to Frome about 1680, and set up a bell foundry there. An old rate book states that Lewis Cockey with a residence in Frome paid a 3d. rate in 1682. In one document he is referred to as **Mr. Lewis**, implying a person of some importance. The registers at St. John's, Frome, refer to his burial in 1703, but strangely enough there is no trace of his grave, nor that of William Cockey, though the two family tombs give the names of father and son, etc., from about 1700 almost to the present time. In view of the above, it would really appear, though not certain, that there must have been two Lewis Cockeys, one at Bristol and another at Frome.

A William Cockey did much work in the Wincanton area for a number of years about 1703, and was churchwarden there. It is believed that he migrated to Frome, where he carried on with bellfounding, probably succeeding Lewis Cockey, and also being churchwarden there. The writer cannot definitely claim descent from William Cockey, and in fact cannot trace any children of his, if any, but is certainly descended from Edward Cockey, the last of the bellfounders, who was apparently the son of Christopher, died 1792—son of Lewis, died 1786.

It was an interesting experience some years ago to look through the church registers with the late Prebendary Randolph, but one was not able to get a complete record. I think that those at Warminster would provide some interesting information. I was told many years ago that there were some very old Cockey graves there, but was not able to find them.

Since my article of 1954 most of the persons mentioned are now deceased, and there are few male members of the family now in this country. The firm of Edward Cockey and Sons Ltd. in Frome has now ceased to exist, so the name there has disappeared. It is noteworthy, however, that it is very numerous in the United States, a number of whom have shown great interest in their forbears here. U.S. records state that on January 26th, 1634, a Thomas Cockey, from Somerset, aged 25, with his wife, sailed from London on the ship "Boniventure," commanded by James Rumsey, for Barbados, and apparently eventually settled in the Baltimore area. A family tree in my possession shows scores of names, almost to the present day, and it is noteworthy that they retain many of the old Christian names, such as William, Edward, Richard and Mordecai, but not apparently Lewis. There is also a reference to a John Cockey, 15 - - to 16 - -, but no other information.

Recently I had considerable correspondence with a Mr. Randolph Lucas Cockey, of Baltimore, who was a direct descendant of the above-mentioned Thomas Cockey He was preparing a book on the family, and was hoping to pay a visit to this country, but sadly enough he died a short while since.

Much might be said, too, about the magnificent astronomical and equation clocks made by Edward Cockey, of Warminster, in the 18th century—one of which is in Longleat House and a smaller one is in existence here in Swindon.

Possibly much of the above is not directly connected with the origin of this letter, but may possibly be of some interest.

One hopes that Miss Overend will be successful in clearing up the question of Lewis Cockey.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

Swindon, Wilts.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY ANNUAL DINNER

MINUTES of frenzied activity, spread over several weeks culminated on Friday, February 23rd, with the start of the seventh annual dinner of the Liverpool University Society. Visitors arrived throughout the evening, joining the practice at St. Francis Xavier's and later, with the kind permission of the Ringing Master, at St. Nicholas', Pier Head. From there we went to that most famous Liverpool dockside pub, the Pig and Whistle, and yet again caused much dismay to Wynn.

Ringing the next day had been arranged at Walton (8), St. Michael's, Aughton (6), Christ Church, Aughton (8), Halsall (6), Emmanuel, Southport (8) and Christ Church, Southport (8). A peal of Bristol was lost at Bromborough due to the conductor calling three consecutive bobs (nobody else noticed), but the Society managed to score its first peal of Cambridge Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne.

The dinner, showing yet again an increase in numbers, was held at Bedford House. After the typically excellent meal the Master proposed the loyal toast to the Duke of Lancaster, which was followed by Mr. H. Dobbin proposing the toast of "The Church." In response, Fr. G. S. Pedley, curate of St. Nicholas' and a great friend of the Society, thanked us for providing the best company he had found in Liverpool since his arrival. His speech, which bore little relevance to the Church, was one of the most interesting the Society has had in the past few years.

Miss S. Cowan, with assistance from the secretaries, welcomed the visitors, particular reference being made to those aged stalwarts Lester and Joe, who seemed to be having an uproarious time. Congratulations were extended to our guest speaker, Chris Kippin, on his engagement to Miss Heather Walters, and, with a bit of confusion, to Elizabeth Timmins, Bob Peers and Chris Eden, although it was not quite clear who was engaged to whom Representatives from Bristol, Cambridge, Leeds, Southampton and Wales Universities were present and there were also visitors from Cambridge, Cheshire, Lancashire, Leicester, Norfolk, Nottingham, London, South Wales and Staffordshire.

In reply Mr. C. Kippin thanked us on behalf of all the visitors for the excellent meal. He said he wished that other universities would take a leaf out of our book—ham fritters, indeed! After several sharp witticisms he proposed the toast of "The Society," saying that he hoped it would continue to prosper and wished it every success in the future.

The reply was undertaken by the Master, Mr. David Moore, who reported that four peals had been rung during the year. He congratulated the Society members, Messrs. Fox, Fielden, Hatfield, Jenner and Bennett, on their recent marriages, and also Miss H. Arrowsmith on her engagement to Mr. J. Mackenzie, and two Society members on their engagement—Miss Julie Lethbridge and Mr. Bruce Veitch. He concluded by emphasising that the Society had been very active socially over the past year and thanking all those present for coming, and wishing them a pleasant evening.

The formal proceedings concluded, the Master led the company from the dining room to the lounge, where the evening passed quietly away to the clinking of glasses and handbells.

The Master, Mr. David F. Moore, was accompanied on the top table by Miss G. Bidgood, Fr. S. Pedley, Mr. C. Kippin and Miss H. Walters, Mr. H. Dobbin and Miss M. Macdonald and Mr. G. Sparling and Miss S. Cowan.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. P. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Foot, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. D. House, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jelley, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pilgrim, Mr. and Mrs. P. Rothera, Mr. and Mrs. M. Phillips.

Messrs. G. Austin, J. Bennett, J. Blacktop, P. Brown, R. Chantler, R. Collier, J. Coope, G. Cooper, M. Corry, R. Dennis, A. Dobbin, M. Dodson, C. Eden, T. Edwards, T. Fitzgerald, N. Goulding, L. Grey, K. Hesketh, T. Hesketh, E. Houghton, T. Howarth, G. Jones, D. Keast, S. Livesay, F. Mack, J. Mackenzie, A. Martin, J. Masefield, J. Martin, J Parsons, D. Peers, R. Peers, C. Pocock, J. Prytherch, G. Pullin, J. Ridley, J. Ridyard, E Rothwell, R. Shea, M. Snape, R. Starkie, R. Stevens, E. Thomas, B. Vietch, B. Wakefield, K. Walpole, A. Wilby, D. Wilford, D. Wood.

The Misses H. Arrowsmith, L. Brown, A. Fellows, A. Fenton, S. Harber, P. Jenkins, J. Kinsbrook, J. Lethbridge, J. O'Brian, B. Payne, J. Quilter, L. Roberts, J. Rostron, G. Smith, S. Sutton, E. Timmins, R. Wilson and A. Wright.

H. D.

Letters to the Editor

SPLICED PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I communicate to you for publication the following unanimous decision of the Methods Committee:—

"The decisions on peals must cover both Regular and Irregular methods, therefore the leads must remain intact since Irregular methods can be rung which are asymmetric.

"We recommend that the decisions on Spliced Peals remain unaltered and the peal be accepted as published."

C. KENNETH LEWIS,
Convener on behalf of
the Methods Committee.

SURPRISE RINGERS AND BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—If Messrs. King and Roberts (pages 342 and 363) really believe that people who ring Surprise Major or happen to like ringing peals are poor supporters of their local bands on Sundays and practice nights and do little teaching, their experience of ringing and ringers must be sadly limited. The childish nature of the remarks—who but Mr. King would call somebody who can ring Surprise an expert?—simply betrays a huge inferiority complex. I hoped when I read Mr. King's last letter (November 11th, 1966) that he would outgrow this, but he has obviously not done so yet.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID E. HOUSE.

Norwich.

SALISBURY GUILD A.G.M.

Dear Sir,—Once again democracy was given rough justice at the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild.

The re-election of the existing officers en bloc was proposed from the chair, the meeting not being asked for other nominations. An objection was raised to the election "en bloc"; this was practically ignored, the same procedure being adopted for the committee and Central Council representatives.

The agenda did not indicate that Central Council representatives were to be elected. As the meeting was unprepared, the vacancy left by a retiring member was quickly filled under the old pals act, no further nominations being asked for.

When questions were asked about the attendance of the representatives at the Central Council the reply was vague, an indication being made that the information could be obtained from "The Ringing World." What made it so difficult to give a straightforward answer? If the representatives feel that attendance at the Central Council is "a waste of time" why do they not stand down and allow someone else to bear the responsibility which has been delegated to them?

This year it was seen fit to make a grant to a tower without prior application being made, yet in 1965 an application made at the meeting was ruled out of order.

It was unfortunate that poor acoustics in the hall made the proceedings difficult to follow for a large number of those present; this was probably responsible for making the meeting more apathetic than usual, or perhaps the steamroller had done its work.—Yours faithfully,

D. R. FULLER.

Swanage, Dorset.

GRABBED AND TAUGHT

Dear Sir, — So Miss Anne Horsford, of Twickenham, has little time for the tower grabbers of this world! "Rejoice!" says she, "for the demoniac tribes who arrive at churches with a cloud of smoke, a squeal of brakes and long skid-marks in the gravel path are decreasing!"

But, you know, we are not so bad. I figured high in last year's tower grabbers but I also rang for at least 100 services, attended every one of them and taught 12 youngsters in the art of bell handling. Many other people in the celebrated list are known to me personally and a good number of them have done a great deal more for the Exercise than I can boast.

Please, Miss Horsford, don't frown on us too darkly. Most of us do our little bit to help, but we also like our fling on Saturdays and our tour in the summer, and if a person does not feel the collector's instinct and the wish to show off about his achievements, then he is no human!

Your list is an excellent idea; why not try it next year?—Yours faithfully,

DEMON PAR EXCELLENCE.

Name and address supplied.—Ed.

DOUBLES NAMES WANTED

Dear Sir,—During the quarter peal rung at Ledbury on April 27th the following variations were rung for which I can find no name:

	P.C.	Bob	Single
A	Rev. Cant.	Rev. Cant.	Pink's
B	Rev Cant.	Antelope Sl.	Pink's
C	Plain Bob	Antelope Sl.	Pink's
D	Plain Bob	Pink's Sl	All Saints' Pl.
E	Plain Bob	Grandsire	Pink's
F	Plain Bob	All Saints Pl.	Grandsire
G	Rev. Cant.	All Saints' Pl.	Grandsire

I would be very grateful if anyone can supply me with the names.—Yours faithfully,

R. K. WILLIAMS.

Ledbury, Herefords.

NOTTINGHAM BELL RHYME

Dear Sir,—Browsing through a library in Nottingham, I found this bell rhyme:—

Colston's cracked pancheons,
Screveton's egg shells,
Bingham's two rollers,
Whatton's merry bells.

Probably written by the ringers of Whatton!—Yours faithfully,

S. M. O'NEILL (Miss).

Gedling, Notts.

KENYA RINGER WANTS TO HEAR ENGLISH BELLS

Dear Sir,—I very much enjoy reading "The Ringing World," but greatly miss the sound of bells. I wonder if any reader who has tape-recordings of bells is willing to send me a copy of some part of his recordings? I would pay for postage and the cost of the tape in advance.

I would particularly like to hear Grandsire and Stedman but any methods would be welcome. Similarly, an Oxfordshire, Warwickshire or City of Cambridge tower would be preferable if there were a choice. If anyone would be good enough to go to this trouble I should be most grateful.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES STREDDER.

Chavakali Secondary School,
Private Bag,
Maragoli, Kenya.

WARNING AGAINST SMOKING IN SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Dear Sir,—I have today received the following warning from the Provost of Southwell, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood, and I would be most obliged if you would give it the necessary publicity in "The Ringing World."

"When the time came to sweep the Ringers' Gallery after a number of visiting teams had been given the privilege of ringing there we found 17 used matches and two cigarette ends on the floor. This was a gross abuse of privilege and I am under the necessity of telling every team wishing to come that if anything like this is repeated I shall not be able to extend the courtesy of our belfry to visitors. Apart from other considerations the fire risk (there is so much wood about) is very great."

I would like to endorse the Provost's remarks, and also suggest that we all take this warning to heart. It is no use saying "This does not apply to me, I do not smoke." It is as ringers that we shall be judged, and if ringing is stopped it will apply to one and all, and it is therefore up to us to stamp this out here and now.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON,
Hon. Gen. Sec.

Nottingham.

RINGING AT SOUTHWELL A.G.M.

Dear Sir,—If you ask any member of the Southwell Guild about the ringing at the annual general meeting at Southwell they will make such comments as "The worst ringing of the year," "Five- and six-bell ringers trying to ring 12 bells," "Too many learners." These comments were made to me weeks before the meeting took place. The ringing on April 20th seemed doomed even before a bell was struck.

As Ringing Master for the first time at the annual general meeting I felt that something must be done about this to raise the standard but a little. As over 130 names were submitted for tea I therefore made the following plans to cope with such numbers and get the best striking: The ringers of limited ability on five, six and seven bells would have to content themselves with ringing rounds; the rounds should only have four learners ringing at a time; rounds should alternate with ringing on twelve, ten and eight bells.

On April 20th the long business meeting left only 20 to 30 minutes for ringing. To save time, the bells were raised as quickly as possible in alternate fours. This took approximately five minutes. A tower packed with ringers surely demanded several short touches. After the last touch had ended, some ringers were reluctant to go to tea straight away so I decided to take advantage of this and squeeze another touch in. The band was only "the chosen few" because there were then few remaining ringers.

We had even less ringing time between tea and the service so I decided to form a band to represent most of the Guild to ring a service touch. I could fill a book with my own comments on the result of this.

I feel that Mr. E. Shuttleworth is not in a position to criticise the meeting because he did not stay to the end. The ringing ended soon after nine o'clock and for the final hour the standard of ringing improved greatly, thanks to the co-operation and support I received from a few people, learners and experienced, visitors and Guild members who stayed to the not-so-bitter end.—Yours faithfully,

PETER WAKEFIELD,
Ringing Master, Newark District.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Letters—continued

A WIFE REPLIES TO THE SNEERS AT BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—I am disgusted at the letter from Ian Roberts in "The Ringing World" of May 10th, which has acted on me as a last straw following many other attacks on the Birmingham ringers. I am sick of the meanness of small men who can do nothing but sneer and destroy the work of others. I have rung on 6, 8. 10 and (very little) on 12 bells, and I have rung quarter peals and peals, so that I say from experience that 12-bell ringing is the most difficult number to ring, and that the longer the length of ringing the greater the stress and strain on the ringer. Anyone who says otherwise expresses either ignorance or stupidity. To train and maintain a band to ring to a high standard on the higher numbers or to ring complex methods requires the most dedicated, concentrated, unceasing work for those who make the attempt.

As an outside observer who does not ring with the St. Martin's Guild, I believe that the St. Martin's Guild has maintained an excellent standard of ringing on all numbers of bells during very many years. This is something of incomparable value to the Exercise because of the St. Martin's Guild tradition of welcome to visitors from all parts of the country. If there were no established 12-bell bands, those enthusiastic ringers who wish to graduate to 12-bell ringing might well be unable to do so, as 12 Royal ringers do not make a Maximus band. A 12-bell band requires twice as many ringers as a 6-bell band, but many times more than twice as much effort to maintain. Mr. Roberts may not feel that the effort is worthwhile, but no one can deny that the effort is considerable.

The St. Martin's Guild ringers are all concerned to maintain standards. They are not politicians who deliberately place themselves in a position to receive catcalls and criticisms and brickbats—they are not elected and paid to be opposed and attacked on their every word. I object intensely to their being treated as the Aunt Sally of the Exercise, as seems to have happened over the last couple of years. These letters full of sneers and derogation are spiteful and hurtful. For a community of Christians all working to improve their offerings to the Church, this newspaper should have no place for vicious, destructive letters.

I also object to the unpleasant sneers at my husband over the peal of Glasgow. The publicity was at the request of the Vicar of Edgbaston and was of immense benefit to the attitude of the Birmingham public towards ringing—it was appreciated everywhere in fact except in "The Ringing World," where it had been presented with the hope that it had several factors of interest to ringers as well as news value.

If, as a result of stupid letters in "The Ringing World," my husband were to refrain from contributing anything further, to stop hitting his head against brick walls (headaches, grumbles and large postal bills are the usual rewards of committed ringers, Mr. Roberts, rather than glory)—then I think the Exercise would be the poorer. My husband's regular service ringing, practice ringing and meeting attendance is beyond anyone's criticism, except possibly a wife's. He works hard to try to make arrangements to suit, encourage and develop scores of ringers. He gets his clothes filthy from bell frames. He cares intensely about the standards and fellowship of ringers. He has never written a letter to "The Ringing World" to sneer at the quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles ringers.

I do not believe that the backbone of the Exercise is the regular parochial Sunday service ringer, nor do I believe it to be the ringer of peals only. The backbone of the Exercise is the fully committed ringer (in most cases a peal ringer), the man who works and organises, gives time and help and money, attending his commitments scrupulously, over many years. My husband is a fully committed ringer and no daft beggar. Mr. Roberts evidently knows nothing about the Birmingham ringers. What creditable reason can he have for expressing such ignorance?

I am sending this letter without reference to my husband.—Yours faithfully,

MARION S. AINSWORTH (Mrs.).

Halesowen Worcs.

OBITUARY

MR. PETER LAFLIN

An Appreciation

Peter Laflin passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 30th, at the age of 78 years. Peter led an active life right to the end; in fact on the Wednesday before he died he travelled to Chapel-en-le-Frith to visit members of his family, as usual. Both they and we are left with happy memories of a fine man who was also a fine ringer. It is association with people of Peter's stature that really makes ringing worthwhile. The example he set and the advice he gave was always worth following, both for the learner and the more experienced ringer. He never gave less than his best, whether ringing Plain Bob for a learner or more complicated methods with the regular peal band.

Peter enjoyed listening to good ringing almost as much as participating; he enjoyed listening to his new record of "The Bells of Bristol" in the last week of his life. If our memory of Peter is as happy as his memories of his ringing and his friends, I am sure that he would be well pleased.

R. B. S.

MR. E. T. SNELLER

A very well-struck in memoriam peal was rung at Ilsley, Berks, on May 4th for Edward Thomas Sneller, a churchman, chorister, churchwarden and ringer at the Parish Church for 60 years. In the band were five blood relations, all natives of the village, who with the other three in the band remember him with love and thankfulness

MR. GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE

The Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association has lost a founder member by the death of Mr. George E. Braithwaite, of Burton-in-Kendal, on May 3rd, aged 61.

George did perhaps more than anyone to encourage peal ringing in the Lancaster area and rang 106 peals, all on tower bells. Approximately half of these were rung before the 1939–45 war and in his own locality, mostly in the basic methods. Without his unfailing attendance at Branch meetings in the years following the war the state of ringing in North Lancashire and South Westmorland would not be as it is at present, and indeed may well have succumbed to the pressure of modern life. He will long be remembered and greatly missed in Burton and the surrounding district.

Many friends attended the funeral service, interment being in a grave at the foot of the tower where he spent so many happy hours. Some of his favourite touches were rung before and after the service.

R. F. E.

MR. J. E. JEATER

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. James Edwin Jeater, of Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, in hospital at Redruth on May 12th. He had been in indifferent health since January, and in February he tendered his resignation as accountant to "The Ringing World," to expire at the end of June. His health deteriorated and since the second week in April his books have been attended to at Guildford.

For more than 20 years Mr. Jeater has been accountant to "The Ringing World," having been appointed when Mr. G. W. Fletcher was general secretary and treasurer to the Central Council. He was then living at Petts Wood, Kent, but in 1953 he went to Cusgarne, Truro, where he had a bungalow and developed a beautiful garden.

The meticulous care with which he kept "The Ringing World" accounts won the admiration of the committee and the auditor. When he was first appointed about £2,500 a year was passing through his hands; in 1952 it had reached £4,000 and by 1967 it exceeded £12,000; such was the expansion of the paper. In 1964, when the Central Council met at Truro, he was requested to attend the meeting and receive personally the thanks of the Council for the faithful discharge of his duties. His work was a labour of love, and the friendly notes that he wrote to people in all parts of the world maintained the true family spirit which "The Ringing World" has endeavoured to engender. The Editor has lost a very sincere colleague.

Cremation at Truro on May 15th was private. To his widow and son, Robert, the sympathy of all our readers is extended.

MR. STANLEY S. BRISTOW

Ringers from the Wellington (Somerset) neighbourhood, and especially from his own tower at Ashbrittle, were saddened by the news of the death of Stanley Bristow on May 7th

A ringer since 1919, when at the age of 14 he joined the little band which rang the five bells at Stawley, Stanley became captain at Ashbrittle in 1935 and held the post until 1967, when, on doctor's orders, he stopped working and retired to live in Wellington.

Stan was a gardener by trade and skill, but ringing was his pleasure. He was a loyal member of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and was at one time Deputy Ringing Master and, later, Branch Ringing Master. Learners found his patience and kindness inexhaustible, and he was always ready to help a struggling band.

The bells of Wellington Parish Church were rung half-muffled for the funeral service, which was attended by a large number of ringing friends, and the Sunday service band at Sampford Arundel rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled, in his memory.

E. M. W.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD

The University of Sheffield Guild held its annual general meeting on May 3rd, when the following were elected to office for the coming year: Master, Simon R. Cole; Deputy Master, John F. Eborall; secretary and treasurer, John D. Cooper, c/o 134, Walkley Lane, Sheffield S6 2NZ. Practices will continue to be held at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, on Fridays at 8 p.m. during term-time.

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Berkshire Takes First Three in Oxford Guild Contest

THE semi-finals and finals of the Oxford Diocesan Guild striking contest were held on May 4th, a day which dawned bright and sunny but ended with the inevitable rain. However, even the lack of sunshine could not hide the natural beauty of this part of Oxfordshire, where the Witney and Woodstock Branch were acting as hosts.

One team from each Branch of the Guild—15 in all—were due to take part, but last-minute cancellations reduced the number of teams to nine. These were split into two semi-finals, the first held at St. James-the-Great, Stonesfield. Four teams took part in this contest: Headington (representing the Oxford City Branch), Thatcham (Newbury Branch), Eynsham (Witney and Woodstock Branch) and Hughenden (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) The Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, was the judge for this semi-final

After the draw, the first team to ring were Headington. The band settled down very well and rang a good 240 of Grandsire without any trips. Thatcham followed, and rang Pitman's 240 of Grandsire in excellent style, marred by a slight mishap when one ringer missed his sally, and another when a ringer (who shall be nameless) decided to do a single dodge at a bob! Third to ring were Eynsham, who, as befitting a team in their own Branch, rang an excellent touch of Grandsire. Hughenden rang last and set an impeccable standard in their initial two minute rounds. However, a mistake at a single in their second 120 of Stedman rapidly built up a large number of faults. This concluded the contest ringing at Stonesfield, and after a few touches to enable the judge, stewards and other visitors to have a ring, the company moved off to Wootton Village Hall for tea.

Meanwhile the second semi-final was under way at St. Mary's, Northleigh. Originally it was intended to hold it at Coombe, but a broken stay and a broken rope necessitated a rapid reorganisation of plans. The teams taking part at Northleigh were: East Hagbourne (North Berks Branch), St. Mary's, Reading (Reading Branch) and Sonning (Sonning Deanery Branch). The judge was Mr. Frank Mack, who had travelled 150 miles from Exmouth to officiate. First to ring were East Hagbourne, who rang a very good touch of Grandsire Doubles. St. Mary's, Reading, were drawn next, and as was to be expected of a band of this calibre they rang a splendid 240 Cambridge Minor. Last to ring were Sonning, who were unfortunately handicapped by the fact that some of their band had lost their way, so substitutes had to be fielded (or should I say "towered"!). After their touch of Grandsire Doubles the bands converged on Wootton for tea.

A truly magnificent tea was organised by Miss Daphne Pollard. The judges then announced the results of the semi-finals. The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, in his summing up, said that a very high standard of ringing had been set again. He awarded the faults to each team as follows: Eynsham 26 faults, Thatcham 28, Headington 36 and Hughenden 76. Mr. Frank Mack, in his summary, first remarked on the split-second accuracy of all the bands in their two minute rounds preceding their touch. None of them had exceeded two minutes and one second, and one was exactly two minutes. It was just as if they were timing it by a stop-watch (as they were!). He went on to say that the first team had rung some very good Grandsire, but some handstroke leads had been wide. He awarded them 31½ faults. The second team had rung Cambridge very well, but some faults had occurred when the tenor was turned in; 30½ faults. The final team had been unfortunate: they incurred 60 faults. This meant that East Hagbourne and St. Mary's, Reading, would compete against Eynsham and Thatcham in the final.

The rain, which had been intermittent all the afternoon, now settled into a steady drizzle. The judges abandoned their original intention of judging from the Village Hall, performing their duties from inside the church. Knots of plastic-clad figures could be seen round the streets of Wootton, sheltering under trees, in doorways, cars and the church porch, all listening intently to the contest. East Hagbourne had been drawn first, and soon settled into some good Grandsire Doubles. Eynsham followed with another touch of Grandsire, the tenor adding a few extra faults by not standing first time at the conclusion of the touch. Thatcham rang at a slower pace than the previous two team, incurring extra faults through a couple of trips. St. Mary's, Reading, concluded the ringing with an excellent touch of Plain Bob Minor.

All the company gathered in the church to hear the judges' decisions Mr. Mack spoke for both of them, saying that a very high standard of ringing had been maintained. The good, steady ringing of the first team had earned them only 33 faults. The second team had rung rather hurriedly, which had led to some clipping in thirds and fourths place: he awarded them 44 faults. The third team's ringing had been "very nice, steady Grandsire Doubles, typical of a country band, with only two unfortunate trips; 28 faults." The last team, who had rung Plain Bob Minor, were probably the team who had rung Cambridge at the semi-final that afternoon. Their ringing had been excellent, only 12 faults being scored. The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg then announced that St. Mary's, Reading, were this year's winners, with Thatcham second and East Hagbourne third.

Miss Cross, hon. general secretary of the Guild, proposed a vote of thanks: to the incumbents of Stonesfield, Northleigh and Wootton, to the Witney and Woodstock Branch for making all the local arrangements, to the stewards for their services, to the Master and Mr. Frank Mack for acting as judges. Miss Cross added at this point that she hoped that they would take home a favourable impression of ringing in the Guild. Finally, thanks were due to Miss Daphne Pollard for giving up part of her holiday in order to prepare such a magnificent tea.

After a short prayer the company dispersed, some to the tower, others to wend their long way home, and some to . . . guess where?

W. B.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN GUILD

Cary Branch

The Cary Branch met at Barton St. David on April 27th, when 30 ringers attended the service in the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. S. Thomas), who was also the organist. The lesson was read by the Branch chairman (the Rev. G. S. Robinson), who took the chair after tea in the Village Hall for the business meeting.

The chairman presented certificates to four Barton St. David ringers and welcomed Mr. W. A. Prescott, tower captain, back to the tower after his operation and long illness. There was a special word of thanks to those who had carried on during his absence.

Ilchester Branch

The Ilchester Branch held its May practice at St. John the Baptist's Church, Pitney, on May 4th. Over 35 ringers attended, representing 12 towers, including Yealmpton and Nailsea.

The Rector, the Rev. P. E. Holmes, conducted the belfry prayers, and ringing on this good going seven cwt. five was under the direction of Messrs. Gordon Rendell and W. E. Turner. This included rounds, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman and St. Simon's Bob.

It was very gratifying to know that the Pitney ringers wished to become full members of the Branch, and the company were further delighted when the invitation came from the churchwarden, Mr. J. A. L. Young, and Mrs. Young to visit their house for refreshments after ringing down the bells. The thanks of the Branch and its visitors were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Young and also to the Rector and Mr. Ed. Thyer, the tower Master, for allowing the use of the bells.

M. M. L.

HILL FARRANCE, SOM.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Stevens 1, R. Escott (first Doubles) 2, D. Escott (first Doubles) 3, R. Bartlett 4, R Colman (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6. For the marriage or Miss C. J. Beresford-Stooke and Mr. J. B. Henderson.

WHITSTABLE RINGERS VISIT BUCKS

It has been the tradition of the bellringers of All Saints' Church, Whitstable, to visit another part of the country at about Easter time, and this year saw seven of them off to Buckinghamshire to base at Stony Stratford. En route the light bells of Stoke D'Abernon (Surrey) were put to good use, and in the evening we had a short but enjoyable ring at Stony Stratford.

Tuesday saw the band ringing the unusual steel bells at Waddesdon—not as unpleasant as might have been anticipated, followed by the anti-clockwise old five at Nether Winchendon. Two Thomas Mears' sixes followed—the lovely bells at Aston Clinton and the correspondingly unpleasant ring at Ellesborough in its fine tower. Evening practice was spent with the locals at Buckingham.

On the Wednesday some members went to chime the unringable and discordant steel bells at Thornborough, followed by some good ringing at Brill. At Steeple Claydon we were joined by Ann Carpenter, and one member landed himself on the floor after the lower. The light five at Beachampton in their minute tower were much enjoyed, but the weather failed to hold out for our evening visit to the superb eight at Woburn.

Thursday was spent in Oxford, where the traffic was compensated for by the lovely sixes at Cowley and St. Aldate's, and where Great Tom was also visited. En route back a short break was made at Calverton, with its 12 cwt. six. In the evening we went to the brick church at Fenny Stratford, where the second persistently slipped wheel and the fifth refused to stop ringing despite every appearance on the part of the rope that the bell was "set." During the day we were delighted to have the company of John and Beryl Baldwin, and in the evening that of Alan and Diana Frost.

Friday was the birthday of one member, who appeared disguised as a clergyman, to the consternation of the hotel staff. We were glad to have Andrew and Richard Haseldine with us again, and the first stop was at Wingrave, where the fine six provided some of the best ringing of the week.

In contrast, the heavy bells at Wing (29½ cwt.), with their long draught, were too much for most of the company, though the interesting church was much admired. The party then went on wildly differing routes to Caddington (a nice, light six), but the noisy bells at Eaton Bray, which followed, taxed both the patience and the abilities of everybody. The supposedly bad eight at Toddington in fact proved to be quite good, in spite of a cracked seventh, and the church was one of the finest of the tour.

Saturday put us en route for home, with a stop on the long-draughted five at Little Horwood, and thence by a miracle of navigation to the excellent six at Albury (Surrey), where lunch was eaten at 4.30 p.m.!

The band thank all who made their stay so enjoyable; we hope that they will visit us one day, and long may their bells ring out.

D. L. C.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 5th, 1,296 Annable's London Surprise Minor: Carol Cousins 1, N. Bennett 2, Amanda Powell (cond.) 3, I. Wiltshire 4, R. Rayfield 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins.

ALVESTON, GLOS.—On Mar 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Hanson (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Starling 2, Miss P. Sturdy 3, G. Collins 4, D. R. Livsey (first as cond.) 5, A. R. Tuck 6. For Evensong.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Vivienne Smith 3, W. Simmonds 4, P. A. Lock 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. For Evensong.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, on April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. V. Davis 1-2, W. T. Perrins 3-4, Rosemary Shearing (first quarter) 5-6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Susan E. M. Davis 1, D. L. Nibbs 2, Marion Kemp 3, B. J. Read 4, J. D. Cheesman (first of Royal) 5, H. J. Payne (first of Royal) 6, R. I. West (first of Royal) 7, P. J. Daniel 8, A. W. Bond 9, P. H. Mackie (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

CLAPHAM, LONDON.—At the Church of Our Lady of Victories, on April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Netherton 1, Margaret Phelan 2, Miss R. M. J. Alcock (first quarter) 3, Irene E. Shanks 4, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 5, T. J. Farmer 6. For the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Farmer. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Netherton 1, Margaret Phelan 2, R. Bing 3, Irene Shanks 4, W. Shanks (cond.) 5, T. J. Farmer 6. For the Queen's birthday.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Retter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, Miss M. Retter 3, K. Clarke 4, J. Clarke 5, J. Quick 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss A. Retter 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, Miss M. Retter 3, A. Holway 4, G. E. Retter 5, E. Gill 6, E. R. Retter 7, A. Broom 8. For Evensong.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Rosemary J. Kemp 1, Cmdr. J. Merritt, R.N., 2, Jennifer M. Tyack 3, J. G. Draper 4, Gillian M. Boyd 5, Renee Sturgess 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, F. E. Fagg 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, S. A. Scott 10. Also on April 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Renee Sturgess 1, Gillian M. Boyd 2, J. G. Draper 3, Christine Lanegan 4, Jennifer M. Tyack 5, R. K. Hawkins 6, J. A. Gunstone 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, F. E. Fagg 10. For Evensong. Also on April 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Scott 1, Renee Sturgess 2, Christine Lanegan 3, J. G. Draper 4, Gillian M. Boyd 5, J. N. Haile 6, F. E. Fagg 7, J. A. G. Ball 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, S. A. Scott 10. Rung to celebrate the engagement of two Fareham ringers, John A. G. Ball and Rosemary J. Kemp.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. R. Wild (first attempt) 1, R. F. Watson 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, Sheila M. Anthony (first as cond. and 10th parter peal) 4, A. R. C. Harris (first "inside") 5. Rung in memoriam Alfred Henry Shelton, Chairman of the Carlton U.D.C.

HARDWICKE, GLOS.—On April 28th, 1,300 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. M. Perry 1, R. J. Page 2, M. N. Amphlett (first as cond.) 3, Miss J. G. Pillinger 4, P. W. Screen 5, Miss J. Slatter 6. For Evensong and after the repainting of the bell frames.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, E. YORKS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Gail P. Horton (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Moss 2, M. Brook 3, R. A. Bradley 4, R. R. Horton 5, R. H. Jordan (first as cond. in two methods) 6.

HUNSLET, LEEDS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: R. J. Chandler 1, R. A. Beresford 2, J. J. Durham 3, J. P. Ottaway 4, G. Cooper 5, M. G. Dodson 6, Suzanne J. Withers 7, G. J. Jones (cond.) 8. To mark the birth of John Henry, son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Williams.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. J. Southam 1, R. A. Cochrane 2, A. G. Sears 3, H. Shire 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Diana Meredith (first quarter) 6. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Day 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, F. C. Jacklin 3, L. Coburn 4, J. G. Cull 5, T. J. Southam (cond.) 6. Rung for Kimpton May Festival.

LIMERICK, EIRE.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Gash (first quarter) 1, T. T. Marsden 2, D. W. Galbraith (cond.) 3, G. H. Ellis 4, C. W. Galbraith 5, F. G. Bingham 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (back eight): Mary Lewis 1, Mary Andrews 2, J. Rae 3, K. Small 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, F. Hurrell 6, P. Clarke 7, P. Shonk 8. For Evensong.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Durrant (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. M. Stevens 2, Miss E. W. Keys 3, G. Lee 4, P. Stevens (cond.) 5, W. G. Challen 6.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Smith 1, J. Creer 2, G. Cooper 3, Margaret Manby 4, A. Rothwell 5, B. Groves 6, R. Andrew 7, A. McFall (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. F. Soles 1, P. Laycock 2, B. Medhurst (cond. and first "inside") 3, D. Kaile (first "inside") 4, E. R. Warner 5, L. Gale (first quarter) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Sansom (cond.) 5, R. Cross 6. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On May 5th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: P. King 1, P. Sloman 2, Penny Halliwell 3, B. Sadler 4, Pip Sadler 5, R. Furminger 6, Stephen Halliwell 7, M. Hallett 8, D. Sloman (first as cond. of Caters) 9, G. Eve 10. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On May 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Christine M. Cobb 1, Lesley A. Brookes 2, Alison M. Mann, L. W. Allen 4, Julie S. Armstrong (first as cond.) 5, B. H. Coatsworth 6, C. F. Mew 7, A. R. Patterson 8. For Patronal Festival.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Foote (first quarter) 1, Dr. H. Craig 2, T. A. Palmer 3, K. F. Harvey 4, F. J. Read (cond.) 5, L. Foote 6. Rung to mark the baptism of Timothy Edward Cohen, of Hilldrop Farm, Ramsbury.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth J. Shelley 1, Thelma-Lynn Willis 2, C. Forster (cond.) 3, G. H. Foster 4, J. T. Davey (first quarter) 5, A. T. Hawkins 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. A 21st birthday compliment to Richard H. Collins.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. L. Thorogood 1, D. N. Weston (first "inside") 2, W. D. Lanyon 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, P. J. Lankester 5.

STOWTING, KENT.—On April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): O. Webster 1, Margaret Jenner 2, J. Hemsley 3, Marion Kemp 4, A. Leercs (cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6. First in three methods for all the band.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Rosemary Snawdon 1, Rosemary Myers 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, D. Bentley 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, F. Crofts 6. First of Stedman 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

STOKE DAMEREL, DEVON. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Steere (first quarter) 1, A. Frost 2, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 3, S. G. Peirce 4, C. Mitchelmore 5, B. D. Knight 6.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—At St. George's, on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Joyce Gardner 1, D. Davenport 2, R. King 3, K. Davenport 4, J. Bell 5, E. Roughley 6, J. Barker 7, L. Watkins 8, C. Bell 9, G. R. Gardner (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Peter Laflin, interred the previous day.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.—On April 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Brock 1, M. Loveday 2, J. F. Maybrey 3, A. J. Hampton 4, Carol Andrews 5, D. Boniface 6, M. Tyers 7, A. Tyers (cond.) 8. A compliment to Gerda Baresel (former Heston ringer) on her marriage, in South Africa, to Bob Humphreys.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On April 28th, 1,264 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Edens 1, R. Rex 2, Mary Marshall 3, R. Christopher 4, D. Mottram 5, R. Ashman 6, B. Taylor 7, W. Butler (cond.) 8. First of Surprise 1 and 5. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): G. Bollands (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Barker 2, Mary Marshall 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, A. Edons 5, A. Christopher 6. Both rung for service.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: S. Mount (first of Cinques) 1, E. Newnham 2, Susan Thomas 3, June Whitcher 4, Jane Darby (first of Conques) 5, M. C. Austin 6, R. Durrant 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8, A. J. Slade 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, R. E. J. Dennis 11, J. Murfitt 12. For Matins.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rosalind Payne 1, Mrs. Ruth Jones 2, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 3, R. Jones 4, E. Norris 5, A. Payne 6, N. G. Knee 7, P. Roynon 8. First of Stedman 1, 2 and 4. Rung by a combined band from Corsley, Longbridge-Deverill and Warminster. For Evensong.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Good Friday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Holman 1, Miss C. Mackie 2, Mrs. D. Randall 3, P. Border 4, P. Mackie 5, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 6, P. Randall 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8. Rung half-muffled.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At St Cuthbert's Church, on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Hallett 1, M. Whiteley (first on eight) 2, R. Taylor 3, L. England 4, M. Bartlett 5, C. Jenkins 6, G. Salmon (cond.) 7, C. Wainwright (first quarter) 8. A welcome to the Rev. James Tomsett and Mrs. Tomsett.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Janet Yeates 1, R. A. Stone 2, K. G. Waller 3, D. G. Hatherly 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, F. W. Sherfield 6.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie P. Williams 1, J. P. Sale (first "inside") 2, D. Robinson (cond.) 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, D. J. Edmonds 5. A 15th birthday compliment to J. P. Sale.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. P. Perkins (first quarter) 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, D. G. M. Pearce 3, D. R. Bould 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, E. J. Cann 6.

WHITTLESEY, PETERBOROUGH.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Hart (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gray 2, Miss S. Randall 3, Miss L. Stagg 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Edwards 6, T. Bell (first quarter) 7. For Evensong and the Queen's birthday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Our sympathy to Barnwood, Glos, ringers, who have been bereaved by the death of their tower captain, Percy Newland.

The peal of Wigston Surprise Major reported on page 369 should read 5,152 changes, and not 5,040.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Harris both took part in a quarter of Stedman Triples at Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcs, in honour of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Furness Branch (Lancs) is losing two lady ringers—the Misses Doreen Maclean and Anne Blundell—who are shortly leaving for 12 months in South Africa. There was a farewell quarter at Broughton-in-Furness on May 4th.

The Davids have rung another peal, this time at the Bell Tower, Evesham—Cambridge Surprise Maximus. A footnote is necessary to identify the two David Marshalls. David P. Hilling, of Slough, conducted.

Miss Pam Gough, from Burwood, N.S.W., is working at St. Thomas' Hospital and was present at a recent St. Giles' practice of the Middlesex Association with two other Australians—Merrilyn Chambers and Walter Knight.

Lost—one chocolate cake! Finder rewarded on returning same to Bingham District (Southwell Guild) tea ladies.

Mr. Ross Bampton has completed his year in Melbourne, where he enjoyed the 10- and 12-bell ringing at the Cathedral, and is now back at Burwood with his young company.

The 21st birthday peal of Grandsire Triples for David F. Moore at Leicester Cathedral on April 27th was intended to be Stedman Cinques. Alas, one of the cars broke down en route. The conductor wishes to associate the unfortunate victims with the peal, viz.: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Foster, Miss Juliet Stoy and Nigel Thompson.

Mrs. Nancy Poore Tufts informs us that the Potomac English Handbell Ringers last December gave two Christmas concerts to the British Embassy and also 12 concerts at EXPO 67, representing the U.S. Government. Mrs. Tufts is the owner and director of the bells.

Mr. Anthony J. Cox writes withdrawing the peal of Plain Bob Major at Bristol as being rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. He asks that it should be recorded as "Non-Association." (See issue of March 22nd, page 228.)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A SURREY BELL FESTIVAL

Limpsfield Chart's first-ever Bell Festival was held on May 4th. This was the opening event in the local campaign for Christian Aid. Visitors to the Festival at St. Andrew's came from Kent and Surrey, and some good ringing was enjoyed during the day.

The morning's programme included instruction on handbells, under the direction of Mr. E. Nixon, followed by a soup-and-sandwich lunch. A striking competition took place in the afternoon, the test piece being six to eight minutes of call changes. In spite of familiarity with the bells, St. Andrew's band (ten faults) could not outdo West Wickham's seven faults. Limpsfield (St. Peter's) band took third place—it was good that their lack of experience did not deter them from entering. Mr. W. A. Hughes adjudicated, and after tea commented on the performances.

A selection of Central Council publications was on display; one of these was selected by Mr. J. Cannell as the prize to take back to West Wickham belfry, suitably inscribed. The Rev. Philip Haynes spoke appreciatively of the efforts of all concerned, both visitors and organisers. Prayers for Christian Aid were said in church, and then followed more ringing until the bells were lowered at 7.40 p.m.

A fiesta for bellringers, said the advance notice in the parish magazine, and it turned out that way. A visitor's impression was that the Festival deserved wider support, although choice of date was unfortunate. For future reference, parents please note that youngsters of all ages were well provided for. The organiser was Mr. R. Stephens, ably assisted by friends of the local band. R. W. S.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the University of Bristol Society was held on May 7th, when the following officers were elected for the 1968–69 session: Master, Mandi McCallion; secretary, Anthony J. Cox; treasurer, Michael J. Platt; tower secretary, Andrew N. Brock.

It was announced that the president, Dr. G. Hudson, would be leaving Bristol at the end of this session. The meeting decided to ask Dr. Hudson to remain in office until the next dinner day, when the question of his successor would be dealt with at the special general meeting of both resident and non-resident members.

Arrangements for the Reunion Week-end at Bristol on June 7th, 8th and 9th were outlined by the general secretary (Edward J. Mould) and non-resident members are asked to reply to the circular as soon as possible.

The summer tour will be held this year in the Worcestershire-Herefordshire area.

1968 HANDBELL RALLY

The next Handbell Ringers' Rally will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, Yorkshire. Entry forms for teams ringing are obtainable from Mr. W. C. Gregory, 26, Rawsons Bank, Ecclesfield, Sheffield S30 3ZL, and must be returned before May 31st.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N. DISTRICT

The first meeting at Feering for ten years drew a goodly number of ringers to try out the recently rehung eight. A splice in the tenor rope began to look a little dodgy, but it had the decency to last out the day.

During the service the Vicar (the Rev. A. Moodey) gave an address (somewhat reluctantly), in which he traced the history of bells and ringing from the pre-Christian era. R. T.

NEWS FROM THE UNITED STATES

Ringing in the East has reached new heights during the last year or so with the renewed ringing activity at Hingham as the possible highlight. Mr. W. A. Theobald, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, has been touring the States on business, and has had the opportunity to explore the ringing situation over a wide region. His visit has greatly stimulated interest, particularly in the areas where visits from experts are rare.

At the end of May a ringing week-end is being arranged. The towers included are at Kent, Smith College, Hingham, Perkins School for the Blind (Watertown) and Groton. We are hoping that as many as possible will be able to participate, and are particularly looking forward to meeting Frank Price (Warfield, Berks) and Tom Goodyer (Sydney, Australia), who will be in the area at that time. This will probably be the first regional meeting to be held, and it is hoped that everyone will get a chance to practise something special.

Handbell ringing in the area, fostered especially at Smith College in recent years, has become popular, and a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung in early May by two New England locals (Joan Hutchinson, who is going to Warwick University in the autumn, and Geoffrey Davies) and Richard Dirksen, on a visit from Washington.

WHERE WILL IT END?

Inspired by the leading article in "The Ringing World" of May 3rd. "Whither into the Realms of the Unknown," the following has been composed by a Hampshire ringer as coming from any of a dozen "old sweats" who do not aspire to be any of the future 400.

As life goes on I sing my song,
With Double Norwich I'm really clever.
These young lads now they come and go
But I go on for ever.

To call nine-spliced is really nice,
And to these bands we offer
Best wishes for future success
In everything they proffer.

How far can we ever foresee
To what the future holds,
As long as there are bells to ring,
Or of failures left untold.

Ten years from now will they still go
On Saturdays and week-nights, too,
To ring these peals so far from home;
The answer is it's up to you.

I've tried it all and like to call
And ring the tenor when I can.
I'll ring it fast or ring it slow.
And strike it as good as any man.

So to you all, both big and small,
Whatever methods you may try,
Will you still be here in twenty years
Or given up, I wonder why?

I've seen them come and when they've rung
Rush off to pastures new.
Their lists of towers soon grow and grow,
Leaving their own band to stew.

We are all the same when in God's name,
Whatever our standards be.
Our ringing is done to summon all,
For this we dedicate ourselves to Thee.

URANGWOT—6

Recently three friends of mine decided to have another go at a peal of Minor "in hand." They all read "The Ringing World" and, what is more, they all buy "The Ringing World," and I have often heard them talk about useful tips they have culled from its pages. They passed one on to me on this occasion. "This may not be a record attempt but there's still no need for you to ring up to find out how we're getting on." "All right," I said, "but I shall want to know how you get on this time." "We'll make a bargain with you," said the conductor, "for I suppose you'll be round at the Forthsand Inn as usual." "Naturally," I concurred. "Well, we'll join you afterwards and if we ring the peal you can buy us all a drink, and if we've failed we'll all buy you a drink." "Done," I said, adding "Best of luck. See you all on Friday night."

Friday came and in due course my friends joined me in the lounge. I fished in my pocket for my money just in case, but they would not at first give me a direct answer as to whether they had rung the peal or not. They told me that they had decided among themselves that each one would tell the truth or tell a lie in answering any questions that I cared to put and each knew what the others were to do. Fortunately I knew which pair of bells each would be ringing and I also had some idea of the questions to ask. Firstly, I asked the 1–2 man whether the other two were to adopt the same policy as each other about answering truthfully or lying. Secondly, I asked the 3-4 man whether the 1–2 man was more prone to tell lies than the 5–6 man in their arrangement. Each question was answered with "Yes" or "No" and, after considering the answers I received, I realised that I could be quite sure of how I stood with the 5–6 man and so I asked him "Did you ring the peal?" He answer "No."

In those circumstances would you have paid for the drinks or not? If you can work out the answer and send it to the Editor you might get him to pay for a drink or two if yours is opened first! Closing date is May 31st.

T. SURR.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

By kind permission of Mr. H. L. Hatfield, the annual general meeting of the Liverpool University Society was held on May 4th at 23, Cumberland Avenue, Liverpool.

A new committee was elected consisting of: Mr. G. Sparling, Master; Mr. H. Dobbin, secretary; Mr. M Cony, treasurer; Miss P. Jenkins, ordinary member, and, following an amendment to the constitution, they took office after a joint committee meeting on May 8th.

Mr. J. Fox (of Flat 4, The Chalet, Budworth Road, Nocterum, Birkenhead, Cheshire), was elected dinner secretary, to be held on February 22nd. Other dates arranged were: E.G.M., Friday, October 18th, and A.G.M. on Saturday, May 3rd, 1969. The annual tour (August 23rd–30th), which is to be organised by Mr. R. Shea (of 19, Maryport Street, Usk, Mon), is hoped to take the form of a cruise on a canal narrow boat. P.J.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

Raymond P. Selway	Treble	H. E. George Jeans	4
H. Dennis W. Bishop	2	Albert W. Dyer	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Turner.

HIGH HAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 21 methods/variations, two extents each of Stedman, Union, Stedman Slow Course, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Albans, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Paul, St. Giles, Lapley, St. Nicholas, St. Miles, St. John, Winchendon.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Robert Parker	3
Arthur H. Reed	2	Keith E. Beale	4

Raymond F. Arscott .... Tenor
Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
Most methods/variations to a peal by all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Mills, of Norton Fitzwarren.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Patrick J. Bird	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	6
Christine A. Foster	2	†Andrew N. Brock	7
Alan Metters	3	C. Martin Foster	8
Elizabeth M. Emmett	4	Ian C. Maycock	9
*Michael J. Platt	5	Edward G. Mould	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal "inside."

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sun., May 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Patrick J. Bird	Treble	Michael J. Platt	5
*Christine A. Foster	2	C. Martin Foster	6
*Jonathan G. Rose	3	Edward G. Mould	7
Anthony J. Cox	4	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
SOHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5052 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

M. Hutchings (Newnham)	Treble	R. S.-Bradley (Clare)	6
*R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	2	*R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	7
G. H. Jones (St. John's)	3	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	8
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	9
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	5	D. P. Sturge (St. John's)	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* 25th peal together.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Major J. H. R. Freeborn and Mrs. Ada Miller.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

C W. Woolley (Selwyn)	Treble	K J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	5
R W. H. Hayes (Caius)	2	C M. Press (King's)	6
C. H Rogers (Emmanuel)	3	D. E. Rothera (Trinity Hall)	7
P. F. Windley (Jesus)	4	M L. J. Jordan (Trin. Hall)	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. W. Woolley.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

M J. Pickup (Churchill)	Treble	D. S. Pont (Christ's)	5
D P. Sturge (St. John's)	2	*G. H. Jones (St. John's)	6
Merryn Hutchings (Newn.)	3	V Nutton (Selwyn)	7
R L. Underwood (P'house)	4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
* 25th peal for the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

Oswald D. Claybrook	Treble	Keith Walpole	5
Keith Hackney	2	John R. Bibby	6
Cynthia Warrilow	3	William G. Bibby	7
John E. Bibby	4	Walter Allman	Tenor

Conducted by John E. Bibby.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Bryan D. Claybrook and Miss Muriel E. Orme.

ACTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., April 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of St. Simon, St. Albans, Cassington, Elford, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, Austrey, St. Leonard, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, Shareshill, Lapley, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Luke, Ryton, St. John, Grandsire, Rev. St, Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Tredington, Preston, Thrumpton, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Little Aston, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth and Seighford. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*Stanley Sutton	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
†Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	†John R. Scott	5
Frederick S. Sutton	3	*Herbert Sutton	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Scott.
* First peal in 42 methods/ variations. † 125th peal for the Guild. First in 42 methods/variations as conductor.
Rung fully muffled in memoriam Mr. J. H. Harrison, people's warden of this church.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., May 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Frank R. Morton	Treble	Brian Harris	4
Stephen P. Newton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
†David Allman	3	*John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † 50th peal, all rung with 1 and 5. Conductor's 125th peal as conductor and has now conducted a peal from each bell in this tower.
Rung in memoriam Mr. Peter Laflin, the hon. librarian of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
DODDERHILL, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

E. Anthea M. Sparshott	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Shirley E. Jones	2	Stephen F. Royal	6
Peter C. Randall	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Anthony J. Cox	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Alan Russell and Avril Smith, both local ringers, who were married later in the day.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

*Jill K. Orme	Treble	Frank W. Rivett	5
C. Edward Jeffries	2	Rodney H. French	6
Alfred E Rushton	3	C. Michael Orme	7
†Ronald J. Sharp	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal on eight bells. † 450th of Surprise. First in the method as conductor. First in the county for this Society by a resident band since 1949

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Litchurch.
On Sat., May 4, 1968 in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

J. Edward Cawser	Treble	David K. Walklate	6
Beryl E. Cawser	2	B. Stedman Payne	7
Alan Evans	3	†Roger I. Kendrick	8
*Geoffrey Bridges	4	†Ian V. J. Smith	9
*Kevin A Betesta	5	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Yorkshire Royal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sun., April 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	John S. Rank	5
Susan Rothera	2	John G. Gipson	6
*Geoffrey Pearson	3	David E. Rothera	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* 250th peal
Rung in honour of the christening of Ann Louise Motley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

*Caroline R. F. Cole ..	Treble	Michael C. Austin ..	7
†Robert E. J. Dennis ..	2	Kenneth Warner	8
Julia A. Fellows	3	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	9
Robert J. Chapman ..	4	Donald E. Cobb	10
Andrew J. Slade	5	John C. Slater	11
Dennis Ellisdon	6	*†George E. Bonham ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal on 12 bells and of Stedman. † 25th peal together.
Rung for the anniversary of the consecration of Waltham Abbey, which took place on May 3rd, 1060.

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter and Cedd.
On Mon., April 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 54 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

*Keith W. Brown	Treble	Joe E. G. Roast	6
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	David E. Rothera	7
†Susan Rothera	3	Alfred J. House	8
Robert E. J. Dennis ..	4	Philip J. Rothera	9
Andrew J. Slade	5	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal on ten bells. † 250th peal.
Rung to welcome the new Bishop of Bradwell.

LEYTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*Christine A. Morton ..	Treble	†David A. Wright	5
Charles A. Hughes	2	Dennis A. Hewitt	6
Kenneth Warner	3	Dennis Ellisdon	7
†Stephen G. Halliwell ..	4	*Michael G. Hollis	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
* First peal. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Frances Dodds	Treble	Roger D. R. Brown ..	5
Katharine S. Hardy ..	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
*†Susan E. Farnes	3	Gerald Penney	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

LIMERICK.—At the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr

Patrick Hanley	Treble	Anthony Curtin	5
*Noel Newman	2	Liam Benson	6
†Joseph Neville	3	John T. Dunwoody ..	7
†Hugh O'Brien	4	†John O'Neill	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal, first attempt.
Rung in honour of the centenary of the Arch Confraternity of the Holy Family, Limerick (1868–1968).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt in E flat.

*Michael Rigby	Treble	*Robin Grant	5
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	2	David G. Hollis	6
Christopher J. Easton ..	3	John Pladdys	7
Richard A. J. Bower ..	4	Christopher P. Starbuck ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Christopher P. Starbuck.
* First peal on eight bells.

STAPLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Stanley Jenner	5
*Margaret E. Oram	2	Ian H. Oram	6
*Simon A. B. Wigg	3	*Thomas Cullingworth ..	7
Ralph Bird	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

DOWNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods: (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Beverley, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Easton ..	Treble	Peter G. Holden	4
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	2	*Robin J. Grant	5
*Anthony P. Smith	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* Most methods to a peal.
Rung following the village "May Queen" Festival, and also as a 20th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	Richard Grant	5
Elizabeth Timmins	2	Bernard J. Stone	6
David F. Moore	3	Richard C. Stevens	7
Russell Morris	4	Andrew J. C. Brown ..	Tenor

Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to David F. Moore on his 21st birthday.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob and one 720 Oxford T.B. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

Raymond H. Martin	Treble	Hazel J. Nichols	4
John Hunt	2	Edward Guy Slater	5
Edward C. Cowd	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL of 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Richard D. Gibson	7
Rev. Frederick Ross ..	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	8
Geoffrey W. Randle ..	3	Alan H. Bridges	9
Harold F. Gibson	4	Michael Maughan	10
*Elizabeth Foster	5	Michael W. Crowder ..	11
Geoffrey Paul	6	George E. Dawson	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal on 12 bells. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

EAGLE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

John Walden	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	4
William R. Parker	2	Philip C. Pitchford	5
Louis Willders	3	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. G. E. Smith, of Eagle, who celebrated his 80th birthday on May 1st, 1968.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents Plain Bob, five 240's and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

Thomas E. Hiddins ..	Treble	Nigel V. Hill	4
D. Walford Davies	2	William T. Petty	5
Raymond J. Mayle	3	Harold Preece	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., April 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

Frank Chambers	Treble	†Robert L. Piron	5
*Richard J. Clifton	2	†Arthur E. Rowley	6
†Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* 400th peal. † First in the method. First is the method as conductor. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., May 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	*Frank Chambers	5
*John K. Smith	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
*Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

WINSHILL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Tues., April 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
42 extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*Kathryn J. Brooks	Treble	George L. Roobottom	4
*Susan E. Roberts	2	John K. Smith	5
Cyril T. Haynes	3	*Neil Golder	Treble

Conducted by John K. Smith.
* First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Colin A. Tester	Treble	*‡Peter S. Muchlinski	7
Judith M. Corby	2	Martin L. Howe	8
Olive D. Tester	3	†‡Rev. Peter N. Bond	9
Trevor A. Cross	4	Andrew J. Corby	10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5	Robert B. Smith	11
Richard Hayes	6	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Surprise Maximus. ‡ Completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.
On Fri., May 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of Beverley, Cambridge, London, Norwich, Surfleet, Warkworth and Wells. Tenor 5 cwt. 80 lb.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	David E. House	4
David Cubitt	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
*Janet House	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Roy P. Flindall, B.D., Vicar of St. Saviour with St Paul the Hermit and priest-in-charge of St. Clement with St Edmund and St. George, Colegate, instituted and inducted in this church on April 29th.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ADDERBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

Roger W. Smith	Treble	Alan A. Paul	5
Kilby R. Holtom	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Richard F. B. Speed	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Robert A. Reeves	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

EAST ILSLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

Patricia E. Hibbert	Treble	Brian R. White	5
David A. Vince	2	John W. T. Hibbert	6
Marjorie C. Hibbert	3	John H. Napper	7
William Hibbert	4	Harry R. Wells	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.
Rung in memoriam Edward Thomas Sneller.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., May 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 VANDERPLANCK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Barrie Hendry	5
Patrick I. Chapman	2	David J. Marshall	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Malcolm J. V. Chown	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method.

VANDERPLANCK SURPRISE MAJOR
C 38—58, 16—56—36—14—58, 14—14, 78.

FLORE, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Containing 63 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Marple, Taxal, Elston, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate, Willesden, Braintree, Humber, Clarence, Neasden, St. Albans, Charlwood and Wragby Delight, Morning Star T.B., (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London and Netherseale Surprise, (3) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Kingston, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Ockley and Norbury T.B., Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight, (4) Ely, Wilmslow, Bogedone, Rostherne, Knutsford, Balmoral, Fotheringay, Chepstow and Skipton Delight, Bourne and Hull Surprise, Nelson T.B., (5) Castleton, Peveril, Leasowe, Melandra and Beeston Delight, (6) Abbeyville, Canterbury, Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland and St. Werburgh Delight, (7) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Primrose, Berwick and Hexham Surprise, with 124 changes of method and a plain lead of each included Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	4
*Alan A. Paul	2	*Graham C. Paul	5
David J. Marshall	3	Barry Hendry	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 200th peal together. Most methods rung to a peal by all the band and for the Guild.

(Northampton Branch)
BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Fri., May 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Philip Jones	Treble	Iestyn G. Morgan	4
Anne Henman	2	Raymond Henman	5
David J. Morgan	3	Allan R. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe	Treble	James W. Belshaw	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Andrew J. Corby	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	David Beacham	9
Vernon Green	4	George E. Fearn	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James Insley	6	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Aston.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 102 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	*Stephen W. Barton	7
Susan E. Smith	2	James W. Belshaw	8
Maurice F. Edwards	3	Terry R. Hampton	9
John R. Insley	4	Andrew J. Corby	10
Vernon Green	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James Insley	6	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Maximus.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHARMINSTER Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat, April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*Joseph W. Marshall	Treble	‡Ernest H. Amey	5
*†R. H. Jack Mears	2	*Philip R Board	6
*Roderick A. Bryant	3	§Timothy F. Collins	7
*Christopher W. Tidwell	4	‡Richard H. Duke	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal on eight bells. † First away from tenor. ‡ First of Triples in the method. § First of Triples. First on eight bells as conductor First on the bells since augmentation to eight.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jennifer Smith, daughter of Mr. E. S. Smith, churchwarden, and Mr. Peter Spence, immediately after the ceremony. Tenor 15 cwt. in F

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Frances J N. Brown	Treble	David W. Grimwood	5
†Ross G. W. Robertson	2	John N. Longridge	6
Philip R. Keough	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
*Robert C. A. Philpott	4	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by W. Harrison Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the incumbent, Canon J. C. Wallis, and Mrs Wallis Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wallis. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EDGMOND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

George E. Morrall	Treble	Ernest C. Morrall	4
*Keith Daniels	2	Frank Beech	5
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	3	Edward R. Fairbrother	Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Fairbrother.
* First peal "inside."
The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. J. Taylor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt 2 qr 27 lb

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	David E. Rothera	7
Susan Rothera	2	Philip J. Rothera	8
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Edward Jenkins	9
Ann E Fellows	4	Derek Butterworth	10
Richard S. Starkie	5	John H. Fielden	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

BABWORTH Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., April 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Oxford and five of Plain Bob.

Harry Poyner	Treble	*Christine M. Wright	4
Linda M. Wilkinson	2	†Bryan Birkett	5
S. Geoffrey Pick	3	Keith Hilton	Tenor

Conducted by S Geoffrey Pick.
* First peal in two methods. † First "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Arthur Hilton, father of the tenor ringer, on his retirement Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Fri., April 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being five extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington and Seighford and two extents April Day. Tenor 11 cwt.

Mrs. Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	W. Gordon Marsh	4
Andrew L. B. King	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Robert D. Marsh	Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Brailsford Wood, aged 64 years, churchwarden at age of 21 and a faithful church officer, who passed to higher life on April 16th, 1968.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., April 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 9 lb. in E.

Richard Haves	Treble	Philip A. Corby	5
Judith M. Corby	2	*Tony Lewis	6
Philip J. Simmonds	3	John W. Smith	7
Frank I. Hairs	4	†Ernest J. Ladd	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* 200th peal. † 50th peal on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. F. Woolford, granddaughter of the ringer of the fourth.

BOLNEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

June M. Mitchell	Treble	†Roger Osbon	5
Derek Slater	2	‡James M. Hills	6
*Valerie J. Howard	3	David D. Smith	7
Herbert W. Woolven	4	John A. Howard	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton. Conducted by John A. Howard.
* First peal in the method † First of Surprise Major "inside."
‡ First of Major in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Jessie and Bert Woolven, emigrating to Australia.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Henry C. Weaver	Treble	Graham R. Hills	4
Brenda I. Cox	2	Roy M. Cox	5
Colin J. Champion	3	Raymond P. Wood	Tenor

Conducted by Colin J. Champion.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LILLESHALL, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being in the following extents: (1) London Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*Gillian Bosworth-Smith	Treble	*Philip R. Johnson	4
*Alan J. Fletcher	2	Ian Friend	5
*Stephen T. Yates	3	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal in six methods.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, E.C.
On Wed., May 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Beverley, (3) Surfleet, (4) Cambridge. (5) Cambridge. (6) Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	Peter G. Holden	4
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	†Timothy G. Pett	5
†Audrey R. Alexander	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* 25th peal. † 25th peal together.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. C. G. How.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

David P. Hilling	Treble	David A. Cornwall	7
David E. Parsons	2	David J. Llewellyn	8
David J. Forder	3	David Beacham	9
David E. Rothera	4	David W. Friend	10
David J. King	5	†David J. Marshall	11
*David J. Marshall	6	David J. Purnell	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* From Derbyshire. † From Daventry.
First peal of Maximus by a band of Davids.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
Arthur C. Berry	2	Robert Edwards	6
Margaret A. Swain	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

M Susan Jackson	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	7
Richard H. Youdale	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Christopher M. Movley	3	Philip N. Tubbs	9
Michael J. Thomas	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
Ronald J. Snack	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	John Potts	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*A. Colin Banton	Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce	4
Christine Broadley	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
Patsy M. Barnes	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
* Has "circled the tower" to peals.

MARKET WEIGHTON, East Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Christopher J. Groome ..	Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce	4
Cynthia E. Barnett	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
A. Shirley Beanland ..	3	*A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* 50th peal for the Association.
Rung in memory of Ernest H. Lindley, of Tadcaster.

WHIXLEY, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G sharp.

Christine Broadley	Treble	‡Jennifer E. Pearce	4
*Cynthia E. Barnett	2	Christopher J. Groome ..	5
†Susan E. Thompson ..	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal in more than one method. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Patsy Barnes.

(Huntington Guild)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., May 5, 1968 in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) St. Clement's, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Single Oxford, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Susan Mitchell	Treble	*Cynthia E. Barnett	4
*Patsy M. Barnes	2	Susan E. Thompson ..	5
A. Colin Banton	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung for Evensong and to mark the beginning of Christian Aid Week.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan F. Scholfield	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5–6
†Alan A. Potts	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
		Robert B. Smith	9–10

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Oxford T.B Royal. † First of Treble Bob Royal "in hand."

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

COVENTRY, Warwickshire.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.
On Wed., May 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank W. Perrens	1–2	*Geoffrey Pratt	5–6
Hubert E. Ashley	3–4	Hubert G. Summers ..	7–8

Composed by J Nicholl. Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.
* First peal of Kent on handbells

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.
On Wed., May 8, 1968, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4
		A. Colin Banton (cond.) ..	5–6

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At Rhossilli, 55, Wick Avenue.
On Thurs., April 11, 1968 in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frederick W. Ellis	1–2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Peter T. Dale	7–8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Tues., April 23, 1968, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4
		Jeffrey L. Claughton	5–6

First peal in the method by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss A. Godbold 1, Miss J. Anderson 2, E. Cooper 3, R. J. Sanderson 4, J. Whitham (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2. Also on April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Bryant 1, G. Robinson 2, E. Cooper 3, R. J. Sanderson 4, J. Whitham (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2.

BRIGHTWELL - CUM - SOTWELL, BERKS. — On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Earle 1, Glenda Emmett 2, Angela Ayres 3, A. R. L. Cope 4, A. T. Pearce 5, P. G. McIlbone (cond.) 6. For early Communion.

COLEMANS HATCH, SUSSEX.—On April 16th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Hilary A. Thick 1, R. Jean Osbon 2, Janet E. Blake 3, Charlotte M. Harris 4, E. J. Ladd 5, R. Osbon 6, C. Osbon 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On April 26th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: H. J. Sanger 1, Mrs. M. Jones 2, J. Dunford 3, R. G. Beck 4, S. Lucas 5, V. Savage 6, D. Mackay 7, E. J. Chivers 8, G. Salmon (first Stedman Caters as cond.) 9, I. Whitehead 10. First of Stedman Caters 2, 3, 5 and 10.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM. — On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Irene Richardson 1, Margaret A. Thow 2, Christine H. Telfer 3, M. Maughan 4, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 5, W. A. Thow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. C. Knight, lay reader. Also on April 5th, 1,320 Minor (three methods): W. A. Thow 1, Margaret A. Thow 2, Christine H. Telfer 3, D. Martin 4, M. Maughan 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Doreen Bourn and Mr. Leslie Cowan. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Corden, of Shildon. Also on April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. A. Thow 1, Margaret Hart 2, Margaret A. Thow 3, R. N. Scholes 4, C. W. Ottaway 5, I. V. Wintrip (first as cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Brenda Cooke and Bill Davidson.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 7th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (nine methods): P. J. Devrell 1, J. E. Newman 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. J. Orledge 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—At St. John's Church, on April 28th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: G. W. Critchley 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, Claudia Critchley 3, Patricia Copas 4, R. F. Prime 5, R. K. Russ 6, M. J. Palmer 7, M. W. Seymour 8, A. R. G. Twinn 9, W. H. Coles 10. For Evensong. Also on May 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Venn 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, Marjorie Hill 3, Patricia Copas 4, R. K. Russ 5, M. W. Seymour 6, W. H. Coles 7, M. J. Palmer 8, A. R. G. Twinn 9, P. Venn 10. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Lady Juliet S. Craig, who was cremated this day; a friend of Hillingdon ringers all her life.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, YORKS. — On April 20th, 1,140 T.B. Minor (11 methods): G. K. Smith 1, C. L. D. Munday 2, S. K. Thompson 3, Maris C. Stephenson 4, R. Ducker 5, J. R. Leary (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 5th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5, R. T. Willey 6. Also on April 7th, 1,320 Doubles: Same company. For Evensong. Also on April 14th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, W. G. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, R. D. Marsh 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong. Also on April 17th, 1,320 Doubles. Rung half-muffled by same band in memoriam W. B. Wood, churchwarden for over 30 years. Also on April 21st, 1,320 All Saints: J. M. Marsh 1, G. W. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, R. D. Marsh 4, M. W. Harrison 5, Hazel Carter 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: I. Minns 1, H. Lowman 2, J. Parkin 3, G. R. Parker 4, W. Tomlinson 5, W. Froggart 6, P. Pitchford 7, J. Walden 8, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 9, H. Gibson 10. First of Royal 1, 3, 6. For H.M. the Queen's birthday.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS. — On April 19th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Mrs. Rosemary Simpson 1, Flora Stocker 2, Faith Riley 3, A. Nunn 4, W. Godfrey 5, F. Harris (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4. A farewell compliment to William Godfrey, going to St. Boniface College, Warminster.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. R. Herring (first quarter) 1, G. A. Dixon 2, D. W. Bee (first "inside") 3, C. V. Cade 4, H. J. Radley 5, A. C. A. Hopkins (first as cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam the Very Rev. M. D. S. Peck, Dean of Lincoln.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On March 17th, 1,260 Antelope Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on March 24th, 1,320 Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on March 31st, 1,320 Reverse Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. All for Evensong.

SOLIHULL, WARKS. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Leeson 1, T. J. Warner 2, G. E. Fearn 3, E. J. Cole 4, V. Green 5, D. Main 6, R. J. Cann (cond.) 7, A. Crabtree 8. For Patronal Festival service.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—At 7 Westwood Close, on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor on handbells: Maris C. Stephenson 1–2, S. K. Thompson 3–4, J. R. Leary (cond.) 5–6.

NOTICES

NEW SCALE OF CHARGES

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BIRTH

SMITH.—On Sunday. May 5th, 1968, at 114, Cotswold Way, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire, to Susan Elizabeth (née Burt) and Anthony Dunn, a son (Graham Dunn). 3959

ENGAGEMENT

NEWBOULD—GARDINER. — The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Newbould, of Rothwell, and Patricia Maureen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Gardiner, of Hessle. 3958

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LYMPNE, KENT.—Any correspondence for this tower should be addressed to the captain, Miss Elizabeth Todd, Studfall, Lympne, Hythe, Kent, for the next four months during the absence of the secretary, abroad. 3973

PERSONAL

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."—Romans xv, 4.

Will Mr. P. M. Evans, of 89, Greenfield Road, Harborne, Birmingham 17, please contact this office, as his copy of "The Ringing World" is being returned marked "Gone Away."

Will Mr. P. Dale, of 26, Willow Way, St. Albans, Herts, please contact this office, as his copy of "The Ringing World" is being returned marked "Not Known."

Will Mr. C. D. Corby please send his address to the Editor.

RETURN THANKS

JEATER.—Mrs. Jeater and family desire to express their sincere thanks for letters of condolence and their appreciation of the floral tributes from Mr. Carveth and the Truro Diocesan Guild, the Central Council and Mr. Jeater's colleagues on "The Ringing World."

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

On May 14th, 1968, the following affiliation fees were still unpaid:—

Kent County Association.
Oxford Society.
South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.

This is the **third application.** May these please be remitted to me without further delay.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax, Yorkshire.

MISCELLANEOUS

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

SOUVENIR BOOKLET

The Worcestershire and Districts Association has produced a Souvenir Booklet for the occasion. It contains chapters on the growth of change ringing and bellfounding in Worcestershire and notes on the bells of the City churches. Also descriptions of the four ringing tours with notes on the churches and bells; 24 pages and four pages of photographs.

A special Presentation Copy is being sent to all members of the Council. Others may obtain a copy for 3s. (inc. postage) from Mr. G. L. Bowen, 35, Chesshire Avenue, Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs. 3981

ST. MARY'S,
BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX

A Flower and Bell Festival will be held on July 20th in this lovely church. Refreshments all day. Ringers are especially welcome. Bells 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. **Note the date.** 3962

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, MUSIC, PAINTINGS AND RINGING

ASPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE
June 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Bells available Bank Holiday Monday. June 3rd, from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Fete at Aspenden House from 3 p.m. Festival programme details from Mr. H. G. Poole, Aspenden House, Aspenden, Buntingford, Herts. 3985

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Aldershot Tower: As from first week in June, weekly practices will be held on **Thursday** evenings, 7.30–9 p.m., instead of Fridays.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Tower Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Leatherhead District

Summer Festival, June 1st, 1968

Merrow (6)	10.30–11.15
West Clandon (8) ..	11.00–11.45
Ockley (6)	11.30–12.15
Newdigate (6)	12.15– 1.00
Banstead (8)	1.45– 2.30
Dorking (8)	2.00– 3.00
Ashtead (8) (Time later)	
Ewell (8)	3.30– 4.30

Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.

Epsom (10)	6.00– 7.00
Epsom Common (8) ..	6.15– 7.00
Leatherhead (10) ..	6.30– 7.30
Stoke D'Abernon (6) ..	7.00– 7.45
Cobham (6)	7.30– 8.15

Capel bells are unfortunately not available.

Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, by May 29th, please.—Jill Oakshott, Dis. Sec. 3943

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The President is holding a Garden Party at Goosnargh Vicarage (near Preston) **on Saturday, June 29th.**

Details later. 3964

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Preliminary Notice.—The 345th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Please book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highlands. 3948

TRURO CATHEDRAL.—Owing to activities in the Cathedral on May 21st and 28th, the practice will be held at Kea and Ladock respectively. Leave High Cross, Truro, 7.30. Visitors welcome. 3956

WANTED.—C.C. Collection of Plain Major Methods, any edition. Any condition as long as names and figures legible.—S. K. Thompson, Hertford College, Oxford. 3966

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Dorking on Monday, May 20th, 7.30–9 p.m. 3942

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — The striking competition will take place at Marston Bigott on Saturday, May 25th, commencing at 3 p.m. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3980

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Striking Competition at Harston (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. (Competitors approx. 2.30 p.m.) Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m, Village Hall. General ringing after tea. —B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3893

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Smart, Okemead, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot. (Aldershot 25710.) — Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 3899

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Catherine's Church, Blackrod, (6), May 25th, start 2.30. Please make own tea arrangements. Ringing till 8 p.m.—A. J. Illingworth, Hon. Sec. 3971

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham, on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m.—Harry R. Preston. 3969

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 25th, at All Hallows', Twickenham (10). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing at Chiswick (8) 6.30 p.m.–7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3952

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — High Wycombe. Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please note new secretary: J. Muller, 7, Brampton Court, Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead. 3953

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District) and E. DERBYS and WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at Blackwell, Derbys (6), Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. South Normanton bells (6) available 6–9 p.m. **Cup Contest:** Contestants only, please, to Tibshelf—draw 2.30 p.m. sharp. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derby, DE5 5TY.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 3932

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Kedlington, Sat., May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please note change of venue. It is hoped that the meeting on August 24th will be at Polstead. Names for tea, please to Mr. G F. Senior, 127, Westward Deals, Kedlington, Haverhill, Suffolk.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening practice, Richmond, May 25th, 7 p.m.—E. G. H. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 3886

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Rye, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Further ringing after tea and meeting. Names to me as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, Sussex. 3895

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Meeting, Fawley, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea (5 p.m.) and meeting in Church Hall. Ringing at Eling after. Names for tea essential to Lionel V. Smith, 10, Springfield Grove, Fawley. 3944

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon, May 27th, at 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3990

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Learners' practice meeting, Humberstone (6), Thursday, May 30th. Ringing 7 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner. 3963

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN. — Ilchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Michael's, Somerton (6, 19 cwt.), June 1st, 3 p.m.–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Jeanes, Mill Lane Farm, Somerton, Som, by Monday previous.—Mrs. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 3939

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting, Stagsden, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) from 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Payne. 3983

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The Mini-Ringing Festival will be held on June 1st, when the following towers will be open: Alderminster 2–2.45, Ilmington 3–3.45, Shipston-on-Stour 4–4.30, Long Compton 5.15–6, Whichford 6.15–7, Tysoe 7.15–8. Please make own tea arrangements. Grand picnicking country. All welcome.—R. W. Sherriff, Dis. Ses. 3955

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. until tea. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 3977

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Evening practice meeting at Wallington (6) on Saturday, June 1st, from 5.30 p.m. —Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3984

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Heversham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Tarn Bank, Underbarrow, Kendal. 3972

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wareham, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing 6.30 to 7 and Lytchett Minster (6) 7 to 8.30. Names for tea to Miss F. Brown, 14a, North Street, Wareham, by May 29th. 3873

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting to be held at Hilperton on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Hoskins, 107, Church Street, Hilperton, Trowbridge. 3994

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wortley (8) on June 1st, 3–4.30 p.m., and Ecclesfield (8), 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mothers' Union Secretary, The Wheel, Ecclesfield.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 3978

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. — Evening meeting, Harby (5), June 1st. Ringing 7 p.m.– 8.30 p.m. 3991

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Southover (10), with a talk on bells and bell-founding by Mr. G. Elphick, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Talk 5.45 p.m. Ringing approximately 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, as soon as possible, at 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead Tel. E.G. 23815. — Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 3987

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting to be held at Steep on June 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. No ringing here after tea, but Petersfield 6.30–8.30. Numbers for tea to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash (Tel. Locks Heath 2404), by May 28th. 3989

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. at Chelmsford, Monday, June 3rd. Service 11 a.m. Meeting following in Chapter House. Coffee 10.15 and lunch (6s. 6d.) in Cathedral Hall Tea (3s.) in St. Mary's Hall, Bocking. By ticket only from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. No credit; P.O. with s.a.e., please. Ringing at Cathedral 9.30 a.m. and 3–4. Further details with tickets. — P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3957

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival at Hereford, June 3rd. Service, Cathedral, 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Application for list of towers open and tea tickets (5s., payable in advance) with s.a.e. to G. T. Cousins, 7 Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye, not later than May 27th. 3950

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Leigh, 3–5 p.m. and Charlwood, 6.30–8.30 p.m., on June 8th. Names for tea, please, to M. D. B. Roberts, 87, Hitchings Way, Reigate, Surrey, by Thursday, June 6th. 3979

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Prittlewell, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service 4.30., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names, please, to Miss J. Emms, 76, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea. 3967

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Forest Branch. — Meeting, Awre (6), June 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney, Glos, by June 5th. 3986

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Margate, June 8th. Service at 3.15 p.m. Bells from 3.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, not later than May 31st. No names, no tea.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting and striking competition at Hartlip, Saturday, June 8th. Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Rev. J. Green, Hartlip Vicarage, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday. — T. Barton. 3965

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. — Striking Competition at Witham-on-the-Hill (6), Saturday, June 8th. Opening service 2 p.m. prompt. Competition (Southern Branch towers only) 2.30–5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by announcement of results. General ringing afterwards until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Grantham, Lincs, by June 3rd. 3976

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pentre (Rhondda), Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea. Names for tea to Iolo Davies, Hon. Sec. Llandaff Branch, Cowbridge Grammar School, in reasonable time, please.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Copdock (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Sproughton Parish Room at 5.15, followed by the business meeting. Ringing at Sproughton Church 7–9 p.m. Please note change of meeting, as in the Suffolk Report. For tea, please book to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages Offton, near Ipswich, not later than Wednesday, June 5th. Please make this nearly 100 per cent. turn-out. All friends welcomed.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 3982

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — South Western District.—Meeting, Somerset, June 15th. Shepton Mallet 1.45–245, Ditcheat 3 p.m.–4 p.m., Castle Cary 4.15–5.15. Tea 5.30 p.m. Evercreech 7–8 Names for tea to me by June 8th.—G. T. Cousins, 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye. 3974

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Hope (6), Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, not later than Saturday, June 8th. 3970

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Meeting at Northrepps, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Richardson, 30, Church Street, Northrepps, Norfolk, by the 12th, please.—C. Bird. Hon. Sec. 3988

LADIES' GUILD. — A.G.M., July 6th. Tickets for lunch (6s.) and dinner (24s.) are now available from Miss V. E. Ware, 4, Book Centre Mansions, North Circular Road, Neasden, N.W.10. Please enclose s.a.e. Numbers must be received by June 21st. 3947

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The next Northern Universities meeting will be held in Sheffield on June 22nd, About 18 towers will be available for ringing. 3960

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LATE NEWS

Central Council A.G.M.

Will those who have booked on the coach outing on Whit Monday let Mr. P. Cattermole, St. Alban's House, The King's School, Worcester, know if they prefer roast lamb to cold meat and salad.

A WORCESTER SOUVENIR

A very attractive souvenir of Worcester has been prepared by Mr. P. Cattermole for the Worcestershire and Districts Association in connection with the Central Council's visit. Copies are being sent to members of the Council, but are available to the general public, price 3s.

It is a souvenir especially for ringers. There is an historical section on the development of change ringing and local bellfounders at Worcester, Evesham and Bromsgrove, together with the story of the Cathedral. This souvenir should accompany every tourist anxious to "grab" new towers, as brief details are given of most of the churches in the county. The illustrations are well chosen.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: Barbara Shaw 1, Mary Wilkinson (first in method) 2, Jane Fransella 3, T. Sharp 4, Valerie Jones 5, R. Collis 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, J. Porter 8. For Patronal Festival.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Williams 1, G. Clark (cond.) 2, A. Gazey 3, M. Powell 4, D. Pobjoy 5, A. Hooper 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Percy Newland, beloved tower captain.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean Kimber 1, Juliet Stay 2, D. G. Spittle 3, L. Bance 4, F. D. Jennings 5, R. J. Cook (cond.) 6, S. F. Kimber 7, N. Thomson 8. For Confirmation.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Huckstepp 1, B. Johnson 2, Brenda Davies 3, Pam Court 4, C. Sinden 5, A. Berry 6, D. Manger (cond.) 7, H. Deacon 8.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Hutchings 1, F. W. Rivett 2, R. Chapman 3, J. E. Cook 4, J. H. Edwards 5, C. M. Payne 6, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 7, R. H. French 8. Rung prior to Choral Evensong, Rededication of Organ and Inaugural Recital given by Sir Thomas Armstrong, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS. — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Maclean (first on eight) 1, N. M. Newby 2, J. E. Burles 3, A. Capstick 4, J. Bagnall 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6, K. M. Price (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, J. Whalley 8. Rung by the Furness Branch as a farewell to the treble ringer and Miss Anne Blundell, shortly leaving for South Africa for 12 months.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: E. Brown 1, G. Stannard 2, A. Feaver 3, W. Cousins 4, C. Cousins 5, R. J. Martin 6, T. Bird 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8, J. H. Brett 9, N. V. Harding 10. First Bob Royal 1, 7 and 9. For Evensong.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Carr 1, Christine Baker (first "inside") 2, Sally Baker 3, Rosalind Payne 4, D. G. Massey (cond.) 5, C. Baker (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal by an all-Frome Grammar School band.

CROYDON, SURREY. — On May 5th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Razzell 1, J. Prytherch 2, J. Winram 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, N. Brown 5, I. M. Parry 6, K. Taber (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. For Evensong.

DAMERHAM, HANTS. — On April 23rd, 1,320 Dragon Doubles: D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, R. Allinson 5, J. S. Hopwood 6. For St. George's Day.

FILTON, GLOS.—On May 5th, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods/variations): Lynn Vincent 1, Mary Haslum 2, A. N. Blount 3, D. C. Haslum 4, A. F. Howard (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Mary Haslum.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Caroline F. Madge (first of Stedman) 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. J. Hampton 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Mayer (cond.) 7, E. J. Adams 8. For Evensong.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. E. A. Morris 1, Miss S. Baganel 2, Mrs. J. M. Morris 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, E. J. Thoday 5, A. J. Davey 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, G. W. Henson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ellen Louisa Allen, a ringer at this church for over 30 years and tower captain for 14 years, and the first lady member of the tower.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. F. Warnes (incumbent) 1, R. D. Bellamy 2, P. S. George 3, I. P. Sawford 4, C. D. Corby (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Roy Goddard.

HARROGATE, YORKS.—At the Dirlton Hotel, on April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Norris 1–2, C. I. Ronson (cond.) 3–4, P. D. Hepburn 5–6. First on handbells 1–2, 5–6. Also on April 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Norris 1–2, B. J. Stone (first on handbells) 3–4, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 5–6, P. D. Hepburn 7–8

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Whitear 1, S. Christian 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5, J. Hollins 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brierley (first quarter) 1, C. F. Thompson (first Doubles) 2, Christine Broadley (first Doubles) 3, J. Smith (first Grandsire Doubles) 4, J. P. Partington (cond.) 5, M. Boardman (first quarter) 6. Rung in memory of the Mayor of Heywood, Cllr. F. Walmsley, J.P., who died suddenly the previous Friday.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS. — On April 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. V. Barnes 1, Mrs. P. Harris 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, J. D. Johnson 4, P. Harris 5, R. Harris (cond.) 6, J. E. Newman 7, M. E. Newman 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris on their 40th wedding anniversary.

HORNCASTLE, LINCS. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Bennett 1, Edna Bennett 2, Sarah Cook (first quarter) 3, D. Hare 4, R. Bennett 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, P. Sippitt 8. For Matins.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Theresa R. Orriss (first on a working bell) 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, T. Spurling 3, B. E. Whiting (first as cond.) 4, R. H. Rogers 5, R. G. Bumstead 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Felton 1, P. Felton (cond.) 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, Mrs. O. Rogers 4, H. W. Rogers 5, C. T. Richards 6, C. H. Rogers 7, N. F. Felton 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. F. High (cond.) 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, P. F. Romney 3, R. E. Peckham 4, M. J. Howes 5, H. W. Evans 6. For Easter and as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on April 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain): R. Newson 1, O. Claxton 2, W. W. Cousins 3, L. Houghton 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. Rung on St. George's Day and to welcome the arrival of a great-nephew, Nicholas James Farmer, of ringer of 4th.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Stone 1, E. Baker 2, D. Willis 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, L. Childs 6.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On April 27th, 1,320 Doubles (33 variations): R. W. Collins 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, S. B. Bell 3, P. G. Hickey 4, R. K. Williams (25th quarter and 15th as cond.) 5, R. J. Bullock 6. Rung prior to a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah." Most variations rung to a quarter peal by all the band and on the bells.

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STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Craven 1, S. M. Harris 2, R. A. Charman 3, E. M. Garman 4, M. L. Haigh 5, A. P. Lee 6. For Morning Service.

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MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT. — On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Thompson (first quarter) 1, T. V. Barnard (cond.) 2, E. S. Stuart 3, Glenda O. Crane (first "inside") 4, R. J. Thompson 5, S. Clack 6. For Evensong.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Long 1, B. Burton 2, R. G. Seymour 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, R. Holness 5, K. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam S. J. Martin, Churchwarden, 1937–1956.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on May 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. W. Badger 1, C. C. Clarke 2, B. W. Hall 3, F. W. Soden 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, B. J. Coggins 6, C. Coles 7, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 8. Rung during the visit of H.M. the Queen to Oxford.

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ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On May 4th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge and Oxford): M. Chalkley 1, Josephine Trigg 2, L. Runnacles 3, A. C. Harris 4, F. W. Croft 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

THE annual general meeting of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch was held at Moreton-in-Marsh on May 11th. The newly-elected chairman, the Rev. C. H. Pickthorne, Rural Dean, in his opening remarks congratulated Mr. Bernard Phillips and Mr. A. W. Wright, both of Bourton-on-the-Water, on being elected honorary life members of the Association. Both have been regular Sunday service ringers for over 50 years and have held various offices in the Branch with distinction.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, Rev. C. H. Pickthorne, R.D.; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Joynes.

It was learned with regret that the Rev. L. W. Potter had resigned from the office of chairman, a post that he had held since 1960, as he was emigrating to Canada in October.

It was decided that the Branch support the Association ringing competition and that teams from Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water be invited.

The Branch secretary's report called attention to the formation of a travelling band of ringers to visit towers in the Deanery, which had proved an enormous success. A new band had been formed at Bourton-on-the-Hill, with the Rev. and Mrs. P. Newing as tutors.

The chairman asked the meeting to consider the possibility of holding a Branch Ringing Festival. He said that the clergy in Chapter had given their support and all bells in the Deanery would be available if required. It was decided to give the matter fursideration.

The secretary commented that this was a big undertaking for so small a Branch. A Cotswold Ringing Festival would certainly give the Branch wide publicity, and he would draw up an itinerary for approval.

Two new members from Stow-on-the-Wold tower were elected—Misses D. Fisher and K. Morton-Lloyd.

During the afternoon and evening some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. A well-struck touch of Bob Major was rung for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. O. A. Griffiths.

OVERTON'S RESTORATION SCHEME

LAST year the ringers of Overton, Hampshire, with the active help of their Rector, Canon F. A. Sanders, himself a ringer, decided that something must be done about their ring of eight. It was the news that an old parishioner had left the church something over £1,000 that started it all. So. Mr. F. Sharpe was asked to inspect the bells, which he did with his customary thoroughness. He recommended renewal of all fittings that were worn, drilling out the cast-in crown staples on the bottom six and, if possible, rehanging these and retuning the whole eight. Also possible was the recasting of 4 and 5.



OVERTON TOWER
(Special photographic effects by Don Bradshaw.)

A MIXED RING

As in all towers with old bells, the eight came from different sources. The treble and second were put in by Mears and Stainbank in 1945. The 3rd was also from the same foundry in 1908. The 4th and 5th were the oldest—and most inferior in tone—cast by Robert Becconshall in 1606. The 5th and tenor were cast by William Knight. of Reading, in 1663 and 1660 respectively. Finally, the 7th was from the Aldbourne, Wiltshire, foundry of Robert and William Cor, dated 1710.

PUBLIC INTEREST

All this focused local interest in the bells, which have always been greatly appreciated in the village. Unusual publicity was given in the quarterly "Portals News-Letter," from the local firm of currency paper-makers. There was an article on the Overton ringers, with the accompanying photograph, showing what the photographer thought might happen. Anonymous donations of £100 and two of £25 (one in memory of a past ringer) started the Bell Repair Fund. The ringers gave their wedding fees, ran coffee mornings and generally got to work. Meanwhile, the original legacy had been found to exceed £2,000, but the Charity Commissioners ruled that only the interest could be used by the Church Council. In spite of this the Council decided to go ahead with the full scheme, including recasting the Becconshall bells.

THE BELLS GO

So the P.C.C. accepted an estimate from Mears and Stainbank for the work, at a cost of £1,050, including cutting the trapdoors. Incidentally, the bells had been "built-in" to the tower when it was reconstructed in 1908! The P.C.C. set aside £300 from the 1967 accounts and with this, swelled by the interest of £200 on the original legacy, the fund grew. The Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild gave £10 and a grant is hoped for from the Diocesan Guild itself. Nearly £800 is now in the fund. Meanwhile the bellhangers had moved in on Easter Tuesday and quickly took the bells from Overton for the first time in their history. The parishioners objected to the silence and so a small bell from the local school, itself 100 years old, was pressed into service and hung in amateurish fashion in the tower.

A FINAL EFFORT

The annual church garden party is being run this year for the bells and appropriately named "The Bell Fair," with emphasis on bells and ringing. It is to be on Saturday, June 8th, and opens at 2.30 with an amplified recording of the Overton bells. The school bell is being lowered again for a competition involving throwing coins into it, and neighbouring towers are joining in a lighthearted tug-of-war competition for teams of six, with the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. Osler, as referee. There will be tune handbell ringing by younger members. With numerous other diversions and a grand draw it is hoped to clear off the remaining money. Any ringers who are in search of an afternoon's entertainment will be very welcome.

THE RETURN

While the bells are away the ringers are busy cleaning and repainting the frame. Before the rededication on August 21st they hope to redecorate the ringing chamber. Then all will be set for Canon Gilbert Thurlow to offer to God these metal servants of the Church to begin another chapter in their long history, and the Overton ringers will have achieved their ambition.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Dear Sir,—For those ringers who watch television and have wondered what tower it is on the Bird's-Eye advertisement, it belongs to St. Mary the Virgin's, Goudhurst, Kent, and contains a heavy ring of eight with a tenor weighing 25 cwt. 5 lb.

The bells are of good tone but require a little extra care in handling, etc., if good ringing is required.—Yours sincerely,

Chislehurst, Kent. TONY LEWIS.

WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY TOUR

Following the success of previous years, the staff and friends of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry gathered once again for their now annual ringing outing on April 27th.

Once clear of the smoke and noise of the city, the coach made its leisurely way to our first stop, at Balscote, near Banbury, where the ringing had a lively start as we tried our hand on Mr. C. A. Jarvis' tuneful little ring (tenor 1 cwt. 21 lb.). Although some difficulties were experienced by most of us, owing to our unfamiliarity with the handling qualities of such small bells, we did, after a little practice and an agreement on the best speed, manage to improve the standard of the ringing

Our journey then took us over Edge Hill, but the famous view was rather obscured by cloud and mist. At the Ettington Park Hotel, Alderminster, the company were generously entertained to luncheon by Messrs. William and Douglas Hughes.

Lunch completed, we then boarded the coach bound for Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, where a variety of ringing took place under the leadership of Mr. Trevor Bailey on the fine ring of ten. A short journey then brought us to St. Mary's, Warwick, where John Slater took charge of the ringing. Some members of the party visited the tower festival being held in the church. As the coach passed through the lower arches of the tower, which are open to the road, a well-known bell-hanger remarked that it was a pity that such good facilities for transferring bells, etc., from lorry to belfry were not provided at more towers.

Our last tower of the day was at Weedon Bec, where, naturally, Mr. Harry Weedon, our Ringing Master, was called upon to control the ringing. Here the ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Yorkshire Surprise Major, and was concluded with a good touch of Stedman Triples.

The ringing was now finished, but the evening had just begun, and the party adjourned to the Crossroads Hotel, where a buffet and refreshments were available for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

The thanks of the party are accorded to Mr. Harry Weedon and Mr. Trevor Bailey, for their excellent organisation. R. A. H.

TAUNTON BRANCH AT SAMPFORD ARUNDEL

With the chairman (the Rev. Michael Odlum, Vicar) and the vice-chairman (Mrs. S. G. Williams, churchwarden), members of the Taunton Branch were assured of a successful and happy meeting at Sampford Arundel on May 11th. The light, musical six bells were made good use of, and a service was conducted by the Vicar. A delicious tea in the Village Hall, provided by the ladies, followed.

At the business meeting Mr. A. H. Reed (Branch secretary) spoke in feeling terms of the loss sustained by the Branch in the recent death of Mr. Stanley Bristow, a faithful churchman, for many years captain of the Ashbrittle ringers and a one-time Ringing Master of the Branch. Members stood in silent tribute to their old friend. The chairman then welcomed the visitors, among whom was the Rev. Roger Fry.

The striking competition, held at the end of April, produced 17 entries and was voted a very successful first effort by the Branch. One new member was elected from Trull, and the next Branch meeting arranged for September 21st at Ruishton, with practice meetings at Milverton on July 20th, West Bagborough an August 17th, starting at 6.30 p.m. all subject to local permission. Attention was drawn to the Dunster Branch meeting at Wiveliscombe coinciding with the meeting at Sampford Arundel, and it was hoped that it might be possible to avoid a clash of dates in future.

Warm thanks were accorded to the Vicar and all who had helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable, and later in the evening the ringers went on to ring at Wellington. M. P.

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54263	—	x		
32465	—			—
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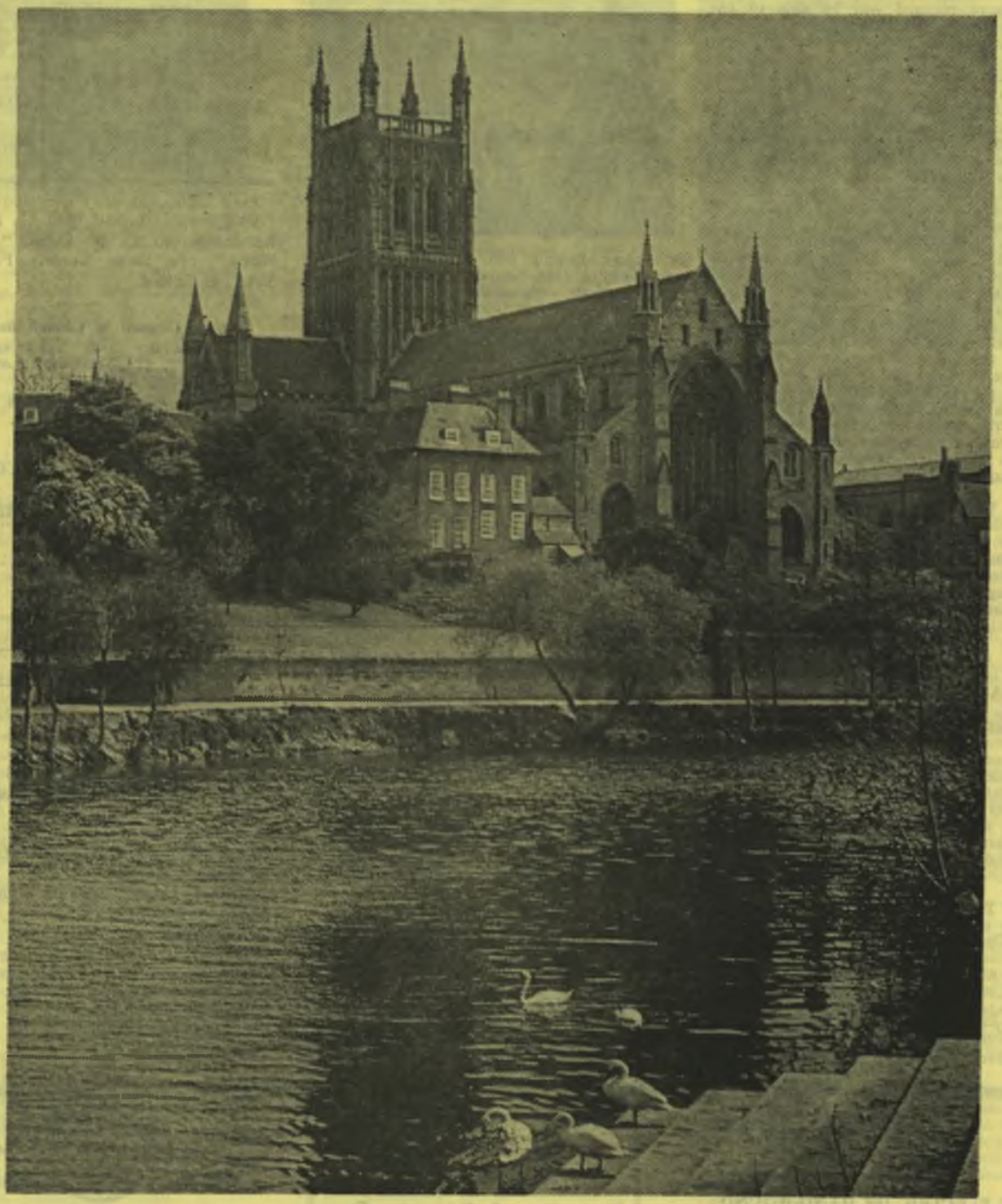
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Worcester Welcomes Central Council



The Cathedral from the River Severn

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Worcester—the City & Countryside

By DAVID BEACHAM,
General Secretary
Worcestershire and Districts Association

THE Worcestershire and Districts Association had been in existence for only 20 years when the Central Council first came to Worcester in 1902, so that the forthcoming visit, 66 years later, will be a new experience for ringers in this part of the Midlands and one to which we look forward with great pleasure.

Though not a large county, Worcestershire is very diverse and has many interesting contrasts in its countryside, churches and bells. Those of you who are able to take part in the ringing tours we have planned will be able to experience these contrasts and we hope that their pleasant memories will always remain with you.

Most of the county lies in a central plain through which runs the River Severn. Down the eastern side flows the "Warwickshire" Avon, which joins the Severn at Tewkesbury. Flanking this plain on the western and eastern sides are the hills of Malvern and Abberley, Cotswold and Bredon, with the Clent and Lickey hills to the north. In the north, too, lies the industrial area where parts of Worcestershire and Staffordshire and that "island" of Worcestershire, Dudley, make up that heart of the first Industrial Revolution known as "The Black Country." It is in this area of confused county and diocesan boundaries that most of the "Districts" in our title occur. There are a number of good octaves here, including the new light Taylor eight at Amblecote and the mellow old eight at Halesowen.

Through the west of the county flows the River Teme, and its valley and surrounding hills are a particularly beautiful part of England. Here are to be found cherry orchards and hopyards, some of the latter providing hops for that famous brew from across the Irish Sea! There are some interesting sixes here, but not many rings of bells altogether.

VALE OF EVESHAM

Over in the south-east, the Vale of Evesham, watered by the Avon, is a famous fruit and market-gardening area, and its "oceans" of plum blossom are a great tourist attraction in the spring. Bredon Hill lies in the Vale and "to ring around Bredon Hill" makes a good ringing outing, and one can well appreciate Housman's well-known lines. The fine 12 in Evesham's magnificent bell tower and the famous "bird cage" ringing chamber of Pershore Abbey also attract many ringing visitors.

In the central area lie many villages and hamlets connected by a bewildering network of country lanes. Travel along these north-east from Worcester and you are in the "Ambridge" district, and followers of the famous radio family on their way to ring at Hanbury Church (a fine eight) and passing the several timbered farms and cottages will have no difficulty in seeing—in their imagination at any rate—"Brookfields Farm," complete with Dan Archer!

"THE FAITHFUL CITY"

The city of Worcester stands on the Severn with the Cathedral only a few yards from its banks. Historically, Worcester is famous for its battle of 1651, in which the city—"the Faithful City"—held out long enough for Charles II to escape and begin his flight from the country—via the Boscobel Oak, of course! The house in which Charles stayed still stands in New Street. Not far from here was the site



of John Martin's bell foundry, which was operating in that period. Walk along New Street and its continuation, Friar Street, and you pass more fine Tudor houses until you emerge near the Cathedral, confronted on its north side by its latest piece of redevelopment in which stands the Council's headquarters for the week-end, the Giffard Hotel. Because of the demolition which took place a few years ago, a well-known Sunday newspaper reported it as "The Sack of Worcester." Some old and interesting buildings have, regrettably, disappeared, and opinions on the worthiness of their replacements naturally vary. Those of you who have known the Worcester of the past are left to judge for yourselves.

Worcester is the home of some well-known products. The famous sauce is made here as well as Royal Worcester porcelain, and the manufacture of gloves is one of its oldest industries. The cricket lover will know that opposite the Cathedral is one of the prettiest grounds in the country, and the first tourist match is always played here. Further along the river bank is Pitchcroft, providing the racecourse, a fairground and games pitches.

We hope that this sketch will give you some idea of what Worcestershire has in store for you. Paul Cattermole's book will provide all the information you need about the churches and bells, and the members of our Association are waiting to welcome you into our belfries this Whitsun.

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Claines	(10)	6.30– 7.30
Tuesday, June 4th, 1968.		
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A Greeting from the Patron of the Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association, the Lord Bishop of Worcester, the Rt. Rev. L. Mervyn Charles-Edwards, D.D.

On behalf of the Diocese of Worcester I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for their Annual Conference, which this year is taking place in the City of Worcester.

In the well-known poem "Bredon Hill," by A. E. Housman, the poet says—

"In summertime on Bredon
The bells they sound so clear;
Round both the shires they ring them
In steeples far and near,
A happy noise to hear."

Wherever you go in the southern part of the County Bredon Hill is a landmark, and each of the villages round the Hill has a fine ring of bells.

Our own Worcestershire and Districts' Change Ringing Association, which was founded in 1882, keeps the art of campanology going in the Diocese, and it will be a great encouragement to all our bell-ringers to know that the Central Council will be coming to us this summer. I shall look forward to meeting members and giving them my personal welcome. Although, alas, not a bellringer myself, I am a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' Society of Bell Ringers, and during my incumbencies at Market Drayton in Shropshire, Newark on Trent in Nottinghamshire, and St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London, not only had the help of splendid ringers, but counted them among my own personal friends, as I do the ringers of Worcestershire.

✠ *MERVYN WORCESTER.*

COACH TOUR

A coach will leave the Cathedral on Whit Monday at 8.15 a.m. to tour the Worcestershire-Herefordshire border (fine countryside) with ringing at five towers. It will return about 5.45 p.m. for the convenience of Standing Committee members and then travel to Claines (10) for ringing (6.45–7.30).

THE ARRANGEMENTS

Headquarters will be the Giffard Hotel, High Street.

Holy Communion on Tuesday in the Cathedral at 7.45 a.m.

Council meeting, Giffard Hotel, Tuesday, 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception, Guildhall, High Street, Tuesday, 5.15 p.m.

Informal social evening, the Wulstan Room, Giffard Hotel, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

SERVICE RINGING

There will be no general ringing on Whit Sunday at Worcester Cathedral. Instead, bands have been arranged to ring at the following times:—

9.30–10.20 a.m. Two bands to ring touches on 12 bells.

5.00– 6.20 p.m. A quarter peal of Stedman Cinques by a band arranged by the Vice-President of the Central Council.

Sunday, June 2nd, 1968.

Worcester, All Saints'	(10)	10.00–11.00
		5.30– 6.30
Worcester, St. John's	(8)	5.30– 6.30
Worcester, St. Swithun's	(6)	5.30– 6.30
Claines, St. John Baptist's	(10)	10.15–11.00
		5.45– 6.30
Hallow, SS. Philip and James'	(8)	10.00–11.00
		5.30– 6.30
Malvern Link, St. Matthias'	(8)	9.15–10.00
		5.30– 6.30
Upton-on-Severn		
SS. Peter and Paul's	(8)	10.00–11.00
Welland, St. James'	(6)	5.30– 6.30
Evesham Bell Tower	(12)	10.15–11.00
		4.30– 6.30
Pershore Abbey	(8)	8.30– 9.30
		5.30– 6.30
Great Hampton, St. Andrew's	(8)	7.30– 8.00
		9.30–10.00
		6.00– 6.30
Badsey, St. James'	(8)	9.30–10.15
Droitwich, St. Augustine's, Dodderhill	(8)	10.00–11.00
		5.30– 6.30
Droitwich, St. Peter's	(6)	5.30– 6.30
Hartlebury, St. James Gt.	(8)	10.00–11.00
Kidderminster St. Mary's	(12)	10.15–11.00
		5.45– 6.30
Stourbridge, St. Thomas'	(8)	9.30–10.00
		5.45– 6.30
Amblecote, Holy Trinity	(8)	8.45– 9.30
		5.45– 6.30
King's Norton, St. Nicholas'	(10)	10.15–11.00
		5.45– 6.30
Selly Oak, St. Mary's	(8)	5.30– 6.30
Feckenham, St. John Baptist's	(8)	9.45–10.30
Kempsey, St. Mary's	(6)	5.30– 6.30
Hinton-on-the-Green, St. Peter's	(8)	10.00–10.30
		5.15– 5.50
Bromsgrove, St. John's	(10)	10.15–11.00
Halesowen, St. John Baptist's	(8)	10.15–11.00
		5.30– 6.30
Hartlebury, St. James Great	(8)	10.00–11.00
Redditch (St. Stephen's)	(8)	9.00– 9.45

Monday, June 3rd, 1968.

Tour No. 1

Broadwas, St. Mary Mag.	(5)	9.30–10.30
Martley, St. Peter's	(6)	9.45–11.15
Clifton-on-Teme, St. Kenelm's	(6)	10.30–12.00
Shelsley Beauchamp, All Saints'	(6)	11.15–12.45
Bewdley, St. Anne's	(8)	12.00– 1.30
Kidderminster, St. Mary's	(12)	1.30– 3.00
Stourbridge, St. Mary's Old Swinford	(8)	2.15– 3.45
Amblecote, Holy Trinity	(8)	3.00– 4.30
Brierley Hill, St. Michael's	(8)	3.45– 5.15
Dudley, St. Thomas'	(10)	4.30– 6.00
Old Hill, Holy Trinity	(8)	5.15– 6.45
Stourbridge, St. Thomas'	(8)	6.00– 7.30
Chaddesley Corbett, St. Cassian's	(8)	6.45– 8.15
Hartlebury, St. James Gt.	(8)	7.30– 9.00

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"WE'LL MAKE IT A MEMORABLE AND ENJOYABLE VISIT"

By William B. Cartwright, Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association



IT was in the year 1902 that the Central Council last visited Worcester. At that time I was only a small toddler living in a Worcestershire village known as Selly Oak. This place had the honour of being twice referred to in the Domesday Book. It was then called "Escelie" (pronounced Ess-Selly). From the records it appears that from a revenue point of view it was a very remunerative part of Worcestershire. I would not suggest for one moment that that was why in the year 1911 Selly Oak was absorbed into Greater Birmingham and became Selly Oak, Birmingham, instead of Selly Oak, Worcestershire!

It was here that I learned to ring, and in those early days I never thought that I should aspire to be Master of an Association which had the honour of having their invitation accepted by the Central Council and that I should have the pleasant task of writing a welcome to the members to our lovely county of Worcestershire.

We hope to publish a brochure giving information about Worcestershire and its bells, which will be sent to members and will also be available to non-members. I am sure this will be found to be both useful and interesting. Consequently there is no need for me to extol here the advantages of Worcestershire.

Therefore I would now say what a great pleasure it is to me to welcome all Council members and their wives, boy and girl friends and all others who will be coming to Worcester at Whitsuntide. I can assure all who have not visited the city before that they have a treat in store. The Cathedral is certainly worth a visit, as it contains one of the finest rings of 12 in the country. Listening to the bells from the opposite bank of the River Severn is to be recommended.

Come, then, to Worcester, members of the Central Council and all your friends, in the knowledge that we shall do our best to make your visit enjoyable and that all our ringers are determined to see that nothing is left undone which can be done to make it a memorable one.

THE BELLS OF WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

By JOHN C. SLATER

TO anyone viewing the Cathedral from the outside, perhaps the most striking feature is the sharp contrast between the plain exterior of the Early English nave and chancel and the richly decorated central tower. This splendid tower was completed in 1374 and it is fairly clear that it was not originally intended to carry any large bells, so that it is remarkable that it now contains a ring of twelve with a tenor of 49¼ cwt., three semitone bells and a four-ton bourdon.

Actual history of the bells begins in 1220, when three bells were cast to hang in the newly completed campanile. This must have been a curious structure consisting of an octagonal base 60 feet high by the same in width, surmounted by a lead-covered timber spire making a total height of 210 feet. (The tower is 196 feet to the top of the pinnacles.) The completion of the tower caused four more bells to be cast but it is doubtful whether they were hung at that time in the tower. At the Reformation the campanile contained four bells which were taken down but not destroyed and we shall see later that three of them are still in existence.

Information is scarce until 1647, when the campanile was demolished, all the bells by this time being hung in the tower. Additions were later made and bells recast until we find that in the mid-19th century the Cathedral had a ring of eight with a tenor of 20 cwt. approx. But it appears that for many years ringing had been on State occasions only and although competent bands existed at other churches in the city the Cathedral had no band of its own.

REV. R. CATTLEY'S INITIATIVE

By the 1850's the fabric was in a very dilapidated state and a restoration was commenced which took nearly 20 years to complete. This work was very thoroughly carried out but no plans were made for the bells at the time. However, in May, 1863, it was discovered that the 2nd bell had been stolen, and although this caused rather a stir no moves were made to replace it until later that year, when the Rev. R. Cattley, Minor Canon, wrote to the local papers proposing a grand new ring of ten bells (tenor 36 cwt. in D), a "powerful clock" and a great hour bell of four tons to be installed in place of the old ring. He had interested several influential people and the cost was estimated at £2,000, which was to be raised by public subscription.

Initially the scheme met with some opposition as it was felt that the clock and bells project would divert subscriptions from the restoration funds, but Cattley successfully countered this by forming a committee that included not only the Mayor but the Earl of Dudley, at that time the wealthiest man in England. Cattley was very busy in the early months of 1864, as he not only formed his committee but found subscribers to contribute over £1,500, took the Astronomer Royal to task on the accuracy of the clock and contacted E. B. Denison, Q.C., for advice on the whole project. Denison (later Lord Grimthorpe) became very interested and visited Worcester in March and gave a public lecture on clocks and bells.

The lecture gave the project good local publicity and two months later Cattley announced that £2,009 had been subscribed and that the old bells were to be taken down immediately. Unfortunately he seems to have reckoned without the Dean and Chapter, who called a halt as they had not been informed of his objectives, and in any case they wanted professional assurance that the tower was capable of carrying the new ring safely. Two architects reported favourably upon the scheme, as the load imposed by the bells was to be carried down to the crossing by a system of massive timber trussing.

OLD BELLS—FOUR IN NORFOLK

The old bells were taken down and sold. The oldest, Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 7, were bought by Mr. Tyssen Amherst for his house at Didlington, Norfolk, and are now at Didlington Church. The first three of these were cast by William Burford, of London, at about the time of the tower completion in 1374, and the old 7th was cast by "John Danyell's successor" c.1480. The treble (1641) was given by the Dean and Chapter to the then new Church of Holy Trinity, Worcester, which has recently been closed, and through the prompt action of the present Dean the bell has now returned to the Cathedral. Of the remaining old bells, the 5th and tenor have disappeared without trace.

Meanwhile Cattley's proposals received official approval, but shortly afterwards the scheme was enlarged to a ring of 12 with a tenor of 42 cwt. in D, no doubt due to Denison's influence. Owing to the tower restoration involving the rebuilding of the top 20 or 30 feet, the clock and bells had to wait a few years until this work was complete. In the interval Denison wrote up the specification for the bells and also designed the clock. John Taylor and Co. were selected to cast the bells.

No doubt due to pressure of subscribers who wanted to see (or hear) something for their money, the order for the bourdon was given in 1868 and the bell cast in September of that year. It weighed 4½ tons, diameter 6ft. 4½ins., and was a maiden in B flat. Upon arrival at the Cathedral it was hung up for swing chiming in a frame in the north transept, and until the bell was raised in the tower it became the practice to chime it inside the Cathedral before services. Denison visited Worcester early in 1869 to hear the bell and, as it met with his approval, the order was given for a ring of 12 (tenor 50 cwt. in D flat), with a semitone between 4 and 5 for the top note of the Westminster Quarters. Throughout the rest of the year the frame and its supporting structure were built so that when the bells arrived they were taken up almost immediately. Mr. Tyssen Amherst, incidentally, supplied the letterstamps for the inscriptions, a beautiful alphabet taken from bells at South Somercotes, Lincolnshire, dated 1423.

The "try-out" was on May 25th, 1870, but the dedication and opening was not to take place until all the money had been found. A sum of £4,310 had been subscribed and £700 was still required. The clock, made by Joyce, of Whitchurch, was installed and set going the following year.

CARILLON INSTALLED

A few months after the try-out a local industrialist, Mr. J. W. Lea, offered the gift of a carillon machine to play tunes, and after much wrangling between members of the Chapter the gift was accepted. Gillett and Bland, of Croydon, received the order to supply an Imhof machine to play 28 tunes, but initially it was to play only seven. Soon after the installation of the machine in December, 1872, it was found that the choice of tunes was very restricted and although the funds were still £850 short of expenditure, Cattley was again appealing for subscriptions, this time for two more semitone bells. The public must have begun to wonder where or when the clock and bells project was going to end! Fortunately a donor came forward for the two bells and these were cast and hung in 1875, the number of tunes being increased to 28 and containing a fair selection of Victorian "pops" such as "Home, Sweet Home" and "My Lodging is on the Cold Ground."

Shortly after this, subscriptions dried up completely and the Dean and Chapter had to come to Cattley's rescue and relieve him of a debt of over £700. The total cost of the work was £6,200—over three times the original estimate. Cattley went on to form a society of ringers, which was the forerunner of the present Guild of voluntary bellringers. He also had a hand in the erection of other public clocks in the city.

As before, ringing was for State occasions only and it was not until 1893 that any Sunday service ringing took place. It was during this year that the first peal was rung, on December 14th, and was 5,093 Grandsire Caters conducted by Lionel Longney. Only six peals were rung up to 1928 and only one upon the 12—Stedman Cinques—the remaining peals being Grandsire Caters and one of Bob Royal in 1919, the tenor being rung single-handed by Joseph E. Sykes.

1928 RECAST

Although ringing was rather intermittent up to the turn of the century, the bells had acquired quite a reputation for heavy going, due mainly to wear and tear and tower movement. There was also some dissatisfaction with the tuning as the trebles were rather wild and upon several occasions rehanging was contemplated. Of events leading up to the 1928 recast, very little is known except that no funds were available to meet the cost. It is believed that Mr. E. P. Thomas, of Claines, contacted sufficient donors to offset some of the cost which resulted in the 15 ringing bells (all the semitones had been hung for ringing from their installation) being recast and rehung in new fittings, and the bourdon retuned. The new tenor weighed 42 cwt. 2 qr. in B, and the retuned bourdon 82 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in A. The old inscriptions were reproduced on the new bells, again in the Somercotes alphabet. The work was carried out by John Taylor and Co. at a cost of £1,380.

The first three peals on the new bells were two of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus, the latter being conducted by William Pye, who rang the tenor single-handed. To date, a total of 30 peals has been rung and all the ringable bells rung to peals. The semitone bells have always been flat 4th, flat 6th and flat 8th and it is possible to arrange a major 12, a major and minor ten, one major and three minor eights and four major and three minor sixes. Ropesight is sometimes difficult, however, as the flat 4th is directly behind the 8th. The bells are rung once each Sunday by the Cathedral Guild, founded in 1893.

THE ARRANGEMENTS—continued.

Whit Monday.

Tour No. 2

Stoulton, St. Edmund, King and Martyr	(6)	9.30–11.00
Pershore Abbey	(8)	10.15–11.45
Great Comberton, St. Michael's	(6)	11.00–12.30
Little Comberton, St. Peter's	(6)	12.15– 1.45
Hinton-on-the-Green, St. Peter's	(8)	1.30– 3.00
Great Hampton, St. Andrew's	(8)	2.15– 3.45
Badsey, St. James'	(8)	3.00– 4.30
Bretforton, St. Leonard's	(8)	3.45– 5.15
Middle Littleton, St. Nicholas'	(6)	4.30– 6.00
Cleeve Prior, St. Andrew's	(6)	5.15– 6.45
Bidford-on-Avon, St. Lawrence's	(8)	6.00– 7.30
Salford Prior, St. Matthew's	(8)	6.45– 8.15
Evesham, the Bell Tower	(12)	7.00– 9.00
Norton, St. Egwin's	(8)	7.30– 9.00

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Freda Burke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Nita Marshall 2, W. Barwell 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. J. Daniel (first quarter) 1, A. N. Hine 2, R. H. Toop 3, P. R. Denton 4, J. L. Queen (cond.) 5, C. C. A. Phillips (first quarter) 6. For Maths.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT WORCESTER

William Baden Cartwright, The Master

Born in Selly Oak and lived in the area all his life. Commenced ringing career at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, in 1919, under the tuition of the late Samuel Grove, Harry Withers and other stalwarts of that time. Rang first peal at Harborne (Stedman Triples) on January 12th, 1920, ringing the treble with the celebrated John Carter ringing the second. The peal was conducted by the late George Pigott. Not a prolific peal ringer—280 peals to the end of 1967, having conducted 108 of them, 199 for the Worcestershire Association, the remainder for various Associations.

Elected Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, in 1923 and has continued in that office ever since. Joined the Worcestershire Association in 1918. Appointed Ringing Master, Northern Branch, 1922–1924; secretary, Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, 1934–1936.

Served on Association's Central Committee since 1938. Elected a vice-president in 1947. Elected Master of the Association 1956 and still occupies that office. Represented the Worcestershire Association on the Central Council since 1951. For some years past has been the honorary legal adviser to the Central Council.

David Beacham, General Secretary

David Beacham was born in Gloucestershire in 1932 and until 1934 lived for most of that time in the village of Twyning, near the Worcestershire border, where he learned to ring on the Rudhall six in 1946. He also rang at the neighbouring parish church of Ripple, where he rang his first peal (Grandsire Doubles) on October 27th, 1947, conducted by Charles Haylings. His eight-bell ringing was learned at Upton-on-Severn under that redoubtable character Charles J. Camm.

Ringers living near the boundaries of two Associations know the divided loyalties this situation can cause and, for a time, he rang in both counties, learning 10- and 12-bell ringing at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, practices as well as supporting his own local ringing. In 1952 he began his association with ringing in Worcester and joined the Cathedral Guild in 1953. He was Master of this Guild from 1956 to 1959 and hon. secretary from 1961 to 1966. Like many Worcester ringers, he is a member of two bands and is tower captain at All Saints'. His peal total is 132 (conducted 10).

He has been general secretary of the Association since 1962 and a representative on the Central Council since 1956. His main interests are the planned training of ringers and bell restoration.

In 1964 he moved from Twyning to Hallow, Worcester, and took a three-year training course at Worcester College of Education and is now teaching in a Bromsgrove secondary school. Previously he was a horological engineer. His wife, Kitty, also a teacher, was a Worcester ringer, though she has not rung for some years. They have a 15-month-old son, Jonathan.

CIRENCESTER BRANCH STRIKING CONTEST

St. Mary de Crypt ringers won the first striking contest of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, held at Longney on May 11th. Ringing Bob Minor, they had only seven faults. Other placings: Barnwood (Grandsire Doubles) 12 faults; Upton St. Leonards "A" (call changes) 14½; Brockworth (call changes) 15½; Churchdown (Grandsire Doubles) 19; Upton St. Leonards "B," who had only been ringing for about six months, 47½. The judges were Mr. W. B. Kynaston and Miss Valerie Willard.

At a short business meeting five new members from Upton St. Leonards and Barnwood were elected.

Record Crowd at Yorkshire A.G.M.

THERE was an attendance of over 150 people at the Association's annual general meeting on May 4th, held in York for the first time since 1961. This very gratifying increase in numbers on the good attendances during the last year or two caused headaches to the various Ringing Masters, especially to Mr. Alan Hartley, in charge of the heavy ring at the Minster.

The Minster Society was well organised for the day, however. Mr. Alan Leggett, its secretary, solved the car drivers' parking problems by arranging for the Dean's Park to be open for the Association's use; members were ushered over the temporary bridge over the huge hole under the central tower to evening prayer in the choir, a service, with its music, much appreciated, though the choir was outdone in "Unchanging God"; and the St. John's College Society, organised by Miss Joy Watkins, catered admirably in the College for tea. The only pity was that there were not more bells fairly close to the city.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley, presiding over the annual meeting, said the attendance was probably a record for the Association, at least since the First War. He declared the following officers elected: Peal secretary, Dr. T. D. Spencer; report editor (a new office), Mr. R. Ducker; composition secretary (a new office), Mr. W. E. Critchley; general secretary, Mr. W. F. Moreton. The two honorary auditors elected were Mr. W. Barton and Mr. C. F. Dempster; representatives to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, Mr. E. Hudson and Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock.

INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

The president informed members that the Standing Sub-Committee, at the General Committee's request, had begun to consider what might be done in 1975, the Association's centenary year. While several suggestions for this event were still being considered, it had been decided, with the General Committee's agreement, to invite the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to hold its 1970 meeting in Yorkshire, and the invitation would be made this year at Worcester. No centre had yet been chosen.

The report for 1967 was then presented, and members were given an opportunity to ask questions about it. A further opportunity will be made at the September meeting at Knaresborough on September 21st.

The report includes these remarks on meetings: "We are well aware, that with increasing numbers attending meetings, there is the problem of organising **good** ringing, and we are at present considering the matter in an effort to improve standards. There appears to have been a misunderstanding in some quarters about the content of the programmes of meetings in that it was suggested that there was no provision for those visitors who were unable to ring changes. We would like to make it clear that Ringing Masters do cater for all ringers. We would like to take this opportunity of stating that the first consideration should be to have good ringing, and that call changes properly rung are to be preferred to advanced methods which are beyond the capabilities of one or more of the band. We sympathise with those members who wish to attempt 'something new' at a meeting and we see no objection provided **adequate** preparation is made and that the Ringing Master is given proper support by those qualified to give it."

The retiring peal secretary, Mr. Eric Critchley, gave his 16th and last report. The total of 225 peals included Surprise Major in no less than 24 different methods. There were 42 compositions in the report. He mentioned particularly that Mr. Neil Donovan, of Rotherham, had called Yorkshire Royal as his first peal as conductor. Mr. Critchley was warmly thanked by the president for his work during the last 16 years, especially in producing the report each year.

New members elected were: Gail Horton, Gillian Gardiner, Robert Watson, Michael Rollason, Richard Harrison, David Rankin, John Brierley, Kenneth Ineson, Stephen Emmet, Valerie Gardiner, John Gibson, Philip Charlsworth, Glyn Scourfield, David Burkinshaw and David Schofield. Cynthia Barnett, Christine Broadley and William Thow were elected non-resident members.

"BELLS & A LIVE CHURCH"—MELDRETH DEDICATION

THE president of the Central Council (Canon Gilbert Thurlow) on May 11th visited Holy Trinity, Meldreth, Cambs, to dedicate two new bells.

He concluded an inspiring address to the large congregation of ringers and villagers with this message: "This is what Meldreth bells recall every time they ring: The Church is alive! The Church has a message worth proclaiming and is proclaiming it. The Church is a fellowship whose members give service, varied yet united. The bells invite all to share the Church's life, so believe its message—to serve the Lord."

The Canon reminded the congregation that for 1,000 years there had been a church in Meldreth. In an England which has so largely lost the respect of other peoples, where the spirit of paganism is so obvious—crime, drugs, dishonesty, immorality—the fact that there are so many Christians seems miraculous.

Amid a dissatisfied people, here is the Church with its buildings cared for by personal generosity, with more and more churches being built, with a moral influence out of all proportion to the numbers who worship and with more and better ringers than perhaps ever before.

Oh yes! Anti-Christ is strong! the atheists shout loudly. So, even, do some clergy who prefer publicity to priesthood. Indifference, persecution, apathy face the Church in many places. Despite these things—perhaps because of them—the Church is alive! There's more self-criticism, more planning for future opportunities, less self-satisfaction, more courage among church folk for a very long time. Judge what has happened here! The Church in Meldreth is alive!

The Church is a fellowship, a family to which people either commit themselves or do not commit themselves. It has no room for mere hangers-on. Every church member should offer service of some kind to the community. The service provided here by those whose names you'll read in "The Ringing World" next week and by their friends is an object lesson which deserves to go down in history, of how to render service, how to dedicate skill to God and the community.

One sometimes hears of ringers who are not members of the Church family. What a reflection on that branch of the Church family! How miserable to have a congregation whose members have not enough of the spirit of service to raise a band of ringers amongst them. How splendid it is to know that every time Meldreth bells ring for worship, here are members of the worshipping family offering service to Our Lord by proclaiming the Gospel.

There was a large congregation at the service and after the reading of the lesson a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by V. Nutton, B. Threlfall, F. Haynes and Mrs. Threlfall. The bell carol was sung before the sermon. Mr. W. Hughes represented the bell-founders at the dedication ceremony, which was followed by rounds by the local company.

Tea was prepared by Mrs. Gibson and Miss Jean Sanderson and served in the Village Hall and there was ringing at both Melbourn and on the newly dedicated bells.

Letters to the Editor

SOUTHWELL GUILD'S SECRETARY EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. E. Shuttleworth for his letter regarding the annual general meeting of the Southwell Guild. (See "The Ringing World," page 362.)

There are many incumbent difficulties attached to the arranging of an annual meeting at Southwell, as opposed merely to obtaining permission to attempt a peal on the bells. The General Committee of the Guild considered all the many other factors that have to be taken into consideration, i.e. the service, business meeting, accommodation available, tea facilities and ringing times, etc. The only item not known to them at the time was that the Minster choir would be away on holiday, and that no other choir would be in attendance for the service. This, incidentally, is the first time that I can ever recall this happening.

The committee's decision, whilst not ideal, was felt to be the best arrangement in the circumstances. The times were fully advertised.

The business meeting was completed, despite a rather long wait for the votes to be counted, in just over an hour. This for an annual general meeting is surely reasonable.

The ringing arrangements were in the hands of the appointed Ringing Master, and, in view of the numbers attending, the general consensus of opinion was that he did a very good job in the difficult circumstances. One of the main difficulties with Southwell is that there are no other towers in the immediate vicinity.

With regard to the ringing at the times other than those advertised, I can assure you that this was not with my permission. If ringers seek out the verger and he admits them to the tower and locks them in, I am in no position to stop them ringing, much as I deplore this.

Considering that this was the Guild's annual general meeting, the main item on the agenda was the business meeting, and for once ringing must take second place. I would not have thought personally that this was the ideal meeting to take a beginner for his first meeting, especially with a view to ringing on the 12 bells.

Finally, if Mr. Shuttleworth wishes to make his criticism constructive, perhaps he would like to offer his services to the Guild in the capacity of a Ringing Master.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON,
Hon. General Secretary.

CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in the June edition of "Ideal Home" of Son et Lumière to be presented at Christ Church, Oxford, from June 27th to September 28th (nightly except Sundays), to be narrated by Sir John Gielgud:

"Twelve centuries of events and personalities connected with Christ Church are embraced, from an early virgin saint up to such distinguished past students as composer Sir William Walton, poet W. H. Auden and actor-writer Emlyn Williams. As well as 13 Prime Ministers, 10 Viceroys, a clutch of notable Churchmen and others."

Will the bells of Christ Church be heard in this, I wonder?—Yours sincerely,

STELLA G. CAPO-BIANCO (Mrs.).
Purley, Surrey

GETTING FACTS STRAIGHT

Dear Sir,—Everyone is entitled to his opinion, but it seems that one, Ian Roberts, has overstepped the mark. Let us get this one fact straight: Any ringer who stands in a peal attempt should be aiming at the target of approximately three hours of good ringing in a method that he or she has learned and on bells that are either a pleasure or a challenge to ring.

With this in mind it follows that it takes more than "any fool" to "learn two or three Surprise Major methods," and that the mental and physical effort involved in scoring a record peal of Glasgow is outside the capacity of the "hundred daft beggars prancing around Edgbaston belfry."

Having thus removed the idiot population (if it ever existed) from our peal bands, we are left with ringers who usually are willing to stand in quarter peal attempts at their own towers able enough to aid any "first" in the band and generally to help in keeping law and order in moments of crisis. This, of course, is a form of tuition that your correspondent chooses to ignore.

The choice of a method presents an interesting exercise in facts. If Mr. Roberts chose to analyse the composition of peal bands he would probably find that those scoring peals in the so-called "advanced methods" are represented by almost the same names. In standard method peals rather more variety appears. Descending the scale of achievement, the field for choice of quarter peal bands being larger (even the most dedicated ringer occasionally having other commitments!), the predominance of the so-called simpler method must follow. A quarter peal band used to be regarded as the first step to greater things, and one must start somewhere.

An answer to the perplexing question of bells, their uses and who should ring them, would tax the ingenuity of a bench of bishops; need I say any more?

In closing, may I suggest that our Mr. Roberts would have been more usefully employed walking across to Kirkburton and enjoying a "jar" at the hostelry known to many as "The Twitters"—perhaps then I need not have written this letter. — Yours faithfully. M. W. HARBOTT.
Ashtead, Surrey.

1967 PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has come to my notice that the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at St. Michael's Church, Macclesfield, in February, 1967, was false.

I must, therefore, as conductor, withdraw this peal and tender apologies to the band and all concerned.—Yours sincerely.

Whitefield, Manchester. F. JOHN NELSON.

A LITTLE HELP

Dear Sir,—At the end of last year I undertook the formidable task of trying to train a completely new band of ringers at Harmondsworth (a tower which has too long been silent).

It was not long before Mr. Frank Blagrove (Windsor) and Miss Anne Horsford (Twickenham) generously came to my aid, and have continued coming almost every Monday.

How heartening it is to know that amongst the ringing community there are those who still believe in, and execute with such cheerfulness the old proverb "A little help is worth a deal of pity."—Yours faithfully.

MARGARET A. WAY (Mrs.).
Longford, Middlesex.

"THERE'S A THIEF ABOUT"

Dear Sir,—Recently I was reading the Home Office pamphlet headed "Watch Out—There's a Thief About." This contains a few elementary principles of crime prevention intended to encourage the public to safeguard their property.

It occurred to me that not infrequently incumbents and ringers alike fail to take elementary security precautions to ensure the safety of "the tools of the Exercise." I can think of many churches which I have had occasion to visit recently where belfries are left unlocked and property, such as books and handbells, often of value to the tune of several hundred pounds, left to the tender mercies of itinerant felons.

It was therefore with some apprehension that I read in "The Ringing World" dated March 22nd, 1968, a letter from Vernon Bottomley which stated "it is unlikely that anyone will attend with lifting tackle and transport without first making inquiries." Unfortunately, there are only too many of the criminal classes willing and eager to attend with "lifting" tackle, and inquiries at that stage would hardly be expected.

To illustrate this, only recently three men were convicted at Chippenham of stealing a church bell, and only a few weeks ago a bell weighing perhaps half a hundredweight was stolen from the now derelict St. Mary Redcliffe School premises in Bristol. This has now been recovered intact.

Instances of theft from and malicious damage to church premises are increasing—one has only to think of the recent sacrilege at Canterbury. In view of this, in my opinon more care should be taken on our part in connection with the security of the belfry and fittings. Perhaps if the church had been secured effectively the recent incident at Stapleford, Wiltshire, might not have happened.

Incidentally, are we to assume from the article on page 178 of "The Ringing World" dated March 8th, 1968, that the Wiltshire Constabulary are currently scouring Salisbury Plain in order to apprehend the alleged offenders? I think not.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL J. RIGBY.
Bishopsworth, Bristol.

THE OTHER WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Dear Sir,—What is all this recent fuss about ringing at Westminster Abbey? Last Sunday morning I was taken to the Abbey by a friend, and after a friendly introduction I enjoyed a very pleasant ring on the ten bells. Before all your correspondents rush off to London to find out why the two trebles are not rung, I should point out that to ring at this Westminster Abbey they will have to travel abouut 6,000 miles to British Columbia. Here they will be welcomed by the monks of the Benedictine Monastery at Mission City, about 40 miles east of Vancouver. They will enjoy change ringing on the fine ten, which were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN HALLETT.
New Westminster, B.C.

TOWER GRABBERS

Dear Sir.—Whilst I do not wish to comment on Miss Horsford's views on the tower-grabbers' list, I do feel that her ideas of what one should have done to have one's name mentioned are rather simple.

Surely almost every ringer and churchgoer who is keen will have exceeded these qualifications.—Yours faithfully,

A. D. LILLEY.
Ickleton, Cambs.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD'S HEALTHY YEAR

A satisfactory year was reviewed at the annual general meeting of the Midland Counties Guild at St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, where the Vicar of Stretton (the Rev. G. Lane) conducted Evensong. Previously there had been ringing on the fine six at All Saints'. Upwards of 50 members enjoyed tea in Friars' Walk School, provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brittan, Mrs. G. M. Dunn and helpers. They were thanked by Mr. R. A. Weston.

In the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. B. Worthington) Mr. Welton presided at the meeting. Heartening proceedings were the election of 17 new members (seven from Packington and three from Winshill being prominent), and Mr. J. H. Brittan (hon. treasurer) reporting the accounts to be in a healthy state with an increased balance.

In his report Mr. J. H. Cotton (hon. secretary) mentioned that seven meetings were held during the year, 20 new members elected, giving a total membership of 18 honorary and 140 ringing. The Coming-of-Age Dinner was attended by 70 members and friends.

PERSONAL MILESTONES

Recording peals, Mr. Cotton said the total was ten fewer than last year. Mr. R. Cotton was the only first-pealer. Personal milestones passed in Guild ringing were Mr. J. W. Cotton's 600th, J. K. Smith's 100th and G. R. Edwards' 100th. Leading peal ringers during 1967 were J. W. Cotton 35, J. K. Smith 29, R. J. Clifton 24. Leading conductor D. P. Jones. 15 peals

There were certain changes in the officers. Mr. Welton, owing to business commitments, was unable to continue as chairman; his successor is Mr. G. L. Roobottom. Mr. T. Pryce, auditor for 22 years, also retired and Mr. G. Brown fills the vacancy. Resolutions of thanks were passed to these officers and to those continuing in office for their work in 1967.

Two hours of good ringing followed, which included touches of Double Norwich C.B. Major, Plain Bob Major and Stedman and Grandsire Triples at St. Modwen's.

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Gloucester and Bristol Association

THERE were two notable "firsts" concerning the annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Malmesbury on April 20th. It was the first time in the 90 years' history of the Association that Malmesbury had been visited for the annual general meeting, and this was due to the invitation of the octogenarian incumbent, the Rev. A. Beagham, supported very enthusiastically by the Chippenham Branch.

The second was the presence of Miss E. M. Bliss in the chair. She is the first lady to be appointed chairman of the Association, and she had a difficult meeting well under control from start to finish. A remark overheard afterwards was indeed a charming tribute: "She should now go on to become Lord Mayor of London."

Over 100 members were present and there were visitors from Australia, Middlesex and Cheshire. Proceedings opened with prayer led by the Rector of Brinkworth and tribute was made to those who had died during the year, with a special reference to John G. Jefferies, a past Master of the Association.

Following confirmation by the members, the chairman presented the report, calling attention to its new style. She gave special congratulations to the multi-method ringers on their achievements on tower- and handbells and to the cycling Vicar of Randwick on the augmentation of his bells.

The Ringing Master, Mr. W. F. Scudamore, spoke about the Association ringing competition to be held on November 9th, the Boundaries Sub-Committee and the state of ringing for services in the Association area, which left room for much improvement. "We must find fresh ways to get more Sunday service ringing," he said. "Achievements of young ringers should be acknowledged and there should be a programme of training with a good certificate after examination by a panel of good ringers."

Congratulations were expressed on a peal of Plain Bob Triples at Olveston, which had seven firsts of Triples and a first of Triples as conductor.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. C. A. Wratten, outlined points in the financial statement. Costs were up and there was a loss of about £9 on general management. The Belfry Repair Fund was down, as it was at last being used. The sum of £75 each had been voted to Randwick and Winchcombe and £10 to Painswick, also £36 was well spent on subsidising the week-end course at Cheltenham. On the propositions of Messrs. C. Mogford and A. L. Barry the reports were adopted.

Peal No. 3,528 of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Swindon was challenged because it had singles at the half-lead. It was decided that it be left to see if the Central Council accepted it as a peal.

As there was only one nomination for each of the officers, all were re-elected en bloc after thanks had been expressed to all. Attention was then drawn to the fine new badges of office being worn by the chairman and the Ringing Master. The officers replied with thanks for the trust shown in them. Messrs. J. R Taylor, C. A. Wratten and A. L. Barry were re-elected to represent Bristol, Cheltenham and Gloucester Archdeaconries on the Central Council for 1969–71, but an election was held to find one for the Swindon Archdeaconry between D. J. Carr and A. R. Peake, the latter being elected by a very large majority. A decision made in 1931 that the representatives must come one from each of the Archdeaconries and must also reside in the Archdeaconry they represent was still binding.

Recommended by their Branches and the Management Committee, Messrs. Bernard Phillips and A. W. Wright, of Bourton-on-the-Water, and John W. Sly, of Northleach, were made honorary life members for their services to their towers, Branches and the Association.

NO CHANGE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

An invitation to hold the next annual general meeting on April 12th, 1969, in Tewkesbury was accepted and it was decided that subscriptions should all remain the same as for 1967, viz.: 2s. 6d. for juniors under 16; 3s. 6d. for associates; 5s. for seniors, and the affiliation by parochial church councils to remain at £1 1s.

A number of propositions by members were next dealt with, and it was decided to print only a selection of compositions rung for the Association for the first time, all others to be available on request from the peal secretary.

A move to combine the offices of Ringing Master and chairman found no support, neither did proposals to alter some of the rules, but a proposition to have methods rung for the first time for the Association printed in place notation in the report was supported by the treasurer and secretary on behalf of the Management Committee and carried unanimously.

The next motion was ruled out of order, as the fixing of peal fees is the prerogative of the committee, and they have fixed it at 1s. per rope for 1968.

Again, a move to alter a rule to define the areas represented by the Central Council representatives was rejected as the decision made in 1931, which is still binding, made it unnecesssary. Mr. G. Tudor, of Bristol, spoke of a possibility of the bells of St. Thomas', Bristol, being rehung and asked for steps to be taken to enable them to have a grant if the work is done.

Mr. M. Rose, of Cirencester, seconded by Mr. E. Mould, of Bristol Rural, moved that a footnote reference to "Cupid" be left out of the 1968 report. To this members agreed.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. H. Blacker and the Chippenham Branch for their work in arranging the meeting, tea and service, also to the chairman for the able handling of the meeting

An excellent meat tea was enjoyed by those who had booked in advance. This was prepared by the ladies of the Branch, who were thanked for such a good spread.

The service in the Abbey was well attended and a source of inspiration. A touch on handbells was rung during the service and a collection amounted to £7. Good use was made of the bells available in the morning and again after the service. To finish, another remark overheard, this by one of the youngest members present, referring to the address by the Vicar: "Sermons are usually a bore and uninteresting, but the one today was good and worth hearing." C. R.

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A RINGERS' STORY

Portrait of a Practice—By "FIFTH OBSERVATION"

Part 3 (continued from page 363).

[Now, after a good selection of methods has been rung, comes the moment for which Paddy has been eagerly waiting—an opportunity to ring his first course of Cambridge and to prove to the band that, even if his conducting of Grandsire leaves something to be desired, he can ring Surprise with the best of them. . .]

Go, Cambridge. Paddy lost his head through sheer excitement. Me, really ringing Surprise . . . It this really me, really ringing Surprise? For a moment he floundered on the end of his rope; then came Bob's placid voice—"Pull yourself together, man. Double-dodge, lie."

In a flash his head cleared. The diagram returned to his mind's eye—the zigzag of third's place bell; double, lie, singles, fifths . . . He nodded vigorously to indicate to Bob that he'd got the message, found himself at the back, dodged twice, lay behind. Here came the treble—one dodge with her. And now fifth's place, while the treble lay behind: and another dodge with the treble, and two more blows behind. Goodbye, treble. Two more dodges, and then what? Oh yes. Fourth's place bell. Places. A three-four dodge first, then two blows in third's, two in fourth's, and here's the treble, dodge with her, then two in third's, two in fourth's and go in to—

"Three! You've misseed your last dodge."

Crunch-hiatus-bong-ti-ding. Paddy looked round wildly for guidance.

"In second's now, Pad. Snap and lead full."

Paddy collected his scattered wits. One blow on the lead, one in second's and lead full—whatever next? Oh, run out. Good.

Straight to the back he hunted; now he was in sixths. What did he do? Dodge, he supposed. But was it double or single? He tried for a double.

Crunch!

"You should have lain behind there, Pad. Double with me. Oy' **Me**, Pad. Over me, not under. One more. **Over** me . . . Go in, Pad. First half of front work."

In went Paddy and arrived on the front, to discover that he couldn't remember for the life of him what the front work was.

"Bob! What is the front work?"

Bob sighed. "Come on, quick, dodge, Pad: then lead, dodge, second's, then lead, dodge, second's over the treble, and then you're second's place bell . . . Dodge again, Pad . . . now second's, now lead full. You're striking a bit wide; pull her closer in, otherwise you'll upset everyone else's striking. Second's place bell now."

Second's place bell. Fifth's place bell backwards. Dodging behind after the front work, then.

The front work was muddled through, the hunting out accomplished. Then double, lie, single. Sixth's place bell. Gosh, this course seems to have gone on for weeks. Imagine ringing a peal of the stuff! On and on like this, without a break, for three solid hours . . . Gosh! The concentration you'd need would be phenomenal. I don't know if I'd ever be good enough to be able to . . . but perhaps if I practise a lot, and . . .

A stentorian shout from Mick brought him sharply back to the present moment. "Pad! Wake up; you didn't do your dodge after your full lead. Three-four places now—no, dodge first—now fourth's, now third's, now dodge, now fourth's, now third's, dodge again, this is all . . . Stand!"

Paddy, flushed, hot, filled with mixed elation and exhaustion, his ears still ringing with the voice of the bells and with words of command, regarded Mick solemnly through his forelock.

"Thanks a lot, Mick."

"A pleasure, Pad. Any day . . . within reason."

"Thanks, Bob. It seems so different when you're actually ringing it, doesn't it?"

"Ah, that's why they call methods like this 'Surprise'" responded Bob gravely, "because you never know **quite** what's going to happen next."

"Oh, that's not really why, is it?" asked Sue. "I thought it was like Delight and Pleasure and all those other funny classifications and didn't really mean anything."

"Search me," said Bob. "Seriously, though, Pad, that wasn't too bad, considering it was a first attempt. Have you ringing London in no time."

Paddy's world glowed. He was a Cambridge ringer. . . . Henceforward, when he went to ringing meetings and practices and outings and people said "Catch hold for Cambridge," he would be able to take his place among the good ringers, the Cambridge ringers, the élite. At least, if it were a plain course he could—or a very easy sort of touch. He would stagger the next District meeting by his virtuosity. At least, if it were at a six-bell tower he would . . .

Whirr from the clock-case in the corner. Nine o'clock; time for Bob to bring the proceedings to a close.

"That's it for tonight, then, folks," he said, hunching himself into his jacket. "Someone get the tenor down. Will you, Martin? Thanks. I'll entrust you with the task of locking up, then; here's the key, and could you make a special point of seeing that all the lights are turned off—somebody left the stairs light on last week. Coffee and handbells at my place for anyone who feels that way inclined. I'm off to get things ready. See some of you shortly. Cheerio!" And Bob departed, splat-splat-splat, down the stairs to the tower door and the outside world.

After him, at long, slow intervals, came his band; Mick with a Troughton sister on each arm; Paddy being congratulated on his achievement, and offered various hints on how-to-keep-right-in-Cambridge, by the Cocks brigade; old Bill and the wife, in spirit already back on Five Oaks Farm, discussing with one another problems relating to the weatherproofing of a series of new poultry houses; small Tim Alexander and the curate, discussing the topic of summer holidays with considerable fervour; and Martin last of all.

Whistling absently to himself, he knotted the tenor rope, released the clock-hammer and made for the door; then, struck with a sudden thought, he turned, his hand on the light-switch, and glanced rapidly round the ringing chamber. Had anyone left anything behind? Just as well to make quite sure. No . . . yes, someone had left behind a notebook of some sort.

Martin picked up the book from the bench. METHODS, it said, in black ink on the front cover; and when it came open readily at a well-thumbed page bearing a somewhat ill-drawn diagram of Cambride. Minor Martin needed no further proof that it belonged to a certain young gentleman by the name of P. J. Markwick.

The trouble was that Paddy never stayed to coffee with Bob during term-time, there invariably being a fair (or unfair) amount of homework set by his French master on Thursdays . . .

"Oh, well, I'll look after it for him," thought Martin; and, with a last look round, he switched off the light, pocketed the notebook, shut the door behind him and began the descent of the stairs.

(Concluded)

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE GOULDING

Painswick has lost one of the oldest of its ringers by the death in hospital on May 12th of Mr. George Goulding, aged 74. He had been in failing health for some time.

He started to ring in 1920 and rang about 12 peals—all Grandsire and ranging from Doubles to Cinques. He was most regular in his attendance, serving the church also as a chorister for about 60 years and for some years as crossbrearer.

George was a printer by trade but during the depression in the 1920's he became a postman and nearly all his 40 years in the G.P.O. were spent at Painswick.

The funeral service on May 17th was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. F. Heal) and was attended by many ringers and friends from the G.P.O. Handbells were rung over the grave and a muffled quarter peal to his memory in the evening.

A NORTH KENT WEEK-END

Organised by Mr. Laurie Mitchell, North Kent ringers and friends had a week-end tour of Dorset and South Devon on April 26th, 27th and 28th. The first night was spent at Stoney Cross in the New Forest. During lunch the next day at Dorchester it started to rain and poured all the afternoon. The clouds rolled away while the party were enjoying a Devon cream tea at Honiton. Evening ringing was at St. Paul's, Honiton, Ottery St. Mary and Clyst Honiton, and the hotel at Exeter was reached at 9 p.m.

On Sunday morning we rang at St. David's, Exeter, after attending Holy Communion which was arranged for the party. The morning was spent at Withycombe Raleigh and at Exmouth, ringing Mr. Frank Mack's light six. There was a roast turkey lunch at Beer, followed by ringing at Bridport and Wool. Tea was at Brockenhurst in the New Forest, where we met Mrs. Dunk. Ringing Masters for the week-end were Nicholas Chesson and Chris Osenton, and ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major. Thanks are extended to all who made us so welcome.

W. R. A. and F. J. D.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS. — On May 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, Muriel Reay 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, C. W. Bragg 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, G. E. Fearn 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT STRIKING CONTEST

After a lapse of three or four years the Guildford District held a striking competition again, at Dunsfold on May 11th. In spite of this attractive church being rather out of the way and on the edge of the District, five teams converged there. The Cathedral band were winners with 9¼ faults, Stoke-next-Guildford 20¼, Shere 21¼, Chiddingfold 34¼ and Bramley 55¼.

Bramley, who, the judge said, were "very determined" are also to be commended for entering, as they are a new and almost entirely self-taught band, used to a very light six with short draught and finding themselves suddenly on heavier bells with a long draught. A thunderstorm rolled overhead as they were ringing and they almost thought the bells were coming down!

The competition ringing was followed by the service, when the Rector (the Rev. Edmund Lister) spoke of ringing, as well as everything else done, being to the Glory of God—and of course should be enjoyed as well. The organist was Mr. R. Fincher, and Mrs. Fincher, together with the other lady ringers or wives, provided a very good tea in the Village Hall. The business meeting followed, at which the judge, Mr. Douglas May, gave his comments and markings. Nearly 40 were present.

HALF PEAL

GROTON, MASS, U.S.A.—On April 21st, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: F. E. Ulen II 1, G. Davies 2, W. A. Theobald 3, J. T. Erichsen 4, S. B. Prudden 5, A. McDonald (cond.) 6. First half peal 1, 4, 5, 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

DATE TOUCH

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 24th, 1968 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 1,248 Plain Bob): T Wylie 1, G. R. King 2, A. Richardson 3, S. Hough 4, D. Mottershead 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6.

THREE SERVICE QUARTERS IN LONDON ON MAY 12th

ALDGATE, E.—At St. Botolph's, 1,344 Stedman Triples: Sandra C. Thexton 1, Patricia Copas 2, C. J. N. Dalton 3, R. L. Jones 4, M. J. Palmer 5, L. C. Way 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. J. Collis 8. For Holy Communion.

DALSTON, E.—At St. Mark's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sandra C. Thexton 1, R. J. Collis 2, Patricia Copas 3, M. J. Palmer 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, R. L. Jones 6, L. C. Way 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8.

PENGE, S.E.—At St. John's, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: R. J. Collis 1, K. J. Rider 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, L. C. Way 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. C. Dabb (first quarter) 1, G. E. Kerley 2, E. J. Evans (first "inside") 3, D. L. Kerley 4, P. Jones 5, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 6, D. Evans 7, L. R. Scott 8. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. J. Evans 1, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 2, D. Evans 3, D. L. Kerley 4, D. C. Dabb (first "inside") 5, P. Jones 6, D. G. Kerley (25th quarter) 7, L. R. Scott 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Penny Cocks 1, Louise Powell (first "inside") 2, N. Bennett 3, C. H. Macve 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Home Guard anniversary service.

BANWELL, SOM.—On May 10th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: Rev. J. Tomsett 1, J. C. Sheppard (first Yorkshire) 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, L. A. England (first Surprise Major) 4, Miss B. H. Boyce 5, S. Brown 6, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 7, G. G. Salmon 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples. Miss M. Powell 1, Miss V. E. Dunre 2, J. H. Lott 3, Miss J. Spurgeon 4, M. R. Wycherley 5, R. J. Cooles 6, A. F. Udall (cond.) 7, E. Boyle 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on May 5th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: E. Naylor 1, Diana Bridle 2, G. Salmon 3, S. Woodcock 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, D. Mackay 7, M. J. Horneman 8, J. Brain 9, W. H. Kingcott 10, E. J. Chivers 11, P. Bridle 12.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Stephens (first on eight away from tenor) 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, E. H. Langley 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, T. J. Bell (first on eight "inside") 5, T. R. Hart 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, W. S. Pryor 8. A thanksgiving for the life and work of Edward Sanders, previously captain of this tower.

CASTOR, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Sumner 1, C. Banks (first "inside") 2, A. E. J. Foster 3, A. K. Oliver 4, G. F. Oliver 5, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 6. For morning service, and also as a 64th birthday compliment to the treble ringer and 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Foster, daughter of 3rd ringer.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. G. Roast 1, Mary Roast 2, R. J. W. Housden 3, E. W. Roast 4, J. West 5, T. Spurgeon 6, I. J. M. Saunders 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. First in the method on the bells. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roast; also a birthday compliment to Paul Roast. Also on May 12th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. G. Roast 1, P. J. Came 2, E. W. Roast 3, Yvonne A. Murray 4, T. Spurgeon 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6, J. West 7, J. L. Towler 8. For Evensong.

ELING, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Buchanan 1, Miss A. Longman 2, J. Hartless 3, A. Buchanan 4, T. Matcham (cond.) 5, B. Buchanan 6.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On May 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Crawford 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, C. Baxter 3, Rev. R. Worsdall 4, J. Holmes 5, B. D. Hill (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. R. Worsdall who is leaving this parish.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Milham 1, Lynn Seton 2, T. Barnard 3, S. Sandford 4, F. Matthews (cond.) 5, P. Eves 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Barbara Phillips (first quarter) 1, Merryn Hutchings 2, Frances Threlfall 3, R. L. Underwood 4, A. F. Scholfield 5, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On May 4uth, 1,320 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. M. Croall 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, S. Rayfield 3, F. J. Cheal 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, T. Wickins 6. A birthday compliment for Mrs. F. J. Cheal.

ILLOGAN, CORNWALL.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Barradell 1, T. J. Bell 2, D. Stephens 3, R. P. Pearce 4, T. R. Hart (cond.) 5.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara J. Duck 1, E. H. Langley 2, A. Locke 3, R. P. Pearce 4, T. J. Bell (first Minor) 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Gray (first on tower bells) 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, P. Fleckney 5, W. White 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. James 1, H. N. Pitstow 2, Hervi R. Simpson 3, P. J. Munday 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, R. D. Mills 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, D. E. Parsons 8.

LEEDS, KENT.—On May 9th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. G. Huckstepp 1, Brenda Davies 2, C. J. E. Wyld 3, P. Smith 4, A. Leeves 5, D. Manger 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, B. Johnson 8, N. J. Davies 9, H. Deacon 10. First of Stedman Caters 3, 5, 8.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Wilson 1, Mary G. Trent 2, Margaret Twigg 3, M. H. Tompsett 4, J. J. Cawdron (first in method as cond.) 5, D. Pendlebury (first quarter) 6. First Grandsire Doubles 1, 2, 3, 4. Rung by the University of Wales Society as an engagement compliment to David Watkins and Rosalie Andrews.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On May 11th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: N. D. Lomas 1, Eric Roughley 2, S. Hough 3, T. Wylie 4, K. Davenport 5, G. R. Gardner 6, D. Mottershead 7, F. I. Nelson (cond.) 8.

MARK, SOM.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Petheram 1, E. Forrest 2, Kay Hine 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Doris G. Burrough 5, P. W. Ham 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, R. Lee 8. First Plain Bob 1, 5. Rung by the Sunday service band to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral on March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Heyes 1, Mary Heyes 2, G. Stewart (first "inside") 3, R. Turner (cond.) 4, R. Bampton 5, H. Rossell 6. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Turner 1, Margaret Aslett (first "inside") 2, M. Scowan 3, J. Roper 4, R. Bampton 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, N. Childs 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, Joanna Slatter 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ted Perry, interred this day.

NEWTON, LINCS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles four methods): A. C. Crawford 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, C. Baxter 3, J. Holmes 4, B. D. Hill (cond.) 5.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Mary Theobald 1, R. Pashley 2, Lynda Pashley 3, I. Taylor 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, A. Tanner 6. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mary Theobald 1, Lynda Pashley 2, Mrs. A. Matthews 3, F. Matthews 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, J. Warinton 6. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mary Theobald 1, I. Taylor 2, J. Ladd (cond.) 3, P. Feast 4, J. Warinton 5, A. Tanner 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Leary 1, Sue Heyworth 2, Judith Harvey 3, R. H. Johnston 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, J. R. Prau (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on May 12th, 1,320 Cambridge S. Minor: Rachel Kistruck 1, Judith Harvey (first of Surprise) 2, Sue Heyworth (first of Surprise) 3, J. K. Walton 4, S. F. Royal (cond.) 5, P. H. Mackie 6. For Matins.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 4th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Helen Haines 1, W. Willands (first of Caters) 2, Lesley Duguid (first on 10 bells) 3, Betty Daysh 4, G. Love 5, T. R. Taylor 6, R. Haines 7, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 8, G. Gammon 9, A. Hoodles 10. For the Annual Service of the Guild of Friends of Portsmouth Cathedral.

RADSTOCK, SOM.—On May 9th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (seven methods): R. Perry 1, R. G. Beck 2, J. Maggs 3, P. H. Jones 4, A. P. Beck (cond.) 5, R. Beck 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, on May 5th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: I. L. Dear (cond.) 1, J. F. Eborall 2, J. Hartley 3, S. R. Cole 4, J. D. Cooper (first Surprise "inside") 5, M. Young 6, J. S. Seager 7, C. W. Longden 8. By S.U.G.C.R. for evening Mass.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Dilley 1, D. H. P. Buxton 2, R. G. Crooks 3, A. Dilley 4, J. L. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. O. Kidby, member of choir and P.C.C. for many years.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—On May 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Cairns 1, R. Nalliah (first "inside") 2, A. King 3, E. P. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Fletcher 6.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Arscott 1, G. S. Morris 2, Mrs. C. N. Powell 3, D. Ellery 4, R. Williamson 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. G. Knight (cond.) 7, M. Symonds 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Diment, of Whitechurch, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris, of Lyme Regis, on their 36th wedding anniversary.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Dodd (first quarter) 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, Caroline Madge 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (13 meth./var.): G. Bickerton 1, J. R. Scott (cond.) 2, J. S. Baker 3, G. A. Edwards 4, F. R. Morton 5, G. K. Green 6. For Evensong.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Rollason (first quarter) 1, L. F. Palmer 2, J. J. Durham 3, R. G. Green 4, M. G. Dodson 5, P. J. Crosthwaite (cond.) 6. By Leeds University Society.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Derby Diocesan Association has increased the peal booking fee to one shilling and sixpence a rope. This has been made necessary owing to increased printing costs.

The Bath and Wells Association has not scored a 12-bell peal since 1936. The recent attempt only reached the halfway stage despite the practice. Another attempt is contemplated.

Members who took part in the College Youths' peal at Christchurch Priory would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davis for their hospitality after the peal.

Three of the four members of the ringing family at Newhey, Lancashire, rang in the first peal on the new bells recently. The parents achieved their ambition of ringing their first peal! Congratulations!

The peal rung at Birstwith, Yorks, on April 24th, was for the Sussex Association, and not the Yorkshire Association. None of the band was a member of the Yorkshire Association. A donation of 10s. (as requested) was made to the funds of Birstwith Church.

Three generations of the Arscott family rang in an in memoriam peal at Fitzhead, Somerset, for Stanley N. Bristow, on May 14th.

Mr. R. A. Ford, of Taunton, complains about the Salisbury Guild Festival at Wimborne. He states that three of the churches he visited were deserted with the bells "left up" and doors unlocked.

Miss Anne Simkins, of The School House, Fyfield, near Ongar, Essex, who is writing a project on the work of the Essex Association, asks for information on the Association, which was in existence in 1879, its present membership and its influence on ringing both then and now.

After the College Youths' successful peal attempt at Christchurch Priory on May 11th the company were entertained to refreshments by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis at Bourneheath, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne. The ringers offered congratulations to Mr. Philip Murduck, who revealed that he and Mrs. Murduck were celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary that day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A 21 YEARS' SILENCE AT CHAWTON ENDED

The bells of Chawton, Hampshire, are ringing again after 21 years' silence. They were rung for the first time on Sunday, April 7th, to welcome the Bishop of Winchester, who attended Matins.

On a bronze plate in the church is recorded: "To the Glory of God and in memory of Isabella Barbara Shaw Stewart, who fell asleep at Chawton House on the 4th August, 1883, two of the Ancient Bells of this Parish were erected in the belfry and four new bells were dedicated to the service of Almighty God." Also, there is in the porch, near the belfry door, a frame containing Chawton Belfry Rules, 1884; among the ringers' names appearing on this manuscript are those of George and William Pullinger, whose home was at Chawton at that time.

A framed record of the only peal on the bells prior to May 4th, 1968, appears in the ringing chamber; this peal was rung for the Winchester Diocesan Guild on June 14th, 1913, being seven different Minor methods conducted by Charles Edwards.

A plaque by the belfry door is inscribed: "To commemorate the Restoration of the Bells by the People of Chawton and well-wishers of the Church in 1937, the year of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI." The work was carried out by Gillett and Johnston Ltd., when the tenor only was rehung on ball bearings. The six bells are hung in two tiers in an oak frame with very little room to spare. There were ringers at Chawton until about 1938.

The peal rung on May 4th was made possible by ringers coming from Alton, Petersfield, West Meon and Warnford. The band have to thank Alan Kersey for ringing the treble at only a day's notice after two previous arrangements had been made for treble ringers, who, though living miles apart, caught German measles within a week of each other. The two very young ringers on 2nd and 3rd are pupils of Mr. Ken Tipper, captain at Petersfield tower, and he and they are to be congratulated on their very good performance.

Lastly, the bell installation has been repaired and maintained through the interest of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Selby Ash, Mr. R. D. Giles, churchwarden, the P.C.C., who are heart and soul with the bells now, and Mr. O. T. Cox, verger and sexton for 30 years, who gave invaluable help in every possible way.

Mr. R. Corke, captain at Alton tower, has taken over the teaching of new ringers, and Mr. Clive Chennell-White, also of Alton, is arranging ringing for services until the local band is in being. C. E. B.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

By the Ancient Society of College Youths, June 1st, 12.30 p.m., Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Winchester Cathedral, and June 3rd, 2 p.m., Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

A SHROPSHIRE APPEAL

For the restoration and improvements to the bells and tower at Norton-in-Hales, Shropshire, over £3,000 is required. Mr. William Talbot, the ringing captain, writes thanking the Shropshire Association for the gift of £5 7s. 6d. subscribed at their recent meeting at Market Drayton.

A BUSY MONTH IN AMERICA

This is quite a ringing spring for Groton School. On May 3rd Rick Dirksen paid the School a visit and Plain Bob and St. Clement's were rung. On the 5th, about 100 members of the new English Guild of Handbell Ringers were entertained for their spring festival. They gave a recital lasting one hour of tune ringing in the chapel and then saw a demonstration of change ringing on tower bells in the belfry.

Mr. Russell Young drove to New York City on May 6th to meet Frank and Sheila Price and took them back to Groton, and the following day motored them to their cousins in Peterborough, New Hampshire. They were at the School on the 9th helping with the second band.

The first ring on the new bells at Smith's College took place on the 11th. The College is 75 miles from Groton and naturally there was a big assembly of ringers. Mr. Russell Young informs us that Frank Price is down to conduct a quarter peal of St. Clement's Bob Minor. The first band at Groton is practising Plain Bob Triples and it is hoped to attempt a peal soon.

Later in the month Tom Goodyer is expected from Sydney on his way to England. There are two other big ringing days for the School. On May 25th a number are going to Kent School and Smith's College to ring, and on May 26th every available ringer will ring at Hingham, Perkins and Groton.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD'S STRIKING COMPETITION

The annual striking competition of the St. David's Guild was held at St. Teilo's, Llandeilo, on May 11th, with eight teams competing, viz.: two from Pembroke and one each from Cardigan, Llandeilo, Llanelli and St. Florence, a team composed of members from the Swansea and Brecon Guild and a "scratch" band captained by Mr. H. Jenkins (Tenby).

After an excellent tea, provided by the ladies of the parish, the Mayor-elect of Cardigan, Mr. Percy Griffiths, who is the Guild auditor, proposed to them a vote of thanks. The Vicar then invited Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton, Oxon, to give his adjudication.

The team with the lowest number of faults was the one from Swansea and Brecon, but as visitors were not eligible for the Shield the result was declared as follows: 1 Pembroke "A" 20 faults, 2 Llandeilo 31, 3 Pembroke "B" 53. Mr. Philip Rogers, captain of Pembroke and Ringing Master, expressed his delight at receiving the shield for the first time.

Mr. Sharpe and his Launton Handbell Ringers then gave a recital of handbell music, which has become the highlight of the competition meetings and is greatly appreciated by all.

Ringers then returned to the tower until 8.30 p.m. B. M. R.

SURREY ASSOCIATION TURN DOWN AGREEMENT WITH GUILDFORD

The Surrey Association at its annual meeting rejected the motion of the joint committee with the Guildford Guild for earmarking certain towers in the Guildford Diocese where meetings can be held. They wanted freedom to hold meetings in all towers in the ancient county of Surrey. Report next week.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

On May 11th and 12th the Guild undertook its first overseas commitment—a tour of the Isle of Wight, the home of its president, J. B. Williamson, and as he had made all the arrangements they were excellent. The one adverse feature was of the membership's making—too few of them came; more's the pity for them, for they missed a delightful weekend in this delectable isle.

The president had, however, provided for all eventualities, and at every tower there were some of the Island's ringers, without whom the Guild would have been hard pressed indeed. Certainly we were most grateful for this reinforcement and for many other kindnesses.

The towers visited were at Ryde, Brading, Carisbrooke, Godshill and Whitwell on Saturday, and Chale on Sunday for morning service. Comparisons are odious, but the renown of Carisbrooke's octave has spread so far that to report our brief visit there as a memorable "highspot" should not offend. In any case, everywhere we went in belfries and outside was much enjoyed.

Now that the reconnaisance patrol has taken place we shall look forward to a renewed invasion another year, with battalion support.

D. L. G.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District held its annual competition on May 11th at Holywell. Five teams entered and the judges were Messrs. J. H. Bluff, H. C. Foster and B. F. Sims. Godmanchester were first to ring and they were followed by St. Neots, Brampton, Great Staughton and Eynesbury.

The usual ringers' service was conducted by the Rector, and after tea Mr. B. F. Sims gave the judges' views and advice and congratulated the competing teams on some good ringing. A special word of praise was given to the Great Staughton team (although not completing the test piece) for their spirit in entering; five of this team are schoolboys, aided and abetted by their Vicar.

The judges' decision was as follows: 1 St. Neots, followed by Brampton, Eynesbury, Godmanchester and Great Staughton. Mr. B. F. Sims then presented the Frank W. Lack Memorial Trophy to Mr. G. E. Bonham, the captain of St. Neots team.

Mr. A. J. Davey proposed the vote of thanks and it was then back to the tower for further ringing until 8.15 p.m.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS

The Lord Bishop of Ely will rededicate the recently rehung bells at Houghton on June 3rd. The original five bells have been unringable since 1960. As a memorial to the Rev. J. D. Ward, Rector for 30 years, a new treble has been added and the P.C.C. is raising over £3,000 for providing this bell, dismantling and rehanging the bells, bird-proofing the tower and other miscellaneous repairs.

The contract has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the village has now a delightful ring of six with a 10 cwt. tenor. The service is at 6.30 p.m. and the tower will be open for ringing until 8.45 p.m. Parking facilities will be available in the school playground, entrance from the Huntingdon Road.

H. S. D.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
KIDDERMINSTER. Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary & All Saints.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	Thomas J. Southam	7
David P. Hilling	2	Martin D. Fellows	8
Frank E. Darby	3	John C. Eisel	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	David J. Purnell	10
Martin C. Faulkes	5	D John Hunt	11
Brian Bladon	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus by the Society.

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Edward W. Colley	6
Bruce B. Rogers	2	Arthur V. Davis	7
Geoffrey K. Dodd	3	Philip Murduck	8
Denby Murduck	4	Raymond Haines	9
Alan A. J. Buswell	5	Ronald Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*Richard C. Taylor	Treble	†Roy W. Rice	6
†Michael G. Bartlett	2	†Walter S. Rice	7
*David G. Massey	3	§John C. Sheppard	8
‡Brenda H. Boyce	4	Edgar T. Skipsey	9
§Peter J. England	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.
* First peal of Royal and 50th peal. † First of Surprise Royal.
‡ First on ten bells and of Surprise. § First on ten bells.

BACKWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Alan G. Kent	Treble	Brian J. Wylde	5
John Brain	2	*Edwin T. Dibble	6
Michael J. Stone	3	Cecil T. Clarke	7
Geoffrey H. Marchant	4	William J. Lott	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Wylde.
* First peal on eight bells.

FITZHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven 720's (different extents). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

*Raymond F. Arscott	Treble	§Frederick C. Arscott	4
*†Adrian F. Arscott	2	‡Mervyn Aston Arscott	5
‡Mervyn Roy Arscott	3	§Leslie H. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
A family effort of three generations.
*‡ Father and son respectively. † First peal of Minor. § Uncle and brother of conductor.
Rung in memory of Mr. Stanley S. Bristow, one-time instructor and Ringing Master of the Taunton Branch.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's odd bob (one-part). Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Treble	David Redfearn	5
Margaret P. Booth	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Brenda P. Redfearn	3	John R. Mayne	7
John W. Sinfield	4	James G. Newman	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
Rung as a tenth wedding anniversary compliment to John and June Sinfield.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
4ths place bob. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	*Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
*Susan Rothera	2	*Brian J. Woodruffe	6
†Andrew J. Slade	3	†David E. Rothera	7
*Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Glasgow. † 25th peal together.

CAXTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

John G. Flint	Treble	David G. Carr	4
*Richard D. Brain	2	Christopher R. Hardy	5
Charlotte M. Harris	3	Anthony H. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.
* First peal "inside."

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F. sharp.

D. John Hunt	Treble	Trevor Newlands	5
Bruce Martin	2	John W. Collard	6
*Nigel A. Dawson	3	David Rennolds	7
†Stephen J. Bateman	4	John F. Pedler	Tenor

Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by John F. Pedler.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob.
Rung by eight members of the Sunday service band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 10, 1968, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington and Dedworth. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Geoffrey A. Edwards	Treble	James S. Baker	4
A. Doreen Edwards	2	*John R. Scott	5
*Frank R. Morton	3	Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 125th peal together as a trio. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" twice to peals. Quickest peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

L. Michael Callow	Treble	Hubert G. Summers	5
*Clare F. Dolphin	2	*Ian D. Thompson	6
John W. T. Taylor	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Peter C. Randall	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John W. T. Taylor.
* First peal in the method.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
*Adrienne Gibson	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Joan Beresford	3	Peter Beresford	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MATLOCK, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Fri., May 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Ann M. Smith	Treble	George H. Paulson	5
Susan E. Davis	2	Herbert E. Taylor	6
Burley P. Morris	3	Timothy Wylie	7
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.
Twenty-fifth different composition of Bob Major as conductor.
Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen to Matlock this day.

BURBAGE, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.
On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2 and 3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Elizabeth Barton	4
F Martin Stanway	2	Henry Kirk	5
Susan Davis	3	Alan G. Kirk	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Kirk.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Forster, recently retired as a ringer after 21 years at this tower.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*James W. Wheeler	Treble	Jennifer Brackenbury	4
Colin M. Shaw	2	John Moore	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	John V. Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal by an all Stanton band since 1932.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GALLEYWOOD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Thurs., May 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Richard J. Harrison	5
*David Hymas	2	†Keith W. Brown	6
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
Yvonne A. Murray	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Jennifer M. Andrews	Treble	Arthur G. Button	5
Rachel J. R. Orman	2	Urban W. Wildney	6
Edward E. Davey	3	Alan R. Andrews	7
George N. Orman	4	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jennifer M. Andrews.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Anthony Plows	Treble	*William P. Nash	5
Frederick A. Harris	2	Michael V. Powell	6
Austin T. Wingate	3	Thomas E. Wood	7
Peter Hughes	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to celebrate the Festival of Easter.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Frederick D. Ellis	Treble	*Christopher Forster	4
Stephen P. Darvill	2	Kenneth J. Darvill	5
*Andrew W. R. Wilby	3	*Peter T. Dale	Tenor

Rung silent and non-conducted. Umpire: Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles on the bells.
Rung for the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Michael Rigby	Treble	†Robin A. Grant	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Dr. David T. Hollis	6
Christopher J. Easton	3	John Pladdys	7
Richard A. J. Bower	4	Christopher P. Starbuck	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher P. Starbuck.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Audrey R. Alexander	Treble	Peter G. Holden	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Christopher P. Starbuck	6
*Christopher J. Easton	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
†Richard A. J. Bower	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to Chris Starbuck and Jennie Brown on their engagement.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCHURCH, Lancashire.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Sydney G. Osborne	Treble	Michael Thompson	5
Sue Flint	2	David J. Bennett	6
Christopher J. Jones	3	Harold Worrall	7
*Nicholas Thompson	4	Kenneth Edwards	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Harold Worrall.
* First peal "inside."
Rung in memoriam Jack Mawdesley, ringer at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., May 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 4½ cwt.

Michael D. Fishwick	Treble	*Robert Lawson	4
*Nora Lawson	2	Richard S. Starkie	5
Janet Lawson	3	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

OTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Philip J. Crossthwaite	Treble	Suzanne J. Withers	5
*Roger G. Green	2	Robert A. Beresford	6
†Lawrence F. Palmer	3	Richard J. Chantler	7
John J. Durham	4	John P. Ottaway	Tenor

Conducted by John P. Ottaway.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey Cooper, retiring president of the Society.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., May 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb in B.

*David Cook	Treble	‡Tony R. Natt	5
†Cynthia M. Wells	2	John Watkin	6
Christopher M. Sturgess	3	K. Paul Gilliver	7
‡Robin A. Gilliver	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by J. B. Worsley. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First of Cambridge "inside."
Rung with the best wishes of the band to the ringer of the second and her brother on their 21st birthday.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary de Castro.
On Fri., May 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*Andrew S. Haden	Treble	Roland H. Cook	5
*Cynthia M. Wells	2	*John Watkin	6
*Robin A. Gilliver	3	Russell S. Morris	7
*K. Paul Gilliver	4	A James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

MAIDWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents Plain Bob, two Kent T.B., one each Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

Hazel J. Nichols	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
John Hunt	2	*Edward Guy Slater	5
*Raymond H. Martin	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* 25th peal together.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIBSEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

William B. Dawson	Treble	Thomas Cummins	5
Roy Stephenson	2	Harold Barsley	6
Aubrey Mills	3	Horace Bennett	7
*Richard Bennett	4	Philip H. Reynolds	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEADENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob and April Day, 14 of Grandsire (ten callings) and eight 240's Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

*Janet Ann Musson	Treble	Richard A. Hunt	4
Walter Weston	2	James H. Musson	5
Clive Brook	3	Frederick J. Wright	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal and first attempt.

CLAXBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 55 methods/variations: (1) St. Simon, St. Osmund, (2) St. Albans, St. Ambrose, (3) Eynsham, St. Ninian, (4) Elford, (5) St. Felix, (6) Cassington, St. Patrick, (7) St Martin, (8) St. Paul, (9 and 10) Plain Bob, (11) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, (12) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, (13) St. Andrew, St. John, Horsley, (14) Shareshill, Ryton, St. Cleer, (15) St. Thomas, St. Luke, St. Dominica, (16) Rev. Canterbury, (17) Southrepps, (18) Clifford's Pleasure, (19) Little Aston, (20) St. Columb, (21) Plain Bob, (22) Kennington, (23) April Day, (24) Seighford, (25) Old, (26) Wychbold, (27) Honeysuckle, (28) Wallflower, (29) Cowslip, (30) Dedworth, (31) Primrose, (32) Buttercup, (33) Violet, (34) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (35) Northrepps, (36) Fortune, (37) All Saints', (38) Rushall, (39) Marchington, (40) Newborough, (41 and 42) Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*Alec C. Crawford	Treble	*Edgar A. Cole	3
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Peter A. Slight	4
Denis A. Frith	Tenor		

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal in 55 Doubles. First peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of David J. Hopkinson, of Grantham.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch)

BLETCHLEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*Richard W. Yates (age 11)	Treble	William A. Yates	5
†Roger Cadamy	2	*Malcolm G. Hooton	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	George W. Holland	7
*Rev. Ernest G. Orland	4	Albert E. Daniels	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † Has now "circled the tower" twice.

BICESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Edburg.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Cyril H. Kinch	Treble	*Ronald K. Russ	5
Sara K. D. Woolley	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
*Walter G. Knight	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Alan R. Pink	4	Anthony K. Fortin	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. (No. 48.) Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Mary Wells	Treble	Frank H. Hicks	5
John C. Baldwin	2	William Butler	6
John W. T. Hibbert	3	John H. Napper	7
Robert B. Blond	4	William Corderoy	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Violet N. Castle	Treble	Charles T. Williams	5
Barnard C. Castle	2	Charles W. Mortimer	6
*Ivor Newell	3	A. Norman Willis	7
David C. Willis	4	Frederick J. E. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard C. Castle.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David Willis.

MARCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., May 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of (1) College Exercise Treble Bob, (2) Norbury Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

Melvyn J. Hiller	Treble	A. Keith P. Poole	4
Alan R. Pink	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Peter Pearce	3	Peter J. Heritage	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. M. Davidson, who is leaving this parish after eight years of faithful ministry.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., May 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SHORTHEATH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Barrie Hendry	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Roger W. Smith	7
Barry E. Saunders	3	Graham C. Paul	8
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Malcolm J. V. Chown	5	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

First peal in this method.

SHORTHEATH SURPRISE ROYAL
.30—30.14—12—30.14—14.50.16—16.70.14—58.90.
4ths place lead-end (1236485079). 2nds place bob.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund K. and M.
On Mon., March 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Roger W. Smith	6
Barrie Hendry	3	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	7
Alan A. Paul	4	Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*David J. Morgan	Treble	†Valerie P. Williams	5
*Raymond Henman	2	Allan R. Jones	6
Barry R. Care	3	George F. Roome	7
Richard J. Cowley	4	*Iestyn G. Morgan	Tenor

Conducted by George F. Roome.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Tom Tebbutt, celebrating his 82nd birthday.

RUSHDEN, Northants.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

*Bob Whitworth	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Graham C. Paul	2	†Roger L. Coley	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Alan A. Paul	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Arranged by Richard F. B. Speed.
Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

CORBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., May 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Reginald Hankins	Treble	Michael Hawkins	4
Ronald Russell	2	Stephen Bell	5
Stephen Franklin	3	*Harry Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Bell.

* First peal.

Rung as a retirement compliment to the Rev. A. Brooke Wescott, ex-bellringer, who has served 41 years in the parish.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WESTBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt 14 lb. in C sharp.

Andrew Howard	Treble	Eric J. Hitchens	5
Richard J. Bowden	2	Ralph G. Edwards	6
Alan Tubb	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Charles P. Quartley	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Michael Bruce Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr 9 lb. in D.

Cyril Griffiths	Treble	Roger L. Hawksworth	6
William J. Leach	2	John K. Smith	7
*Gillian M. Griffiths	3	Ian Friend	8
Cyril T. Haynes	4	Barnabas G. Key	9
George L. Roobottom	5	Charles F. W. Eyre	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage this day of the Rev. John T. Beech and Miss Irene Firsby at St. Mark's, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. Also a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on becoming engaged to Michael Williamson

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
COTTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

Oliver G. Barnard	Treble	Roger L. K Whittell	5
Martin H. Whittell	2	Robert J. Southgate	6
Harry D. Lister	3	*James P. F. W. Hollins	7
Keith W. Whittell	4	Winston S. Girling	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Winston S. Girling
* First peal. First of Major as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(University of Sussex Guild)
BRIGHTON Sussex.—At the Church of St Nicholas of Myra.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb. in E.

Terry G. Williams	Treble	*David L. Nibbs	5
John C. Baldwin	2	James M. Hills	6
Malcolm S. Loveday	3	Robert H. Newton	7
*Caroline Mackie	4	Raymond J. Talbot	Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood. Conducted by John C. Baldwin.
* First peal in the method First on eight bells by the Guild.
Rung on the occasion of the Guild's first dinner.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Mon., April 1 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 six-scores in 16 methods: (1) Horton Alliance and Hampton Little Bob. (2) Asleham Alliance and Ashford Little Bob. (3) Stedman. (4–7) St Nicholas Bob. (8–11) Winchendon Bob. (12–14) St. Remigius Bob. (15–18) St. Simon's Bob. (19–22) St. Martin's Bob. (23–25) St. Osmund. (26–29) All Saints'. (30–32) Reverse St. Bartholomew. (33–36) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. (37–39) Grandsire and (40–42) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

*Hilary A. Thick	Treble	*Janet E. Blake	3
*Frank H. Hicks	2	*Charlotte M. Harris	4
Roger Osbon	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
OVERTON Hamoshire—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Barry R. M. Johnson	Treble	David L. Wilcox	5
†W. Jack Marlow	2	J. Ashmore Dodd	6
*Lynette M. Holbrook	3	Michael S. Holbrook	7
Canon F. A. Sanders	4	Howard E. J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Howard E. J. Smith.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside." First peal as conductor.

CHAWTON, Hamoshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire and 18 extents of Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt.

*Alan F. Kersey	Treble	Ramon A. Stone	4
†Carol S. Stacey (14)	2	Charles E. Bassett	5
David G. Hatherly (15)	3	*Clive W. Chennell-White	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
MICKLETON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUGAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

George Morris	Treble	Peter Robertson	5
Martin Smith	2	Gerald Hemming	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Ian Lloyd	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. (C.W.C. 10.) Conducted by G. R. Drew.
* First peal in the method

DOUGAL SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—58.12.36—12—38—16—7, i.e. 2.

ENVILLE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb in F.

Margaret A. Swain	Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Robert Edwards	6
*Morley P. Tobin	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
*C. Frederick Jukes	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
M Irene Ellsmore	2	A. Bryan Ellsmore	6
J Clifford Skidmore	3	Martin D Fellows	7
Margaret A Swain	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Albert J Pitman Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	‡Richard J. Chantler	6
*Jane A. Carruthers	2	Alan Newbould	7
†Ross A. Bradley	3	Ronald R. Warford	8
‡Robert H. Jordan	4	Ronald J. Snack	9
‡Roderick R. Horton	5	John Potts	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in the method † First peal. ‡ First of Royal.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Tues., May 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*Janet Hunt	Treble	Wilfrid F. Moreton	5
†Gail Cater	2	†George E. Hancock	6
†R. Anne Johnson	3	†Rev. Nicholas Webb	7
Alan Clifton	4	†Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev. Eric Treacy.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Tues., May 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Margaret Warford	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
*Jane Lawrence	2	David J. Baker	5
Norma C. Baker	3	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., March 28, 1968 in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 19 methods/variations: (1) Clifford's Pleasure, (2) Clifford's Pleasure, Royston, (3) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston. (4) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David. (5) Southrepps. (6) St. Columb. (7) Horsley. (8) Costessy. (9) Rev Canterbury. (10. 11) Plain Bob. (12). April Day. (13) April Day, Seighford. (14) April Day, Litchurch. (15) April Day. May Day. (16) Besthorpe. (17) Old. (18) Allestree. (19) Kennington. (20–26) Plain Bob. (27–29) April Day. (30) May Day. (31, 32) Plain Bob. (33) Seighford. (34) Litchurch. (35) Phredd. (36–38) April Day. (39–42) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 16 lb.

Helen Bartlett	Treble	Susan M. Cooper	4
Edward H. Willows	2	David K. Walklate	5
Kevin A. Betesta	3	*Michael J. Fletcher	Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.— At 40, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., May 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall .. .. .. 1–2 | Robert B. Smith 5–6
Neil Bennett .. .. .. 3–4 | Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7–8

Composed by C. W Roberts. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

First peal in the method on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung in memoriam Peter Laflin, one of the original members of the Cheshire handbell band. He is remembered with affection.

CAMBRIDGE.—In F10, Selwyn College.
On Sun., May 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 17 in A.

Vivian Nutton .. .. .. 1–2 | Robert B. Smith 5–6
*Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3–4 | Richard A. G. Inglis 7–8
Alan F. Scholfield 9–10

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

Rung in memoriam Peter Laflin, who rang in the second peal of Stedman Caters on handbells for the Guild on June 27th, 1929.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY, Derbyshire.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.
On Wed., May 15, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Double Oxford, two extents of S:. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges .. .. 1–2 | *Michael J. Fellows 3–4
A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5–6

* 450th peal. Most Minor methods to a handbell peal for all the band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 49, Station Road.
On Sun., May 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. Stephen Taylor .. .. 1–2 | Kenneth J. Darvill 5–6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. 3–4 | Peter T. Dale 7–8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill

* First peal "in hand."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
On Tues., May 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Cyril S. Jarrett .. .. .. 1–2 | Edward J. Beer 5–6
Frank J. Matthews .. .. 3–4 | Trevor A. Cross 7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

The conductor's 25:h peal "in hand" and first "in hand" as conductor. Tenor size 18 in G.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At 12A, Westray Drive.
On Fri., May 10, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Eileen J. Goodall .. .. 1–2 | *Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 3–4
Alfred Ballard (cond.) .. 5–6

* First peal of Treble Bob "in hand."

Rung as a birthday compliment to Tim Wykes.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Fri., April 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5068 SPLICED KENT TREBLE BOB AND KENT LITTLE COURT ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

*Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 1–2 | *A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5–6
George E. Feirn .. .. 3–4 | *Michael W. Crowder .. 7–8
Jack L. Millhouse 9–10

Adapted from F. Dench's. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

* First peal of Royal in these methods.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At 5, Toronto Place.
On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 10 in A.

*Margaret Warford .. .. 1–2 | Ronald R. Warford (cond.) 3–4
*Ronald J. Snack 5–6

* First peal "in hand."

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—In the ringing chamber of the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/var., being three extents each of All Saints', Clifford's Pleasure, April Day Seighford, St. Paul, Southrepps, Kennington, Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

*J. Martin Thorley .. .. 1–2 | A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 3–4
*†Christopher J. Groome .. 5–6

* 50th peal together. † First peal "in hand."

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, A. Hole 2, Jennifer Brunger 3, T. Lewis 4, A. White 5, E. Brunger (cond.) 6. Rung on the 2nd birthday of Louise White, daughter of ringer of 5th.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, C. Baxter 3, T. Relf 4, B. D. Hill (cond.) 5, A. C. Crawford 6.

BRADFIELD, W. YORKS.—On May 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Crawshaw (first attempt) 1, Mrs. P. Bancroft 2, E. P. King 3, M. King (cond.) 4, P. Wood 5, T. Cairns 6. A belated welcome to the Rector, the Rev. C. Dawson.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on March 20th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (four methods): P. N. Murgatroyd 1, Gillian M. Brearley 2, Mandi McCallion 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett 4, A. J. Cox (cond.) 5, M. G. R. Zobel 6. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Romira M. Worvill (first quarter) 1, Angela Hawes 2, Christine M. Webb 3, A. Metters 4, M. G. R. Zobel 5, M. A. Gilbey (first as cond.) 6. Both rung by the U.B.S.C.R.

COVENTRY, WARKS.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Fyle 1, R. D. Hayne 3, H. Folwell 4, Pamela Wright 5, D. Langton 6, A. R. Wright (cond.) 7, R. D. Hart 8. For Evensong, and a farewell compliment to Rev. A. Gardner, who was inducted Rector of Whitnash on April 30th.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on April 27th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: E. F. Hancock 1, Diana Bridle 2, E. T. Lee 3, P. J. England 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, J. H. Gilbert (first Cinques as cond.) 6, S. Brown 7, P. M. J. Gray 8, J. Brain 9, P. Bridle 10, S. Woodcock 11, S. G. Smith, F. Wreford 12.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (six m/v): W. Butler 1, B. Coggins 2, A. E. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. 50th quarter together for 3 and 4. An engagement compliment to David Floyd and Marilyn Bird.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Novell 1, J. Collier 2, M. J. Kirk 3, A. Elsmore 4, C. White 5, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 6.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Gosling 1, Christina Salengre 2, Valerie Rushforth 3, C. Morey 4, J. Tandy (cond.) 5, Jacqueline Quickfall 6. By Keele University Society.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Harper 1, R. Poston 2, Howard Meek 3, R. A. Brewer 4, R. I. Brewer (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. A tribute to the conductor and Mrs. Brewer on the birth of a daughter.

POPLAR, E.—On May 12th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. Horder 1, Miss M. J. Carruthers 2, J. W. Euston 3, C. J. Easton 4, P. G. Holden 5, J. Pladdys (cond.) 6. By U.L.S.C.R. for Confirmation service.

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET.—On May 12th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: C. A. Richards (first on treble) 1, T. A. Hiller 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond., 80th quarter) 4.

SILKSTONE, Barnsley, YORKS.—On May 12th, 1,320 Woodbine T B Minor: C. Brinsley 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, G. Scourfield 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. Rung fully-muffled in memory of George Padgett, organist and choirmaster for many years.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. E. Bibey (first quarter) 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, J. R. Hutchings 4, W. E. Richards (cond.) 5, F. S. Down 6. A 65th birthday compliment to H. Ransom and 44th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. A. G. Selley, captain of the band.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): N. Brazier 1, Susan Catlin 2, C. Catlin 3, T. R. Harris (cond.) 4, P. A. Keene 5, D. A. Eddy 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. E. Scott

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On May 12th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: R. Hare 1, Mrs. Mary Wells 2, S. Hare 3, D. C. Brown 4, J. K. Ward 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham 7, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 8. First quarter of Cambridge Major for 2 and 3. For Confirmation.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Jackson (first away from tenor) 1, Miss H. Carter 2, K. Williamson 3, F. J. Cheal 4, T. Wickens 5. Conductors 4 and 5. A 100th birthday compliment to Miss A. M. Evans.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's: D. Hutley 1, E. White 2, P. C. Warboys (cond.) 3, R. Hayden 4, K. Westwood 5, T. Camp 6.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Sally Palmer 1, Mary White 2, Sandra Pearce 3, K. G. Waller (100th quarter) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A farewell to Sally Palmer who is moving to Curdridge.

WATERTOWN, MASS, U.S.A.—On May 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Joan P Hutchinson 1–2, R. S. Dirksen 3–4, G. Davies (cond.) 5–6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Dence 1, R. Carter 2, Anne Oakley 3, P. Carter 4, D. Parks 5, P. K. King (cond.) 6. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Carter 1, Anne Oakley 2, S. Taylor 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, P. Carter 6.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. Lovell 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss E. Campbell 3, G. Jones 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, F. Marshall 6.

WILLINGHAM, LINCS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Bull 1, D. Serman 2, J. H. Selby 3, B. J. Bull 4, M. O. Rose 5, J. F. Underwood (cond.) 6.

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CANSDALE. — On May 11th, 1968, to Maureen (née Felgate) and Allen, of 220, North Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, a son, Paul William, a brother for Heather. 4009

ROSS.—To Rosemary and Frederick Ross, 15, Ferriby Road, Hessle, East Yorks, on May 22nd, 1968, a daughter, Frances Ruth 4027

STAINSBY.—To Veronica, wife of David Stainsby, a third son, Mark James, May 14th, 1968. 4022

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BULL.—The address of Janet and Brian is now 55, Bingham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham. Tel. Radcliffe 2171. 4001

HOBBS.—After May 31st the address of Mick (Secretary, Bristol City Branch), Jackie and family will be 16, Charnwood Road, Half-acre Estate, Whitchurch, Bristol 4. Office telephone number 664071, ext. 221. 4031

PARTINGTON.—The address of John P. Partington, ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association and secretary of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, is now 1, Bankfield Lane, Bamford, Rochdale, Lancs. Tel. Rochdale 43513. 3996

ROBERTS.—The address of Rosemary and Eric (formerly of Wallington, Surrey) is now RD2, Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, Conn 06482, U.S.A. Tel. (203) 426—6401. All friends welcome. 4025

PERSONAL

"Fear thou not for I am with thee: be not dismayed for I am thy God.—Isaiah xli, 10.

Will Mr. P. J. Bright, of 8, Gregory Avenue, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham, please contact this office, as his copy of "The Ringing World" is being returned marked "Gone away."

Will the conductor of the peal at Cheshunt please send the date, as it was omitted from the copy, and his address is unknown to the Editor.

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Fete at Aspenden House from 3 p.m. Festival programme details from Mr. H. G. Poole, Aspenden House, Aspenden, Buntingford, Herts. 3985

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FLOWER FESTIVAL

June 7th, 8th, 9th, 9.30 a.m.–9.30 p.m.
Bells available: 7th, 6 to 9 p.m.; 8th, 2 to 9 p.m.; 9th, 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Tea available 3 to 6 p.m. each day. 4018

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St. Margaret's Parish Church.

Bellringers' Sunday, June 16th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Special Evensong 6.30 p.m.; preacher, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow. Names for tea to Miss Shelagh Collins, 59, Wootton Road, King's Lynn, will be much appreciated.

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — A circular giving details of future activities has been sent to all active members whose addresses are known. If you have not received one, please inform: M. C. C. Melville, Hon. Secretary, Rushmoor School,, Shakespeare Road, Bedford. 3999

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting, Stagsden, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) from 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Payne. 3983

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The Mini-Ringing Festival will be held on June 1st, when the following towers will be open: Alderminster 2–2.45, Ilmington 3–3.45, Shipston-on-Stour 4–4.30, Long Compton 5.15–6, Whichford 6.15–7, Tysoe 7.15–8. Please make own tea arrangements. Grand picnicking country. All welcome.—R. W. Sherriff, Dis. Ses. 3955

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting of the above at Bridekirk, near Cockermouth, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 4013

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Soham, June 1st. Bells (10) from 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. 4026

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

Evening practice meeting at Wallington (6) on Saturday, June 1st, from 5.30 p.m. —Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3984

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Buckingham (8) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Please send names for tea to B. K. Eglesfield, Hon. Sec., 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks. 4000

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wortley (8) on June 1st, 3–4.30 p.m., and Ecclesfield (8), 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mothers' Union Secretary, The Wheel, Ecclesfield.—R. Fletcher. Hon. Sec. 3978

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts.—Meeting, Dunham-on-Trent (5), June 1st, 3 p.m. to 4.30. Evensong. Tea. East Drayton (6) after tea till 8 o'clock. Will those requiring tea, but not known to the secretary, please telephone Mrs. Spencer (D–o–T 320) before Saturday. 4020

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Southover (10), with a talk on bells and bell-founding by Mr. G. Elphick, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Talk 5.45 p.m. Ringing approximately 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, as soon as possible, at 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead Tel. E.G. 23815. — Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 3987

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. at Chelmsford, Monday, June 3rd. Service 11 a.m. Meeting following in Chapter House. Coffee 10.15 and lunch (6s. 6d.) in Cathedral Hall Tea (3s.) in St. Mary's Hall, Bocking. By ticket only from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. **No credit**; P.O. with s.a.e., please. Ringing at Cathedral 9.30 a.m. and 3–4. Further details with tickets. — P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3957

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, June 5th. Bells (12) 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Last 12-bell practice before holidays. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 4004

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Hopton (6) on Friday evening June 7th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 4014

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Selworthy (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by meeting and tea for those notifying Secretary by June 5th. Bells after meeting also at Porlock (6).—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 4025

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—June meeting at Campton and Meppershall on Saturday, 8th. Ringing simultaneously from 3 p.m. at both towers and after tea (at Meppershall), for which names **must** be sent to Mrs. S. Ashton, 42, New Street, Shefford. (Tel. 340.) 4007

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.——Monthly meeting, striking competition, at Nunburnholme (6) on June 8th. Draw 2 p.m. Tea (own food) approx. 5 p.m. at Market Weighton. Ringing afterwards till 9 p.m. 4006

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Bells available again after meeting.—M. Thomson, Branch Sec. 4036

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Old Brampton, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. J. Arkwell, 296, Brimington Road, Chesterfield. Tel. 78778. — Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting to be held at the Church of St. Giles, Willenhall, on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available 6–7.30. Names for tea to me not later than previous Wednesday.—R. Edwards, 4, Silver Avenue, Highacre, Kingswinford, Staffs. 4033

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting at South Shields, Saturday, June 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields. 4030

UNIVERSITY of LONDON SOCIETY

Departure of the Rev. Maurice Dean

The Rev. Maurice Dean leaves Hart Street on June 4th. Will members wishing to contribute to a farewell gift from the Society please send remittance immediately to Miss M. J. Carruthers, Lindsell Hall, 35, Adamson Road, London, N.W.3. 4044

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Leigh, 3–5 p.m. and Charlwood, 6.30–8.30 p.m., on June 8th. Names for tea, please, to M. D. B. Roberts, 87, Hitchings Way, Reigate, Surrey, by Thursday, June 6th. 3979

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, Weston Colville (5), Saturday, June 8th, 6–7 p.m. West Wratting (5) 7–8 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4037

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Prittlewell, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service 4.30., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names, please, to Miss J. Emms, 76, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea. 3967

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Meeting, Cromhall and Tortworth (6), Saturday, June 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Cromhall. Evening ringing Tortworth. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Wednesday, June 5th. 4012

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Collings, 16, Christchurch Road, ring. 4042

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Margate, June 8th. Service at 3.15 p.m. Bells from 3.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, not later than May 31st. No names, no tea.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting and striking competition at Hartlip, Saturday, June 8th. Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Rev. J. Green, Hartlip Vicarage, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday. — T. Barton. 3965

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District —By-meeting at East Farleigh, Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss R. Caley, The Vicarage, East Farleigh, Maidstone. — M. L. H. 4028

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Clapton-in-Gordano, Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting and further ringing. Names for tea by June 5th to Mr. Cecil Knight, Roseleigh, Clapton-in-Gordano, Portishead. Ladies, please delay your week-end greengrocery shopping and support a stall which will be available during the afternoon in aid of the church funds. —B. J. 4032

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Crosby, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. McKee, 127, Springwell Road, Bootle 20, by Wednesday.—M. E. D. 3841

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Newhey on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lawson, 24, Bentgate Street, Newhey, Rochdale, by Wednesday, June 5th.—G. Cheetham. 4015

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Branch striking competition at Rainford on June 8th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Roughley, 57, Pimbo Road, Kingsmoss, Crank, St. Helens.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec., Wigan Branch. 4008

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, June 8th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Ascroft, 9, Kew Gardens, Penwortham, Preston, by Wednesday, 5th.—L. Walmsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — Meeting at Hawkshead on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Whalley, Bettyfold, Hawkshead, near Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 4034

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. — Striking Competition at Witham-on-the-Hill (6), Saturday, June 8th. Opening service 2 p.m. prompt. Competition (Southern Branch towers only) 2.30–5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by announcement of results. General ringing afterwards until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Grantham, Lincs, by June 3rd. 3976

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ringing Meeting, Saturday, June 8th, St. John the Evangelist's, St. John's Road, Penge, S.E.20, 3–4; SS. Peter and Paul's, Church Road, Bromley, Kent, 4.30–5.30; St. George's, St. George's Road, Beckenham, Kent 7–8. Own tea. Monthly practice in St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, first Thursday.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4040

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pentre (Rhondda), Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea. Names for tea to Iolo Davies, Hon. Sec, Llandaff Branch, Cowbridge Grammar School, in reasonable time, please.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting at Byfield (6), Saturday, June 8th. Names for tea to Mr. Fred Hutt, Byfield, by Monday previous. — Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec. 4029

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bradford Abbas, June 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Yetminster bells also available. Names for tea to M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne (Yet. 332) by June 4th.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting. Pulverbatch (6), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, and further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea without fail by Monday, June 3rd, to Mrs. J. W. Morris, Lower New House, Pulverbatch, Shropshire. Tel. Dorrington 359. 4038

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Copdock (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Sproughton Parish Room at 5.15, followed by the business meeting. Ringing at Sproughton Church 7–9 p.m. Please note change of meeting, as in the Suffolk Report. For tea, please book to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages Offton, near Ipswich, **not later** than Wednesday, June 5th. Please make this nearly 100 per cent. turn-out. All friends welcomed.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 3982

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Striking competition, Battersea, on June 8th. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Henderson, 75, York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, S.W.11, by previous Wednesday.—E. G. H. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 3997

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Bishampton (6), June 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow in the Old School. Church Lench (6) 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Newbury, Roma, Main Road, Bishampton. Tel. Bishampton 642. 4041

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The annual District meeting will be held at All Saints', Ilkley, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and in the the evening. Main business—election of officers. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mr. D. M. Crawshaw, 8, Yewcroft, Ilkley, by Wednesday, June 12th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting, Witney (8), Tuesday, June 11th, 7.30 p.m. — E. Venn, Branch Sec. 4024

(Notices continued overleaf)

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — South Western District.—Meeting. Somerset, June 15th. Shepton Mallet 1.45–245, Ditcheat 3 p.m.–4 p.m., Castle Cary 4.15–5.15. Tea 5.30 p.m. Evercreech 7–8 Names for tea to me by June 8th.—G. T. Cousins, 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye. 3974

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Hope (6), Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, not later than Saturday, June 8th. 3970

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OBITUARY

MR. T. C. HINSAL

With regret the ringers at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, Staffs, report the passing of Mr. T. C. Hinsal in his 90th year. He was a fellow ringer and friend of all

Affectionately known as Tom, he had been a ringer at St. Bartholomew's for over 50 years and was verger for over 20 years. Tom was never a peal ringer but a very devout service ringer until failing health and age prevented him from climbing the few steps to the ringing chamber.

His very regular worship at the one church he loved carried back some 80 years and Penn has lost the finest church historian they ever had. Even to the last Tom was always cheerful and never failed to reminisce one of his many wonderful stories.

At the funeral on May 18th members of St. Bartholomew's band of ringers rang with the bells fully muffled before and after interment. They also rang handbells at the graveside.

On May 19th, for Matins, in memoriam to dear old Tom, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled was rung by the following: K. Greatbatch (first quarter) 1, D. G. Smith 2, M. Gaskell (first "inside") 3, B. T. Ford 4, C. S. Watkins 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8.

MR. W. G. LILLEY

Mr. William George Lilley, of Winscombe, Somerset, died at Weston-super-Mare Hospital on May 1st as a result of a road accident. He was 71 years of age and was cycling when he was involved in a collision with a car. For many years he had been captain of the ringers at Winscombe.

Following the funeral service, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by Mr. George Prescott.

LATE NEWS

Mr. Claude Corderoy, of Blewbury, the secretary of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, met with an accident while ringing for evening service at Blewbury on May 19th, having the misfortune to break his wrist. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

HANDBELLS STOLEN

Mr. K. Paul Gilliver, of Nuneaton, had his grey Morris mini-van stolen from his home last week-end (May 18th). Unfortunately the van contained the church's handbells, a set of 12 in A, in an imitation leather case. Nine of the bells were in small, grey cloth bags. The bells were recently overhauled and retuned by Taylor's at a cost of £62.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal at Tring on April 27th was Richard G. Ouston, and not Austin, as submitted.

Bring this to Central Council Meeting

CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA ADDITION

Doubles Notice Amendment

I wish to give notice that I shall propose the following amendments to the motion proposed by Mr. C. A. Lewis on the C.C. Agenda:—

(a) That para. 4 and 5 be taken separately from para. 1, 2 and 3.

(b) That para. 1, 2 and 3 be amended to read as follows:—

(1) In the case of Doubles only, a variabe defined as the use in a plain method of calls other than the standard calls for that method. The resulting bobbed or singled lead must not by itself constitute a plain lead of another method. Each variation to be given its own name.

(2) The variation must by itself be capable of producing the 120 true changes. Peal reports must draw a clear distinction between methods and variations, either by separate listing or, for example, "Plain Bob, New Bob, Old Variation, Eynsham Variation," etc.

(3) One variation with one or more methods, or two or more variations with or without methods, may be rung in one extent, provided that the plain courses of all the variations and methods in the extent are different, and that there is included at least one of each of the plain lead and different calls for each of the different variations and methods rung in the extent.

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Seconded by W. Butler.

HORSLEY CUP FINAL

The final of the Horsley Cup was held at Horsley (Derbyshire) on May 18th. The nine competing teams were the winners and runners-up of the Derby Diocesan Association's District heats.

The two judges, Mr. H. Rooke and Mr. A. Mould, marked independently and their results were combined to give an average number of faults for each team. Scoring was done in the usual Derbyshire manner—the number of faults (maximum of one per row) is subtracted from 240 (the number of changes rung) and a bonus is added of 7½ per cent. for Treble Bob Minor, 5 per cent. for Plain Minor, 2½ per cent. for Doubles, and nothing for call changes. The results were:—

Derby Cathedral (Cambridge) 224 points, Old Whittington (London Scholars') 219, Bolsover (Cambridge) 203, Sawley (Cambridge) 191, Stanton-by-Dale (Cambridge) 185, Sandiacre (Kent) 179, Chesterfield (Grandsire Doubles) 167, Ockbrook (call changes) 163, Mayfield (call changes) 159.

The Association president, the Provost of Derby, presented the cup to Mr. G. Halls, the non-ringing captain of the Cathedral band.

Afterwards Mr. Rooke's band from Warsop —the holders of the Crawford Cup—competed with Derby Cathedral. This contest was judged by Mr. D. Carlisle. Warsop, ringing Norwich Surprise, had 10 faults and Derby Cathedral had 16 faults. D. M.

LONG LENGTH NOTICE

Dear Sir,—I would like to give notice of an attempt to ring 9,600 Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Barnes, Surrey, on Saturday, June 8th, 1968, starting at 9.30 a.m. The composition, by Christopher P. Starbuck and Simon Humphrey, will be published later. — Yours sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Herne Hill, S.E.

QUARTER PEALS

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond., first Stedman Doubles) 1, A. Arscott 2, J. E. Brewer 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First Stedman 2, 4, 5, 6. Rung in memoriam Stanley Noah Bristow, former Association instructor for Taunton Branch.

BOWNESS, WESTMORLAND. — On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading, 7 covering): C. Rigg 1, Doreen Maclean 2, C. P. W. Taylor 3, C. Fawcett 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5, F. Wilson 6, B. Cartmel 7. First attempt 1, 7. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Miss D. Maclean and Miss A. Blundell, who are shortly leaving for 12 months' nursing in South Africa.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on April 28th, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: Christine M. Webb 1, Mandi McCallion 2, Elizabeth M. Emmett 3, M. A. Gilbey 4, J. G. Rose 5, A. J. Cox (cond.) 6, M. J. Platt 7, M. G. R. Zobel 8. By U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Tubb 1, Miss J. J. Murrell 2, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 3, G. W. Land 4, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 5, D. Powney 6, R. J. Bowden 7, W. E. Gearing 8. For Matins.

BROMESBERROW, GLOS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Smith 1, K. Tyler 2, G. W. Young 3, J. Arnall 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. J. Webb 6.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Gibson 1, Margaret Savage (first Minor) 2, B. N. Butler 3, R. H. Candy (first Minor "inside") 4, A. J. Leeves 5, M. A. Legg (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

GROTON, MASS, U.S.A.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. S. Cheever 1, P. L. Chandler 2, A. G. K. Solbert 3, J. T. Erichsen 4, S. B. Prudden 5, A. McDonald (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in honour of the Holy Day and in memory of Dr. J. Luther King, jun. Also on April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. McDonald 1, P. L. Chandler 2, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 3, J. T. Erichsen 4, S. B. Prudden 5, P. P. Bundy 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Bell (first on eight away from tenor) 1, R. P. Pearce (first on eight "inside") 2, Valerie C. Allen 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, T. R. Hart 5, A. F. Burley 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, A. J. Davidson 8.

LONDON, W.C.—On May 12th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Danies 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, A. M. Stacey 5, P. Felton 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy 8, W. G. Wilson 9, N. Felton 10. Also on May 12th, 1,287 Stedman Triples: Miss A. R. Alexander 1, Miss M. J. Carruthers 2, C. J. Easton 3, P. Royds-Jones 4, J. Pladdys (cond.) 5, P. G. Holden 6, G. A. Dawson 7, G. W. Elmes 8. First Stedman Triples 6, 7. For Evensong by U.L.S.C.R.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. Taylor 1, G. Neilson 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, R. P. Brotherston 6. For Evensong.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sue Flint 1, M. Thompson 2, D. J. Bennett 3, R. Dorling 4, F. Heyes 5, K. Edwards 6, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 7, D. Burgess 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Jack Mawdesley, ringer at this church.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. M. Day (first T.B. Major) 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, P. N. Mackley 3, D. R. McLean 4, P. J. Bagshaw 5, B. S. Payne 6, S. Humphrey (cond.) 7, I. V. J. Smith 8. First of Cambridge Major 3, 4, 5. By N.U.S.C.R. for Evensong.

POTTON, BEDS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Richardson 1, Allison Baker 2, R. Brain 3, R. Sheasby 4, P. Clarke 5, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 6. For morning service.

SHIRLEY, WARKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. D. Rushton (first away from cover) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, V. H. Nash 3, C. Baugh 4, E. Lloyd 5, D. H. Walters (first Minor as cond.) 6.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 8th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: S. F. Webb (cond.) 1, Mrs. I. Webb 2, H. Johnson 3, J. K. Foot 4, J. S. Townley 5, E. C. Garrett 6. For Confirmation.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Rev. Cant. Pl. Bob Doubles: M. J. Dew (first quarter) 1, Frances J. N. Brown (first in the method) 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, E. G. Mould 6. The 100th recorded quarter peal on the bells. For Evensong.

Presentation to Sussex General Secretary on Retirement

A PRESENTATION of an electric mantel clock was made to Mr. R. W. R. Percy at the 83rd annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association, held at Horsham on May 11th, on his retirement from the office of hon. general secretary, a position he had held for 15 years. The presentation was made by the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson), who thanked him and his wife Betty for their faithful service during some very difficult times.

A letter was read from Mr. Len Stilwell, on holiday in Canada, mentioning the unstinting and unselfish service given by Bob Percy and proposing that he should be made a vice-president. A similar proposal came from Mr. W. Leslie Weller. This was endorsed by Mr. G. FitzHugh and carried by the meeting.

Mr. Alan Baldock, of Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, was elected the new general secretary.

The service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. R. Newman). A roped choir of ringers, drawn from various parishes in the county, led the singing, and the address was given by the Archdeacon of Chichester (the Ven. Lancelot Mason), who is a ringer.

Tea, served in the dining hall of Horsham High School, was in the capable hands of Mr. and Mrs. Bourne and helpers. The general arrangements for the meeting, which was held in the Assembly Hall, were made by Mrs. Jean Osbon, secretary of the Northern Division, and the Horsham ringers.

The Master opened the meeting with words of welcome to the vice-presidents (Messrs. S. E. Armstrong and R. P. Wood), the chairman of the East Grinstead and District Guild (Mr. J. Jeffrey) and Messrs. John Euston and Roy Davis (Surrey Association).

The secretary regretted that for the first time in 15 years no agendas or accounts were available. These had been sent to the treasurer for duplicating and had not been received. Apologies included one from the treasurer, who was at Ross-on-Wye on a business commitment.

A silent tribute was paid to those ringers who had died during the year, viz.: Messrs. F. Page, H. Richardson, C. W. Ridgway, C. B. Tompkins, Mrs. Southwood and Mrs. L. Stilwell.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

The Divisional secretaries' reports were accepted as they appear in the Annual Report. The Northern Division had tried to improve the social side and held lectures on Grandsire Triples by George Jennings, a stoolball match at West Grinstead, a coach outing to High Wycombe and district, a ringers' service at Danehill, a carol service at West Hoathly and a Christmas party at Balcombe.

The Southern Division reported no great change, but Burgess Hill bells are to be rehung during 1968.

The Eastern Division showed signs of improvement. The Ringing chamber at Rotherfield had been put upstairs and the bells had received attention. The sum of £1,500 had been spent on the tower at Willingdon, peal boards had been installed and a cabinet containing 28 handbells had been given to the parish.

The Western Division went from strength to strength. Members were welcomed for the first time from Rogate, South Harting, Aldwick and Lodsworth. Pagham bells had been rehung in a new metal frame. Midhurst bells had also been rehung. Aldwick hoped to augment their bells to six; one bell had already been purchased and the augmentation fund was going well. The treble at Washington was out of action, but no details were yet available.

The treasurer's report showed that the bank balance had increased by £55, but the Divisional balances were down by £31. Printing costs were down by £15 and a grant from the Bell Fund was up by £15. The balance at the bank was now £235.

Mr. George Francis, one of the auditors, mentioned that the accounts had not been audited. It was agreed to accept the accounts subject to audit.

FEWER PEALS

The peal secretary's report stated that 54 peals were rung during the year, which was a reduction. Eleven ringers rang their first peal. The peal of Doubles rung at Barcombe on September 27th in 50 methods/variations was a record for the Association.

The peal secretary, Mr. John Norris, raised the question of non-resident members electing non-resident members to the Association prior to peal attempts. This, he said, was of no value to the Association. There seemed to be a hole in the rules which needs filling up. This matter was receiving attention.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Twelve new members were elected from Bexhill, Brighton, Lindfield and Crawley. Three former members were elected non-resident members, and the ratification of five non-resident members prior to a peal attempt was confirmed. Messrs. George T. Jennings (Crawley) and George F. Tizzard (East Grinstead) were elected honorary life members of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. It was agreed to approach the new Bishop of Horsham with a view to electing him as a vice-president. The Master, treasurer, peal secretary and trustees were duly re-elected. Mr. T. Barlow and Mr. R. W. R. Percy were re-elected auditors.

The Master thanked David Smith and his committee for the hard work they had put in in producing a new-style report at a considerable reduction in cost.

ASSOCIATION DINNER

The dinner will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on October 26th. Tickets (26s. per head) can be obtained from the Divisional secretaries or Betty Percy; dress informal. There are adequate car parking facilities in the hotel grounds and on the sea front. Queen's hotel is opposite Eastbourne Pier. Dinner accommodation limited to 200 people.

Some members thought the present badge too large; a smaller design was approved and costs will be obtained.

The peal book given by Florence Wyman in memory of the late Oliver Sippetts will be written up in its present form (two peals per page).

A restoration fund is to be started to replace the present grant for bell repairs taken from the General Fund. Method of administration and collecting money will be debated by the General Committee.

EXPO SUSSEX 68

This exhibition will take place on July 19th and 20th at the Agricultural Show Ground, Ardingly, Sussex. The bellringing section, organised by the Expo Committee, will be in four sections: **Craft,** bellcasting, etc., **Hand** bellringing; **Art** of change ringing; **Tower** bellringing. The bell tower, erected in conjunction with the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, will house a ring of eight (tenor 4¼ cwt.).

ASSOCIATION LIBRARY

The general secretary mentioned that the Association had been blessed by a wonderful gift of books, etc,, from Len Stilwell. Stan Armstrong had made, at the cost of material only, a very fine oak bookcase. These had been installed in the belfry of St. Peter's, Brighton, and would be under the supervision of the librarian, Albert Bond. R. W. R. P.

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD'S FIRST ANNUAL DINNER

Deciding that Chinese restaurants were no no longer adequate, the Guild held its first formal dinner at the New Refectory on May 4th.

The tone of the day was set by the success of a peal of Yorkshire Major at St. Nicholas', Brighton, in the morning, while other towers were open for general ringing. There were no serious mishaps, although the standard of ringing varied, as did the bells.

We were grateful to Canon Keeling, Vicar of Brighton, for conducting the service at St. Peter's and also for so ably presiding at the dinner. After a splendid meal, swiftly dealt with by 45 ringers and friends, he complained of not officially having a place to speak himself, and then proceeded to do so, much to the enjoyment of the company! David Nibbs spoke briefly on the connections between the University, the Church and the local ringers; Dr. Daniel Jenkins, University chaplain, responded, speaking of his unusual introduction to the activities of the Guild.

Peta Ollen, proposing "The Visitors," thanked the guests for coming and hoped that even more would come next year. Clarke Walters (from the other place) had the unenviable task of both responding and proposing "The Guild." He noted the advances made by the Guild in only four years of existence, and put forward some useful suggestions for improvements, while keeping a watchful eye on his egg-timer. The Master's speech summed up the year's activities and clarified the aims of University Societies.

A comparatively early adjournment was made to the bar, which was open till 11.30. Handbells were available for the dedicated, while musical entertainment was provided by both tape-recorder and treasurer. Bacchanalian dancing developed in direct proportion to the bar takings.

On Sunday, after morning ringing, the Master entertained the visitors at the C.O.E. to coffee, handbells and German measles, but eventually succumbed and was absent from the quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal at St. Peter's in the evening. This was rung by Albert Bond, the tower captain, assisted by University ringers from Oxford, Southampton and Sussex, and was a fitting conclusion to a successful week-end. OCTAVE.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Biggleswade District

Due to the lack of other ringing events on April 13th, a meeting at Old Warden attracted a large number of people, including a high proportion of younger ringers. Ringing continued smoothly throughout the day (apart from the breaking of a stay), with everyone ringing in turn along with the many visitors from various parts of the country.

During the break for tea and the monthly business meeting, some handbell ringing also took place with some valuable "spade work" being done by the more experienced ringers. This added greatly to the interest and enjoyment of the day.

Next meeting: June 8th. L. E.

FRAMLAND ASSOCIATION

Addressing the Framland Association at its annual general meeting at Melton Mowbray on May 4th, the chairman, the Rev. A. G. L. Lancaster, Rector of Waltham, said he had a profound regard for the art of bellringing, which he regarded at services as an integral part of divine worship. The whole tone or atmosphere of the service was frequently set by the effect of bells preceding the service. It did not happen often, but when the bells did not ring on Sundays both the village and the service appeared to be lifeless.

Eighteen towers were represented and the service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Codrington (Vicar of Melton). The officers were re-elected. The secretary is Mrs. N. Cooke, of Waltham. Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening.

COMPOSITIONS

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By RICHARD A. G. INGLIS

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Start at backstroke the second change of a slow six.

First rung at Soham by the Cambridge University Guild on April 27th, 1968.

5,040 SHORTHEATH SURPRISE ROYAL

By RICHARD F. B. SPEED

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SURREY ASSOCIATION'S TERRITORY

THE Surrey Association at its three-hour annual general meeting at Merstham rejected the recommendation of the joint sub-committee of the Surrey Association and the Guildford Guild concerning the area in Surrey where they would be allowed to hold meetings.

A motion was carried directing the committee to follow a policy of complete freedom of choice for any meetings within the ancient county of Surrey as it existed at the time of the formation of the Guild.

The Master (Mr. F. E. Darby) presided over a company of 77 representing 30 towers.

As expected, a lengthy discussion took place on the recommendations of the joint sub-committee. Mr. W. Parrott, in proposing that these recommendations be accepted ("Ringing World," page 219), mentioned two suggestions put forward to the Guildford Guild by the sub-committee. The first, amalgamation, had not been received with enthusiasm, and the second, on the question of boundaries, was not discussed owing to the rigid nature of diocesan boundaries. Mr. Parrott deplored the efforts of what he described as "the lunatic fringe" of the Guildford Guild to generate ill-will and harm existing cordial relations.

Mr. A. P. Cannon seconded and discussion followed. Mr. C. Mew felt strongly that if the motion were passed the Association's activities in the southern part of the county would be restricted. If similar restrictions were enforced by other neighbouring bodies they would end up with no towers to visit, the only members being non-resident in the county. At present individual towers in the Guildford Diocese made them welcome for peals and meetings.

CONFUSED BY TWO BODIES

Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey (liaison officer to the Surrey Association from the Guildford Guild), replying to Mr. Mew, wondered whether incumbents confused the two organisations when their towers were requested for meetings. The Rev. A. Clayton, repeating a point mentioned earlier that the Surrey Association depended on the support of members and not affiliated towers, said that the whole basis of the Association would have to be reconsidered if the motion were carried.

Mr. W. Parrott, exercising his right of reply, quoted from a letter received from Mr. F. E. Collins to the effect that the Association should not be "sold up the river" and that if a seconder were obtained the members would wipe the floor with the motion. In another letter Mr. D. Parsons considered 2 (ii) of the motion to be one-sided and suggested it be referred back.

The Master, in putting the motion to the vote, stressed that a vote in favour implied full agreement with all parts. The motion was defeated by a majority vote. The sub-committee was thanked for its work.

The meeting then agreed to discuss the motion proposed by Mr. C. Mew, seconded by the Rev. A. Clayton ("Ringing World," page 341), which was in effect the opposite of the sub-committee's recommendations. It was felt that the second part of the motion reflected fully the general policy of the Association. The word "holding" in the last sentence was changed to "requesting," and the amended motion was carried with only two against.

CENTRAL COUNCIL UNDER FIRE

Three motions concerning the Central Council, all proposed by Mr. C. Mew and seconded by Mr. A. Bagworth ("Ringing World," page 341), were passed after some discussion. It was the general feeling that insufficient time was devoted to the business side of the Central Council meetings.

Another motion proposed by Mr. C. Mew, seconded by Miss J. S. Armstrong, namely "That the Association's three representatives on the Central Council should report at each annual general meeting of the Association and that there should be included in the agenda for each annual general meeting: 'Proposals to be forwarded to the Central Council'" was narrowly defeated. It was felt that a report given at the annual general meeting following the Central Council meeting achieved little owing to the time lag, and that in any case fairly adequate coverage was given by "The Ringing World."

A further motion, proposed by Mr. M. J. Uphill, seconded by Mr. C. Mew, on the subject of peal elections, was defeated. The motion sought to make tower elections easier by accepting decisions with a minority of non-present instead of, as now, insisting on a majority of resident members.

PEAL MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary's report for 1967 contained the following information: Membership 395, an all-time peak; 46 peals rung, an increase of 15 (174 ringers took part); Addington, with 51 to their credit, again headed the list of a total of 215 quarter peals.

The treasurer's report showed a drop in the balance from £68 1s. 7d. to £47 15s. 10d., due mainly to expenses of the Central Council representatives and the cost of a special issue of "The Ringing World." The District levy remained at 6d per cent. The Belfry Repair Fund showed an increased balance from £275 13s. 5d. to £304 7s. 5d. A motion proposed by Mr. C. Mew, seconded by Mr. A. P. Cannon, to the effect that "Not more than 20 per cent. of the cost of the job and not more than 25 per cent. of the total fund available at the time of application is to be given to any one tower," to ensure a better usage of this balance, was carried nem con.

Mr. B. J. Stone, the librarian, reported the acquisition of five books, including the extremely popular "Change Ringing" by Wilfrid G. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Oatway had again presented a bound volume of "The Ringing World" for 1967. The librarian would welcome news of pre-1938 copies of "The Ringing World" for purchase by the library.

The Richard Stevens award for the most promising young ringer was presented for the first time, to John Hull, of Kingston, by the General Master.

NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

Officers elected for 1968–69 were: Master, Mr. F. E. Darby, who expressed thanks to Mr. W. Parrott for his long and valued service as general secretary and former Northern District secretary, now resigning owing to pressure of work; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Cook; assistant secretary, Miss J. S. Stoy; auditor, Mr. M. V. Chilcott; liaison officer to the Guildford Guild, Mr. W. Parrott; Central Council representatives for 1969–70–71, Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. S. F. Kimber and Mr. C. Mew. Three new members were elected, and the election of one non-resident life member ratified.

Permission is to be sought to hold the next annual general meeting at Southwark Cathedral on May 3rd. The Association dinner will be held on October 19th at Lakers Hotel, Redhill. (Tickets 27s. 6d.)

The Vicar, the Rev. P. E. Duval, who took the service and preached, was taught to ring at All Saints', Fulham.

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INTRODUCTION

1. In accepting the report of "The Ringing World" Committee, the Central Council at Nottingham in 1967 asked the committee to include in its report to be submitted in 1968 "a statement on the measures it had taken and the plans it had made for widening the appeal of the 'R.W.' to all sections of the ringing community." We have thought it wise to make this appendix very full to refresh the memories of those interested.

2. It will be recalled that at the meeting of the Council at Bath in 1966, criticisms of the "R.W." and the committee came to a head. Let us first examine the situation up to that time. The Council took over in 1942 a business which was "in the red" and a big financial risk was incurred for the sake of the Exercise. It will be generally admitted that the "R.W." is essential to communication within the Exercise. By careful husbandry during 20 years of continually rising prices, the committee has managed to keep solvent, aware that often that position was only realised by the generosity of individual ringers and some Associations and by keeping expenses to a bare minimum. Every time a price rise became essential because of increased costs, the circulation dropped and the heavy task of building up had to start all over again. All this time, too, the work has had to be done with a very limited staff, on limited salaries and with the limited accommodation and facilities which were made available free by the printers.

3. Gradually over these years the funds of the "R.W." have been built up to about the equivalent of one year's expenditure at present rates. This we submit is no more than prudent in times like the present, bearing in mind that the risk of heavy additional expenditure is always just around the next corner.

4. Many of the suggestions which were made, or hinted at, at Bath or have been put forward since, have been constantly in mind during all this time. It will be recalled that the committee issued a special jubilee number in 1961, considering the extra cost justified on this special occasion. A competition was also held to see whether a new front page design could be found acceptable to the Exercise, but at that time it was clear that a change was not generally desired.

5. With a view to greater economy in that part of the paper, various changes in peal layouts have been tried, and each has been strongly criticised at the time. In this matter, where the Exercise is very conservative, none of the changes was popular, but the economy was essential and some of us have grown to accept different styles, even if we don't like them.

6. Having reached the stage when insolvency was no longer imminent, the committee accepted that it was time to modernise cautiously, step by step. It was thought that the financial risk could be taken without betraying the trust which the Council had given them. So at Bath one of the committee's recommendations was that a new, younger member of the Council, who had shown his capabilities and keenness (and his willingness to help in our work) should be added to the committee.

THE BATH MEETING, 1966

7. Now to summarise the events at Bath. The committee's report referred to changes at Guildford and to inevitable increases in charges which would cause further financial anxiety. They indicated, however, that they had decided not to raise the price of the paper during 1966, except perhaps that any increase in postage might have to be passed on to new postal subscribers. The convener gave further information about increased costs; pointed out that the committee had agreed changes in investment policy giving an increased income; said that the circulation was about 5,600, which was an increase of 120-130 over the year before; and announced that by the judicious operating of funds by his predecessor the "R.W." account was in a good position. The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and accounts and the addition of Mr. D. A. Bayles to the committee.

8. Mr. G. W. Pipe was concerned with the non-financial side of the matter. He was confident that the number of subscribers could be doubled. He had twenty suggestions and criticisms to ask the "R.W." Committee to consider. Mr. D. Beresford wanted a new committee with original ideas, so that they could expect the "R.W." to adopt a forward looking attitude. The Rev. J. Scott couldn't find the "R.W." on a station bookstall and supported the previous speakers. Mr. Chaddock asked the committee not to worry about financial loss, even if it amounted to a thousand pounds or two, if it would increase the sales! He suggested that the Editor did not receive sufficiently good contributions (literary, presumably, not financial). Another member suggested paying for contributions.

9. Mr. White, the Editor, said he had not seen Mr. Pipe's twenty suggestions, but every one of those Mr. Pipe had sent in some time ago had been previously thought of and considered by the committee. After referring to the essential contents of the paper, he told the Council that brightening the paper could not double the circulation. There was great difficulty in holding the circulation.

10. After further discussion, Mr. R. S. Anderson reminded the Council that when the price was raised from 6d. to 8d., the circulation dropped from 6,000 to 5,000. When suggestions for a new front page design were obtained they were rejected by the Exercise. The difference in cost between a 16 page and a 24 page issue was £50—i.e., £2,600 a year. The 1966 surplus was £1,047, which included £268 from investments and £676 from donations. Mr. Smallwood feared it would be easy to dispose of the balance built up by much hard work. The solution was increased circulation first—then the news could be spread over a bigger and brighter paper.

11. Considerable discussion ensued over the possibility of forming an "ad hoc" committee to examine the position of the "R.W.", but after the lunch adjournment helpful speeches by Mr. Speed and Mr. Lufkin were against such a committee, but sought an opportunity to vote for a new "R.W." Committee individually, to obtain new members with new ideas. A notable contribution was Mrs. Staniforth's "let's all be for the 'R.W.' and not against it." Finally the "ad hoc" committee suggestion was defeated overwhelmingly: ten names were proposed individually for a committee of six members: and on a ballot three of the existing committee were re-elected, and Messrs. Bayles, Beresford and Pipe were appointed new members.

12. The front page article of "R.W." of June 17th, 1966, summed up the salient features of the debate admirably—to avoid repetition we quote merely some phrases from it:

> "The Standing Committee were satisfied with the report and the competence of the committee and wanted them to carry on, with the addition of Mr. D. A. Bayles."
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> "It soon became evident . . . that the critics were organised."
>
> "None of the critics attempted to define what they meant by a brighter newspaper."
>
> "Above all we must endeavour to keep the present price stable. An increase to one shilling could mean a drop of one thousand in circulation."

THE NEW COMMITTEE

13. It was clearly desirable in the circumstances outlined above that the new committee, elected on May 31st, should meet as soon as possible and attempts were made to find a suitable date. July 30th was reserved for a meeting, but owing to the inability of two of the new members to attend, this was cancelled and it did not in the end prove possible to arrange a meeting until October 8th. One possible advantage of this delay, however, could have been that any new proposals for consideration could have been circulated before the meeting.

14. Meanwhile on June 26th Messrs. Beresford and Pipe addressed a letter to the convener, the key-points of which are quoted or summarised below:

(a) "If we are now able to take some bold imaginative steps."

(b) "We are of the opinion that it is now sufficiently financially stable to develop it in size and content."

(c) Could the first meeting of the committee be spread over two days, so that the "new boys" could put themselves in the picture?

(d) We feel our proposals can be considered under the following headings:

1. What is likely to be the financial result for 1966?
2. What are the magnitude of the increased cost factors forecast for 1967?
3. . . . What is the circulation required to support a 24 page "R.W." weekly, once a fortnight or once a month?
4. How are the administrative costs increased as circulation rises?

(e) On the answers to these questions depends the practicability of planning an extensive sales development programme on which, with an improved paper with more space devoted to the many aspects of ringing, we might hope to achieve a higher circulation.

(f) We feel a minimum 24 page paper weekly is essential.

15. Most of these very laudable sentiments and our comments on them will be found later. It was clear that any firm ideas needed thought and expert advice before a meeting could make firm decisions. It may, therefore, suffice at this stage merely to comment on

(b) The opinion that the "R.W." is financially stable prejudges the consideration asked for under (d).

A development in size and content depends on many other things as well as finance.

(c) We have seen above (para. 13) the fate of this suggested two day meeting.

(d) It has always been normal practice for the "R.W." Committee to consider expected income and expenditure—a favourable balance could hardly have been built up otherwise.

16. On September 20th (three weeks before the date of the committee meeting) the convener was "still pressing for suggestions." On September 29th the convener circulated copies of a letter (17–9–66) which Mr. Pipe had sent to the Editor (and to the committee) with a "mock-up" of a 24 page issue, designed to be the basis "to achieve a new look as far as the cover is concerned, regular features and contents on a family journal pattern, wide scope for advertising and something for everybody." The letter admitted that "so much of all this centres round cost. It may be that these suggestions are just out of the question." But it did not say how all these extra pages, every week, were to be filled, either by whom or how the present limited staff and office facilities could cope, even if the cost could be met. One proposal was for an already very busy clerical member of the Council to write a half page every fortnight!

(Continued overleaf)

17. On the Thursday/Friday before Saturday, October 8th, the members of the committee received a seven page foolscap document, photocopied and not completely legible, posted late on October 5th, unsigned and undated, merely headed "To all members of the 'R.W.' Committee." It dealt mainly with financial matters. We will call this **Document A.** At about the same time appeared another document of six foolscap pages, also unsigned and undated, headed "Scope and Content." **(Document B)**

18. These two documents apparently form the 13 pages of suggestions, etc., referred to in subsequent debate and we propose, therefore, to quote from them fairly fully, each quotation to be followed by comment, where appropriate.

DOCUMENT A

19. (i) **Quote:** "To satisfy the various needs of all sectors of ringing we believe a weekly 24 page paper should be the objective."

Comment: Apart from the cost, the existing staff could not cope with 24 pages every week, even if the material to fill those pages was available.

(ii) **Quote:** "The cover—we would propose the adoption of a heavier paper for the outside cover . . . to enable good reproduction of a photograph. Problems we envisaged were—

(a) Cost of two-colour printing if desirable. (b) Problem of folding—will it spoil the quality of the photograph? (c) Cost of paper. (d) Cost of blocks and photographs.

Answers provided by the Editor to the first three points are: (a) £1 per 100 copies additional cost. (b) No problems for 50 lb. weight paper. (c) £50. . .

The additional cost (of a weekly 24 page paper with heavier weight cover) would be of the order of £75 a week; with no heavier weight cover £50 a week. . .

In summary we would recommend. . .

1st choice—A 24 page paper with heavier weight cover

2nd choice—A 24 page paper with uniform paper throughout."

"We would strongly urge a bold choice" of the first choice recommended above.

Comment: This is a firm recommendation from two very new members that the Exercise should commit itself to spending £75 more a week (£4,000 a year). The surplus for 1965 was only just over £1,000. This to produce an enlarged paper with no assurance that it could be filled It does not allow for additional staff or for adequate office space. The additional cost could well be some £6,000 a year. Increased size and weight might mean increased postage.

(iii) **Quote:** "The cover photograph.—The appearance of the cover is of tremendous importance in presenting an attractive paper. . . The cost of the block would be £2 and we feel that many of the Associations would respond to an appeal. . ."

Comment: Attractive covers are being produced as often as cost will allow. The desirability of this has always been recognised (see paragraph 4 above). The committee agree only too readily that its latest attempt was given a wonderful send off by the picture of "Mancroft," obtained by Mr. Pipe himself.

(iv) **Quote:** "Organisation.—It is recognised that expansion of the paper to one of 24 pages weekly would entail a considerable increase in the work required of the Editor in soliciting articles."

Comment: It would require far more work for the Editor than asking for articles. He has a full time job now.

(v) **Quote:** "It is therefore proposed that members of the 'R.W.' Committee should play a more active role . . . and that responsibility for certain sections should be assumed by various committee members."

Comment: This is not new. Members of the committee have always made themselves responsible for series of articles and have always encouraged others to do so. But to obtain articles of the length and at the rate suggested later is another matter entirely, especially as we can't necessarily afford them.

(vi) **Quote:** "We feel strongly that some financial recompense should be offered to those who spend . . . time writing the feature articles for the paper. In the proposed paper we have two features weekly—one general, one technical . . . we anticipate requiring . . . 80-90 of these per year . . . these articles should be commissioned for a particular date and a fee should be paid . . . we propose a figure of £3 10s. for a full page article."

Comment: The layout suggested in Document B (see paragraph 20) suggests a feature article on page 3; a beginners' corner on page 7; the half page a fortnight suggested in para. 16 above; a page of call change news and articles about this aspect of ringing; and a page for a technical feature. This makes at least 156 pages of articles a year. Cost of payment over £500. The number of people who have the ability and are willing to devote the time necessary to write worthwhile articles for the "R.W." is extremely limited. They write them because of their strong desire to help the "R.W.", or because they feel strongly about something. The likelihood that payment would produce worthwhile articles from others, in the quantity indicated and at fixed dates, is remote. What happens to those contributors who are not offered payment? Who makes the invidious choice? Who does the necessary tax correspondence?

(vii) **Quote:** FINANCE. A paragraph of Document A was devoted to a re-examination of the policy of persuading people to take the "R.W." by post and figures were produced suggesting that the income per copy from postal subscribers was very little more than that for newsagent subscribers.

Comment: Postal copies are needed for many subscribers.

(viii) **Quote:** Increased costs for 24 page paper in 1967. Figures were given indicating an annual increase in cost of £4,855 in the case recommended earlier as first choice. Against this it was estimated that £500-£1,000 should be obtained from advertising—more space should be sold. It is claimed that "an increase of 3d. a week would amply cover the most favoured case and give an excess income of £300 a year.

Comment: Once again it will be noted that no increased cost for staff or office facilities is included. It is not shown how a paper with the limited technical appeal and limited circulation of the "R.W." can increase advertising revenue in the manner indicated. An increase of 3d a week is estimated by the Editor to produce, say, £20 a week to the "R.W.", allowing for the fact that the "R.W." would not get the whole of the 3d. and there would inevitably be a drop in circulation, as experience has shown. The only acceptable justification for an increase in price would be the danger of cessation of publication for lack of funds.

(ix) **Quote:** Circulation.—A paragraph gives target figures for a planned increase in circulation.

Comment: If the committee, by maintaining the present price and by the alterations it has made and is making in the "R.W." to date, can continue the present gradual increase in circulation, this will be more useful than setting imaginary targets that may or may not be met. Targets can be limiting as well as stimulating!

(x) **Quote:** "We believe a number of Associations . . . donate a sum of money each year to the 'R.W.' A suggestion is that this money is used by these Associations to provide half price or quarter price copies . . . to certain cases."

Comment: There is nothing, except the work involved, to stop any Association doing this now, so long as the copies so sold are additional copies and the scheme does not mean that a full paying subscriber ceases to pay full price.

(xi) **Quote:** Document A concludes with a summary of proposed action, the only new points made being a reference to a census (to be taken in December, 1966); the launching of the "new" paper on May 5th, 1967; and a suggestion to "invite someone with experience in this field to work with the committee on the obtaining of advertisements. A name we would like to put forward would be that of ....."

Comment: It took until March, 1967, to launch the census (by the proposer of it).

To fix a definite date for a "new" paper, with all the considerations referred to above and also dealt with in paragraph 20, before the new committee had even met, let alone considered the matter, seems premature.

Any offer, by Mr. X or anyone else, to help with advertisements would of course be welcomed—it should not need an invitation.

DOCUMENT B
SCOPE AND CONTENT

20. (i) **Quote:** "We have assumed as a basic exercise a weekly issue of 24 pages as normal."

Comment: A rash assumption. See paragraphs 14, 16 and 19 (ii) above.

(ii) **Quote:** "We then envisage the inside pages running to a fairly regular pattern week by week."

Comment: They do now and always have done. This is normal for any newspaper.

PAGE BY PAGE SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTENTS

(iii) **Quote:** Page 1. Title page. Suggestions for heavier quality paper; additional colour; new-look designs; photographs—Associations to donate; responsibility for title page to be on one member of the committee.

Comment: Most of these points are covered earlier. The Editor must be responsible for day to day working under the policy direction of the whole committee. The committee cannot act as six individuals, each responsible for his own little job. What happens if he resigns unexpectedly?

(iv) **Quote:** Page 2. Full details of the journal, subscription rates, etc. This week's contents, and a "crisp, pithy, pertinent editorial comment." This then dispenses with formalities and "the remainder of the magazine unfolds into a meaty, well organised document."

Comment: The "R.W." is a newspaper. The Editor may not always have a "crisp, pithy, pertinent" comment to make.

(v) **Quote:** Page 3. Features. An article about one of the aspects of bell ringing. Examples are given. 23 names are given of people who could write these articles.

Comment: Some of those named already do more than their share; others write occasionally when they feel strongly about something. If they could each find time and were willing (John Betjeman was one name!) to write two a year, that would not even suffice for one year.

(vi) **Quote:** Page 4. Meetings. Small coverage at present.

Comment: Unless Association officers send in readable accounts of meetings they cannot be published.

(vii) **Quote:** Page 5. Letters. "One would assume that with a livelier magazine the quantity and quality of the letters will be proportionately larger—calling for perhaps a further half page."

Comment: Experience suggests that the quantity of letters varies in inverse proportion to their quality. An acrimonious correspondence seems to be the only kind that does not fizzle out quickly. All Editors want to receive good, helpful letters—they can be the most interesting part of any newspaper, but so far a regular page full of printable letters is the exception.

(viii) **Quote:** Page 6. Letters and outings.

Comment: See above for letters. Outings will not fill a page in the winter.

(ix) **Quote:** Page 7. Beginners' Course. "It is recognised that sufficient material for a whole page every week would be hard to achieve, but . . . they must have their page. Any short fall of copy could allow the space to be utilised for outings, meetings, letters, etc."

Comment: We have already noted that letters and outings are unlikely to need extra space. Some of the committee consider that beginners are unlikely to be induced to pay 9d. each week in the hope of getting a short article useful to them, when for 1s. or 2s. they can buy the appropriate booklets. Other members of the committee have written many

articles for beginners and know that 52 pages a year, every year, is very difficult, if not impossible.

(x) **Quote:** Page 8. Quarters. "A slightly modified layout is desirable to relieve the monotony of a mass of small print."

Comment: This would cost more and use more space for the sake of using it.

(xi) **Quote:** Page 9. Half page quarters. "The other half page may be considered flexible—suggestions here are:

(a) Every two weeks or month—Canon "X.

(b) Alternating with any other readers observations of matters of interest.

(c) Merits or otherwise of various compositions."

Comment: On (a)—Canon "X" is a very busy man, who does a fairly regular annual or biennial article. We must not assume he can spare more time.

On (b), surely this would be letters—already amply catered for.

On (c)—But see suggestion for page 16 (see quote (xv) below).

(xii) **Quote:** Page 10. Belfry Gossip. "A full page—with illustrations if possible."

Comment: To fill regularly a full page when all the events of the week have had ample space in other pages would be very difficult unless readers are much more helpful in this respect than they are now. Illustrations would involve still more expense—not included in the calculations in paragraph 19 (ii) above.

(xiii) **Quote:** Pages 11-14. Peals. Central four pages, as being easy to find. "More thought needs to be given to layout."

Comment: Whether the peals go at the front (as formerly), in the second half (as now) or in the middle doesn't seem to the committee particularly relevant to the success of the paper. As to format—the number of changes in the last few years—made for economic reasons and never immediately acceptable—is evidence of much thought by the committee.

(xiv) **Quote:** Page 15. Call change news. "Another key position in the contents. It is our belief that an untapped subscriber potential of 500-1,000 readers presents itself here." Suggestions made for various articles by certain already busy people. "Ample opportunity for photographs." "It is again accepted that call change news may well not run to a full or even half page every week. Then the available space may be given to other miscellaneous items."

Comment. There is no evidence for the assertion that up to 1,000 new subscribers are likely from call change ringers. The recent census gave 45 people out of 1,376 who were call change ringers only, and this is the only available figure. Fifty-two pages a year, every year, of notes and articles about call change ringers is clearly not feasible, even if the writers were available. Ample photographs will cost still more money. Half pages left over will not be needed for other items already over-catered for.

(xv) **Quote:** Page 16. Composition page. Suggestions are made for more articles.

Comment: More articles from other busy people. Fifty-two pages a year, every year!

(xvi) **Quote:** Page 17. Miscellany. "A crossword, general anecdotes, quizzes, competitions, etc., when space permits. Perhaps the .... members of the Exercise would be approachable here. Needs considerable organisation of course."

Comment: More work for more busy people and perhaps costly organisation. Recent issues have contained crosswords and quizzes, but a full page, every week, is beyond what is possible. General anecdotes would be needed to fill up the Gossip and other pages.

(xvii) **Quote:** Page 18. Technical feature. "As a counterpart to the main feature, a half page or full page technical feature." Ten examples given of possible articles. Eleven members of the Exercise are named (without their permission) as contributors.

Comment: Many of the suggestions are interchangeable with those for page 3 (Quote (v) above). Five of the ringers named as contributors already appear in the list for page 3 articles. A compliment, I am sure, but those five are going to be even busier than the other six to produce 52 pages a year, every year.

(xviii) **Quote:** Page 19. "General news, obituary, etc., recognising that obituary columns must be printed on another page to marriages, for example."

Comment: General news would be amply provided for on other pages. Many weeks, fortunately, the obituaries would not fill a page.

(xix) **Quote:** Page 20. This week's anniversary. "Almost every week sees the birth, death or some anniversary of some famous ringer or event. Our plans would be to organise suitable people with an interest in the historical side to cope with this."

Comment: More work (52 pages a year, every year) by someone else and more organisation for someone else.

(xx) **Quote:** Pages 21-22. Notices.

No comment.

(xxi) **Quote:** Pages 23-24. Advertisements. "A very real and considerable source of revenue."

Comment: This has yet to be proved. Also the possibility of filling two pages regularly at whatever charge. And we are not convinced that the Exercise wants us to publish advertisements just to fill a larger paper. Primarily our readers want news.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON DOCUMENTS A & B

21. It will be seen that Messrs. Beresford and Pipe, before even having attended a committee meeting and with no experience of the practicalities or the practicabilities involved, had suggested a "new paper" to start on a specified date. This new paper would cost an additional £4,000 a year over the expected increased costs for 1967; plus, say, £2,000 a year for extra staff and accommodation; plus, say, a minimum of £500 a year to pay for articles; plus a more expensive layout for quarter peals; plus the cost of illustrations and photographs for Belfry Gossip and for call change ringers.

To offset these costs we are advised that we can get £500-£1,000 additional revenue from advertising (though we are not told how); plus the whole of an increase of 3d. a week in the price of the "R.W."

22. As we have shown, both these figures of additional revenue are suspect.

The Editor's estimate of the produce of 3d. increase, allowing for drop in circulation, is about £20 a week. The committee now have assets of about £10,000—one year's operation on the new scale suggested would make that look silly!

23. Looking quickly at the suggested pagination we see that we have to find every week (and perhaps pay for) a full page cover photograph; material for feature articles, beginners' articles, compositions, call changes and editorial amounting to 5½ pages a week, as well as filling up any over provision of space for gossip, miscellaneous, obituaries, advertisements, etc. It must be realised that every article submitted is not suitable for publication (at least one member of the "R.W." Committee has written unpublished articles), so an even larger number of articles would be needed. In a bad week one could envisage a number of blank spaces in a 24 page paper.

THE FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING

24. The foregoing was, therefore, the position when the committee met at Derby on October 8th, 1966. At the outset a senior member of the committee was very outspoken about the action of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe in leading an agitation against the committee before the Council meeting at Bath (see paragraph 7, et seq.) and at what he considered was the underhand way this was done. He also objected strongly to receiving pages of barely legible suggestions the day before the meeting (after waiting many months) and being expected to consider them properly in the committee that day. After about ten minutes Mr. Pipe walked out of the meeting. In spite of entreaties from the convener and other members of the committee to remain and explain his suggestions to the committee. He did not return.

25. As can be imagined it took the welcome lunch break to reduce the tension in the committee, after which much useful discussion took place. Mr. Beresford explained his and Mr. Pipe's suggestions; he was given appropriate replies by other members and the Editor, and the committee agreed on certain changes which they considered they could now afford. A further meeting was arranged for January 28th, 1967, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Pipe would be able to attend.

(NOTE.—The "R.W." issues subsequent to the committee meeting are evidence of some of the decisions then taken. See paragraph 41 below.)

26. We have been told repeatedly that the Exercise has been kept in the dark about the work of the committee and what happened! We would, therefore, draw attention to the Editorial on October 21st, 1966, which dealt with the meeting of October 8th. To save members of the Council the trouble of looking this up, we quote fully from the article headed "Planning for the Future":—

"The democratically elected committee entrusted by the Central Council to produce a brighter and better "R.W." met ... having had more than three months to assimilate the opinions of the Exercise and to submit new ideas for improvements.

"Two days before the committee met the members received a 12 page (sic) typed document, setting out 'the scope and contents' of the journal and the financial obligations involved. This had been prepared by Messrs. D. Beresford and G. W. Pipe. There were also cover designs and mock make-up for the committee's consideration.

"Many of the points raised ... had been considered by the committee previously .. Mr. R. S. Anderson extended the fullest co-operation, sympathetically considering the points raised by Mr. Beresford and answering if possible the questions submitted.

"The first point ... the title block... There was a general opinion that the time had come for a change.... The choice was a clear, clean-cut design of Mr. Pipe's ... this the Editor considered could be appropriately adapted.

"Finance was involved in the next step. The two alternatives were a 24 page issue at regular intervals, and a tinted cover with a picture ... on the front page and 16 pages inside. Both issues would cost ... about £50 more than the present ... 16 page paper.

"The question of the quality of paper used came under very close scrutiny.

"The Editor was instructed to produce ... a tinted paper issue ... in December. The committee empowered the Editor to produce up to twenty 24-page issues during 1967, provided the material available was suitable.

"To meet demand, it was suggested that Associations should select an appropriate personality for a picture and biography, and also submit an appropriate picture for a front page illustration.

"It was felt that the Bellfounders' page ... and Gossip could be enlarged if there were live correspondents and a readiness on the part of readers to send information to the Editor.

"With more space available a great range of special articles will be required. A beginners' corner and a technical page might be regular features. We also hope that call change ringers ... will have their interest.

"A volunteer with an interest in the historical side of our art is required.

"The sale of the paper can only successfully be stimulated locally and much depends on local officials. There is a genuine desire on the part of the committee to keep the selling price of the journal as at present.

"Sales revenue will never be enough to finance journals like the 'R.W.' ... we are now reaping a little from the prudence in the past ... The 'R.W.' ... is planning to spend very much more on larger papers, confident that such is the family spirit of the Exercise that it will not be let down."

(Continued overleaf)

27. These extracts indicate that the Editor gave the Exercise a very full account of the committee's meeting. It would have been wrong for him to mention at that date that one new member (it was hoped only temporarily) had taken umbrage and walked out. The value of a committee is in its decisions, taken after full discussion; not in the idiosyncrasies of its individual members. No committee chairman would have his members' confidence if he advertised the disagreements among them.

"RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 28th, 1967

28. As agreed at the October meeting, the committee met again at Derby on January 28th—as hoped there was a full attendance. The auditors' estimate of the 1966 surplus was considered, as were proposals of Seven Corners Press, Ltd., for increases in printing charges. It was agreed that the committee would try to negotiate reductions, but that if this was not possible the new terms would have to be accepted.

It was agreed to obtain the views of readers by a questionnaire and Mr. Beresford's offer to analyse the results and present them to the next meeting was accepted. "It was resolved that Messrs. Beresford and Pipe prepare and circulate to the committee a draft form for examination and approval prior to its insertion in 'R.W.'." Among other matters discussed were various ways of improving circulation and the likely effect of any price increases. Some at least of the committee considered the journey and time spent worth while.

THE CENSUS

29. As agreed on January 28th, the Editor, on March 10th, 1967, announced the proposed issue on March 17th of census forms and at the same time gave further financial information. To quote:—

"a questionnaire to our readers, which is the brain child of two members of the committee, Dennis Beresford and G. W. Pipe. It is an attempt to analyse the 'R.W.'s' family: to find out what the readers desire for the journal and how they would prefer the space available to be utilised."

"The desire behind the questionnaire is to ascertain how to fashion the 'R.W.' so that a big sales drive can be attempted. This does not mean embarking on extravagant ideas."

30. As indicated in paragraph 28 above, the draft questionnaire was circulated to the committee for approval, but was not received until March 9th, only just before zero hour for going to press. Nevertheless frantic efforts by some of the committee, helped by the Editor, managed to make a few improvements. It is extremely difficult to frame questions which do not lead the reader to an answer you hope for. For example, part of question 12 said that part of an increased price of 3d. a week must occur, whereas the committee had firmly set its face against an increase, unless one was proved inevitable later. In its original form question 8 said "Are you a call change ringer?" Ninety-nine per cent of ringers would have had to answer "Sometimes" or "Often." The last minute addition of the word "only" made it possible to reply "Yes" or "No," giving useful information.

"RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 29th, 1967

31. As previously arranged, a further meeting, attended by all the committee, was held on April 29th, to consider primarily the draft annual report and the accounts for 1966, and the report on the census. The draft report was amended and agreed, and Mr. Beresford gave a verbal summary of the results of the census and was thanked for his work. He agreed to prepare a comprehensive report on the replies for examination at the next meeting, fixed for July 22nd, 1967.

NOTTINGHAM, 1967

32. The position, when the Central Council met at Nottingham, has been outlined above. The committee's report (as printed in "R.W." June 16th, 1967, page 407) was in the hands of members. It might not have been unreasonable to assume, in view of the time given to the subject at Bath, only twelve months before, the fact that the new committee had only been in existence for 12 months and in the year under review (1966) had met only once, that the Council would have wished to devote its time to other matters. But it was not to be.

33. Just before the Standing Committee meeting the evening before, the Council's secretary was handed separate letters from Messrs. Beresford and Pipe. Each of the letters (of clearly premeditated resignation from the committee) ended by saying that business commitments rendered it difficult to give the time to the work of the committee. Neither of the resigned members mentioned this reason in his speech to the Council. (See "R.W." June 16th, 1967, for report.)

34. The Editorial of "R.W." June 9th, 1967, referred briefly to the resignations and a very full account of the debate was given on June 16th. In addition, on page 406, the Editor gave "The Background to the Debate." The two issues of "R.W." gave such a full and fair report of proceedings and the events leading up to them that it does not seem necessary to lengthen this paper by quoting. They refute most emphatically suggestions that have continued since the Council meeting that the Exercise has not been told the full story.

35. A week before the next committee meeting Mr. Beresford was good enough to send to each member of the committee a photocopied MS. giving a full summary of the replies to the census. A typed copy was promised to follow, but has not.

36. On July 19th, Mr. Pipe wrote at length to each member of the committee repeating many of the points made in Documents A and B, basing his remarks this time on the census returns and telling the committee what they should do. "We would reiterate how essential it is for the "R.W." Committee to..." etc. "Each member should..." etc.

"RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE MEETING, JULY 22nd, 1967

37. To bring this long story up to date, the committee met again at Derby on July 22nd as arranged, the main reason being to consider a full report on the census. Messrs. Beresford and Pipe, who were members when the date was fixed, were invited to answer any questions which might arise on the report they had agreed to present. In the event, both of them had other engagements that day. After a very full discussion of the summarised replies the committee authorised the Editor to report in the "R.W." on the most interesting details. (See August 4th, page 551.) The Editor expressed, at the committee's request, their public thanks to Messrs. Beresford and Pipe for the work done. The committee also supported the convener in his decision that from September to Christmas, 1967, 20-page cover issues of the "R.W." should be printed weekly.

38. This last decision was announced by the Editor in the "R.W." of August 4th, and on August 11th in a review entitled "The Next Step" the Editor dealt with the foregoing decision and with the latest views of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe. He went fully into costs and work involved in various proposals.

39. Our quotations and references in the foregoing paragraphs to statements in the "R.W." from time to time completely answer the suggestions that members of the Council or other readers of the "R.W." are not told of the committee's proposals or intentions. We are content to conclude this very long account with a statement of the changes made in the "R.W." over recent months.

A LOOK AT THE "RINGING WORLD" SINCE BATH

WHAT HAS THE "RINGING WORLD" DONE?

40. It must be emphasised that, for mechanical reasons, the "R.W." must contain 16 or 24 normal pages (multiples of eight). It is possible, when it can be afforded, to add a special cover (coloured or otherwise), giving another four pages. A 16 page issue can therefore be turned into a 20 page issue for about the same cost as a plain 24 page issue. Hitherto, the normal practice had been to have a 16 page issue, with an occasional 24 pages when the amount of news justified it. For example, a 24 page issue was necessary on June 17th, 1966, to cover Central Council news.

41. Let us see what the effect of the new committee and its decisions of October 8th (and subsequently) have been:—

1966

28 Oct. 24 pages, including 1 page of compositions.
4 Nov. New heading to normal 16 page issues.
9 Dec. Special coloured cover (Mancroft), plus 16 inside pages—including half page special advert and 1 page for a crossword and "party games."
16 Dec. Normal 16 pages with special advert.
23 Dec. Ditto. 30 Dec. Ditto

1967

6 Jan. 24 page issue. Picture on front.
3 Feb. Coloured cover, plus 16 pages—half page cartoons and special advert.
24 Feb. Coloured cover, plus 16 pages—including 1 page of compositions.
17 Mar. Coloured cover, plus 16 pages—including 1 page technical feature, 1 page beginners' article, 1 page compositions and half page crossword.
14 Apr. Coloured cover, plus 16 pages—including half page crossword, 1 page quiz and 6 additional illustrations.
5 May Coloured cover, plus 16 pages.
12 May Ditto.
26 May Ditto.
16 June 24 pages. Picture on front.
23 June—
28 July Coloured cover, plus 16 pages.
18 Aug. 16 pages, with front page picture.

From September until Christmas each issue will be 20 pages, including a coloured cover, as indicated in paragraph 37 above.

42. We consider this record of achievement speaks for itself—the advent of three new members on the committee (two unfortunately for such a short time), the financial situation and the full co-operation of the Editor have made this possible. This is being written in August, 1967, but we are hopeful that the gradual increase in circulation since the last price increase will be maintained, thus justifying the work and faith of the committee and their staff.

43. In apologising for the length of this document, we point out that, like all members of the Council who are chosen to serve on the various committees, we too are busy people, who are only too happy to volunteer our time and services for the good of the Exercise. Perhaps immodestly, however, we consider that our work is more onerous than that of some other committees of the Council but that the future prospects of the Exercise depend more upon the regular appearance of the "R.W" than on any other single factor.

44. In the leading article in the Golden Jubilee number Mr. Frederick Sharpe wrote:—

"The 'R.W.' is a specialist paper... this creates problems not encountered in the ordinary course of journalism... one of the most difficult things is to keep a true balance to suit the majority and yet to meet the needs of all... within the available financial resources . . . We are not likely to receive an attractive take-over bid from a national newspaper. . . We need greater support . . . A much greater circulation would make possible the publication of more technical articles and reports and our journal would have a much wider appeal in consequence."

45. These statements are as relevant today. As instructed, we have set out above the measures we have taken and some plans we have made. Other plans depend entirely upon our readers. The active support of the Council and the Exercise, shown by an increased circulation and a readiness to contribute news and articles of interest, will enable the "R.W." to meet the needs of the Exercise and be ample reward for our efforts.

August, 1967.

Letters to the Editor

THE RATIO OF PEALS AT DAVENTRY

Dear Sir, — How often we hear people talk of "peal ringers" and "service ringers" as if they were entirely separate groups. Usually there is the implication that peal ringers are a selfish breed of heathen experts with no time for the saintly service ringers.

I think it is high time the peal ringers defended themselves, and I would suggest that a more accurate description of the two groups would be competent and incompetent! Naturally there are exceptions to this but I am quite certain it is a more realistic division than that inspired by "sour grapes." So let us forget the old division and concentrate on getting rid of incompetence.

I am well aware that some people like to think that the peals rung in some popular towers constitute a very large part of the total ringing done. That this is not always so is shown by the analysis of ringing at Daventry in 1967. Seven of our own band took part in the peals and five others in quarter peals.

	Hours	%
103 Sunday services at 40 mins.	68.6	25.6
16 Extra services at 30 mins. ..	8.0	3.0
12 Weddings at 20 mins.	4.0	1.5
50 Practices at 1.5 hours ..	75.0	28.0
3 Meetings at (av.) 2.5 hours	7.5	2.8
10 Visiting parties (outings) at 45 mins.	7.5	2.8
Total non-peal-ringing	170.6	63.7
27 Peals scored at av. 3.083 hrs.	83.3	31.1
9 Peals lost at av. 1.5 hours ..	13.5	5.2
Total peal ringing ..	96.8	36.3
Grand total	267.4	100
30 tied practices (beginners) at 30 minutes	12 hours.	
Maintenance work (approx.) ..	20 hours.	

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.
Daventry, Northants.

LAMINATED DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. R. K. Williams' letter in the May 24th issue of "The Ringing World," I cannot help wondering why he seeks names for these variations. If his letter is correct in what was rung, extents B, C, D, F and G just contain two types of single and would therefore be better described as laminated (method changes occur in effect at the half-lead and so cannot be called spliced). Extent B would better be described as mixed Royston and St. David. Doubles variation ringing contains enough scope without having to resort to the use of frivolous calls. —Yours faithfully,
GEORGE A. DAWSON.
West Norwood, S.E.

A WORTHY OR A SELF-RIGHTEOUS LIST?

Dear Sir,—Ringers' attendance at church is entirely a matter of conscience, and that those who may have measured up to Miss Horsford's requirements should advertise the fact in "The Ringing World" must surely be the most impudent suggestion which has ever been mooted in your columns.—Yours faithfully,
R. H. DOVE.
Leeds.

BIRMINGHAM PEAL RINGERS AND SUNDAY SERVICE

Dear Sir,—It is sad that Mrs. Ainsworth should have been upset enough to reply to the rubbish contained in Mr. Roberts' letter, and I am concerned that this type of uncalled-for publicity may make some inexperienced ringers coming to Birmingham a little apprehensive.

I also learned to change-ring in Yorkshire, and along with five other call change ringers managed a 720 of Minor, thanks to Jarvis Close. Since coming to Birmingham two and a half years ago I have progressed further and ring at three local churches regularly. I do not ring peals at St. Martin's or the Cathedral.

Please believe me when I say that many people may gain the wrong impression that the peal ringers do not ring locally and help learners, and I would like to remark on a few of the silly beggars who prance about Edgbaston Church, as Mr. Roberts so childishly puts it. Below are some of the ringers in the peal of Glasgow:—

George Fearn went out of his way to help me ring my first peal of Grandsire Triples. Directly under the record peal of Stedman Cinques in "The Ringing World" was another peal where two of the Cinques ringers, one of whom was John Anderson, were helping me ring my first peal of Plain Bob Major. Clifford Barron is better known to me as Ringing Master at Harborne and Edgbaston, where he and other local ringers are helping my son to ring Grandsire Doubles. Clifford attends all Sunday service ringing regularly.

Roderick Pipe is another familiar name in peal ringing but I do not know him as a peal ringer; I only meet him at Sunday service ringing and practice at King's Norton

I would like to thank, on behalf of the local towers, Alan Ainsworth, who, on behalf of the St. Martin's Guild, invited all ringers at local churches to hold a practice at St. Martin's. These practices were well attended.

It is some of these ringers along with other locals who have helped me ring 20 quarter peals for Sunday service.

Grow up, Mr. Roberts—get your facts straight.—Yours faithfully,
ERIC SPENCE.
Edgbaston.

FALSE PEALS

Dear Sir,—Every Thursday morning when my copy of "The Ringing World" is pushed through my letter box a cold shiver goes down my spine, the reason being false peals. I open it carefully and think: "Will I still have rung 25 peals or will I have rung in a false peal somewhere?"

It must be very disappointing and disheartening for young ringers who take part in their first peal or first peal in the method only to find a fortnight later the composition which they rang was false. It is only due to the carelessness of the conductors and, let us face facts, there are a lot of careless conductors about at the present time, as hardly a week goes by without one, two or even three peals being withdrawn.

To my way of thinking, this situation is very frightening, so could not the conductors in the future check carefully the composition (with the composer, if necessary, if it has not been rung before)? In so doing this unnecessary disappointment will be avoided.—Yours sincerely,
TONY LEWIS.
Chislehurst, Kent.

OUR COVER PICTURE

ST. KATHARINE'S, MERSTHAM SURREY

THE Church of St. Katharine, Merstham, stands to the north of the village close to the main London–Brighton Road. On Sunday mornings in the summer the efforts of the young band of ringers are all but drowned by the steady drone of traffic heading towards the coast. But in winter, walkers on the North Downs, following the old paths that were used in the Stone Ages, can hear well the ring of eight bells across the rolling countryside.

The church dates from the 13th century and was established on a promontory above the marshy land about which Merstham lies. The Pilgrims' Way goes within feet of the South Door, and forms the main pathway from the road to the church. Fortunately escaping the effects of Victorian Restoration, St. Katharine's retains a simple yet well-balanced interior.

The bells are of mixed descent. The oldest bell is the five, and dates from 1380, being cast by William Barford of London; the six was cast by Robert Mot in 1597, and later two Eldridge bells were added, the tenor (13½ cwt. in F) in 1640 and four in 1657. The old ring of five bells was completed in 1774 with the addition of the seven, a fine-toned bell cast by Pack and Chapman. An old board in the belfry records a peal of 720 changes of Doubles in 1827 consisting of six methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, New London, Oxford, Stedman's Principle, and Crown Bob, conductor William Smith.

In 1901 Messrs. Mears and Stainbank rehung the old five and provided a new treble to make a ring of six. The old clappers were removed and mounted on some of the original belfry oak against the north wall of the church where they can be seen to this day. Lastly, in 1964, through the gifts of two parishioners the bells were rehung lower in this attractive shingled spire, and augmented to eight. Ringing now takes place on the ground floor, in full view of the congregation, who are evidently pleased and interested to see how it is done.

The youthful band that has been learning under the guidance of the tower captain, Alec Cheasley, and the late Alfred Bull, has been fortunate in receiving the regular assistance of surrounding ringers in furthering their knowledge of change ringing. It seems likely that the bells at St. Katharine's will continue to compete with the Sunday motorist for a long time to come.

C. H. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Eastern District had an encouraging meeting at St. Matthew's, Ipswich, on May 18th, attended by 16 members and some gentlemen. A new committee was formed and seven new members elected. It was decided to have a half-day outing into Norfolk later in the year and a ladies only evening meeting at a suitable six-bell tower.

Following tea, the six-bell towers at Bramford and Sproughton were visited. J. L.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Memorial to the late John Worth

THE Annual Festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Hoole on May 18th. Attendance was considerably better than last year's poorly attended meeting at Macclesfield. During the morning ringing took place at a number of towers in and around Chester.

At 2 p.m. members assembled in the Church Hall of All Saints', Hoole, for the business meeting. Before the formal proceedings commenced, members stood for a minute's silence in memory of Peter Laflin and the work he had done for the Guild during the past 40 years. An apology for absence was received from the Bishop of Chester.

Mr. H. O. Baker then read correspondence he had received, in particular from the Dean of Chester Cathedral, regarding the Cathedral bells appeal; it would appear that following delays due to unforeseen problems things would be going ahead in the not too distant future.

The minutes of the last Annual Festival and the statement of accounts for 1967 had been circulated to all who were present; both were adopted as presented. In presenting the annual report for 1967 Mr. C. K. Lewis stated that we had lost through death in 1967 the following members: John Worth, Alfred Frost, Harry Parker, Albert Booth, Nicholas Collins and Harry Thomas. Suitable tributes were written of them in the report.

Membership at present stands at: Honorary members 11, life ringing members 22, ringing members 633, representing 87 towers. Compared with last year's ringing membership this is a drop of 16 members, but there are two more towers in union than last year, which is a pleasing feature.

Finance.—General Account balance £77 2s. 7d. (£86 1s. 2d. last year). Bell Restoration Fund balance £327 8s. 11d. (£293 12s. 5d.). Chester Cathedral Bell Fund £738 8s. 7d. (£681 10s.).

Performances.—The total of 174 peals rung in 1967 is nine fewer than the record number rung in 1966, but the statistics showed some pleasing trends. The complete analysis is as follows: Total peals 174 (183 last year), 136 on tower bells (150) and 38 on handbells (33). The people taking part in peals were as follows: 161 resident members (161 last year), 71 non-resident members (91), i.e. the reduction in peals was not due to a reduction in resident members taking part. There were 29 first-pealers (33 last year) and 68 rang a peal in a new method or methods (73). There were 38 conductors (42), three of whom conducted their first peal (3).

Peals of particular note were those rung for the 600th anniversary of Malpas Church and the first peal of Major by the local band at Marple. The first peal in 24 Surprise Maximus methods was rung for the Guild, and peals by members of the Guild were rung at Liverpool Cathedral and Inveraray. A Guild band rang four peals of Surprise Royal in one day at Loughborough Bell Foundry, three were for the Guild and one for the 21st anniversary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. On handbells, the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major and Royal had been rung in 1967 for the Guild, also the longest peal of Royal on handbells, 19,260 changes, which, incidentally, is the longest peal (in time) to be rung on handbells.

NEW MASTER

Mr. Alexander Martin was elected as Master of the Guild and then took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. Mr. Martin thanked the retiring Master, Mr. A. R. Elkins, for the excellent way in which he had handled the Guild's affairs during his term of office and he hoped that he would be able to justify his election as Master.

The following officers were then elected: Secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. O. Baker; report secretary, Mr. C. K. Lewis; peal recorder, Mrs. C. K. Lewis; librarian, Mr. A. Whiting, auditor, Mr. S. Jones; Press reporter, Mr. R. B. Smith

The business then continued with a notice of motion for the next Annual Festival; that there would be a general revision of the rules with particular reference to Rule 5 (relating to the Executive) prior to reprinting the rules. A sub-committee had been appointed by the General Committee to undertake this work, but feeling from the floor was that Branch secretaries should be included in this sub-committee and this was finally agreed upon although some thought that the sub-committee would then be unwieldy.

A motion involving the selection of the Guild's Central Council representatives was debated and carried by the 2/3 majority required for a change in a constitutional rule. The effect of this will be that the two representatives (other than the Master and the general secretary) will in future be elected at the Annual Festival instead of being nominated by each of the seven Branches in turn. Mr. Martin then reported that this year the annual dinner and dance will be held at the Coach and Horses at Moreton on October 12th and the cost would be 27s. 6d. The Annual Festival for 1969 will be held in the Grappenhall Branch, and Mr. M. Thompson announced that this would be centred at Lymm on May 10th. The annual dinner-dance in 1969 will be held at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Chester, and Mr. Baker has already booked the room.

There followed a short discussion regarding a permanent memorial to the late Master, Mr. John Worth. Mr. Martin said that one of the new bells in Chester Cathedral would be dedicated to his memory, but a more personal and permanent memorial would be a badge of office for the Master, bearing his name. Mr. Martin was given the general approval of the meeting to obtain designs and probable costs of such a badge. Proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements for the festival.

The above proceedings were held in two sessions, the first before the service, and the second for a short time immediately after tea. The service at All Saints', Hoole, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. B. Martin, who also preached an interesting sermon. Tea followed the service and all were well catered for. Ringing at Hoole and various other towers in the area continued from 5.45 p.m. onwards before ringers started to make their various ways home after a busy but enjoyable day.

R. B. S.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE RINGING COURSE

Following the apparent success of recent District meetings catering specially for ringers at the rounds and call change stage, it was felt by several Association members that learners in this category might benefit further from a more formal and intensive course on the "Lumley" basis. Accordingly, the Ringing Master was asked to investigate the possibilities and, if the demand warranted it, to promote a suitable programme. An initial inquiry showed that there was little or no interest in a full-day course at Lumley Castle, but a further suggestion for a half-day event proved sufficiently popular to make this proposition worthwhile and arrangements were put in hand for a course of this nature at Chester-le-Street Parish Church on April 20th.

Tuition was provided for in two separate streams—Class A for the round ringer wishing to study first steps in change ringing, and Class B for the ringer at the plain hunting stage seeking an understanding of elementary method ringing. In all, 36 students were registered for the course, with numbers fairly balanced between classes, and there was representation from 10 of our affiliated belfries.

The Ringing Master invited three of the Association's up-and-coming young men to act as tutors for the day. Jim Crowther, of Whickham, undertook responsibility for Class A, while Rodney Yeates and Andrew Craddock, of St. George's, Jesmond, directed Class B. Assistance for practical belfry exercises and demonstrations was provided by volunteers from the "old brigade" of instructors.

As usual on these occasions, time was our great enemy and, in order to provide as much variety as possible for alternate classroom and tower instruction, each class was allotted eight 45-minute sessions, four in the afternoon and four in the evening after tea. The close proximity of tower and church hall at Chester-le-Street allowed transfer of classes to proceed smoothly.

Jim Crowther began in Class A with a visit to the tower for a sifting of students' handling and striking abilities, and after pointing out a variety of faults proceeded with alternate practical and classroom exercises in the rudiments of change ringing from four to six bells. By the end of the day most students were attempting plain hunting with an understanding of purpose and in some cases with considerable success.

Rodney Yeates introduced the first half of Class B with a theoretical session, demonstrating graphically the development of plain hunting to Plain Bob Minimus and Doubles and the essence of rhythmic striking by holding up and cutting in. Belfry exercises in hunting and dodging then followed and further sessions in class and tower elaborated the principles for ringing Bob Doubles. After tea, the second half was directed by Andrew Craddock, who extended the studies to the pricking of Bob Minor together with the effect of bobs and singles. Further belfry exercises enabled students to gain experience in ringing the method.

In a full assembly at the conclusion of classes, the Ringing Master recorded acknowledgments to all who had contributed to the organisation of the course—the Rector of Chester-le-Street, who had placed all facilities at our disposal; the ladies under Mrs. D. A. Bayles, who had provided the sumptuous tea; and all tutors and assistants who had given their time and experience.

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ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Lawrence 1, R. E. Lester 2, L. P. Brain 3, L. J. Parry 4, Dorothy M. Durrant (cond.) 5, C. S. Bloomfield 6. Birthday compliments to ringer of 6th and Miss Alice Lester.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Williams 1, A. Clark (cond.) 2, A. Gazey 3, M. Powell 4, D. Pobjoy 5, A. Hooper 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Percy Newland, beloved tower captain.

BEDFORD, BEDS.—On May 12th, 1,250 Superlative Surprise Major: Avril Ivin 1, Jill Orme 2, Charlotte Harris 3, A. Gibbs 4, R. L. Piron 5, R. H. French 6, C. M. Orme 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. First in the method 2, 3. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On May 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Rosamund Rawlings 1, P. J. Bagshaw 2, S. Humphrey 3, D. R. McLean 4, R. M. Day 5, J. M. Rice 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, P. N. Mackley 8. First of Kent Major 2, 4, 5, 6, 8. By N.U.S.C.R for Evensong.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On April 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Wiffen 1, Miss S. Chapman 2, Miss J. Quilter 3, C. H. Gillingham 4, C. Barker 5, H. G. Felton 6, R. Suckling 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled before the funeral of Ernest Vivian Woodward, headmaster of St. Michael's School. Also on April 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Chapman 1, Miss J. Millbank 2, Miss S. Chapman 3, Mrs. J. Syder 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, C. H. Gillingham 6, C. Barker 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. For Evensong and Her Majesty's birthday.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Pouncey 1, Angela Hawes 2, Maureen Simons 3, A. N. Brock 4, A. Metters 5, M. J. Platt (cond.) 6. By U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CHEW MAGNA, SOM. — On May 19th, 1,344 Yorkshire S. Major: A. N. Brock 1, Elizabeth M. Emmett 2, Mandi McCallion 3, Gillian M. Brearley 4, P. N. Murgatroyd 5, A. J. Cox 6, M. J. Platt (cond.) 7, M. G. R. Zobel 8. Rung by U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. L. Cooper 1, T. J. Wellen 2, P. Payne 3, M. D. Fuller (cond.) 4, R. Cooper 5, C. J. Herrington 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Marshall 1, R. H. Duke 2, R. A. Bryant 3, C. W. Tidwell 4, T. F. Collins 5, Mrs. B. J. Duke 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, R. H. J. Mears 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 6th, captain and vice-captain of St. Peter's ringers, who were married at this church on March 23rd.

EASTCHURCH, KENT. — On May 18th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: S. V. Rayfield 1, Miss W. R. Austin 2, W. A. Wood 3, F. J. Dadson (first of T.B.) 4, J. B. Clarke 5, L. Mitchell (first T.B. as cond.) 6.

EXETER, DEVON. — At the Cathedral, on May 19th, 1,440 Bob Maximus: P. Colton 1, Miss J. Hayward 2, M. S. Turner 3, B. H. Thompson 4, Miss A. Hughes 5, P. Pavey 6, J. M. Clarke 7, D. Wills 8, F. Wreford 9, B. Coles 10, J. Longridge 11, N. Mallett (cond.) and C. Yates 12. First of Maximus 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10. A compliment to C. Yates, jun., and Miss V. Spry on their engagement.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kersey 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, Carol Stacey 3, R. Tipper 4, B. Hughes 5, R. Corke 6, C. Chennell-White 7, A. Reeves 8.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On May 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. J. Palmer 1-2, Mrs. R. H. Rogers 3-4, R. H. Rogers 5-6, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 7-8.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—On May 4th, 1,320 Doubles (60 meth./var.): T. Matcham 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Susan V. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, D. R. Fallick 6.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret McBride 1, A. G. Wigmore (cond.) 2, Angela McBride 3, P. G. W. Newstead 4, F. J. Stimson 5, W. B. Duncan 6, G. W. Fletcher 7, F. Broomfield 8. For Evensong on the anniversary of the reconsecration of the restored church.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On April 21st, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): G. Barnard 1, R. Mann 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, B. Horrell (cond.) 4, A. E. Ling 5.

HINTON ADMIRAL, HANTS. — On May 13th, 1,320 Doubles (22 meth./var.): D. C. Jackson 1, Catherine A. Roberts 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D. Smith (cond.) 4, T. Matcham 5.

QUARTER PEALS

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie C. Allen 1, V. Mary Matthews 2, A. F. Burley 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell 5, G. F. Dunstan 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, R. P. Pearce 8. In memoriam James Edwin Jeater.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Meakes 1, T. Wright 2, C. Neakes 3, S. Smith 4, R. Hazell (cond.) 5, C. Hagger 6. For the induction of the Rev. Ian Brian Cook by the Bishop of Buckingham.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, on April 28th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (seven methods): J. Pladdys 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, P. G. Holden 4, R. R. Churchill 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): P. S. Royds-Jones 1, Audrey R. Alexander (cond.) 2, R. R. Churchill 3, G. A. Dawson 4, R. W. Powell 5. Also on May 15th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Corinne Smith 1, O. Willcocks 2, G. H. Foster 3, C. Forster 4, Thelma L. Willis (cond.) 5, M. K. Willis 6. First in three methods by all. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Kendall, grandmother of 5 and 6.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On May 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. W. Massey (cond.) 1, D. J. Oriedge 2, N. G. Knee 3, Rev. P. Wooster 4, J. Goodenough (first Surprise "inside") 5, R. Pagdin 6, E. J. Hitchins 7, D. G. Massey 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Wilfred G. Waters.

MERSHAM, KENT.—On May 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 cover): Rosemary Betts 1, Anne Barber (first "inside") 2, P. C. Sinden 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, M. Osborne 6, R. Hambleton 7, W. G. Bayne 8. First quarter 1, 6, 7, 8. Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. R. H. Craig as Rector.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On May 5th, 1,296 Surfleet S. Minor: Miss M. Thow 1, Miss S. Woodward 2, P. J. Bruce 3, B. Palmer 4, A. Dempster 5, R. N. Scholes 6. First in method 2, 4, 5. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Woodward (first as cond.) 1, P. J. Bruce 2, R. N. Scholes 3, A. Dempster 4, M. O. Edwards 5, B. Palmer 6, C. W. Ottaway 7, M. Sanderson 8. First in method 1, 3 and 6.

NEWICK, SUSSEX.—On May 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jane Osbon 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, R. Jean Osbon 3, R. Osbon 4, D. Slater 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6.

OBERLIN, OHIO, U.S.A.—At First Church, on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Martin (first quarter) 1-2, Ellen Moore 3-4, Ann Gardner (cond.) 5-6

OWSLEBURY, HANTS. — On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Beckerleg 1, N. G. Hughes 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, A. J. Mason (25th quarter, cond.) 4, B. R. M. Johnson 5, R. I. Latham 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on May 19th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: S. Bendle 1, Sue Heyworth 2, Judith Harvey 3, J. R. Leary (cond.) 4, R. H. Johnston 5, J. P. Coad 6. For Matins.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, L. Barry (cond.) 2, Sarah Cornock 3, R. Hazell 4, T. Pritchard 5, G. Smith 6, T. Witts 7, R. Cornock 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of S. G. Goulding, Master at this tower for 36 years.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On May 18th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: M. J. Hallett 1, J. Stephenson 2, S. Halliwell 3, A. J. House 4, B. C. Sadler 5, C. Pain 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, D. Sloman 8, G. D. J. Sandwell 9, P. Sloman 10. A wedding compliment to Peter D. Chapman and Patricia A. Nicholls, married this day, and also to welcome Paul William Canadale, born May 14th.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 21st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Amanda Hughes 1, Sandra Goodship 2, Joan Hanning 3, Carol Martin 4, T. T. Jones 5, A. T. Shelton 6, W. Dunn 7, W. Inwood 8, K. G. Game (cond.) 9, G. Knipe 10. For Confirmation service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Katherine S. Hardy 1, Julia A. Fellows 2, G. Dodds 3, K. J. Walpole 4, W. Little 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, A. R. Carter 8. For Evensong.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Moore 1, G. Twiney 2, G. Moore 3, V. Rose 4, J. Twiney (first as cond.) 5, G. Burbidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. A. Gummer, former captain, who died on March 5th.

STEVENAGE, HERTS. — On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Pl. Bob): D. Taplin 1, J. Leeming 2, R. Cochrane 3, L. Cooper 4, W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, R. Kirkpatrick 6.

STONE, STAFFS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Meryl Purslow 1, A. Purslow (first in method) 2, Glenda Rowley 3, W. Buckley 4, F. Hulme (first in method) 5, E. Young (cond.) 6. In honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Preb. J. H. and Mrs. Herbert.

TILNEY, NORFOLK. — On May 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. W. Cousins (cond.) 1, D. P. Gagen 2, E. Emmerson 3, R. Newson 4, J. E. Fox 5, C. Cousins 6. To welcome the new incumbent, Rev. H. A. L. Jukes, M.A.

WADDESDON, BUCKS. — On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Sinfield 1, Brenda Redfearn 2, Hilary Aslett 3, P. Aslett (first "inside") 4, D. Redfearn 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Liz C. Duncan 1, Sally Cobb 2, R. E. J. Dennis 3, June Whitcher 4, E. T. Newnham 5, A. J. Slade 6, R. J. Chapman 7, J. Murfitt (first Royal "inside") 8, R. Durrant 9, M. C. Austin 10. For Matins

WAREHAM, DORSET. — On May 19th, 1,260 April Day Bob Doubles: Stephanie E. Baines (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Claire E. N. Brown (first in variation) 3, P. R. Keough 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, Frances J. N. Brown 6. For Evensong.

YATTON SOM.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Neath (first of Triples) 1, R. Rice 2, G. Prescott 3, D. Hawkins 4, G. Hebden 5, W. Rice 6, S. G. Smith (first as cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled for Alexander Price, aged 98, churchwarden for many years, interred this day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringing in a quarter at Blunsdon, Wilts, on May 23rd, were a girl of nine and a boy of ten. Also an old gentleman of 80.

By scoring a peal of Bob Maximus at Newcastle, Tom Cooke, the Ringing Master at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, has now rung 150 peals and completed the Plain Bob family from Minor to Maximus.

An in memoriam peal to the late Mr. Peter Laflin was rung at Debenham, Suffolk, where he first handled a bell. The band wish to associate with the peal the names of Walter and Frank Ruffles, who were unable to take part.

At the age of 10, John M. Ineson has rung his first peal of Stedman Triples at Cleckheaton, Yorks. He rang with distinguished company—the president of the Yorkshire Association and his wife and the secretary and peal secretary of the Association, and the conductor was the Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild.

A beautiful oak table was dedicated on Easter Tuesday in Usk belfry. This had been given by Mrs. Luff in memory of her husband, the late Mr. Edgar Luff, tower captain.

We are asked to state that the peal at Maulden for the Cumberlands (page 407) was rung on March 2nd, and not 9th, as submitted.

To celebrate the complete restoration of the bells, a ringers' service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Theale, Berks, next Sunday at 3 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m.

Dr. Glyn Simon, the Bishop of Llandaff, was elected as Archbishop of Wales on Wednesday, May 22nd. A quarter peal was rung in his honour on the same day, conducted by his son, Nicholas W. H. Simon.

Fawley and District ringers rang on May 4th at Goodworth Clatford a quarter peal of 1,320 changes in 60 methods/variations. This exceeds the record of 57 methods/variations held by Winchester College Society rung at Barton Stacey last year.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

IN BEAUTIFUL MONMOUTH

Above the almost deserted A.48, on a little hilltop, stands the Castle of Penhow, one of the few castles still inhabited! Tucked away behind this charming castle is the Church of St. John the Baptist, its hillside churchyard bathed on May 11th in sunshine and carpeted with buttercups and daisies.

To this delightful spot came many ringers for the Monmouth Branch meeting, with their friends, children and babies, all to enjoy something—either the six sweet little bells, the spring sunshine, the friendship or the joys of making daisy chains! Later, all gathered inside to fill the church for an inspiring service, taken by the Rector (the Rev. Francis Kear). Linda Weekes, a Penhow ringer, read the lesson, and her grandmother, Mrs. D. Weekes, played the organ.

Afterwards all packed the tiny Church Hall for tea: the register of attendance never did get round and the throng seemed never static enough to count! So the number attending proved a mystery until one of the "tea ladies" said that 74 cups had been put out and all were used! So, near that number tucked into an excellent tea.

The business was, luckily, brief, and the Rector a good chairman. One new member was elected from Penhow, five from Mathern and one from Monmouth. News was given of the dedication of the rehung bells at Grosmont on June 30th at 2.30 p.m. Trevethin was mentioned for the next meeting on July 11th.

Ringing on the six bells continued under the direction of the Master (Mr. Richard Stewart) until late in the evening, when dusk fell and the little hilltop was left once more to the bleating of the sheep and their snow-white lambs. J. S. K.

BROMHAM AND GOLDINGTON OUTING

In recent years the ringers of Bromham and Goldington, Bedfordshire, have joined forces and planned some very successful outings, and the one which took place on May 11th, jointly organised by Jim Edwards and Derek Hammond, was certainly no exception.

First stop was at the charmingly situated church at Old Wolverton, where Mr. G. F. Eales was waiting to welcome us; the six bells were much enjoyed.

Next, Northamptonshire, and first the delightful eight at Wicken, where we were received by Mr. G. E. Green. The bells are a joy to ring, and Stedman Triples went with a smooth rhythm that made us want to stay longer than the scheduled hour, but a very enjoyable high tea en route to Nether Heyford took way the last pangs of remorse!

The village of Nether Heyford possesses much "olde worlde" charm, and we enjoyed the fine ring of six bells, too, but were sorry to find that Mr. N. H. Collins was suffering from influenza, though his able deputy did a good job.

Finally came the magnificent recently-rehung six at Floore, where we were met by Mr. R. Ponge. The bells leave no excuse for bad striking, and everything from rounds to London went with a majestic swing—even Single Court was successful!

But ringers do not think of bells only, and beer, with fish and chips, at Northampton completed the programme!

Sincere thanks to incumbents, organisers and all who helped to make this trip such an enjoyable one. A. E. R.

A MID-CORNWALL FESTIVAL

Nineteen teams, representing seven different towers or groups, took part in the Spring Festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild at St. Columb Major on May 11th. The judge, Mr. N. C. Manhire, of Roche, complimented the teams on their greatly-improved standard, which excelled that of any Guild festival he had ever attended. There were three separate tests—round ringing off the stays, change ringing off the stays, and a rise, changes and fall.

In all, nine first-class, seven second-class and three third-class certificates were awarded. As might be expected, a team from the home tower, St. Columb Major, took the honour of having rung the best peal of the day, in the second test, and Mr. Manhire awarded them a first-class certificate "plus."

Those taking part, with results, were: St. Columb (three 1sts and two 2nds), Truro Branch (Cathedral, Kenwyn and St. Kea combined) (two 1sts and one 3rd), St. Austell (one 1st and one 3rd), Tywardreath (two 1sts and two 2nds), Bodmin (one 1st and one 2nd), Helston (one 2nd), Veryan (one 2nd and one 3rd). The timekeeper was Mr. H. Lander (St. Stephen's), the secretary of the Mid-Cornwall Branch, Mr. John Purdey (St. Austell) was the recorder, and the captain and secretary of the St. Columb tower (Messrs. Alan and Michael Rodliffe) made the arrangements.

The Rector of St. Columb (Canon A. Gordon Cooke) welcomed the visitors and conducted the Guild Office, which was sung by the Parish Church choir. The organist was Mr. C. E. Lanxon, of Truro, a vice-president of the Guild. Mr. Alan Carveth, president of the Guild, together with the secretary, Mr. Anthony Davidson, and the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. Anthony Lock, took part in the ringing.

CHESHIRE RHYMES

Two Cheshire bell rhymes of the last century are forwarded to us by Christopher J. Eden, of West Kirby.

F From faults observe you ringers well.
R Ring true and don't dare turn your bell.
O On each default by him that's made
D Down sixpence surely shall be paid.
S Swear not in this most sacred place
H Here come not but with aweful grace:
A And whoe'er rings with spur or hat
M Must sixpence pay or forfeit that.

D Dare not to come to this sacred place
A All you good ringers, but in aweful grace.
R Ring not with hat nor spurs, no insolence.
E Each one that does, for every such offence
S Shall forfeit hat or spurs or twelve pence.
B But who disturbs a peal, the same offender
U Unto the box his sixpence shall down tender.
R Rules such, no doubt in every church are used.
Y You and your bells, that may not be abused.

SCHOOLBOY PROMISE FULFILLED

The Rev. O. J. Aisbitt, who has recently been inducted as Vicar of Cleckheaton, Yorks, went to school with Alan Ainsworth on Tyneside. Alan was then just starting on his ringing career and promised that when his friend got a church with bells he (Alan) would ring a peal for him. The promise was fulfilled on May 19th.

NORTHERN RINGERS GO NORTH

The Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association covers the whole of Northumberland, an area (ringing-wise) roughly triangular in shape bounded on the south by the River Tyne, up the coast from Tynemouth to Bamburgh, then across country to Allendale.

As with most Associations, an attempt is made to hold a District meeting at every ringable tower in the District, and the towers at Embleton and Bamburgh were visited this year on May 4th. A bus was laid on and 34 ringers and friends joined it at Newcastle and had a most enjoyable run via Morpeth up the beautiful Northumbrian coast to Embleton. The delightful little church stands back from the road and the belfry is reached by a unique wrought iron spiral staircase. An hour was all the time we could spend here so the ropes changed hands quickly as everyone who wanted to had a pull.

Tea was waiting at Bamburgh, some seven miles further up the coast, so after a quick look at the Vicarage, part of which is an old Pele Tower, the bus filled again and half an hour later the meal was being enjoyed. After tea three young members of the local band escorted the visitors to St. Aidan's Church, overlooking the sea, where the bells, which were already raised, were soon going, and the tone and "go" of the eight (tenor 14 cwt) was much appreciated. There was a wide choice of ringing from rounds to Surprise Major.

Eight o'clock was the time scheduled for leaving; goodbyes were said, the last stragglers climbed on board and, just before getting under way, the chairman of the District thanked the secretary for organising the trip. An uneventful run back to Newcastle concluded a most successful outing. S. H.

ARCHBISHOP SIMON HONOURED BY SON

Previous to the start of the quarter peal at Llandaff Cathedral to mark the election of the Rt. Rev. Glyn Simon, Bishop of Llandaff, as Archbishop of Wales, Dr. Simon visited the ringing room, where his son, Nicholas W. H. Simon, was about to conduct the attempt. During his term of office as Dean of Llandaff the Archbishop was responsible for the rehanging of the Cathedral bells and encouraged the formation of a young local band. Undoubtedly this is the first occasion that a ringer has conducted a peal or quarter peal to mark his father's election as Archbishop.

BURGHCLERE DOUBLES

As a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs Stradling, of Burghclere, a peal of Burghclere Doubles was selected. This Doubles method was composed by Mr. David Pepworth, formerly of Burghclere. It is on the same principle as Ascension Doubles with the calls made after the treble has led. Both have been rung in multi-method peals, but Ascension has yet to be rung to a full peal, although a quarter peal was rung by an all-Burghclere band on Ascension Day five years ago, conducted by the composer.

Three Burghclere ringers rang in Burghclere Doubles, Marion Gosling ringing her first peal exceptionally well.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEST BUCKLAND, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin and the Holy Trinity.
On Ascension Day, May 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being 42 extents, one extent each of Stedman, Union, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston, St. Simon, St. Albans, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, St. Ignatius, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, Churchill, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Thomas, Lapley, Shareshill, Heyford, St. Miles, Winchendon Place, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Chilton. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Keith E. Beale	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	*Raymond F. Arscott	5
Robert Parker	3	*Leslie H. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* 25th peal together. Most methods/variations to a peal by all the band.

Rung for Ascension Day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertholine.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

David J. Midgley	Treble	Gerald Parsons	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Ivor R. Nichols	6
Felicity Ashford	3	*Richard C. L. Brown	7
Raymond J. Ballard	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* 100th peal. First peal on London on the bells.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
6th place bobs. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

William H. Dowse	Treble	Felicity Ashford	5
Norman Sherratt	2	David J. Midgley	6
*Derek F. Yates	3	*Ivor R. Nichols	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal in the method.

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., May 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Norman Sherratt	Treble	David J. Midgley	5
Roy Worrall	2	Basil Jones	6
Felicity Ashford	3	Frank Morton	7
Derek F. Yates	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

Fastest peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., May 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	John F. Thorne	5
Frederick R. Shallcross	2	Robert W. Sherriff	6
Ian C. Maycock	3	John H. Fielden	7
Maryl R. Fielden	4	Maurice C. Hughes	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Frederick R. Shallcross.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WILFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 18 lb. in A.

George A. Dawson	Treble	Simon Humphrey	3
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	Christopher P. Starbuck	4
John R. Pratchett	Tenor		

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Rung as a compliment to Joan, Peter and Dennis Beresford for 21 years' peal ringing.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Thurs., May 16, 1968 in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Melvyn A. Rose	Treble	Denis R. Carlisle	5
Brian A. Tomlinson	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	3	A. Colin Banton	7
Gordon A. Halls	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

ELLASTONE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Clive A. Thrower	Treble	David R. Chambers	4
Thelma E. Staples	2	Burley P. Morris	5
Susan E. Thompson	3	*A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* 50th peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Sat., May 25, 1968 in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

Graham Newman	Treble	*Andrew Else	4
*Lawrence Gascoyne	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	5
Susan E. Davis	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

* First peal in three methods. 50th peal as conductor on tower bells.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

THORVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Wed., May 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
6th observation. Tenor 17 cwt.

Charles P. Yates	Treble	Sydney F. Skinner	5
Frank D. Mack	2	D. Roy Bould	6
Derek Jewell	3	Frederick Wreford	7
Martin F. Lock	4	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE, Northumberland.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

Kenneth Lawson	Treble	*Dennis G. Blows	7
*Enid Lawson	2	*Thomas M. Cox	8
John E. Anderson	3	*Thomas Cooke	9
*Janet Warwick	4	George S. Deas	10
*Ann Lawson	5	Roland Park	11
Fred Hodgson	6	Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.

* First peal of Maximus.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	A. Stephen Taylor	4
*Roderick K. Bickerton	2	Peter T. Dale	5
Brian J. Woodruffe	3	Frank M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Peter T. Dale.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam Peter Laflin, of Stockport, Cheshire, who was known by the ringers of 2, 3 and 5.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., May 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Trevor A. Cross	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	John W. Smith	6
Dennes Randall	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Ernest J. Ladd	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 768 each of Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative, 640 Bristol and 576 Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Arthur S. Richards	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
Margaret E. Oram	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
Ian H. Oram	3	Tony Lewis	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

First peal of seven-spliced on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., May 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Richard Hayes	Treble	John Pladdys	5
Judith M. Corby	2	John A. Howard	6
Lucile M. Corby	3	Tony Lewis	7
*Derek Slater	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours
A PEAL OF 5184 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Peter M. Wilkinson	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Derek Slater	2	John A. Howard	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Richard Hayes	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Richard Hayes.
First peal in the method by all the band.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., May 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BURSLEM DELIGHT MINOR
Four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
Jennifer L. Quaife	2	Richard Hayes	5
John Pladdys	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
First peal in the method by all the band. John Pladdys has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B.

James Hedgcock	Treble	Richard A. Birch	4
Elizabeth Todd	2	Cyril W. J. Beeching	5
Pamela E. Powell	3	Rachel J. Sinden	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril W. J. Beeching.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret.
On Fri., May 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
On the "Margaret" eight. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

John Bramley	Treble	Philip A. Mason	5
*Alastair M. Elliot	2	†Martin Green	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	John M. Jelley	7
Malcolm E. Wade	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 100th peal. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

BURBAGE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

John E. Cook	Treble	*K. Paul Gilliver	5
John M. Jelley	2	Michael E. Brown	6
Roland H. Cook	3	John Watkins	7
*Robin A. Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 25th peal together.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., May 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F flat.

Michael T. Stimson	Treble	Ronald J. Hill	5
*Richard E. Manton	2	John H. Bluff	6
†Mrs. Mary Stimson	3	Roland H. Cook	7
*Robert Preston	4	F. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.
Rung as a compliment to Canon George Britten, Vicar at Somerby, Leics. for 48 years (his only living), on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

ENDERBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Martin Green	Treble	Philip A. Mason	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	John M. Jelley	6
*Dorothy Mason	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Monica M. Jelley	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of London.

SWITHLAND, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Cambridge and Kent T.B. and one each of St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B.

*N. Roderick Ellway	Treble	Edward W. Martin	4
Hazel J. Nichols	2	Raymond H. Martin	5
John Hunt	3	Edward Guy Slater	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* Has now "circled the tower." Tenor 12¼ cwt.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 63 methods/variations: (1) Stedman and Grandsire, (2) New, Huntspill and St. Vedast, (3) Hendred, Radlett and St. Breward, (4) St. Merryn, Hadham and Chippenham, (5) St. Modwen, Fairfield and Eling, (6) Winshill, Carlton and Lenton, (7) St. Simon and St. Osmund, (8) St. Albans and St. Ambrose, (9) Eynsham and St. Ninian, (10) Elford and St. Felix, (11) Cassington and St. Patrick, (12) St. Martin, (13) St. Paul, (14) St. Leonard, (15) Austrey, (16) St. Peter, (17) St. Nicholas and St. Remigius, (18) St. Giles and Church Gresley, (19) St. Andrew and Horsley, (20) Shareshill and St. Cleer, (21) St. Thomas and St. Dominica, (22) Winchendon Place, (23) St. Miles, (24) St. John, (25) Ryton, (26) St. Luke, (27) Plain Bob, (28) Kennington, (29) April Day, (30) Seighford, (31) Old, (32) Reverse Canterbury, (33) Southrepps, (34) Clifford's Pleasure, (35) Little Aston, (36) St. Columb, (37) All Saints', (38) Rushall, (39) Marchington, (40) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (41) Northrepps, (42) Fortune.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck	Treble	†Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	†Denis A. Frith	5
*Owen Homewood	3	Thomas A. Relf	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal in 63 Doubles. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean M. Collins, of Sutton Coldfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Frank T. Blagrove	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., March 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	5
Roland Beniston	2	E. Frederick Gobey	6
Richard J. Clifton	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Robert L. Piron	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Fri., March 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	William J. V. Conduct	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Ron Hughes	6
Norman W. Attaway	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
*Sheila Parsons	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 MAURETANIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John K. Smith	Treble	Gordon H. Lane	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Mon., May 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LUSITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
*Edward R. Fairbrother	2	*Frank Beech, jun.	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	*F. Frederick Gobey	7
*John K. Smith	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRAYCOTT-IN-THE-MOORS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*Frederick S. Sutton	Treble	*Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
†Anthony R. Trickett	2	*John R. Scott	6
*A. Doreen Edwards	3	Frank R. Morton	7
Eric Young	4	William H. Watkin	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † First of Triples. First of Bob Triples as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., May 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

Leslie W. Houghton	Treble	A. F. Ballam	6
George P. Adams	2	C. R. Stannard	7
Shelagh R. Collins	3	John A. Underwood	8
Alan G. Feaver	4	Clifford Bird	9
George Sayer	5	Norman V. Harding	Tenor

Composed by John S. Goldsmith. Conducted by Norman V. Harding.
Rung on Rogation Sunday and as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Rowland Newson, St. Margaret's tower secretary.

QUIDENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

H. William Barrett	Treble	Henry Tooke	5
F. Charles Goodman	2	Thomas E. Spight	6
Nolan Golden	3	Frank C. J. Arnold	7
*Wilfred G. Saunders	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 200th peal. Mr. Henry Tooke's 500th peal, his first being rung at this tower with the same conductor and composition and Mr. F. Charles Goodman also taking part.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Charles E. Truman	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WARMINGTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Pamela J. Blackith	Treble	†J. Malcolm Tyler	4
Gilbert F. Cowlin	2	‡John E. David	5
Alfred Waller	3	Raymond H. Daw	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.
* First peal at first attempt. † First in more than one method and first peal for 18 years. ‡ First of Minor.
Rung to welcome the Rev. T. Wilde as Vicar of Warmington.

ECTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Thurs., May 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt. approx.

David Morgan	Treble	Hugh M. Johnson	4
J Malcolm Tyler	2	David J. Marshall	5
Barry R. Care	3	*Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* 300th peal.
Rung for the opening by H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester of Ecton House, the Diocesan Retreat Centre.

PATTISHALL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Alan A. Paul	Treble	Barrie Hendry	4
Malcolm J. V. Chown	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Graham C. Paul	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

BRACKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of Netherseale, Hull, Carlisle, Munden, Berwick, Norfolk and Hexham. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Alan A. Paul	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Roger W. Smith	5
Barry E. Saunders	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENSNETT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Mon., April 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb.

*Christopher J. Bennett	Treble	*Stephen T. Yates	5
*Alan J. Fletcher	2	Philip R. Johnson	6
*Gillian Bosworth-Smith	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
*S. Geoffrey Pick	4	Richard B. Dorrington	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Kent.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And the Society of Sherwood Youths)

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Simon Humphrey	6
R. Brian Mills	2	George A. Dawson	7
William L. Exton	3	John R. Pratchett	8
Dennis Frith	4	Ian V. J. Smith	9
Christopher P. Starbuck	5	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Rung as a compliment to Christopher P. Starbuck and Jennie Brown upon their engagement
First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. First of Royal in the method, on the bells, for the Guild and in the county.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St Clement's and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

Paul Raithby	Treble	Beryl N. Reed	4
*Derick E. Kirton	2	Colin W. Reed	5
*Keith C. Vernon	3	Derek J. Tysoe	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal in more than one method.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Tues., May 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

Walter W. Miller	Treble	Ernest G. Pearce	5
Muriel R. Page	2	John W. Blythe	6
Leslie G. Brett	3	William J. Button	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to a fine ringer, Peter Laflin, in this his native tower. The band wish to associate with this peal Walter and Frank Ruffles, late Debenham company, who were unable to take part.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Kent T.B. and two extents of Plain Boo. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	James Thorley	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Stephen Bedford	5
Peter S. Bedford	3	Vernon Bedford	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

The ringer of the third has now "circled the tower" for the second time.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*John Oakshott	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
†Jill P. Oakshott	2	‡Peter J. Munday	6
Alison M. Mann	3	§Christopher F. Mew	7
‡Tony Skilton	4	Alan E. Bagworth	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Christopher H. Mew.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First of Yorkshire. § 100th peal for the Association.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA. Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Extents 1—10, 15—24, 29—38 Grandsire and 11—14, 25—28, 39—42 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Barry J. Vitler	Treble	Harold G. F. Reynolds	4
*Susan M. Harrison	2	Alan R. Baldock	5
*J. Michael Swift	3	Ronald A. Vitler	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal in more than one method.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Fri., May 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in 11 methods, as follows: (1) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise and Burslem Delight. (2) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob. (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob. (4) Oxford T.B.. (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Derek Slater	Treble	Maurice Thompson	4
Valerie J. Howard	2	John A. Howard	5
Judith M. Corby	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension. On Tues. May 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BURGHCLERE DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt.

David Goss	Treble	†Robert B. Crocker	4
*Marion Gosling	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Michael J. Goss	3	Bernard Doe	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal † 50th peal. First peal ever rung in this method.

Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Stradling. Mrs. Stradling being a past ringer at this church.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLECKHEATON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John. On Sun., May 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Odd-bob five-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

Jeanne E. Bottomley	Treble	Frederick A. Munday	5
Wilfrid F. Moreton	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
Vernon Bottomley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
*John M. Ineson	4	Douglas Carruthers	Tenor

Composed by Brian D Price. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal in the method at first attempt (aged 10).

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, Rev. O. J. Aisbitt, inducted May 13th, 1968.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady. On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*Gail Cater	Treble	Rev. Nicholas Webb	4
*Robert Cater	2	Trevor Tarbatt	5
Christopher A. Moxon	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLASTON, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road. On Sun., April 21, 1968, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

In 22 methods/variations, being two extents each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Tredington, Preston, Thrumpton, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Little Aston, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth and Seighford.

Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	*John R. Scott (cond.)	3–4
		*Frank R. Morton	5–6

* 125th peal together.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road. On Sun., May 12, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
		Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields. On Sun., May 19, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 18 in A.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
		Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

John S. Harrison	1–2	Alec Humphrey	3–4
		David J. Marshall (cond.)	5–6

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street. On Mon., May 20, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1 and 2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3 and 4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4
		A. Colin Banton (cond.)	5–6

The conductor's 100th peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive. On Mon., May 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal in the method on handbells by all the band.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road. On Wed., May 15, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

A. Stephen Taylor	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	3–4
		Roger D. R. Brown (cond.)	5–6

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 2, Church Street. On Tues., May 14, 1968, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

John Vernon	1–2	Geoffrey N. Goodall	3–4
		Alfred Ballard (cond.)	5–6

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane. On Tues., May 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Paul N. Mounsey	1–2	Harry Poyner	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Geoffrey R. Parker	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal of Major.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At 5, Toronto Place. On Sun., May 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 10 in A.

Ronald R. Warford (cond.)	1–2	Ronald J. Snack	3–4
		Margaret Warford	5–6

DATE TOUCHES

BRIDGWATER, SOM.—On May 14th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: A. Kent 1, M. Stone 2, R. Woodward 3, G. Nabb 4, C. Clarke 5, G. Marchant 6, P. K. Williamson 7, R. Short (cond.) 8. First date touch by all except the conductor. First "long length" on eight by 1 and 4.

PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on May 12th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Gladys Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, B. J Branston 4, J. M. Tyler 5, F. T. Boyall 6, J. H. Bluff 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. Longest length 1 and 3. First date touch for all. For morning service, at which the Bishop of Peterborough dedicated a new stained glass window.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first Minor "inside") 2, D. G. Mayell 3, A. Callow 4, L. A. England 5, F. J. White (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mayell on their wedding anniversary.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Elizabeth Stewart 1, Violet Relf 2, J. E. Spree 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, E. Clifton 5, G. Stewart 6. For Confirmation.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 11th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Anne Barber 1, N. J. Davies 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, F Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, P. C. Sinden 6, C. J E. Wyld 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. First in method by all except 2nd.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Ford 1, D. Naylor 2, J. Vincent 3, W. H. Trueman 4, E. W. Ford (cond.) 5, H. Ball 6. For Confirmation service.

BRISTOL. — At Christ Church, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Plum 1, Christine Webb 2, Elizabeth M. Emmett 3, Mandi McCallion 4, J. Stallard 5, A. N. Brock 6, Gillian M. Brearley 7, M. J. Platt (cond.) 8, M. Gilbey 9, P. N. Murgatroyd 10. Rung by U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURWELL, CAMBS. — On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Orbell 1, Mrs. R. J. Palmer 2, R. J. W. Housden 3, P. G. Goodwin 4, M. Brown 5, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 6, A. M. Barber 7, C. F. Sargent 8. First of Triples 4 and 5.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Haywood 1, J. Roe 2, W. G. Soar 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5. For Patronal Festival (St. George's Day).

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, on May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. Henry Gummer, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

ELSTREE, HERTS. — On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Willcocks 1, G. H. Foster 2, Susan Farnes 3, Frances Dodds 4, Corinna Smith 5, Thelma-Lynn Willis (cond.) 6.

ERITH, KENT.—On May 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Anne Barber 1, C. J. E. Wyld 2, P. Richardson 3, B. Johnson 4, P. C. Sinden 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, H. Deacon 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene Church, on May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila J Robinson 1, Eleanor Hough 2, Doreen A. Deverell 3, Jane Hough 4, K. R. Tompsett 5, R. Amos 6, A. W. Turner (cond.) 7, F. Akers 8. First quarter 1, 5. An 80th birthday compliment to the conductor.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICS. — On May 4th, 1,568 Huntingdon Surprise Major: H. O. Over 1, M. M. Jelley 2 W. E. Rawson 3, M. Green 4, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 5, A. M. Lindsey 6, R. H. Cook 7, R. K. Mason 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the Vicar's induction.

HUNTINGTON, YORK. — On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Hildred 1, Susan E. Thompson 2, Susan Mitchell 3, Lynne I. Clowe 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5, B. J. Seymour 6. For Confirmation service.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: T. Lewis 1, E. J. Ladd 2, Miss J. Quaife 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, P. J. Simmonds 5, K. Rider 6, Miss D. Colgate 7, P. W. Cave 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9. P. J. Spice 10. First in method 3, 5. For Evensong.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Corney 1, Miss E. M. Ottaway 2, E. W. Broom 3, Miss G. E. Perry 4, K. S. Gardiner 5, F. W. Tomlin (cond.) 6, C. A. Ottaway 7, J. P. Bowen 8. First quarter 3, 8. For Rogation Day.

MOTTISFONT, HANTS. — On May 6th, 1,320 Doubles (22 meth./var.): D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, W. R. Gilks 2, R. H. Roberts 3, T. Matcham 4, R. Allinson 5.

QUARTER PEALS

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS. — On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. M. Evans 1, Jane Dando 2, N. G. Hughes 3, R. W. T. Slack (first Triples "inside") 4, L. A. Tremeer 5, B. R. M. Johnson (first Triples as cond.) 6, A. J. Mason 7, A. M. Donaldson 8. First of Triples 3, 8. A birthday compliment to the Rev. R. S. Hornby, retiring chairman of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

NEWINGTON, KENT. — On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Eastmead 1, A. Binstead 2, R. A. Birch 3, A. Eastmead 4, K. D. Butler (cond.) 5, R. J. Birch 6. First Stedman for all.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On May 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Butler (first Doubles) 1, C. M. Wright 2, Linda M. Wilkinson 3, R. Rogers (cond.) 4, J. W. Hurst (first Doubles) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Hon. F. J. Bellenger, M.P., member for Bassetlaw from 1935, buried this day.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND. — On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Hill 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, M. T. Stimson 3, L. Atton 4, V. Chamberlain 5, J. H. Bluff 6, R. H. Cook (cond.) 7, R. Hoy 8. For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. A. D. Lowry-Corry.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Pink 1, C. Coles 2, P. H. Mackie 3, A. J. Adams 4, D. C. Woodward 5, A. Gammon 6, R. A. Post 7, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 8. Rung before Evensong on the 40th anniversary of Mr. Richard Post's first peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At the Church of St. Peter, on May 19th, 1,344 P.B. Major: Thelma-Lynn Willis (cond.) 1, Heather Darvill 2, Frances Dodds 3, C. Forster 4, H. V. Frost 5, J. E. Ewer 6, J. D. Duggan 7, K. J. Darvill 8. For Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 19th, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: Mrs. N. Marshall 1, W. Simpson 2, W. Barwell 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On May 13th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: W. J. Manning 1, Miss J. M. Corby 2, Mrs. L. M. Corby 3, P. J. Simmonds 4, Miss D. E. Colgate 5, R. T. Pankhurst 6, A. J. Corby 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8. First in the method 4 and 6.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. S. Brimacombe (first quarter) 1, A. N. Hine 2, R. H. Toop 3, P. R. Denton (first as cond.) 4, J. L. Queen 5, T. C. Hine (first quarter) 6. Also on May 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. R. Heal (first quarter) 1, J. L. Queen 2, R. H. Toop 3, P. R. Denton 4, A. N. Hine (first as cond.) 5, A. L. Hooper (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

SHIRLEY, WARKS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Clack (first Minor) 1, V. H. Nash 2, C. Baugh 3, N. Smith (first Minor) 4, E. Lloyd 5, D. H. Walters (cond.) 6.

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SOBERTON, HANTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Angela Edwards (first on eight) 1, R. Green 2, Betty J. Daysh 3, L. D. Duguid 4, P. Page 5, T Hargreaves 6, E. W. Colley (cond.) 7, S. Richards 8

STEPNEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Brown 1, A. Corby 2, Mrs. M Slater 3, W. Hughes 4, R Hunt 5, H. Weedon 6, G. King 7, J. Slater 8, T. Bailey 9, J. Phillips 10. First Royal for 1, 4, 7. For Patronal Festival.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On May 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Cairns 1, R. Nalliah 2, M. R. Meadows 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, L. Hallows (first attempt) 6.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — On May 17th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: M. R. Reed 1, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 2, F. R. Verrall 3, G. Rix 4, J. Smith 5, C. R. Longhurst 6. In memoriam Olive Longhurst, mother of the tenor ringer, aunt of conductor, interred this day.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Crump (first quarter) 1, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, F. Soden 4, E. J. Hill 5, W. H. Clarke 6, T. J. Hester 7, B. J. Coggins 8. Rung for the induction of the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Cook, M.A., B.Sc.

WORLE, SOM.—On March 27th, 1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: H. Kinnar 1, R. Jones 2, S. Lewis 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6. For the 100th birthday of Mrs. Springford. Also on May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): S. Lewis 1, G. Prescott (cond.) 2, J. Coombs 3, Miss J. Legg 4, Miss M. Legg 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Wheeden.

YEOVIL, SOM.—On May 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Caters: R. Fox 1, J. Walton 2, G. Davies 3, T. Marks 4, G. Rendall 5, D. Beaufoy 6, F. G. Sandy (cond.) 7, G. Gaylard 8, H. Gaylard 9, W. E. Turner 10.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Southern District's New Secretary

In succession to Mr. M. King, who had resigned, the Southern District at its annual general meeting at Dore on May 18th, elected Mr. J. Seager to succeed him. Mr. T. Tarbutt was elected to the General Committee for three years and Mr. H. Mann for two years. Elected to the Southern District's committee were Messrs. G. Pilkington, R. Carter and R. J. Sanderson.

The vice-president (Mr. M. R. Meadows) was supported by the president (Mr. V. Bottomley) in stating that practice meetings were only being suspended for a short time. They were being revised so that the benefit would be felt by the weak towers.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Steyning and Little Beeding on Saturday, June 8th. Steyning (8) 3.15, followed by service. Upper Beeding (8) 6.30 to 8.30. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DALE.—Peter T. now resides at 49, Station Road, Harpenden, Herts. Phone 3470. Visitors welcome, especially two or more with handbells. 4057

KETTERINGHAM. — From June 1st the address of John R. Ketteringham is 16b, Sutherland Place, Talbot Road, Bayswater, W.2. Tel. 01-405 6977, extn. 0118. 4069

PRIME.—From June 7th the address of Dick will be R.A.F., Salalah, B.F.P.O. 66. During this enforced absence of 13 months Pat and the children will be at 36, The Avenue, Halesworth, Suffolk. 4090

TALBOT. — The address of Raymond J. Talbot is now Springfield Cottage, Vicarage Road, Marldon, near Paignton, Devon. 4086

TAYLOR.—Jim and Jennie Taylor have moved to Vincent House, 7, Farleigh Road, Backwell, Bristol. Tel. Flax Bourton 2826.

PERSONAL

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."—St. Luke xvi, 10.

H. H. F., W. E. B., J. N. L. June 10th, 1945. Happy Anniversary. 4075

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

FURNISHED HOLIDAY BUNGALOW.—To let; modern conveniences; 2 double bedrooms, lounge and kitchen; car space. Vacancies from middle June onwards.—L. Walters, Statens Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin, North Devon. 3917

PUBLICATION

"REVERBERATIONS." — Journal of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. Number 2 now available to members. Annual membership 2s. 6d. (Junior 1s. 6d.). Life membership £1. Remittances to the Secretary, Mr. J. P. Partington, 1, Bankfield Lane, Bamford, Rochdale, Lancs. 4063

MISCELLANEOUS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice at Belgrave, Tuesday, June 11th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Plenty of help for first-timers in Surprise Major.—Ron Hughes. 4046

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Surprise Major practice at Gorleston-on-Sea on Tuesday, June 18th, 7.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge and Yorkshire. All welcome.—N. P. J. C. 4058

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK
St. Margaret's Parish Church.

Bellringers' Sunday, June 16th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Special Evensong 6.30 p.m.; preacher, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow. Names for tea to Miss Shelagh Collins, 59, Wootton Road, King's Lynn, will be much appreciated.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—The Corporate Communion will be held at Radstock on Sunday, June 9th. Bells 7.15 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. F. Carter, Oakhurst, Welton Road, Radstock. 4054

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE

RINGERS' SUNDAY
JUNE 16th, 1968

Ringing arrangements:

10.15 a.m. for 11 a.m. Matins.
5.45 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Ringers' Evensong. Preacher Rev. D. Sutcliffe.

Ringing and refreshments after service. All welcome. 4064

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

Annual Dinner to be held on **Tuesday, June 18th,** at the **Chevalier Tavern, Exeter.** All ringers and students (N.B. Southern Universities Association)) welcome. Tickets (price £1) available from Angela Hughes, Haldon House, Birks Halls, Exeter. 4055

WATFORD PARISH CHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Thurs., Fri. and Sat., June 27, 28 & 29.
Thurs. and Fri 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m.–7.30 p.m.

Morning coffee, lunches, teas. Tower open for ringing: Sat., 3–4.30 p.m. and 6.30–7.45 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. by arrangement. Silver collection for Church Fabric Fund. Concert by Watford Operatic Society, Sat., 8 p.m., admission 2s. 6d.—R. G. Bell, Watford 27936. 4003

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

A GARDEN PARTY
will be held at Goosnargh Vicarage on
Saturday, June 29th.
Open at 2.30 p.m.

Admission free. Sideshows. Amusements. All ringers, friends & children welcome. Goosnargh bells available. 4062

GAINSBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH LINCS

Flower and Art Festival, July 12th–15th
Saturday—Bells available 2.30–9 p.m.
A special feature on Monday evening at 7.30 by the dramatist John Stuart Anderson.
Tickets reserved at 7s. 6d. and 5s. 4072

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
Summer Festival

LEA — SATURDAY, JUNE 29th
Cricket match 2.30 p.m.

Tea in the W.I. Hall 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Towers available:

Saxilby (6)	10.30–11.30 a.m.
Stow (6)	11.00–12.00
Willingham (6)	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Upton (6)	12.00– 1.00 p.m.
Lea (6)	12.30– 1.30 p.m.
Also by arrangement during afternoon.	
Belton (6)	2.00–3.00 p.m.
Owston Ferry (6)	2.30–3.30 p.m.
Epworth (8)	3.15–4.15 p.m.
Huxey (6)	3.30–4.30 p.m.
Gainsborough (8)	6.15–7.15 p.m.
Messingham (6)	7.00–8.00 p.m.
Broughton (6)	7.30–8.30 p.m.
Brigg (6)	8.00–9.00 p.m.

Names for tea to George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, not later than Monday, June 24th. Tel. 2623. 4089

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — A circular giving details of future activities has been sent to all active members whose addresses are known. If you have not received one, please inform: M. C. C. Melville, Hon. Secretary, Rushmoor School, Shakespeare Road, Bedford. 3999

MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Hopton (6) on Friday evening June 7th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 4014

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Old Brampton, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. J. Arkwell, 296, Brimington Road, Chesterfield. Tel. 78778. — Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting to be held at the Church of St. Giles, Willenhall, on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available 6–7.30. Names for tea to R. Edwards, 4 Silver Avenue, Highacre, Kingswinford, Staffs. 4033 Names for tea to me.—R. Edwards, 4, Silver Avenue, Highacre, Kingswinford, Staffs. 4033

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Leigh, 3–5 p.m. and Charlwood, 6.30–8.30 p.m., on June 8th. Names for tea, please, to M. D. B. Roberts, 87, Hitchings Way, Reigate, Surrey. 3979

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, Weston Colville (5), Saturday, June 8th, 6–7 p.m. West Wratting (5) 7–8 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4037

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Prittlewell, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service 4.30., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names, please, to Miss J. Emms, 76, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea. 3967

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Bishopstone (8), Saturday, June 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 4049

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Collings, 16, Christchurch Road, Tring. 4042

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting and striking competition at Hartlip, Saturday, June 8th. Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Rev. J. Green, Hartlip Vicarage, Sittingbourne.—T. Barton. 3965

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District—By-meeting at East Farleigh, Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss R. Caley, The Vicarage, East Farleigh, Maidstone. — M. L. H. 4028

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ringing Meeting, Saturday, June 8th, St. John the Evangelist's, St. John's Road, Penge, S.E.20, 3–4; SS. Peter and Paul's, Church Road, Bromley, Kent, 4.30–5.30; St. George's, St. George's Road, Beckenham, Kent 7–8. Own tea. Monthly practice in St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, first Thursday.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4040

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pentre (Rhondda), Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea. Names for tea to Iolo Davies, Hon. Sec. Llandaff Branch, Cowbridge Grammar School, in reasonable time, please.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Wingrave (6), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks. 4056

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Shiplake, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, and ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, Stratton, Shiplake Cross, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. 4070

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Kidlington on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Sterling Cinema. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 64, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford. 4048

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. chge) 5. Names, please to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, near Selby. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4053

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, on June 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Stainsby, 12, Johns Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent. 4039

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Copdock (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea in the Sproughton Parish Room at 4.45, followed by the business meeting. Ringing at Sproughton Church 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please note change of meeting, as in the Suffolk Report. For tea, please book to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages Offton, near Ipswich. Please make this nearly 100 per cent. turn-out. All friends welcomed. —W. L. Dis. Sec. 3982

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting on June 8th at Crawley (5). Bells available 6–8 p.m. 4073

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Bishampton (6), June 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow in the Old School. Church Lench (6) 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Newbury, Roma, Main Road, Bishampton. Tel. Bishampton 642. 4041

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Special practice at St. Mary's, Staines, on Wednesday, June 12th, at 7.45 p.m. Methods: Grandsire, Cambridge.—M. J. Palmer. 4074

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yatton (8), Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m., during which memorial to the late Bert Price will be dedicated. Tea at 5.45 p.m., followed by business.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 3898

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

1968 ANNUAL RINGING FESTIVAL at LEEDS on SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd.

Ringing: Collingham (8), Kippax (6), Bradford Cathedral (10), Ossett (10), Batley (8), 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Chapel Allerton (6), Pudsey (8), East Ardsley (8), Birstall (8), Pontefract, All Souls', (8), 11.45–12.45 a.m.; Headingley, St. Michael's (8) Bramley (8), 1.30–2.45 p.m.; Armley (8), Meanwood (5), 1.45–2.45 p.m.; Leeds Parish Church (12), Rothwell (8), 6.30–9 p.m.; Headingley, St. Chad's, 7–8 p.m.; Dewsbury, 7–8.30 p.m.

Service: Leeds Parish Church, 3.30 p.m.

Tea: L.I.C.S. Hall, 10, Albion Street, Leeds.*

*Some tickets (10s. 6d. adults, 7s. 6d. children) still available from Mr. R. Brown, 5, Copley Lane, Robin Hood, Wakefield. 4082

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A family outing.

Ringing arrangements:—

Sat., 29th	2.30– 4.00 p.m.	Wethersfield
	4.00– 5.00 p.m.	Sible Hedingham.
	5.00– 6.00 p.m.	Tea at the Tavern, Wethersfield.
	6.00– 7.00 p.m.	Finchingfield.
	7.00– 9.00 p.m.	Wethersfield.
Sun., 30th	10.45 a.m.	For morning service—Preacher: The Archdeacon of Colchester.
	2.30– 4.00 p.m.	Prior to organ music.
	6.00– 7.30 p.m.	For a musical evening service.

The Tavern will supply teas without notice both days.
For further details apply: F. Marshall, 44, Hereward Way. 4078

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Practice meeting, Wookey (6), Saturday, June 15th, 6.30–9 p.m.—P. Hull, Hon. Branch Sec. 4088

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Houghton, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: London Surprise Minor and Stedman Doubles.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4087

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Randwick, June 15th. Tower bells open 1.30 p.m. Service 3. Handbells at Archway School 4. Tea 5. Handbells 5.30–7. Tower again open 7. Numbers for tea essential by 10th.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 4083

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, Fairford (8), June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington, by June 12th.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 4077

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting and striking competition at Ashtead on Saturday, June 15th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, by previous Wednesday, please. — J. P. O. 4066

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Welwyn (8), June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Scout Hut only for those who notify Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden. (Tel. 4621.) Special method: Double Bob.—R. F. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4021

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Warehorne, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea only for those who notify Mrs. B. Davies, Handenwood Cottage, Aldington, Ashford, by Wednesday, June 12th. Details of evening ringing available at tea.—A. P. S. B. 4061

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Striking competition and half-yearly meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, June 15th. Competition to commence at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall followed by business meeting. Tower open after tea for general ringing until 9 p.m. Sacred Trinity, Salford, also open from 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Please note: Hulme bells not available. Names for tea to Miss F. Ormrod, 46, Norton Street, Old Trafford, Manchester 16 (Tel. 061-MOS-1932) by Tuesday, June 11th. No names, no tea.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 4005

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Helmshore, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec. 4085

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing 2.30–5 p.m.; then cups of tea. Ringing after tea until 8.15 p.m.—A. J. Illingworth, Branch Sec. 4068

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Lutterworth, June 15th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea (important) to Mr. W. H. Laughton, 7, St. Mary's Road, Lutterworth, Rugby, by Wednesday, June 12th. Please note ringing arrangements. Misterton in afternoon, Lutterworth after tea. — Ron Hughes. 4047

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gedney, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Picnic tea; please bring your own food.—H. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4067

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — South Western District.—Meeting, Somerset, June 15th, Shepton Mallet 1.45–2.45, Ditcheat 3 p.m.–4 p.m., Castle Cary 4.15–5.15. Tea 5.30 p.m. Evercreech 7–8. Names for tea to me by June 8th.—G. T. Cousins, 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye. 3974

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Northrepps, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Richardson, 30, Church Street, Northrepps, Norfolk, by the 12th, please.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 3988

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Easthampstead on June 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Scott, Spincroft, Tilehurst Lane, Binfield, Bracknell, Berks, by June 10th. 4059

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Cotton (8) on Saturday, June 15th, 6.30–9 p.m.—M. Page, Dis. Sec. 4071

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — Half-yearly meeting at Chiseldon on Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts, by **Tuesday, 11th.** 4084

(Notices continued overleaf)

NOTICES—continued.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Upper Arley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. N. King, Chestnut Cottage, Upper Arley, near Bewdley, by Friday, 14th.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge. 4065

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hanley Swan, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea in Hanley Swan Village Hall at 5.15 p.m. Hanley Castle bells (6) also available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Ronkswood, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, June 12th. 4076

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The annual District meeting will be held at All Saints', Ilkley, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and in the the evening. Main business—election of officers. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mr. D. M. Crawshaw, 8, Yewcroft, Ilkley, by Wednesday, June 12th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —A.G.M. at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3–4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3.30–4.15; St. Chad's (4) 3.45–4.15; all available after meeting. St. Mary's (8) available 7 p.m. **NO** ringing during service, please, which is in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. Seating limited. so numbers for tea earliest possible, please, to C. M. Smith. 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs. at very latest by June 19th. Tel. Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4080

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District —Practice meeting at Bingley (8) on Saturday, June 29th, 6–8.30 p.m. Methods: D.N.C.B., Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome, especially learners. — Maurice Thurmott. 3907

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — A.G.M. at St. David's Cathedral on Saturday, July 6th. Note change of date. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Boorman, The Canonry, St. David's, Pembs.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival and annual general meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Guild service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Dining Hall 12. Social gathering 12.45 p.m. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. Luncheon tickets (9s. 6d. each) on application, together with remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, July 1st Lists of towers will be distributed with tickets or on application (accompanied by s.a.e.). Members wishing to join the choir are asked to notify the Deputy Master.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4052

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY
The annual Shield Contest will be held at the June meeting on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing arrangements for the day are: Shelley (6) 1415 onwards and as required. The contest will be rung at Kirkburton, the first team to take possession of the tower at 1600 hours. Liquid refreshments will be provided at Kirkburton Vicarage 1630. All ringers and friends welcome.—T. T., Sec. 4091

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OBITUARY

MR. PETER LAFLIN

Appreciations

By the death of Peter Laflin the Chester Guild has lost a faithful and efficient librarian, for he had cared for the Rev. A. T. Beeston's library from the time it was handed over by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, in 1932 until the middle of last year, when he suggested that Mr. A. E. Whiting understudy him with a view to taking charge.

Peter joined the Chester Guild in 1930 and took part in many first performances for the Guild on handbells with the band formed by the late Allen F. Bailey. A native of Suffolk, he had formed a real attachment for his adopted county, and when he retired he continued to serve his church in even more ways than before. His Vicar, Canon Wilfrid Garlick, at the funeral service spoke of him as a true Christian who never spared himself in helping others. Until last Christmas he climbed the steps to the bells of St. George's and cared for them in a way that few steeplekeepers do, but he found coming down the stairs more and more difficult and so he resigned the office of steeplekeeper. Though he could not climb the tower he turned out to listen to the ringing for service and was impatient with members of the congregation who tried to engage him in conversation when he was in spirit with his friends in the tower.

His peal record will show the great variety of his ability and when in the immediate post-war years the band at Norbury became interested in Spliced Surprise in many methods Peter's "broadsheets," which he produced for the seventn, were a source of amusement but nevertheless they were a demonstration of his innate thoroughness. With learners he was very popular, for although he could be severe he was never unkind and young ringers seemed to appreciate him. His work for the Beeston Library was enormous; not only did he keep the index of first peals up to date but he also made the cabinets to contain the records, dealt with requests for information and compiled the peal records of numerous individuals.

He was a mine of information on past ringing matters; he was sometimes amused by the interest shown in methods or ideas which were rediscovered after being buried for 40 or 50 years. The last time the writer spoke to him he commented on the increased use of irregular methods and the like, which he rightly said appeared many years ago. In the past he had known John Carter and had a shrewd appreciation of the genius of that great composer and his work. As a practical steeplekeeper his occasional letters to "The Ringing World" giving advice were always to the point and I believe he never had a broken rope at St. George's.

To those interested in the theoretical side of the art he was always helpful and though he claimed he knew little of this side he could always put his hands on the information one sought. The writer owes him a great deal for his kindness and patience over 30 years ago, when he helped him with his early investigations. We shall miss him, and the Church of St. George, Stockport, will miss him. The last tributes paid to him at his funeral service by his church were that he was escorted into church and from the church by the churchwardens and choir, and as the coffin was carried out a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at a moderate pace on handbells. At the service there were representatives of various branches of parish life, for Peter had helped all and sundry, as well as representatives of the Chester Guild and Lancashire Association and the Ladies' Guild. Ringers from a very wide area were present to pay their last respects to an old and trusted friend.

Finally a memory which epitomises his life. As he took hold of the treble sally before the long peal of Bristol at Over in 1950 he said: "Remember we ring this to the Glory of God."

C. K. L.

The report of Peter Laflin's death is saddening, although I only met him once. This was at a ringing meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield, about five years ago, when I was a nervous learner and had never seen ten bells in action before. His kindly encouragement did much to allay my anxiety, and when he left the belfry he shook my hand, saying it had been nice to meet me, and gave me a sweet. I still remember that meeting as being one of pleasant incidents in my ringing experience. It is no wonder that he was a beloved man.—Yours sincerely,

Liverpool. ELIZABETH TIMMINS.

MR. ALFRED L. RYMAN

The East Grinstead and District Guild has lost a founder member and friend by the death on May 14th of Alfred L. Ryman at the age of 78.

When the Guild was formed, in June, 1927, Alf, as he was affectionately known to ringers in the District, was captain of the Hartfield, Sussex, band. He joined the Guild at its first meeting and was soon elected to serve on the committee. In 1936 he was elected chairman, which post he held throughout the difficult war years with the ban on ringing, until 1944. He then became auditor up to the time of his departure from Hartfield in 1950. He was then living in West Sussex but never lost his keen interest in the progress of the Guild, and attended its meetings whenever it was possible for him to do so.

His peal total is not known but the writer had the pleasure of taking part in nine peals with him, including one rung by officers of the Guild to celebrate its coming of age.

On Wednesday evening, May 22nd, eight members of the East Grinstead and District Guild met at Coleman's Hatch and rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to his memory. This was conducted by the present chairman, Mr. B. E. Jeffrey.

To his son John, who is tower captain at Coleman's Hatch, and his daughter Stella the members of the Guild extend their sincere sympathy. E. J. L.

MR. JACK MAWDESLEY

An Appreciation

Jack Mawdesley, of St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, learned to ring at Coppull, in Lancashire, before the 1939 war. With the lifting of the ban on ringing Jack found himself in Newton-le-Willows and, with all the pre-war ringers at St. Peter's being engaged on active service, he was called upon to form and train a new band; I was fortunate to be one of the first, Within the space of a few months there was a sufficient number to man the bells for Sunday service. It was a great pride and joy to us all that we were able to ring for such memorable occasions as VE and VJ days.

Jack never became a prolific peal ringer (he rang about half a dozen) yet he always maintained an enthusiastic interest in ringing. Perhaps his greatest virtue was that he was prepared to encourage others to become much more proficient than himself—a quality that is often lacking in Ringing Masters.

His passing is mourned by his family and by his many ringing friends. Although he will be missed, the fact that he has passed on his skill to others will mean that the bells at St. Peter's will continue to ring in the way that he would have wished them to. G. A. H.

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death, while on holiday in Spain, of Mr. Michael David Trigg (23), Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Hitchin. He was a former Master of Southampton University Guild.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD IN LIVERPOOL AREA



Some members of the Railwaymen's Guild in the ringing chamber of Ormskirk Parish Church. Front row (left to right): J. A. Hoare (secretary), W. B. Kynaston (Western), F. A. Staveley (Eastern), F. Hodgson (retiring Master), Syd Foskett (London Midland), B. Sutton (North Eastern), Jack N. Brown (newly-elected Master of the Guild). [By courtesy of "The Ormskirk Advertiser."

APPROPRIATELY, the first tower visited when the Railwaymen's Guild visited the Liverpool area on April 27th was the Cathedral. John Ridyard, the Ringing Master, explained the outstanding features of the awe-inspiring bells and building, and for many it was their initial visit.

Jack Brown, who was responsible for the week-end arrangements, kindly placed a coach and mini-bus at the disposal of the party, and with railway promptness we left for Sefton at 11.30. Here Bill Deacon had the bells in readiness. So enjoyable they proved to be that it was with reluctance that we departed for the Stanley Arms, Aughton, where a real Lancashire hotpot awaited the company of 60. The Vicar (the Rev. L. Ayres) endeared himself to all by his charming manner. Unfortunately a mishap occurred in raising the light six before correctly adjusting the clock chimes. The Guild is not unmindful of the possible inconvenience caused and awaits the opportunity to recompense the church authorities.

The journey continued to Ormskirk, and here again the Ringing Master, Jim Dilworth, was waiting with the bells in readiness and, of course, there is no need to emphasise the pleasure this 23 cwt. ring of eight provides. Sharp on time we left for St. Nicholas', Liverpool; the route was around the famous race-course at Aintree and the Liverpool Docks. Ted Birkett had everything in readiness and a short service was conducted by the curate. Local lady ringers, under the capable supervision of Miss White, provided a much appreciated tea.

The Master, Fred Hodgson, of Darlington, presided at the annual meeting and received the report and accounts from the secretary, Arthur Hoare. Jack Brown was elected Master, with Arthur Hoare continuing as secretary. Divisional Ringing Masters are Syd Foskett, Charles Bassett and Fred Staveley, with Eric Franklin as Central Council representative. Messrs. J. Brough and F. A. Morton continue as auditors.

It is hoped to hold the next annual meeting at Penzance and the half-yearly meeting at Hull. Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean of Liverpool, incumbents and Ringing Masters for their splendid co-operation.

J. A. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild held its annual meeting at a joint meeting with the Ashford Branch (Kent County Association) at Tenterden on May 18th. Twelve members were present and the following officers were re-elected: Vice-president, Miss E. Todd; secretary, Miss J. Wood; committee, Mrs. Cheal, Mrs. Wratten and Miss Pearce. Miss F. Cannon is new to the committee and with Mrs. Wratten is a representative on the Guild's Central Council.

Next meeting: Biggin Hill, July 27th.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Eastern District A.G.M.

Beverley was chosen for the District annual general meeting on May 18th, the Minster bells being available in the afternoon and rung to standard methods on ten. The service was held in the Minster, followed by an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Parham assisted by her Girl Guide troop.

Mr. H. Walker (of York) deputised as chairman at the business meeting. A warm welcome was extended to visitors from Nottingham, Swindon (Wiltshire), Leeds and Kirk Deighton.

In the absence of any offers to take over the secretaryship, it was a case of re-election, but the secretary did point out that he might find the end of the year a little bit of a strain when the business of editing the Association's report became due. The two retiring committee members, Mrs. D. S. Johnson and W. Stoker, were also re-elected. Miss Eileen Waddingham, of Walkington, was elected a member.

SUFFOLK GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION

The Hubert Mitson Shield was won by Bramford "A" at the sixth annual Suffolk Guild striking competition, held at Ashbocking on May 4th, from 11 other competing teams. The Master, Mr. George W. Pipe, ensured that no time was lost and all teams had rung by 4 p.m. Apart from Grundisburgh, who chose to ring Cambridge Minor, all teams rang 240 Plain Bob Minor. The general standard had greatly improved and the judges, Messrs. George Thoday, Bob Sherriff and Geoffrey Lucas, were faced with a difficult task.

Announcing the results after tea, Mr. Thoday said that the standard had been generally good, though in the judges' opinion ringing was rather slow. Several teams had lost marks because of the treble clipping the back bell. Placings:—

1 Bramford "A" 32½ faults, 2 Grundisburgh 33½, 3 Aldeburgh 38, 4 Mendlesham 45, 5 Beccles 46½, 6 Framsden 60, 7 West Stow 65, 8 Henley 67½, 9 St. Mary-le-Tower 75½, 10 Offton 126½, 11 Barking 131, 12 Bramford "B" 157.

The Shield was presented to Robert I. Southgate, tower captain of the winning band.

The service in the afternoon was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Donnan, himself a ringer, whose address was based on the inscription on a ringer's tombstone in Worlingworth Churchyard. The church choir attended and rendered an Easter anthem. Evening ringing was at Ashbocking and Henley.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. F. Ballam 1, Mrs. D. M. Pipe 2, A. Leaver 3, J. A. Underwood 4, M. Howes 5, R. Palmer 6, R. Rogers 7, H. W. Eggleston (cond.) 8. After peal attempt failed.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 14th, 1,260 D. Court, S. Court and Plain Bob: D. Rose 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, C. Hancock 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6.

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The Church of Lady St. Mary, Wareham, Dorset



WAREHAM is one of the ancient boroughs of Wessex, and the earthen walls, considered of pre-Roman origin, are a prominent feature of the town. In Saxon times the town had grown in importance and was the scene of the early landings of the Danes. William the Conqueror erected a castle, now demolished, and two mints and it is mentioned in the Domesday book as a borough of prescription. Within the walls of the town there once stood seven churches; now only three remain. St. Martin's, the church on the walls as you enter the town from the north, although architecturally the most interesting, alas contains only one bell now. This church is mainly 11th century Saxon in origin.

The south side of the town is bounded not by the walls but by the River Frome, and it is next to the river that the church of Lady St. Mary stands. This church was, until 1842, one of the finest Saxon buildings in England. However, the nave with its massive rectangular pillars was then pulled down and the present building erected. The original building was probably on the site of what is now known as St. Edward's Chapel, which lies at the east end of the south aisle, This chapel was the temporary burial place of King Edward the Martyr, killed by his stepmother Elfrida at Corfe in 978. The most notable feature of the church is its unique font. It is the only hexagonal lead font in existence and dates from the 12th century. It is ornamented with figures of the twelve apostles, but they have no faces since they were obliterated by Cromwell's troops.

The tower is 12th century and, although we cannot say when bells were first hung there, we know that by 1550 there were four bells. Another bell was added at a later date and then, by an Order of Vestry on September 29th, 1784, the five bells were taken down. At that time there were four bells in the tower of Holy Trinity Church which stands on the west side of South Street. Three of these were taken down and with the five from Lady St. Mary were recast into a ring of eight by William Mears of London. These were hung in the tower of Lady St. Mary in 1785. In 1864 the second bell was recast by George Mears and Co. because it was cracked, and by 1900 the 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th were also cracked, although nothing

(Continued overleaf)

County Meetings of National Societies

COLLEGE YOUTHS VISIT KENT

FOR their annual "out of town" meeting the Ancient Society of College Youths this year had an invitation to visit "the Garden of England," with Canterbury as the main attraction. Unfortunately the clerk of the weather had decided that Saturday, May 25th, would be a good day to water England's garden, but the rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of members.

The first ringing was at Rochester Cathedral, to which some two dozen members and friends found their way by car or train for an hour's ringing on the fine ring of ten. At Rochester members were pleased to meet that stalwart College Youth Mr. Charles Norris, and the company was grateful to Mr. C. S. Jarrett for making the arrangements for ringing. The party then made its way through the rain to Canterbury, where an informal but excellent lunch had been arranged at the Castle Restaurant. It was a matter for some comment that the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, was flanked at the lunch table by two Cumberland Youths!

Lunch was followed by a short business meeting at St. Alphege's Parish Hall, where over 30 members were present and during the meeting two new members from the county —Messrs. S. Wigg and M. Barden, of Maidstone—were elected.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Master said: "It gives me very great pleasure to express the thanks of the Society to all who have made this meeting in Canterbury possible. To me personally it is a great pleasure to be here in view of the other office I hold, as secretary of the Kent County Association. The arrangements for today are the result of the kind thought and action of a member of 'the other Society,' Mr. Bernard Luck, who has for many years been a great friend of mine, and has performed various kind acts in his capacity of vice-president of the Kent County Association." The meeting heartily endorsed the Master's thanks.

The secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, supported what the Master had said, and pointed out that Mr. Corby was not the first to be Master of the College Youths and at the same time secretary of the Kent County Association, the late Mr. F. E. Mitchell having held the same dual office in 1932–33. Mr. Luck appropriately acknowledged the vote of thanks.

After the meeting, which, as is the custom on these occasions, was attended by wives and friends, the company moved over to St. Alphege's Church, where several well-known 12-bell ringers were able to show that they had not forgotten all their six-bell ringing. This was followed by some enjoyable ringing in a variety of methods on the 12 bells of Canterbury Cathedral.

The party then made its way back "across the water" into the land of Kentish Men for an hour's ringing on the recently restored eight bells at the Master's home tower, Sevenoaks. The day's proceedings ended with a social hour at The Vine, where sandwiches had been kindly provided by the Master, and a little handbell ringing and a lot of miscellaneous conversation brought another most enjoyable "out of town" meeting to its close. W. T. C.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY A.G.M.

The above-mentioned function on May 11th started typically when seven members sat for half an hour in the belfry at Barnes, waiting for the usual late arrival of the eighth, before successfully ringing a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. As two faithful non-members took part, it was rung for the Kent Association, as being the least expensive for the band in new subscriptions.

Meanwhile, back at All Saints', Poplar, one or two of our more exalted graduates and the normal motley resident crew were feeling the loss of the peal band (by now consuming much-needed beer) as they tried their hand on the little-used ten. The two parties succeeded in converging almost simultaneously on the light eight at St. George's-in-the-East, and ringing was greatly enjoyed here, in spite of one frustrated tenor king's mutterings about musical railings. Ringing finished at the Society's own tower, St. Olave's, Hart Street, followed by a farewell service with the Rev. Maurice Dean, who is about to disappear into the rural void after nine years of tolerating us.

Tea was followed by general hilarity at a supposedly serious film of the Society's activities, but as it had been made by Roger Bailey nobody was really surprised.

The business meeting set an all-time record for length, but this was mainly taken up with the search for a new parent, as the Society has been derecognised in its own interests by the University Union. Delicate negotiations are now in progress with the Collegiate Council. The other main items were the election of new officers, which, as the result of the shortage of nominations, was more of the nature of an announcement, and in making arrangements for this year's phantom summer tour. The meeting finally managed to close before the Tiger Tavern, and the generation gap was bridged for the remainder of the evening in beer.

New officers: President, Alan Thirst; Ringing Master, Audrey Alexander; secretary, Chris Easton, King's College Hostel, Vincent Square, S.W.1.

Next general meeting on Saturday, October 26th. C. J. E

CUMBERLANDS IN CAMBRIDGE

The Society held a most successful meeting at Cambridge on April 6th, when well over 100 members and friends sat down to a tea which had been most amply prepared by Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Pratt and their helpers. One of the most encouraging aspects was the distances which some people had travelled to attend the meeting, and a full coachload had been arranged from the Lincoln–Newark area.

The morning started in bright sunshine on the fine Taylor light eight at Trumpington, where we were welcomed by Miss K. Willers, and this was followed by a lunch at an hotel in Trumpington. The afternoon ringing was at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, and afterwards a short business meeting was held before tea to fit in with the ringing times. At the meeting the Master welcomed everyone and said how pleased he was to see such an excellent attendance. Thirteen new members were elected and discussion took place about a possible venue for next year's country meeting, which would have similar attractions to Cambridge for the non-ringers. Tea followed and a suitable vote of thanks was expressed to the ladies for so kindly undertaking to provide the tea.

Evening ringing was on the heavy eight at the Roman Catholic Church followed by the 12 at Great St. Mary's, which are a joy to ring. At both these towers Jim Quinney made us very welcome. As an extra, a number of people called at Meldreth on "the way home" by kind invitation of John Gipson, to try the new eight, and we are very grateful for his hospitality.

The Society is most grateful to everybody who helped to make the day so successful and we trust that next year's will prove as good. D. E. S.

LADY ST. MARY, WAREHAM—Contd.

was done about it. On Monday, August 3rd, 1903, the first peal was rung (Stedman Triples conducted by Frank Bennett). A. F. Martin Stewart rang the third, and it is interesting to note that 58 years later another peal of Stedman was rung on these bells in his memory.

By 1910 the tenor was also cracked and John Warner and Sons recast the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and the tenor and rehung them in the old frame. 5024 changes of Double Norwich were rung on them that year, again called by Frank Bennett from the 5th and with Martin Stewart again on the 3rd. Fred Townsend rang the 6th. 1912 saw a peal of Stedman called by George Stewart on the 4th and Alan Macdonald Williams from the treble, with Martin on the 5th. In 1935 there was a Royal Jubilee peal, being Grandsire Doubles with 4–6–8 covering by the local band. After the war two peals of Bob Major were rung, but gradually the bells fell into disrepair and in 1958 they were all taken to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough. The 7th, which was cracked, was recast and the whole ring was rehung in a new frame with new fittings.

Under the leadership of Dr. C. T. Brown a local band of some ability now started to emerge, and in 1965 a local quarter peal of Cambridge Major was rung. 1962 had seen a local peal of Grandsire Doubles, but it was 1966, after many attempts, which saw the first peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band, conducted by Ross Robertson.

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Price Increase to One Shilling Agreed Without Opposition

From the July issue the selling price of "The Ringing World" is being increased to one shilling a week. The Central Council, at its meeting at Worcester on Whit Tuesday, heard from Mr. J. A. Anderson this decision of the Committee responsible for the production of the journal.

Mr. Anderson announced that the accounts for 1967 showed a loss of £522, against a surplus for 1966 of £855. Accounts from January to April 30th revealed a loss of £458 — the equivalent of £1,374 per annum. Printing, now running at £12,000 per annum, was 50 per cent. more than 1966.

There was an overwhelming majority, both in the Standing Committee and also in the Council that the cover issues should continue. If the price was still at 9d. there would still be a loss. An appeal was made to subscribers to make a contribution of 1/6 per month for the unexpired portion of their subscription.

An atmosphere of tension pervaded the meeting over the publication of Appendix "A", prepared by the Committee at the request of the last Council, to indicate the steps it had taken to improve the journal and to reply to the observations of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe. There were numerous criticisms, and Mr. Beresford described it as "a complete travesty of the truth". Eventually a resolution was passed congratulating the Committee on the improvement in "The Ringing World" during the past year but that the appendix be not accepted.

There were changes in the Committee. Mr. Denis Bayles complained of not being consulted by the convener and said he would only continue on the Committee if Mr. Richard Speed was elected to it. Mr. J. F. Smallwood had resigned and Mrs. Jill Staniforth was elected to the Committee as well as Mr. Speed.

BISHOP STUCK ON BELFRY STAIRS

SOCIALLY, the selection of Worcester for the holding of the third session of the 26th Council was a happy choice, the welcome most cordial by the host Association, and Mr. W. B. Cartwright, the Master, and Mr. David Beacham, the general secretary, spared no pains to provide excellent facilities for ringing and good fellowship.

There was a large attendance of Council members at the Communion service in the Cathedral on Tuesday morning, at which the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. L. Mervyn Charles-Edwards, was the celebrant, and the president of the Council, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, assisted.

The meeting of the Council was preceded by welcomes from the City, the Diocese and the Worcestershire and Districts Association. The Mayor, Councillor Ronald Morris, was accompanied by the Mayoress, and with the Lord Bishop was the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn). Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. David Beacham also accompanied the distinguished guests.

The Mayor reminded the company that they were gathered there in the shadow of the ancient Cathedral, where the bells had been rung for many centuries and were then housed in a campanile. The present bells were provided in 1870, as was also the clock, the cost being about £6,000, towards which the Earl of Dudley contributed. In 1928 the bells were recast by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough. There was a full ring of 12 bells and a bourdon bell, and also a small bell for quarter chimes.

The Bishop recalled in his speech that he was once Vicar of a market town in Shropshire and during the war years it was awful to think of their splendid bells being silent. Their member of Parliament was a member of the Cabinet, and the Bishop told him that the bells should be rung Sunday by Sunday as a sign of triumph and not have the silence of defeat. He passed that thought on to Mr. Churchill and soon the bells were ringing on Sundays.

Dr. Charles-Edwards delighted the company with the story of the dedication of the bells at Great Comberton. The Bishop said he managed to climb up the narrow stairs but got stuck coming down and he imagined that he would have to conduct the duties of his episcopate from the church tower. The Master bellringer, however, came to his rescue and gave him a big shove with his boot from behind, which landed him outside the tower at the feet of the Vicar.

The Dean, who is president of the Worcestershire Association, said it was a great stimulant, delight and encouragement to have the Central Council with them and made them feel they were members of an interesting and powerful brotherhood. Their ancient Cathedral bells used to stand in a separate tower until they had trouble with a Bishop. Bishop Hooper did not like bells; he said "What you want is not bellringing but preaching." What he forgot was that the bells themselves were the best preachers. Worcester had it own bell-founder in John Martin, and not far from where they were was John Martin's bell foundry.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright, as Master, also endorsed the welcome, and the president made a very witty reply in which he recalled the days when the Bishop was the Vicar of Newark.

THE ATTENDANCE ROLL

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Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, W. H. Viggers.

FABIAN STEDMAN COMPETITION

The Editor is in a position to announce the result of the Fabian Stedman Competition. The 28 entries have been carefully examined and discussed by the three assessors and it is their opinion that the competition has not produced another Fabian Stedman, but there are a number of entries that are meritorious.

The assessors' report states:—

"Only four entries completely met the rules of the competition and of these we recommend entry No. 22 as the best, but No. 9 and No. 26 are virtually contained within No. 22 and are in themselves complete. No. 7 is the other entry which is complete.

"Many entries were regrettably ruled out because of non-compliance with one or more rules and many were not original anyway.

"Amongst those which did not comply we would especially draw attention to entries No. 16 as being particularly meritorious, lacking mainly extension.

"We suggest that you consider the advisability of sharing the prize money."

The Editor consulted the anonymous donor and he agreed that the £100 should be divided into a first prize of £50 and two others of £25.

THE PRIZE-WINNERS

The first prize of £50 has been awarded to

No. 22—Mr. Roger Baldwin,
15, Harford Drive, Watford, Herts.

Second prizes of £25 each have been awarded to

No. 9—Mr. J. E. Wyld,
82, Abbots Walk, Wye, Ashford, Kent.

No. 26—Mr. Brian Pattison,
C.E.R.N., European Organisation for Nuclear Research, 1211 Geneva 23, Switzerland.

Other efforts mentioned by the assessors are

No. 7—Mr. Vernon Bedford,
49, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

No. 16—Mr. D. J. Roberts,
84, Woodhill Road, Torquay, Devon.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Mr. D. R. Bould, Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. N. Mallett, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Rev. M. Hart, Mr. C. A. Lewis, Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell, G. Dodds.

Irish Association.—Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Messrs. P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth, S. Jenner, I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association. — Messrs. A. Capstick, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Partington, F. Reynolds.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth, B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley, T. J. Lock, Miss R. M. Foreman.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. N. S. Bagworth.

North Staffordshire Association.—Messrs. R. S. Anderson, C. S. Ryles.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. P. M. Adcock, H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden, N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price, P. Walker.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivin, D. J. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. E. Billings, J. H. Bluff, J. Linnell.

Railwaymen's Guild.—Mr. E. J. Franklin.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth, G. E. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. R. Keeley, Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society. — Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. — Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, K. Newman, D. E. Sibson.

Society of Sherwood Youths.—Mr. G. A. Dawson.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Mr. J. E. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. L. Exton, H. Poyner.

Staffordshire Archdeaconry Society.—Messrs. M. W. Fairey, B. B. Key, C. M. Smith.

Suffolk Guild.—Messrs. T. N. J. Bailey, H. W. Egglestone, C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Messrs. A. P. Cannon, S. F. W. Kimber, A. Streeter.

Sussex County Association. — Messrs. G. Francis, R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard, W. L. Weller.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild. — Messrs. W. C. Boucher, A. J. Davidson, A. Locke.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society.—Mr. A. J. Frost.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. —Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. A. V. Davis, J. Hartless, R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Messrs B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham, A. J. Brazier, W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association. — Messrs. W. E. Critchley, E. Hudson, W. F. Moreton, J. Seager.

THE EDITOR HONOURED

Life Membership Conferred



MR. T. W. WHITE

Mr. T. W. White, the Editor of "The Ringing World," was proposed as a life member by Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association), seconded by Mr. Edgar Shepherd (honorary members), both members of the Literature and Publications Committee. Mr. Dukes said "The Ringing World" was founded in 1911 by John S. Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until he died in 1942. John Goldsmith was elected an honorary member of the Council in 1927 and there was little doubt that had the class of life membership been in existence he would have attained that rank. Mr. Goldsmith was an accomplished ringer and travelled to Australia on Great Adventure I. Jabez Armiger Trollope, another accomplished ringer, took over as editor after Mr. Goldsmith's death but had a short reign until he retired in 1946.

At probably the most critical period of "The Ringing World" Tom White came to the rescue of the paper as editor in 1946, having previously been of assistance to the paper when Mr. Goldsmith was in Australia. Last year Tom White completed 21 years as editor, truly a proud record. He was 40 years of age when he learned to ring and now, at the age of almost 74, looked quite fresh and his efforts as editor continued unflaggingly.

"On the personal side, I wonder how many editors would have remained at their post in face of the exceptional criticism which has as long as I can remember been levelled at 'The Ringing World.' How many times has the Council listened to the commonsense speeches which Tom White made when a deadlock seemed apparent.

"The improvement of 'The Ringing World' and in its circulation came in no small way as a result of the conscientious and devoted work of the editor. The paper has more of a sense of humour than it had years ago, and caters for the younger ringer more than it did.

"Can we imagine 'The Ringing World' without Tom White as editor? Will the Council be able to find a worthy successor when the time comes? How fortunate we are to have a man who continues to work for us when most others would be enjoying relaxation and the leisure of retirement, and never does he fail to produce the paper. Only when he took part in Great Adventure II was he relieved of the bulk of his duties."

Mr. E. C. Shepherd, in seconding, thought it was most desirable to honour Mr. White now than to wait until it was too late. "Some of us who have been drawn close to the editor and his work will know of his kindness and unselfishness, and so, whatever the Council in its wisdom decides on this proposition, I personally am grateful to have this opportunity of paying tribute to the services (difficult to estimate to the full) given by one I have found so technically efficient, so devoted to 'The Ringing World' and so intensely sympathetic in all its difficulties."

The motion was declared to be carried unanimously.

The Editor, in his reply, said that at a public dinner a lady had a rabbi on her right hand and a bishop on her left. Turning to the bishop she said "I feel as if I have the Old Testament on my right hand and the New Testament on my left." Tersely the bishop rejoined: "In most Bibles, Madam, there is a blank page between the Old and the New Testaments."

"I feel very much like a blank page today except for one thing. Across it is written 'A very sincere thank you, Mr. President and members of the Council.'

"This is not the first time I have been honoured by the Council. At the honeymoon Council at Chelmsford, when we rejoiced to have a Welsh bride with us, I was elected an honorary member of the Council although on that occasion some of the leading members voted against me. It seems in the intervening 11 years I have behaved myself better.

"When I was first appointed an editor of a local newspaper at Guildford, a veteran editor wrote to me, 'White, you will make many mistakes as an editor, but take comfort in the thought that in your locality you will probably make fewer mistakes than anyone else.' I am not going to pretend to this Council that there are not better editors of 'The Ringing World' than myself. There are plenty. An editor is ever conscious of his mistakes and it is my regret that many of these cause pain to certain people. A firmer policy on my part would have saved their distress. Publicly I express my regrets.

"My period as an editor must be drawing to a close. The past year has been a difficult one and my troubles have been aggravated by indifferent sight. I have had this trouble partly adjusted with new glasses. A prominent ophthalmic surgeon has given me from two to three years, but insists that I should rest at lunch time and not read late at night. I am making this public in the hope that a man or woman will be forthcoming to succeed me. While I have too great an affection for 'The Ringng World' to leave it in the lurch, my age tells me that I should make room for a successor.

"The other day I came across a philosophy of flying, given to Royal Flying Officers. 'Strap it to your backsides and go to the limit.' It could well apply to our outlook in service to the Church, to the Exercise and to our work, and I leave the thought with you. 'Strap our faith to our backsides and go the limit.'"

APOLOGIES

Messrs. B. Austin, F. M. Bowers, D. R. Carlisle, J. D. Clarke, G. W. Fletcher, F. I. Hairs, B. E. Jeffrey, H. J. Sanger, Miss H. G. Snowden, E. J. Sterland, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, C. G. J. Watts, F. A. White, E. F. Willcox.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed by the president: G. Francis (Sussex County Association), G. A. Dawson (Society of Sherwood Youths), Stuart Kimber (Surrey Association).

SHERWOOD YOUTHS REJOIN COUNCIL

When an application for membership was received from the Society of Sherwood Youths, Mr. G. A. Halls, of the Derby Association, voiced his opposition. He held that it contravened the basic principle of one man, one vote. The members of this Society largely belonged to their own territorial Association—the Southwell Diocesan Guild. The admission of the Sherwood Youths would create a precedent and they would have a string of applications before them

Mr. W. L. Exton. hon. secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, said he was surprised to hear this opposition. The Society of Sherwood Youths was formed back in 1670 and they were formerly represented on the Council but their membership lapsed during the war. They were now very active.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood (life member) recalled an outstanding member of the Society in William Doubleday Crofts. He could see no possible reason for the Society being turned down.

Mr. J. Seager also supported the application.

There was an overwhelming vote in favour of election and the Society was welcomed amid applause.

MINUTES

The Minutes published in "The Ringing World" of February 16th and amended on March 1st were adopted on the proposition of Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe.

HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

EARLY in the year, prints of the President's "Bells—True and False" were sent to all Diocesan Advisory Committees, with the request that a copy be sent to every applicant for a faculty to install "canned" bells. On the whole these were well received.

There has been the usual flow of inquiries of many kinds from the public. A good number followed the appearance in the magazine "Woman" of an item in the feature "How it is done." These were from potential recruits and I shall be pleased to hear of the successful introduction of anyone to ringing from this source.

The compilation of a register of redundant bells has created a lot of interest, but most of the applicants have been seeking single bells, or cheap augmentations. The object was of course the preservation of complete rings. My letter to the "Church Times" on the subject has not produced a single notification or redundancy but there have been several inquiries from incumbents hoping to obtain a ring of bells.

Once again I thank all those who have sent publications.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Mr. Bottomley said he had nothing further to add and moved its adoption. Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded and expressed thanks to the hon. secretary for his work during the past year.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The following honorary members retired and were eligible for re-election: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. B. Austin, J. Betjeman, F. E. Collins, F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and H. L. Roper. The secretary announced that Mr. Hairs wished to retire.

The re-election of the other retiring members was proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe and seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Mr. D. E. Sibson proposed and Mr. D. Beresford seconded the election of Mr. John E. Mayne (a former member) as an honorary member. This was supported by Mr. F. Blagrove and carried unanimously.

Amazing Sales of Beginners' Handbook

The sale of publications still continues at a very high level, the total for the year again exceeding 6,000, states the report of the hon. librarian. This includes, for the third consecutive year, over 3,000 "Beginners' Handbooks." Due to the increased cost of these handbooks, together with increased postal rates, we are now selling these books at an increasing loss, and I would suggest that we sell them at a flat rate of one shilling each.

We now have in stock only a few cards—"Care of Bells"—and I recommend that we do not have a reprint of these, as the information thereon is well covered in "Preservation and Repair of Bells."

We are indebted to Mr. C. A. Wratten for his work in compiling "A Collection of Surprise Compositions" and for his co-operation resulting in the sale of this very useful book now being in the hands of the Council.

During the year the library has received the following gifts, which we acknowledge with grateful thanks: "Cathedrals at Work," Canon G. G. Thurlow—per the author; "Bobs and Singles," History of Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers, New Zealand—from the Christchurch Society; Copy of "Reverberations"—per J. P. Partington; Copies of "Irish Bell News"—per F E. Dukes.

We are indeed grateful to Mr. W. Pitcher for undertaking the sale of our publications in Australia and are pleased to note from his report in April that ringers out there are taking advantage of the facilities provided.

Finally, a sincere and hearty "thank you" to Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward for managing so efficiently the sales section of the library, a job which has grown very rapidly during the past few years.

FRANK W. PERRENS,
Hon. Librarian.

SALES FOR YEAR

	Copies Sold	Stock
Preservation of Bells	190	288
Beginners' Handbook	3485	5226
Popular Major Compositions	115	755
False Course Heads	48	123
Minor Methods	226	372
Stedman Compositions	36	562
Doubles Methods	189	820
Ringing for Service	120	1736
On Conducting	178	427
C.C. Handbook	96*	267
Method Sheets—D.N.C.B M.	31	653
Triples	48	388
Collection of Peals—Sec. III	17	36
Care of Bells—Card	56	19
Model Rules	50	375
Electrical Switchgear Card	14	823
Four-way Minor Table	60	771
Recruiting Leaflet	539	212
Handbell Ringing	204	323
Grandsire Caters	55	692
Surprise Methods	142	684
Surprise Compositions (Wratten)	96*	654

* 1 free.

Mr. F. W. Perrens moved the adoption and Mr. P. A. Corby seconded and the report was adopted.

THE ACCOUNTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

as at December 31st, 1967

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.
Library (£10)	10	0	0
Stock of Publications (£1,109)	815	19	3
Debtor and Payments in advance £1,198	1206	15	9
Investments at cost (£10,963)	10262	9	8
Cash & Bank Balances (£2,192)	3404	16	7
	15700	1	4
Sundry Creditors (£1,143)	1986	19	5
Amounts received in advance (£1,800)	1617	6	7
	3604	5	6
NET ASSETS	£12095	15	10

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

"The Ringing World" (£10,645)	10122	14	1
General Fund (£976)	1020	16	7
Clement Glenn Fund (£908)	952	5	2
	£12095	15	10

The Council's Income and Expenditure Account showed an excess of income over expenditure of £45 (£43). Expenses came to £94 (£110), of which Committee's expenses were £15). There was a profit on the Publications Account of £56 (£71). The Publications Account showed that the stock had been reduced from £1.108 to £816. Sales gross were £432 and net £396. The Clement Glenn bequest now stood at £952.

LOSSES THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the deaths of the following members and past members of the Council: F. A. Finch, Middlesex Association (1950), H. Parker, Chester Guild (1936–1959), F A. Salter, Southwell Guild (1949–1953), J. Willis, Kent County Association (1951–1967), A. E. Sharman, Bedfordshire Association (1921–1946), T H. Radford, East Derbyshire and West Notts Association (1963–1967), A. W. Coles, Middlesex Association (1948), G. H. Spice, Kent County Association (1939–1954).

Mr. J. E. Jeater, accountant to "The Ringing World" for over 20 years.

"THE RINGING WORLD" INCOME

	£
Publishing House (£2,967)	2979
Postal Subscribers (£5,428)	5790
Donations (£612)	698
Advertisements (£552)	516
Notices and Peal Reports (£813)	894
Sundry Receipts (£70)	178
Legacy received	93
Interest received (£408)	476
Premiums on Redemption (£24)	86
Bank Deposit Interest	47
Total (£10,874)	£11758

EXPENDITURE

	£
Printing & despatch of copies (£8,138)	10168
Editorial Office expenses (£1,317)	1504
Accounts Department (£295)	285
Miscellaneous expenses (£87)	95
Audit and Accountancy (£45)	45
Taxation (£137)	183
Total (£10,019)	12280

Net loss for the year £522 12s. 1d.

Moving the adoption of the accounts, Mr. V. Bottomley said the only item he should like to draw attention to was a reduction of "The Ringing World" capital account by £500 due to the loss that had been sustained. (This now stands at £10,122 against £10,645.)

In "The Ringing World" balance sheet the figures of investments (£9,499) was somewhat lower (£10,200). It was desirable in the time of losing money to remain a little more liquid and for that reason there was more money on deposit at the bank (£1,000). In the Income and Expenditute account they would notice a net loss for the year of £522. Income from investments were £340 net. The effective loss on the publication was £1,040, and that was important to bear in mind.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded and the accounts were approved.

Review of Ringing and World Press

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE REPORT

IT is with profound regret that we have to open this report with references to two serious belfry accidents, both of which have been given wide publicity in the national Press. The tragic death of Mr. John Hall at Uphill has brought forth the sympathy of the whole ringing Exercise, and the article by Mr. Wilfrid Wilson in "The Ringing World" of June 2nd expresses what we all feel of this very sad occurrence. The serious injury to Mr. Raymond Dunn at Old Hill was due to a similar mishap, and in this case, unfortunately, sensational reporting by sections of the Press not only obscured the circumstances of the accident but also aroused some public alarm over the question of belfry conditions and belfry tuition. The very sensible letter from Mr. G. F. Green to the "Birmingham Post" provided a salutary corrective.

The publicity given to these sad occurrences has led the convener of this committee being consulted by three incumbents on the matter of the safety of bells hanging in their respective towers (towers aid bells without ringers, it may be noted), and it is possible that interest and concern have been aroused in other parts of the country.

NATIONAL PROMINENCE

Items of bellringing news always seem to find a place in newspapers, and this year we have one or two notable ones. The "Daily Express" gave great prominence to the announcement of the contract given to the Whitechapel Foundry for replicas of the Liberty Bell of Philadelphia, an order said to amount to £750,000. In August the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Symonds came to our notice. The congratulations and good wishes of all of us will go out to this grand old man of Ipswich. The 19th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was celebrated by the ringing of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and much publicity was given to the visit the Prince paid to the belfry on that occasion.

Two items of clerical news found prominence in the "Church Times." First the achievement of the Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, who has now succeeded in ringing a peal on every eight-bell tower in Cornwall. Secondly, we have read of the remarkable work of the Rev. R. E. H. Dudley, Vicar of Edington, Wiltshire, who has not only faced successfully a colossal restoration task at Edington Priory Church, but has also completed a scheme for providing a ring of ten bells. For the consummation of this ambitious plan Mr. Dudley has secured the bells of the church of the ruined village of Imber on Salisbury Plain.

The Central Council meeting in May was well reported and illustrated in the Nottingham Press.

FEATURE ARTICLES

Among the feature articles of the year "The Music of the Bells" by Edyth Harper in "Musical Opinion" has the conventional approach and is carefully written. Reference might perhaps have been made to more interesting names than "Scholars' Delight" and "Canterbury Pleasure," but this possibly is not of great importance. Ken Hill writes in "London Electricity" on bellfounding and the Whitechapel Foundry, with a delightful tailpiece on binding agents. A valuable contribution to the problem of recruits was written (by request) for "The Hampshire Telegraph" by Mr. York-Bramble, and this essay boldly invites people to come to Portsmouth Cathedral and see for themselves what is done.

"Country Life" printed a short but excellent article by E. Trotman, of Beaminster, on Bilbie and his bells, aid from the "Western Morning News" comes a scholarly account of West Country ringing and customs by Canon Miles Brown. As an outstanding essay we heartily commend "Launton Tower and Waterloo Celebrations" written by Keith Robertson for the "Oxford Times." With its accuracy, its maintenance of interest and its impeccable taste it might serve as a model for this type of article. The photograph of the ringers entering the tower is most striking, and the picture of our genial friend Mr. F. Sharpe makes him look far more forbidding than we know him to be. "Home Words" has often provided something to do with our art, and in October M. Wight gave us "Bells with a Story," pleasantly discursive and well written.

Lady ringers form the subject of Mary Sutherland's "Sweet Belles in the Belfry," an article in the "Western Mail." But the Ladies' Guild was surely not formed "because at that time women were not allowed in bell towers." By 1912 there were a good many lady ringers, and it was because of this that Edith Parker founded the Guild.

CRITICISMS

The convener communicated with the "Borchester Echo" to comment on the rather absurd and misleading presentation of the "Ambridge" bellringers that appeared in the annual issue. He received from the Editor a charming (and disarming) letter of apology and a promise that "next time I shall certainly consult a campanologist." The vulgar presentation in the "Daily Mirror" of a mishap to a ringer's braces at Lowestoft was a piece of bad taste, but it was felt that no good purpose would be served by writing to the journal. The matter underlines the importance in taking care in offering to reporters news of incidents which, trivial in themselves, can be unscrupulously exploited to bring ridicule upon a church and its belfry.

The illustrated article on ringing at Durban in "South African Panorama" seems to us to echo the same warning note. The text is short and interesting, but the illustrations do not present a satisfactory view of ringers in action, and we should find difficulty in commending the portrayal of a ringer standing in the pit beneath an upturned bell.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE

The Irish Press brings us some essays of note. In "Church of Ireland Gazette" Gilbert Thurlow provided an article both attractive and of excellent missionary value, and the "Courier and News" gave extensive publicity to the splendid work of the team of volunteers that brought eight bells from the disused church at Kilshane for use at Killyman, a distance of 200 miles. It is a pleasing thought that the Christian brotherhood fostered by our ringing can transcend political boundaries and the unhappy divisions that so often keep good people apart.

The close association of Ireland with the centennial celebrations in Canada brought about some considerable festival ringing arranged by the Irish Association, and this and the ringing in many other parts of the world were given publicity in the "Ottawa Journal" and the "Edmonton Journal"; and Mr. F. E. Dukes received from the Canadian Embassy in Eire a special note on the events connected with the celebrations.

Among the publications we must make mention of "Reverberations," the journal of the "Handbell Ringers of Great Britain," a Society founded at Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School in October, 1967. Both the enterprise and the publishing of the paper are to be commended, but we suggest that each number of the journal be dated; the copy we have bears no indication of its date of publication and no sequence number. "Northeast," the newsletter of the North West District of the Essex Association, came out in November, and we have noted an excellent recruiting leaflet put out from Isleworth.

We offer our grateful thanks to all those who have sent material to us and have kept us in touch with journals we cannot readily see. To keep the report within reasonable limits we have not referred to all the matter sent in, but everything we have received has had attention, and everything has been of some importance in enabling us to indicate the journalistic trend of the year.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, (Convener),
FRED E. DUKES.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd moved the adoption. Mr. F. E. Dukes, in seconding, drew attention to the tragic occurrences mentioned in the first paragraph and said it was up to them to see that every care was taken, especially in the case of young people. The report was adopted.

LOOKING AHEAD

The secretary reported that the Standing Committee discussed the succession to the president and vice-president, bearing in mind the statement made by Canon Thurlow when elected president that in no circumstances would he accept nomination after six years. Members of the Standing Committee wished to make known their decision to nominate Mr. John Freeman as president and Mr. E. A. Barnett as vice-president in 1969.

Regarding the revision of the Decisions of the Council, the Standing Committee recommended that the Records and Methods Committee and Mr. E. A. Barnett should investigate and publish their recommendations in "The Ringing World" before next January This was moved by the general secretary and seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby and adopted.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On May 11th the Ilchester Branch revived its Branch outing—a half-day family trip organised by the Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell.

A coach party left The Borough, Montacute, at 1.30 p.m., returning about 10.30 p.m. The towers visited were at Carhampton (6), Minehead (10), where a picnic tea was enjoyed, Wootton Courtenay (6), Timberscombe (8) and Dunster (8). Ringing was under the direction of the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall and Messrs. Gilbert Rendell, Tom Setter and Gordon Rendell, and varied from rounds and call changes to Grandsire Caters.

The Branch is grateful to the incumbents and the tower Masters for their courtesy in welcoming the party and to the organiser.

M. M. L.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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JOHN CARTER'S MACHINE COMING TO C.C. MEETING

SEVEN demonstrations were given during the year to a total of 161 visitors, including three from the United States. The machine was also run on other occasions for fault-finding exercises, as some minor ailments had spoilt one or two of the demonstrations.

As it is quite impossible to carry out dismantling and repair at the Science Museum, the Trustees decided to withdraw the machine for repairs. We are indebted to Mr. Walter Dobbie for the work he willingly undertook during three weeks over the Christmas period, and which has put the machine once more into first-class order.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobbie must also be congratulated on the wide variety of methods they set up and rang during this time, including two peals as reported in "The Ringing World" on February 23rd, 1968.

We are also grateful for the continued interest of our two other operators, Messrs. Alan Bagworth and John Slater. The attendance of two or more operators enables us to give much more interesting demonstrations.

The Science Museum authorities asked that we should state a value for insurance purposes and the Trustees have agreed to £5,000 on the basis that while a new machine could not be commercially built for this figure, there would be no point in replacing it should it be totally destroyed. If, however, it was to become badly damaged, the figure of £5,000 would be sufficient to enable it to be rebuilt. The Trustees hold a Letter of Indemnity from the Museum superintendent, which also states "that the sum shall be reviewed every three years."

DOUGLAS HUGHES,
FRANK E. HAYNES,
Trustees.

Mr. D. Hughes moved the adoption of the report and Mr. F. E. Haynes, in seconding, said he did not think the members of the Council realised what a splendid machine it was. The Council were fortunate in that the machine had been cared for and kept in a working condition at no expense to the Council. It might, however, be necessary to ask the Council for some small financial help at some future time. The machine had been looked after for some 30 years by Mr. Hughes sen. and Mr. Hughes jun.

Mr. B. Ashford asked whether there were any technical drawings of the machine.

Mr. D. Hughes: No.

Mr. Roger Savory (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) asked if the machine could be on view at the next Council meeting. The reply of the convener was that it could be done. The last time it was on view cost about £21 for three weeks.

Mr. Savory proposed and Mr. G. Pipe (Suffolk Guild), who offered to donate one guinea towards the cost, seconded that the machine be on view. Mr. Walter Ayre, on behalf of the Herts County Association, assured the Council that his Association would be most happy to have it for the period of the Council meeting.

Mr. F. Reynolds (Lancashire Association) suggested that the Woodhouse machine should also be on view. This suggestion was warmly received by Mr. W. Dobbie, who has done much work on the Carter machine.

Mr. W. G. Wilson (London County) offered to help with the transport. He said he would like to see the two machines together—then they might have some splice!

The proposal was carried, only five members voting against, and the report was adopted.

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH'S OPEN DAY

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild arranged their first open day on May 11th at the Church of St. Giles, Northampton.

The proceedings were opened by the Branch President, the Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner, with a short introductory talk and prayers. He then introduced the Guild president, the Rev. E. G. Orland, who gave the opening address.

During the afternoon the Exhibition was attended by well over 200 people, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton, (Ald. and Mrs. T. H. Dockrell) and Mr. J. G. A. Prior, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Visitors from Rutland and Bedford also attended.

The large displays included photographs and general literature on bells and bellfounding, items of interest on local churches and their bells, and one of the star attractions of the afternoon was the old Central Northamptonshire Association's peal record book from 1893 to 1920. These displays were of interest to ringers and non-ringers alike. One of the school teachers in our midst had made two beautiful models of St. Giles' and Moulton (Northants) towers.

A great deal of interest was expressed by all who saw our film, entitled "Ringing for Joy", which members of the Branch had made specially for the occasion. This work was undertaken by Mr. Derek Smeathers.

In order that the public might see a life-size bell at close quarters, great fun was had by two members of the Branch in lowering from Lamport Church tower a "Tantony bell" weighing 62 lb. and transporting it to Northampton in a very small car. This was mounted on a wooden frame made and painted in a member's back garden. It caused considerable amusement to all who chimed it as it was cracked! Handbell ringing took place in the churchyard by two teams from Brafield (tunes) and Rothersthorpe (methods).

Sincere thanks are due to the following who kindly loaned material for the Exhibition: Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, John Taylor and Co., Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. N. Chaddock; to Parfreyson Limited, Northampton, for donating the advertisement space in the local paper, and local incumbents.

The organisation was undertaken by a small sub-committee consisting of Mr. R. A. Eldridge (captain of St. Giles'), Mr. G. F. Roome (social organiser) and Miss V. P. Williams (public relations officer), ably assisted by Mr. B. R. Care, the Branch secretary. B. C.

INTO CLEVELAND

This year Ossett and Horbury ringers, for their outing on May 18th, visited North Yorks. There was ringing at St. Mary's, Richmond, before lunch at Stockton and then ringing at the parish church. The journey was across the beautiful Cleveland countryside to Skelton, where, at All Saints' Church, the going was a little harder. Methods rung were Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

We had tea at Saltburn and some enjoyed a quick walk on the prom in the clear, bracing air: for others it was a final ring at Saltburn Emmanuel. The noise of the bells was terrific. One hears of townsfolk complaining about noise, but here the ringers were on the receiving end.

The Ossett captain, Cclr. Fred Bennett, retiring Mayor, thanked Mr. Irvin Slack, of Horbury, for organising such a wonderful outing. D. S. L.

OBITUARY

MR. M. D. TRIGG

The young Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Hitchin, Michael David Trigg, collapsed and died of a heart attack while on holiday with his wife at Estartit in Spain on May 23rd. Michael, who was only 23 years of age, was a native of Hitchin and became interested in ringing while a pupil at Hitchin Boys' Grammar School. He was quick to learn the basic methods and eager to gain wider experience. This enthusiasm took him to practices at the neighbouring towers of Great Wymondley and St. Ippolyts. The dedication and enterprise which made him a Queen's Scout was evident in his approach to ringing. He had a restless nature which sought fresh achievement; his enthusiasm encouraged others to make greater effort.

On leaving school Michael joined International Computers and Tabulators Ltd. and attended Southampton University as a sandwich course student. For two of his three years at Southampton he was Master of the University Guild. On returning to Hitchin Michael was elected as Ringing Master both of St. Mary's and of the Northern District of the Hertford County Association. In each of these offices there was a great challenge in re-establishing progressive change ringing. In less than two years there are signs of improvement, with practices at St. Mary's attracting ringers from a wide area.

Eleven months ago Michael married Josephine Harris, the daughter of the Ringing Master at St. Ippolyts, with whom he had been friendly since his early ringing days. His friends in North Hertfordshire and his former colleagues at Southampton will mourn the loss of a most promising ringer and offer their condolences to José and both families. A memorial service was held at St. Mary's on Friday, May 31st, Michael's body having been interred in Spain.

MR. JACK WAUGH

News was received with deep regret at Worcester that Mr. Jack Arnold Waugh, a former Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, died on June 3rd. He lived at Woodford, Essex, and had borne with great fortitude a long illness.

Held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, Jack was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band and also of Westminster Abbey. He was a trustee of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's, Woodford, on June 6th. He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

AXBRIDGE (B. & W.) OUTING

Thirty-five ringers from the Axbridge Branch and a few friends set out at 6.45 a.m. on May 11th for a day in the Bournemouth area.

The first ringing of the day was at Lytchett Minster (6, tenor 11 cwt.). Next came the fine ring of ten at St. James' Church, Poole, which provided some of the younger members with their first ring on ten bells.

Lunch was taken at Bournemouth and just after arriving the only storm of the day descended upon us, but the sun soon returned brighter than ever. Good use was then made of St. Peter's octave. The last ring of the day was at Blandford Forum. M. L.

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THE PROFESSOR

Is Originality Lacking?

"What the Exercise lacks nowadays," pontificated the Professor, "is Originality."

Of course, I disagreed with him. It doesn't do to fall in with his views too readily, otherwise he dries up and his pearls of wisdom are lost for ever.

"I should have thought that more original material was being produced now than ever before."

"Oh, to be sure, there is no lack of production. In the so-called field of composition almost every other ringer you meet is a figure-dabbler. The trouble is that much of it is a rehash of old material or ingenious ideas cribbed from other sources, disguised and served up with a different dressing."

"Surely," I objected, "it is a good thing for conductors to have plenty of new material at their disposal?"

"Is it? It depends on what you mean by new material. I came across a recent publication which contained, among other things, several peals of Surprise Major that could have been produced by any tyro in the space of a few minutes, bearing the proud appellation of 'composition', when it would have been better to have described them as rearrangements, or rearrangements of rearrangements of arrangements.

"We have, of course, some excellent composers, but many people," he continued, "string together courses of this, that and the other, and the extent of their originality seems, in many cases, to consist of introducing single changes and methods that have fifths place without the treble behind into Minor methods, irregular methods into growing numbers of bells and singles into Treble Bob varieties."

"What about Spliced Surprise?" I demanded when I had sorted that lot out.

"Here there has been no significant advance for years! Certainly more and more methods have been stuffed into peals and, with commendable application, teams have continued to ring them but, apart from mere numbers, there has been no real originality displayed."

"What on earth do you want then?"

"I don't really know. I never pretended to be original myself. Perhaps I want a genius of the calibre of Stedman or Carter who will revitalise the whole outlook of composition, or a campanological equivalent of Schonberg or Bouley or Stockhausen, who will either turn the whole system upside-down or at least give it a new slant."

"This is rubbish. You are asking for the impossible."

"Perhaps I am. But in certain respects, to me at least, compared with the other arts of Painting, Music and Sculpture, that of Bell-ringing seems almost stagnant. If a painter, musician or sculptor of 200 years ago had to return he would be astounded at the changes that had taken place in his art, changes which in fact are still taking place. A bellringer from the same period would discover most of us plodding along in the same furrows, calling the same bobs, churning out the same sounds (rung, perhaps, somewhat quicker, as though in an age of speed, quick ringing was a virtue). Minor, Major and Royal sounding exactly as it did two hundred years ago and Maximus still contributing its cascades of clangour."

"That remark," I pointed out, "won't win you many friends."

"Of course," he conceded graciously, "there have been one or two technological advances, but nothing to which an ordinary ringer would not quickly adjust himself."

"You have a better opinion of the ordinary ringer than I have!"

"And where are the great ringing characters of today? Has modern education cast us all in the same mould? Does the ——"

"Have you any suggestions as to alterations or improvements we should make?" I interrupted, anxious to dismount him from his particular hobby-horse.

"Not really. I feel that experiments should be made both as to the nature of sounds produced and the principle of producing them. I have various ideas of my own but would prefer to hear suggestions from other people."

"I don't think mine would be any good," I said.

"One never knows," was his reply.

I feel sure I heard him murmuring as he left, something about "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings".

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District's Spring Outing

On May 25th three cars and a 12-seater minibus, carrying a total of 29 ringers and friends, entered London.

Our first stop was at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where we were welcomed by Mr. Douglas Hughes, who, after an interesting talk, took us around the various parts of the Foundry.

We then moved on for lunch, which had previously been arranged at a nearby public house.

The first tower of the day was St. George's-in-the-East, Stepney, the bells being a new ring of eight, cast and hung during the past year. We rang Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, but did not do justice to the very pleasant bells.

The highlight of the outing was the visit to the Science Museum and the Carter Ringing Machine, where we were again met by Mr. Hughes, who demonstrated Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal on this engineering masterpiece. This was followed by an explanation of how the machine functioned.

After negotiating the heavy traffic we finally arrived at the R.A.F. Church, St. Clement Danes', here we rang Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal and Stedman Triples.

We then moved on to Southwark for tea, and also ringing at St. George's, Borough High Street. The ringing on these bells was enjoyed and some good striking resulted. This ended a very successful and enjoyable day.

Our very sincere thanks go to Mr. Peter Shonk, a member of the Police Guild, who kindly arranged the ringing programme. Also to Mr. Hughes for the foundry visit and the Carter Ringing Machine demonstration. We are also grateful to Mr. Peter Searles, the District secretary, for the local arrangements.

B. J. W. F.

LETTERS

WERE THE PROOFS CHECKED?

Dear Sir,—Seven people in Bristol were interested enough in Gloucester and Bristol affairs to attend the annual meeting at Malmesbury on April 20th. I must apologise for not making it eight. The truth of the matter was that I anticipated that I would spend a much more profitable afternoon ringing a peal at Lichfield Cathedral rather than sitting listening to what decisions the Management Committee had made a few weeks previously.

If the Gloucester and Bristol officers were aware of the many errors apparent in the annual report (I can spot 15 in the Bristol City Branch alone), then surely the time to correct them is before publication, not after. If the officers from the north of the county do not have the time to check the proofs, then I suggest that next year they send at least the Bristol section to the auditors, who might be a little more in touch with the names of Bristol Diocese ringers.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. HUNT.
Hon. Auditor.

GLOUCESTER BOUNDARIES

Dear Sir,—I admire the courage of "The Ringing World" (page 421). Not even the Gloucester and Bristol Boundaries Committee would dare transfer five Gloucester Branch towers to the Cirencester Branch! —Yours faithfully,

E. MARY BLISS.

Cheltenham.

P.S.—We regret the limitation of the competition imposed by the heading.—Ed.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY'S MAY MEETING

The May meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday, the 26th, at All Saints', Batley.

Despite a dull afternoon and a rainy evening about 30 ringers joined the meeting and included visitors from as far afield as Hemingbrough, Barnsley and Manchester.

Standard Triples and Major methods up to Cambridge Surprise, liberally sprinkled with rounds and plain hunting, were rung on the light eight.

The Vicar of Batley welcomed the gathering at tea, which was amply provided by the local company, and during the business meeting the Society's congraulations were expressed to Alan Newbould, a vice-president of the Society, and Pat Gardner on their engagement.

The Society is not holding a meeting in June owing to the proximity of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies' Festival at Leeds on June 22nd, but July will see business as usual.

R. C.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

The Northern District meeting was held on June 1st at Wallington. The bells were raised at 5.30 p.m. and put to good use throughout the evening. Methods rung included Stedman Doubles, London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The absence of Mr. Michael Trigg, District Ringing Master until his unexpected death, was strongly felt by everyone present but despite this Mr. A. R. Agg succeeded in running the meeting satisfactorily.

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ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Geraldine Piper 1, Gillian Laver 2, Elizabeth Gibbs 3, Diana Hayns 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, J. L. Hayns 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, J. T. Symonds 8. For Ascension Day Communion Service.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX. — On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Doone 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Catherine Hardy (first Minor) 3, R. Coughlan (first Minor) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6. For Matins on Rogation Sunday.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Guille (first quarter) 1, R. Le Marechal 2, Mrs. M. Chapman 3, J. Colliss 4, T. Chapman 5, J. Hallett 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Tremeer on the birth of a son, Andrew Edwin.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Ascension Doubles: Margaret Hawkins (first Doubles) 1, Helen Haines 2, R. Haines 3, A. Buswell 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, Mary Sutcliffe 6. First in method by all, and on the bells. For evening service and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX. — On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Barrett 1, Janet Pullen 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, R. Coplestone 4, G. C. King 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6, D. Ralls 7, D. Potter 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Charles Lock, a life-long member of the church, who died this week.

DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS. — On Ascension Day, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): A. E. Cooper 1, Theresa Parker (first "inside") 2, K. Dennison 3, K. G. Parker (first as cond.) 4. First quarter on bells by a local band.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Elizabeth Hall (first quarter) 1, Geraldine Winnett 2, Helen Hubert 3, J. P. O. Barry 4, C. J. Reade 5, M. R. Owen 6. Conducting shared. Rung by Dublin U.G. as a compliment to ringers of 1 and 4 on attaining their majority.

DURWESTON, DORSET.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. B. Corry (first quarter) 1, D. J. Knight 2, A. J. Paulley (first quarter) 3, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 4, B. R. Jeans (first "inside") 5, R. H. S. Jeans 6.

EPSOM, SURREY. — On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Aronson (first quarter) 1, S. N. Mortimore (first of Minor) 2, Jill Oakshott 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, P. J. Munday 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Richardson 1, L. Tubb 2, I. Campbell 3, H. Falkner 4, B. Turner 5, C. Ward 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. For Evensong.

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Barber 1, Miss R. Richardson 2, P. C. Sinden 3, Miss P. A. Court 4, G. L. Webb 5, L. Mannering 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8.

GREAT PONTON, LINCS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Mrs. M. Pinchbeck 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, V. Evans 3, T. A. Relf 4, R. H. Woods (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Stewart, rector's warden.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 St. Martin's and Plain Bob Doubles: J. Scott 1, K. Lucas 2, P. M. Fleckney 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6. First in two methods 2, 4. First in two methods by a local band.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Collins (first Major) 1, Nigel F. Bellamy (first Major) 2, R. K. Williams 3, Mrs. M. H. Wood 4, D. Price 5, P. G. Hickey (first on eight) 6, R. G. Morris 7, M. V. White (comp. and cond.) 8. For Ascension Day, and as a 17th birthday compliment to Rosemary P. Collins, who was unable to ring because of illness.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—In the Cathedral, on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynne Parker 1, Anne Cooke 2, Felicity Cooke 3, Judith Ashcroft 4, A. Marsh 5, S. Fenwick 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, N. James 8. To mark the election this day of the Rt. Rev. Glyn Simon, Bishop of Llandaff, to be Archbishop of Wales.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): O. Homewood 1, Adelaide Day (first "inside") 2, W. Clamp 3, R. Looker 4, J. Day 5, Mrs. D. Day 6, R. Manton (cond.) 7, A. French (first attempt) 8. For Evensong.

MEREWORTH, KENT. — On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, P. C. Sinden 2, E. Clifton 3, H. Deacon 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson 6.

QUARTER PEALS

MERSHAM, KENT.—On May 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Betts 1, Anne Barber (first "inside") 2, P. C. Sinden 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, N. J. Davies (cond.) 5, M. Osborne 6, R. Hambleton 7, W. G. Bayne 8. First quarter at first attempt 1, 6, 7, 8. Rung prior to the induction of Rev. R. H. Craig as Rector and his institution to the benefice of Mersham.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. George's Church, on May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Cheryl Chorlton 1, May Graham (first "inside") 2, G. White 3, Joy Askew 4, J. Pardoe 5, A. Craddock 6, S. Pardoe (cond.) 7, P. Martin 8. For Evensong.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT. — On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Barber 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, P. C. Sinden 3, Miss P. A. Court 4, H. Deacon 5, R. Birch 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelips 8. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. H. S. Humphrey, of New Romney; also to Mrs. R. Wratten and Mr. P. C. Sinden.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On May 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. S. K. M. Baldwin 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, A. Page 3, P. Page 4, Miss E. W. Keys 5, P. Stevens 6, R. Baldwin 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. A first birthday compliment to Mark Baldwin, son of ringers of 1 and 7.

PUBLOW, SOM.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Cobb 1, J. Milton 2, K. Cobb 3, P. C. Mogford (cond.) 4, N. Cameron 5, B. Wright 6. For service by the Sunday service band.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Barton (first quarter) 1, M. Etherington 2, A. V. Corden 3, D. Barton (first Grandsire "inside") 4, H. W Franklin 5, G. Rix 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, R. Heaseman 8. For Parish Communion

RINGWOOD, HANTS. — On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. T. Perrins 1, Mrs. P. E. Collins 2, L. F. Cobb 3, D. Wilson 4, A. Fry 5, E. J. Whitfield 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, G. E. Turner 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. June Lowther (first Major) 1, R. Collins 2, W. Rogers 3, V. J. Benning 4, G. Fry 5, L. T. Pope 6, E. F. P. Bryant 7, S. Jenner (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: T. Smith 1, Mrs. Ann Smith 2, Mrs. Brenda Dixon 3, G. Muncey 4, B. Whitworth (50th quarter) 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, L. Hall 7.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. For the Patronal Feast.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Ascension Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. W. Harvey (first Treble Bob) 1, R. W. Smith (first Surprise) 2, Rita M. Stratford 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: W. J. Manning 1, J. M. Corby 2, L. M. Corby 3, P. J. Simmonds 4, D. E. Colgate 5, R. T. Pankhurst 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, A. J. Corby 8. First in method 4, 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS. — At St. Marie's Church (R.C.), on May 19th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: J. Cooper 1, Kathleen Higgins 2, J. Seager 3, J. Eborall 4, S. Cole 5, J. Hartley 6, I. Dear (cond.) 7, C. Longdon 8. By S.U.G.C.R. for evening Mass.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS. — On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): R. T. Irish 1, G. Moss 2, G. Baxter 3, J. T. Sawyer 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6, E. C. Anger 7, A. C. T. White 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of 3 and 4.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): same band. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, B. Johnson 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Monica Phillips 1, Sylvia Knight 2, E. Clifton 3, H. Deacon 4, L. Payne 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Phillips 1, F. Goodearle 2, H. Deacon 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, D. Manger 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, E. Clifton 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, F. Goodearle 6. For Evensong. Also on March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, D. Manger 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, F. Goodearle 6. For Evensong. Also on April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Felicity Mussell 1, Sylvia Knight 2, B. Johnson 3, H. Deacon 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, L. Payne 6.

STAINES, MIDDX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Thomason 1, Fiona Walters 2, C. R. Wiggins 3, M. S. Loveday 4, R. J. Wiggins (cond.) 5, D. J. C. Norman 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 23rd, 1,257 Stedman Caters: M. Sutton 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Miss W. Marriott 3, Mrs. P. Wilton 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, R. Hulme 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, M. Stanley 8, M. New 9, E. Sutton 10. First Stedman Caters 1 and 2. For Ascension Day Evensong.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS. — On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ferrar 1, A. B. Clarke 2, E. Briggs 3, Mrs. P. Clarke 4, R. J. Yeomans 5, R. Webster (cond.) 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Briggs.

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss S. Hope 1, Miss S. Fitton 2, Miss S. Kemp 3, A. Hinton 4, R. Webster (cond.) 5, H. Abbott 6.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's Church, on May 26th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: M. Christine Worth (first Triples) 1, E. J. Adams 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, K. J. Rider 4, W. D. Grainger 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, R. D. Bing 8. For Evensong.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Wodward (first away from cover) 1, Jane Woodward (first "inside") 2, Susan Harrison 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, W. Woodward (first quarter) 6. For Ascension Day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Cheshire Guild rang a peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on May 11th, conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

The first peal of Grandsire Major for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was rung at Withycombe Raleigh on May 18th, conducted by Frank D. Mack.

The band that rang a peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Harrow Weald on May 25th were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. W. George Hart.

Has any church organist a longer record? Professor George Harrison was appointed organist of St. George's Church, Dublin, in 1895 and is still in office! No wonder the bells rang out for a quarter peal on May 29th, his 90th birthday.

The quarter rung at Brookland, Kent, on May 19th, is believed to be the first on the bells conducted and with the bells open. D. C. Manger, who conducted, used a throat microphone wired to a 10 watt amplifier to make himself heard.

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston is in Scotland investigating the bells of Perthshire.

Police in North Hertfordshire are searching for thieves who stole a 10 cwt. 17th century bell from St. Faith's Churchyard at Hexton, near Hitchin.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells rung at Marple on April 4th has now been published twice. Will all who are keeping records please note!

Helston, Cornwall, ringers who have been call change exponents since the eight bells were hung in 1904, are showing interest in method ringing. Six local ringers took part in a quarter peal on May 24th, aided by two from Redruth, one Helstonian ringing his first.

Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, who is now in his 87th year, has written a paper on the reminiscences of an octogenarian. A prominent part deals with campanology. He has taken "The Ringing World" since the No. 1 issue.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

RINGER INSTALLED AS MAYOR

On May 22nd Councillor D. Percy Griffiths was, with due ceremony, installed as Mayor of Cardigan, Wales. A stalwart of the Church, he is a licensed lay reader, Sunday School superintendent, chorister, member of the P.C.C., tower secretary of St. Mary's, Cardigan, and auditor of the St. David's Diocesan Guild.

Amongst the many messages he received congratulating him and his wife on their appointment as the town's leading citizens was one from Mr. F. Sharpe, past president of the Central Council, and one from the Master and fellow members of the St. David's Guild. The Guild was represented at the installation by the treasurer, Mr. A. F. Walters.

Amongst his other interests are the R.A.F. Association, British Legion, local A.T.C. Squadron, Loyal Order of Moose and the Church Youth Club.

A compositor at the local newspaper office, he is a past chairman of his local trade union branch of the N.G.A.

During his term of office he and his wife will be attending one of the garden parties at Buckingham Palace as well as many local and county functions.

The best wishes for a successful year in office are extended by all his ringing friends.

TWO PEALS FOR WASHINGTON

Washington is in the peal news this week with a peal of Plain Bob Major on the Cathedral bells and a handbell peal in which Mr. Frank C. Price conducted. There were six first pealers in the tower bell peal, and it must have been a proud moment for Mr. Richard S. Dirksen when he said "And that is all".

ANNIVERSARY OF KENT'S FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE

The first peal of Surprise for the Kent County Association was rung on May 27th, 1883, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes—Superlative, composed and conducted by Gabriel Lindoff. It was the first peal of Surprise by all the band: Percy Taffs treble, Gabriel Lindoff 2, Charles Waterman 3, William Kings 4, William Baker 5, William Easter 6, William Cooke 7, William Haigh tenor. The 75th anniversary of this historic peal was commemorated by a peal on May 27th, 1968, at Gillingham, to the same composition conducted by Philip A. Corby, general secretary of the Association.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD

Dublin University Guild held its annual dinner on May 18th, when the president, Rev. Professor F. E. Vokes, presided. The following evening the Society rang at Blessington and the president, who turned up to "keep an eye on things", was press-ganged by the Rector to reading the lesson and preaching the sermon. The Society plan to have an autumn tour in Devon during the first week in October, preceded by a quarter peal at Grayshott, Hants, the home of the assistant Ringing Master.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

There is a major scheme at Sheffield Cathedral. An iron frame is to be placed in the tower and three of the bells, which were found on inspection to be cracked, recast. The work has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

FROME BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The third annual striking competition was held at Marston Bigott (6) on May 25th, and the sun smiled down as about 50 members listened to their rivals' efforts. Eleven teams took part and the standard of striking generally was the best yet. The honours this year go to Farmborough (4 faults), ringing Cambridge; Midsomer Norton were second (5) with Plain Bob Minor, and Chilcompton third (5½) with London. There was, in fact, very little to choose between these teams. The judges, John Brain and Michael Horseman, both from Chew Branch, gave an interesting preface talk and then delivered the verdict, at the same time highlighting the reasons for each team's faults.

The real success of the day was the inclusion this year of an enthusiastic learners team with an average age of 13-plus. If the competition did nothing else, it provided a vehicle for these striking-conscious youngsters, and their entry heartened the organisers who felt that at last the real aim of the competition had been achieved. It is to be hoped that their example will be emulated by other adult teams.

George Massey proposed the votes of thanks, amongst which he thanked George Wareham for all the local arrangements and the ladies for all their hard work in providing tea.

M. H.

SUNDAY MORNING BELL

According to "Municipal Engineering", a complaint was received by the Public Health Department of Southampton C.B. of noise nuisance from a church bell rung for a few minutes as 8.30 on Sunday mornings. When told that this was not considered to be a nuisance the complainant organised a petition to the Health Committee. In his annual report the Chief Public Health Inspector stated that it was thought that many people had signed the petition just because they had been asked to do so and not because they considered the bell to be a noise nuisance.

BANK RINGING DAY

In connection with the Midland Bank Ltd.'s sports day on June 15th, ringing members of the Bank are visiting a number of London towers. In the morning it is hoped to ring at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; St. Olave's, Hart Street; after lunch it is planned to visit St. Clement Danes', St. Luke's, Chelsea, and St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney. The ringers will then go to Beckingham to join in the Bank's sports on their grounds.

SALISBURY GUILD

The attendance was very good at the Marlborough Branch meeting at Pewsey on May 18th, considering that Marlborough had been well represented at the Guild Festival the previous week. Mr. F. Reed, Ringing Master, directed the ringing and the talent and keenness shown should be of great value to the Branch in the future.

In the absence of the Rector, the Rev. R. Keeley conducted the service, and tea was prepared by Mrs. K. R. Hoare and helpers.

SWANSEA AND BRECON RINGING COMPETITION

Seven bands turned up at St. Catherine's, Baglan, for the 1968 Ringing Competition on May 25th. By 2.30 p.m. everyone was ready to start. The Main Class, which consisted of method ringing, was taken first. The bands entering for this class were St. Mary's, Swansea, Cadoxton, Newton Nottage and Sketty. After a brief spell the adjudication of the supplementary class commenced. The bands taking part were Glasbury, Talgarth and Sketty. The band from Brecon were unable to attend through illness of two members.

The ringing over, about 60 sat down to tea, laid out in the Church Hall, and this was appreciated by everyone.

After the Vicar, the Rev. D. I. Lewis, had given a warm welcome to St. Catherine's, the adjudicator, Mr. L. Evans, in his summing up, gave the following results: Supplementary Class (rounds, call changes and plain hunting): Sketty 70 faults, Talgarth 60 and Glasbury 30. Glasbury were therefore the winners and were awarded the certificate. The Main Class (method ringing, without raising or lowering of the bells): St. Mary's, Swansea, 68 faults, Sketty 46, Newton Nottage 27 and Cadorton 15. Cadoxton received the shield, Newton Nottage being second and Sketty third.

The interest shown in the Supplementary Class on this occasion will mean that this class, for the younger ringers, is here to stay.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for granting permission to use the bells for the competition, and the ringers and friends of Baglan for the excellent tea and for their voluntary work in preparing and serving same.

Further ringing concluded a very satisfactory day.

J. A. H.

CRAWFORD CUP

On May 25th Mansfield District of the Southwell Guild visited Blackwell, where they held a pleasant joint meeting with the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association in spite of the weather. Good use was made of the grand little six from 3 p.m. onwards and South Normanton bells during the evening.

The Rev. H. Stoppard kindly officiated at the service, following which everyone retired to the George and Dragon at Newton, where, by courtesy of Mrs. Beecroft, an excellent tea had been prepared by the ladies.

The Mansfield District's eliminating round for the Crawford Cup had been rung off during the afternoon at Tibshelf, and the results were announced by the judges (Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley, of Shelford). Of the two teams competing, Warsop were declared the winners, having rung 360 Norwich Surprise with 94 faults plus a penalty of 10. The runners-up were Greasley, who rang 360 Grandsire Doubles, incurring 175 faults. In her report Mrs. Bradley expressed the judges' disappointment in having only two teams to judge.

Three new members were elected and the business meeting closed with a comprehensive vote of thanks to the incumbents of the three churches and all who had helped in any way.

Next meeting: July 27th, Edwinstowe.

D. J. B.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, E.C.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Richard Starkie	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Neil Bennett	8
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Derek Butterworth	9
Frank Osbaldiston	4	Jeffrey Brannan	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
Basil Jones	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Thurs., May 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

David Atkinson	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Ian M. Holland	2	Neil D. Lomas	6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Basil Jones	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Bennett. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Peter Laflin.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Harry W. Howard	Treble	*John R. Scott	5
*†Frederick S. Sutton	2	Frank R. Morton	6
*William F. Gibbons	3	*Geoffrey A. Edwards	7
Roland W. Morant	4	Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

PENRITH, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Janet Warwick	Treble	Roland Park	5
Peter Wishart	2	Ernest Pannell	6
Dennis G. Blows	3	Thomas Cooke	7
*David R. Cox	4	Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 39 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

Jane Foster	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
Yvonne Edwards	2	John R. Pratchett	8
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	9
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
J. Michael Lakin	5	Peter Beresford	11
Walter H. Dobbie	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Adrienne Gibson	Treble	Maurice J. Butler	6
*Jane Foster	2	John S. Barnes	7
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
*Thomas N. Francis	4	*Peter Beresford	9
*David J. Forder	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal.

ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

D. Mary Beresford	Treble	Peter Beresford	5
Jane Foster	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Joan Beresford	3	Dennis Beresford	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., May 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Carlisle, Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester, Munden, London and Wells. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Denis R. Carlisle	Treble	John Moore	4
Norah Carlisle	2	Ivan Barlow	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	John V. Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Frank D. Mack	Treble	David A. Wills	5
Joan A. Hayward	2	*George T. West	6
*Fred W. Williams	3	Sidney F. Skinner	7
†James M. Clarke	4	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Composed by W. Eversfield. Conducted by Frank D. Mack.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells. First of Grandsire for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

KINGSWINFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret A. Swain	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	5
*Morley P. Tobin	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
J. Clifford Skidmore	3	Stephen W. Barton	7
Raymond Smith	4	Robert Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method. Quarterly peal for the Guild.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Bourne, Ipswich, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Neil Avis	4
Josephine A. Quilter	2	James L. Towler	5
Keith W. Brown	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., May 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

*Sandra J. Turner	Treble	George E. Thoday	4
Keith W. Brown	2	Yvonne A. Murray	5
Ian V. Foster	3	†James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal. † 250th peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. A. Clifford (Rector of Rayne) on becoming a grandfather upon the birth of his grandson, Ashley Xavier Clifford.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,728 London, 1,152 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol, with 40 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt.

Walter G. Knight	Treble	Brian Bladon	5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	*Maurice A. New	6
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
*Richard J. Danby	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM, N.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5089 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

George E. Bonham	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Andrew Wilby	6
Robert D. Bellamy	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Roger O. Powell	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Arranged by R. E. J. Dennis. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Robert M. F. Preston	Treble	*Ronald E. Gerhardi	4
Christopher J. Badrick	2	Howard Collings	5
Walter Ayre	3	Richard G. Ouston	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Andrew J. Corby		Christopher I. Osenton	6
*Christopher Forster	2	Donald E. Cobb	7
Andrew J. Slade	3	David E. Rothera	8
Thomas Cullingworth	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	9
Philip A. Corby	5	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.) Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal of Cambridge.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Martin L. Howe	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Richard Hayes	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung on the 75th anniversary of a peal on these bells in the same method to the same composition, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff—the first peal of Surprise for the Association.

BEXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	*Trevor A. Cross	5
John W. Smith	2	Colin A. Tester	6
Olive D. Tester	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Kenneth J. Rider	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* 550th peal.

MEOPHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	John A. Howard	5
*Valerie Howard	2	*Brian E. Jemmett	6
Derek Slater	3	*Simon A. B. Wigg	7
*Peter D. J. Beal	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Paul Muchlinski, who was born on May 28th, 1968.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	†Christopher M. Movley	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	†Christopher L. D. Munday	8
*Lawrence J. Haines	3	William H. Dowse	9
†D. Paul Smith	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	10
Jeffrey Brannan	5	Russell S. Morris	11
Basil Jones	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* First peal on 12 bells † First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

Joseph Thornley	Treble	†‡James E. Andrews	5
Albert Greenhalgh	2	John Illingworth	6
*David J. Bennett	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
†R. Keith Lister	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
Rung to mark the coming-of-age of Miss Hilary Chesters, a Farnworth ringer, and to celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine.

DEANE, Bolton, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., May 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	*David Makin-Taylor	5
*Neil Burnett	2	Arnold Critchley	6
†John Illingworth	3	John Ashcroft	7
Malcolm Murphy	4	‡James E. Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First of Triples and in the method. †. First of Triples. ‡ 50th peal for the Association

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

William Kenyon	Treble	Joseph Whalley	4
Mary W. Whalley	2	Brian Maudsley	5
Dorothy M. L. Maudsley	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Alan Evans	Treble	Alfred Ballard	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Geoffrey N. Goodall	6
J. Edward Cawser	3	E. Alan Jacques	7
Eileen J Goodall	4	A. James Poyner	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Lawrence Watkins	Treble	Roland H. Cook	5
Brian L. Burrows	2	Robin A. Gilliver	6
K. Paul Gilliver	3	John Watkins	7
Christopher M. Sturgess	4	G. Barry Brown	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

FLORE, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

J. Harry Dove	Treble	Robin A. Gilliver	4
*Neville W. Price	2	William Johnson	5
Christopher M. Sturgess	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung as a birthday compliment to Neville Price.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of Plain Bob and April Day, five 240's and 28 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

D. Walford Davies	Treble	Harold Preece	4
Nigel V. Hill	2	William T. Petty	5
Raymond J. Mayle	3	Cyril Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung for the new Archbishop-elect of Wales, Dr. Glyn Simon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 3 qr. 3 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	Alick Cutler	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	G. William Critchley	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Arthur G. Mason	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Mancroft Guild)
PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magd.
On Thurs., May 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb.

Peter Adcock	Treble	*Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
*David Cubitt	2	*David Heighton	6
*Janet House	3	Leslie F. Bailey	7
*Martin Cubitt	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. First of London by the Mancroft Guild and first of London Major by a resident Norfolk band since 1913.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Municipal Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt.

William Hibbert	Treble	John H. Napper	7
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Ernest J. Gower	9
Kathleen Chilcott	4	Dennis Randall	10
Clare Dolphin	5	Michael V. Chilcott	11
John W. T. Hibbert	6	Roger Overington	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., May 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KIRKGATE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Robin J. Collis	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Robert J Crocker	3	Roger B. Pike	7
Roy H. Jones	4	David L. Wilcox	Tenor

Composed by Roger B. Pike. Conducted by David L. Wilcox.
Rung as congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Smith on the birth of a son.

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., May 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ISIS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Peter J. Heritage	Treble	Brian W. Hall	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Barry J. Davies	6
Frederick W. Soden	3	William Birmingham	7
D. Kay Adkins	4	Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method. (H. and M. Collection No. 4584.)
Rung for Ascension Day.

ISIS SURPRISE MAJOR
B. —38—1458—12—36—12—38—16—78
1.h. (2nds) 5738264 Bob 4ths. f.c.h. b, d, e.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Mrs. A. Diserens	Treble	Frank W. Lewis	5
Albert Diserens	2	John N. Diserens	6
Brian J. Luff	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Harold Smith	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Albert Diserens' first peal and also his 50th year as a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon. April 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STAMFORD SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Michael R. Rose	4
Brian W. Hall	2	Bertram J. Coggins	5
Peter Pearce	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., May 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob Tenor 11 cwt.

D. Kay Adkins	Treble	Terence J. Hester	4
*Martin J. Turner	2	†Brian W. Hall	5
*G. John Collett	3	††Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Minor "inside" and in three methods. † 50th peal together. ‡ 100th peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Linda M. Foot	Treble	Hugh M. Johnson	6
*Iris R. D Webb	2	David J. Marshall	7
Stanley F. Webb	3	Kirby R. Holtom	8
*John S. W. Townley	4	Malcolm J. V. Chown	9
Patrick I. Chapman	5	John K. Foot	Tenor

Composed by B. Jealous. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal on 10 bells.
Rung by Daventry Branch members.

DESBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

Stephen J. Franklin	Treble	Richard J. Cowley	5
Geoffrey E. Watson	2	Christopher J. Groome	6
Barry R. Care	3	Arthur Gibbs	7
Susan E. Thompson	4	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Allan R. Jones	Treble	*Paul Clewitt	4
Barry R. Care	2	Iestyn G. Morgan	5
Anne Henman	3	Raymond Henman	Tenor

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.
* First peal in more than one method.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Single Oxford and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Lionel Atton	Treble	Ronald S. Russell	4
*Cynthia E. Barnett	2	Christopher J. Groome	5
†Susan E. Thompson	3	†A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
* Most methods to a peal. † 25th peal together. Most Minor methods as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mary Kelleher, of Braunston.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt 78 lb. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	*James Crowther	7
Susan E. Smith	2	*Eric N. Harrison	8
Roderick W. Pipe	3	*Rev. Frederick Ross	9
John R. Insley	4	*Michael Maughan	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James W. Belshaw	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Superlative Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	*Terry R. Hampton	6
*Susan E. Smith	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	George E Fearn	8
*James W. Belshaw	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
John R. Insley	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London Royal.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., May 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
Stephen W. Barton	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Vernon Green	3	John R. Insley	7
James W. Belshaw	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTON VENY, Wilts.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In four methods: One 720 of London, two each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Frederick S. Slatford	Treble	Norman G. N. Knee	4
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Laurence E. Hitchins	5
Rodney Pagdin	3	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE Notts.—At the Church of St. John of Beverley.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Thomas G. Goodwin	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
William L. Exton	2	Harold Stevenson	5
David Stainsby	3	Frederick G. Hooper	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Bryan Birkett	Treble	Harry Poyner	4
Doreen Metcalfe	2	Mary C. Poyner	5
R. Brian Mills	3	*William L. Exton	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* 150th peal as conductor. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Tues., May 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Court and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb in G.

Charles J. Copp	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	Harold Stevenson	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

William H. Watkin	Treble	A. Doreen Edwards	4
Frank R. Morton	2	John R. Scott	5
Eric Young	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 3,200 changes of London, 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 320 of Bristol, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	J Barry Pickup	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	James L. Towler	6
Leslie G. Brett	3	Robin H. Rogers	7
*Michael J. Howes	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung as a farewell to Janet and Robin Rogers, who are leaving the district.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Ernest G. Pearce	Treble	Leslie G. Brett	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Howard W. Egglestone	6
*Yvonne A. Murray	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
*Michael J. Howes	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Bristol. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

THE WHITECHAPEL GUILD.
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A. At the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Thurs., May 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Emily Paine	Treble	Gilbert Goodship	5
*Janice Hensley	2	*Ashton Applewhite	6
*Martha Windrem	3	*Marjorie Batchelor	7
*Judy Andrews	4	Richard S. Dirksen	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard S. Dirksen.
* First peal. First of Major as conductor.
Rung with gratitude to Mr. Gilbert Goodship and dedicated to Frank C. Price. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., May 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 STOUR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
*M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Susan E. Smith	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* 75th peal. First peal in the method.

STOUR SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—16—12—1238—14—58, 14—14, 58.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

*Christopher D. Walker	Treble	Richard Farnsworth	6
†Arthur Rogers	2	†Alan Newbould	7
Ronald H. Dove	3	†David Smith	8
*Simon Cole	4	‡Michael R. Meadows	9
John Hartley	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Plain Bob Royal.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	‡Richard J. Chantler	6
*Jane A. Carruthers	2	Alan Newbould	7
†Ross A. Bradley	3	Ronald R. Warford	8
‡Robert H. Jordan	4	Ronald J. Snack	9
‡Roderick R. Horton	5	John Potts	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First of Royal.

FELKIRK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., May 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Norwich, Warkworth, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Ronald J. Snack	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	4
Suzanne Withers	2	C Barrie Dove	5
John Durham	3	John Potts	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal of seven Surpriise Minor by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., May 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	*Lawrence Haines	7–8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal of Treble Bob "in hand."
Rung in memoriam Peter Laflin.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.
On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2 and 3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4 and 5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4
A. Colin Banton (cond.)	5–6		

DERBY.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.
On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4
A. Colin Banton (cond.)	5–6		

75th peal as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At 12A, Westray Drive.
On Fri., May 24, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Eileen J. Goodall	1–2	Geoffrey N. Goodall	3–4
Alfred Ballard (cond.)	5–6		

THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL RINGING SOCIETY.
WASHINGTON, D.C.—At 3516 Lowell Street, N.W.
On Fri., May 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in C sharp.

*Alice Shurcliff	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3–4
		†Richard S. Dirksen	5–6

* First peal. † First "in hand." First handbell peal for the Society.
Rung with gratitude to Mrs. Helen Phillipsborn, at whose home this peal was rung.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On May 20th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, A. Arscott 2, A. H. Reed 3, J. E. Brewer 4, G. Nabb 5, R. A. C. Cross ("circled tower" to quarters) 6 First in method by all the band.

BEDFORD, BEDS.—At St. Paul's Church, on May 26th, 1,248 Bristol Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, Kathleen Marriott 2, Charlotte Harris (first in method) 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, M. J. Marriott 5, R. L. Piron 6, R H. French 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

BENINGTON, HERTS. — On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. J. Harris 1, E. Edmondson 2, P. C. Worthington 3, M. R. Worthington 4, A. R. Carter (cond.) 5, A. F. Horton (first attempt) 6. For Confirmation service.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine Rose 1, R. D. Gibson 2, Elizabeth A. Ewan 3, A. T. Taylor 4, J. Birdsall 5, A. E. Shingles 6, J. M. Brook (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8. In honour of the birth of Peter, a son to Julie and Alan Shingles (May 17th, 1968).

BRISTOL, GLOS.—At St. James' Church, on May 24th, a quarter peal of 8-Spliced Surprise (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, London, Bristol, Rutland and Superlative): G. W. Massey 1, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, R. C. Taylor 4, P. J. England 5, D. G. Massey (first 8-Spliced) 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8.

BROOKLAND, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Deacon 1, B. Johnson 2, D. C. Manger (cond.) 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. P. S. Berry 5.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church of St. Mary-the-Great, on May 23rd, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: A. F. Scholfield (cond.) 1, F. E. Haynes 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, R. L. Underwood 4, R. H. Youdale 5, A. T. Winter 6, D. S. Bishop 7, R. M. Damerell 8, R Sylvester-Bradley 9, R. A. G. Inglis 10, B. D. Threlfall 11, G. H. Jones 12. Rung by C.U.G.C.R. for Confirmation service.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Leppard (first Triples) 1, M. Thompson 2, R. Everest 3, P. Everest 4, R. Sherlock 5, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 6, R. Hayes 7, J. Palmer 8. For Evensong.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Tovell 1, Miss S. Thomas 2, J. Murfitt 3, P. Dickinson 4, C. R. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Walker 6. First Doubles 2, 3. For the wedding of Miss J. Bilham, ringer at this church, to Mr. C. Sledge.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. G. Roast 1, R. J. W. Housden 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, T. Spurgeon 5, I. J. M. Saunders 6, Yvonne Murray 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. First Surprise Major by a local band. Also on May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 1, Christine Murray (first Major "inside") 2, J. L. Towler 3, E. W. Roast 4, P. J. Came 5, J. West 6, E. G. Roast 7, Yvonne Murray 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Sheila Bonsor 1, Iris Webb 2, S. F. Webb 3, J. S. W. Townley 4, J. K. Foot 5, K. R Holtom 6, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 7, H. M. Johnson 8, P. I. Chapman 9, M. J. V. Chown 10. For Ascension Day.

DEENE, NORTHANTS. — On May 22nd, 1,440 Minor (four methods): G. Davis 1, R. Webster 2, Sara Woolley 3, G. Oliver 4, F. Sismey 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen M. Hubert 1, W. D. Sarsteiner (first Minor "inside") 2, Geraldine G. Winnett 3, P. W. Brown 4, C. J. Reade 5, J. P. O. Barry (first as cond.) 6. A compliment to treble ringer, outgoing Ringing Master of Dublin University Guild.

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Smith 1, E. D. Wilson 2, J. J. Webb 3, J. Arnall 4, R. Chew 5, K. Tyler (cond.) 6. An 85th birthday compliment to Canon D. Gethyn-Jones.

ELMDON, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Coningsby 1, D. Lilley 2, E. Flitton 3, R. Griggs 4, J. Negus 5, G. Lilley (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Eric Flitton and Judy Cage.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM. — On May 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Perry 1, R. Perry 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, M. Horseman 4, J. Maggs (first as cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. First Cambridge Minor 2, 5.

HARBURY, WARKS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Sheasby (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Whitfield 2, S. F. Royal (cond.) 3, Miss D. Holman 4, R. M. Andrews 5, A. J. Cox 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GREENWICH, KENT.—At St. Alfege's Church, on May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Dafters 1, Catherine Reed 2, Freda Cannon 3, A. Long 4, G. Clarke 5, J. Machell 6, D. J. Hollis (cond.) 7, D. Gebbett 8. For Evensong. Also on May 26th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: Freda Cannon 1, J. Dafters 2, Mary Walshaw 3, P. J. Spice 4, J. W. Smith 5, S. Nicholls 6, J. Ellams 7, D. J. Hollis 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, M. Rigby 10 A farewell to Rev. F. D. Gardom, who has served as curate to the parish for the past eight years, and his family.

GRIMLEY, WORCS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ranford 1, F. Davis 2, R. Sayers 3, L. Smith 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, J. Cole 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong and in memoriam Mr. Albert Bullock, ringer and churchwarden at the church for many years.

HARTING, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles· D. Wild (first quarter) 1, A. Reeves 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, V. Walder (first "inside") 4, D. Hughes 5 R. Smith 6. Congratulations to Les and Prisca Tremeer on the birth of a son.

HERSHAM, SURREY. — On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Oates 1, Miss H. Pady 2, Mrs. G. Webb (cond.) 3, P. Hartt 4, Mrs. P. Bird 5, C. Webb 6. First "inside" 2, 4. For Evensong. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss H. Pady 1, Miss H. Bailey 2, Mrs. P. Bird 3, Miss D. Colcombe 4, J. Bailey (cond.) 5, H. Colcombe 6. A compliment to Colin and Gwen Chinnery on the birth of a son on this day. Also a farewell to the Rev. N. Lifton, curate, who is going to Milford Haven.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, I. Whitear (first "inside") 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, M. H. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell 5, J. P. F. W. Hollins (first as cond.) 6.

KEYNSHAM, SOM. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandsire; 7, 6, 8 covering): Lesley G. White (first quarter) 1, Susan A. Moore 2, T. W. Harris (cond.) 3, R. J. Moore 4, R. M. Virgin 5, A. G. Jenkin (first quarter) 6, R. Hillman 7, W. G. Dinham (first quarter) 8. To welcome Martin James, son of Valerie (a ringer at this church) and Gwynne Stock.

KINGHAM, OXON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. C. Clark 1, Jean Marlow (first Stedman) 2, B. J. Davis 3, P. R. Davis 4, B. W. Hall 5, A. W. Lloyd 6, R. H. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. W. Tompkins 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK. — On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. Gagen 1, W. W. Cousins 2 Shelagh R. Collins 3, J. Fox 4, R. Harrop 5, D. Gagen 6, R Newson 7, C. Tovell 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. For mayoral inauguration.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. D. Collin 1, M. Green 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, J. P. Hull 5, Anthea S. Bruce (first as cond.) 6.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. A. Underwood 1, C. R. Nunn (first "touch" of Surprise) 2, R. Rose 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, A. F. Ballam (first Surprise) 5, M. J. Rose 6.

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LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Ascension Day, 1,064 Plain Bob Maximus: Catherine R. Slater 1, M. Susan Jackson 2, Belinda M. Gilbert 3, Josephine M. Haskins 4, A. Cole 5, Suzanne Withers 6, A. E. Stamp 7, R. J. Chantler 8, A. Newbould 9, R. H. Dove 10, R. J. Snack 11, C. B. Dove (cond.) 12. First Maximus 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11. For Parish Communion by Sunday service band.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On May 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Margaret Durrington 1, Diana Frost 2, Ann Houghton 3, H. B. Whitney 4, A. J. Frost (cond.) 5, K. E. Jackson 6, R. J. Gaylor 7, P. G. Williams 8. First in method by All Saints' service band.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. M. Barnes 1, R. J. Salmons 2, Miss J. Bennett (first quarter) 3, C. G. Young 4, E. Barnes (first as cond.) 5, C. J. Swain 6. For Evensong and as golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillips.

MINSTER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Deacon 1, R. A. Birch 2, P. C. Sinden 3, B. Johnson (cond.) 4, C. Wyld 5.

MORTLAKE, S.W. — On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Deborah Blow (first on working bell) 1, Sheila Wright 2, Jennifer Nockolds 3, C. Stevenson (cond.) 4, L. R. Freeman 5, A. R. Bentley 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 5, 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, C. Kortwright 4, D. Pearce 5, Joanna Slatter 6. Jointly conducted by 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to wife of treble ringer.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods, 7, 6, 8 cover): Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom cond.) 3, Sally Stacey 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, A. Betsworth 7, R. Cross 8 For Evensong.

RADLETT, HERTS. — On May 26th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: J. Southey 1, Miss L. Woodward (first "inside") 2, D. Major (first not covering) 3, N. Woodward (first as cond.) 4, R. Clouston 5.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Laurence, on May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Lynda Horsington (first quarter) 1, Denise J. Hargreaves 2, Elizabeth A. Webb 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 5, I. G. Judd 6. By R.U.S.C.R. for Ascension Day.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS. — At All Saints' Church, on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sheldon 1, B. Horton 2, Miss S. Spooner 3, G. Darlington 4, H. F. Baraclough 5, J. Eastwood 6, J. R. Cotterill (cond.) 7, F. Pickering 8. Rung half-muffled following a memorial service to Mr. W. H. L. Harrison.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,272 York Surprise Minor: P. Richardson 1, P. Staples 2, B. Johnson 3, R. J. Carlton 4, C. Wyld 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 24th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Garner 1, C. Wyld (cond.) 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Staples 4, L. Garroway 5, B. Johnson 6. For Evensong. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Hereward Bob Minor: W. Garner 1, P. Staples 2, P. Richardson 3, R. Carlton 4, B. Johnson 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 19th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: same band. For Evensong.

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PERSONAL

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The picture that appeared on our cover of June 7th issue was not St. Katharine's Church, Merstham, but a church that we have not yet identified.

This unfortunate mishap is very much regretted and we apologise to our readers, and in particular to the Surrey Association, who were hoping to take advantage of this picture to push "Ringing World" sales.

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Cricket match 2.30 p.m.

Tea in the W.I. Hall 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Towers available:

Saxilby (6)	10.30–11.30 a.m.
Stow (6)	11.00–12.00
Willingham (6) ..	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Upton (6)	12.00– 1.00 p.m.
Lea (6)	12.30– 1.30 p.m.

Also by arrangement during afternoon.

Belton (6)	2.00–3.00 p.m.
Owston Ferry (6)	2.30–3.30 p.m.
Epworth (8)	3.15–4.15 p.m.
Haxey (6)	3.30–4.30 p.m.
Gainsborough (8)	6.15–7.15 p.m.
Messingham (6) ..	7.00–8.00 p.m.
Broughton (6) ..	7.30–8.30 p.m.
Brigg (6)	8.00–9.00 p.m.

Names for tea to George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, not later than Monday, June 24th. Tel. 2623. 4089

CLIFFE, ROCHESTER, KENT

Flower, Music and Historic Festival
June 29th, 30th, July 1st.

Bells available 29th: 11 to 1.30, 2.30 to 5.30, 7 to 8.30 p.m. 30th: 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 4109

FRAMPTON COTTERELL, Nr. BRISTOL

HANDBELL FESTIVAL

Programme for Saturday, June 29th.

10 a.m.—Opening of an exhibition of old church and village documents and photographs, etc., under the title "Frampton's Heritage."

2.30 until 4.30 p.m.—Handbell ringing in the church interspersed with ringing in the tower.

4.30 p.m.—Ringers' tea. (Names, please, to R. H. Driver, 361, Church Road, Frampton Cotterell.)

5.15 until 6.30 p.m. All being well, the following towers available for general ringing: Yate (6), Chipping Sodbury (6), Wapley (5), Westerleigh (6) and Coalpit Heath (6).

7 p.m.—Handbell ringing competition followed by a social evening with roast lamb barbecue, skittles, etc.

CANNOCK PARISH CHURCH, Staffordshire.—Festival of Flowers, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 14th, 15th and 16th. Friday 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Festal Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells available: Friday 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, normal Sunday service times and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. 4104

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—Surprise Major practice, Friday, June 14th, 7–9 p.m. Methods: Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS will take place at Halesowen Parish Church from June 13th to 15th. The tower will be open from 2–5 p.m. on Saturday, June 15th. 4100

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Hawley (8) on Friday, June 14th, 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. 4133

HAMPRESTON, DORSET. — A ringing meeting will be held on June 29th to celebrate Mr. W. C. Shute's 60 years of ringing. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 followed by tea in school. Names by Wednesday, June 26th, to Mrs. R. Vatcher, 24, Grove Road, Wimborne. 3975

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — St. Peter's Church restored ring of 8 will be rededicated at Evensong, Sunday, June 30th, 6 p.m., by the Rural Dean of Higham Ferrers.—A. Bigley. 4093

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everybody welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 4096

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MEETINGS

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Carlton on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 2, Eridge Road, Guisborough, Yorkshire. 4102

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Houghton, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: London Surprise Minor and Stedman Doubles.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4087

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Leverington, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4092

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Striking competition and meeting at Ashtead, June 15th, 2.15 p.m. Tea in village. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. Regret late notice.—J. P. O. 4097

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Welwyn (8), June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Scout Hut **only for those** who notify Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden. (Tel. 4621.) Special method: Double Bob.—R. E. Hardy, Dis Sec. 4021

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gedney, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Picnic tea; please bring your own food.—H. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4067

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Cotton (8) on Saturday, June 15th, 6.30–9 p.m.—M. Page, Dis. Sec. 4071

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Ringmer (8) on Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. M. Hills, 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, BN4, 6PJ. 4094

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Upper Arley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. N. King, Chestnut Cottage, Upper Arley, near Bewdley.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge. 4065

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hanley Swan, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea in Hanley Swan Village Hall at 5.15 p.m. Hanley Castle bells (6) also available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Ronkswood, Worcester. 4076

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on June 18th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: June 18th, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 25th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; July 2nd, St. Lawrence Jewry; July 9th, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—J. G. A. Prior. 4106

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at Harlington, Thursday, June 20th, at 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 4125

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Barnes on Friday, June 21st at 7.30.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4123

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Eaton Bray, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) from 5 p.m. 4101

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—Meeting at Arley (6) on Saturday, June 22nd at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to L. Trevor, 61, Watling Street, Nuneaton, by Thursday, please. 4098

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	7.00– 9.00 p.m.	Wethersfield.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 29th, 1968

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Shirley	10.15–11.00	Honiley	10.15–11.00
Solihull	11.15–12.15	Barston	11.15–12.00
Knowle	12.45– 1.30	Berkswell	12.15– 1.00
Hampton-in-Arden	1.45– 2.30	Meriden	1.30– 2.15
Bickenhill	2.30– 3.15	Keresley	2.45– 3.30
Coleshill	3.30– 4.30	Corley	3.45– 4.30
Yardley	4.45– 5.30	Shustoke	4.45– 5.30

Northern Routes

Rushall	9.15–10.00	Elford	9.15–10.00
Aldridge	10.15–11.00	Tamworth	10.15–11.15
Little Aston	11.15–12.00	Drayton Bassett	11.00–11.45
Shenstone	12.15– 1.00	Polesworth	11.45–12.30
Sutton Coldfield	2.00– 3.00	Grendon	12.45– 1.30
Erdington (St. Barnabas')	3.15– 4.15	Atherstone	2.30– 3.30
Castle Bromwich	4.30– 5.15	Mancetter	3.45– 4.30
		Witherley	4.45– 5.30

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Acton: Meeting will be held on June 22nd, **not 15th.** Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 19th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4127

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Port Sunlight, June 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 4135

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Almondsbury (8), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. Rickards, Lynrica, Tockington Lane, Almondsbury, Bristol, by Thursday, June 20th. 4112

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Normal ringing after tea, Pirbright, until 8 p.m. Worplesdon (8) 7.45 p.m.–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Little Otford, Sandhurst Lane, Darby Green, Camberley. (Tel. Cricket Hill 4351).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4134

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham (8), Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 3.30 till 5 p.m. and 6 till 8 p.m. Please bring own tea.—Mrs. R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 4099

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Claybrooke, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. F. Millers, 1, Granville Gardens, Hall Lane, Ullesthorpe, Rugby, Warwicks (Tel. Leire 450) by the Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 4113

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. —Calne Branch.—Meeting at Lyneham (6), June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 4131

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SHEFFIELD, SATURDAY, JUNE 22

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Thrybergh (6)	1430–1515
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Handsworth (8)	1745–1845

Routes 2 and 3

Ashford (8)	1000–1100
Pleasley (5)	1115–1200
Dore (8)	1700–1800

Other towers are being arranged.

Evening Ringing in Sheffield:

Ranmoor (10)	1830–2000
St. Marie's (8)	1930–2130
Walkley (6)	1930–2030

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chesham, Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Hoar, 50, Ridgeway Road, Chesham, Bucks, by June 18th.—J. Muller. 4116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Surprise Major practice at Moulton, Saturday, June 22nd, 7.30 p.m. 4126

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Melbury Osmond, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 4124

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—A.G.M. at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3–4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3.30–4.15; St. Chad's (4) 3.45–4.15; all available after meeting. St. Mary's (8) available 7 p.m. **NO** ringing during service, please, which is in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. Seating limited, so numbers for tea earliest possible, please, to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at very latest by June 19th. Tel. Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4080

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, St. Andrew's, Enfield, Monday, June 24th. Bells available 7.15 to 9.15.—E. H. Kilby. 4129

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting in Corfield Hall, Taunton, June 29th, 2.30. Service in St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5.30 for those who send names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol. Ringing tours: 9.30, Bagborough, Creech St. Michael; 10, Combe Florey, Thorn Falcon; 10.30, Fitzhead, Corfe; 11, Milverton, Pitminster, Angersleigh; 11.30, Ashbrittle, Trull; 12, Wellington, St. James, Taunton; 1, St. Mary's, Taunton, Bishops Hull; 6.30, St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, Wilton, Staplegrove; 7, Norton Fitzwarren, Ruishton, Durston; 7.30, Bishops Lydeard, North Curry; 8, Lydeard St. Lawrence, Lyng. All towers open for one hour. 4114

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Northaw (6), June 29th. Bells from 3.30–4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Please bring picnic tea. 4132

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Betchworth (8), Saturday, June 29th. (Note change of date.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Bylett, 5, The Street, Betchworth, by June 26th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 4095

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Bingley (8) on Saturday, June 29th, 6–8.30 p.m. Methods: D.N.C.B., Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome, especially learners. — Maurice Thurmott. 3907

LADIES' GUILD. — A.G.M., St. Albans, July 6th. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church Hall. Service 11.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church, followed by buffet lunch (6s.). St. Peter's Church Hall, and general meeting at 1 p.m. Dinner (24s.) at the Mayflower, Hertingfordbury, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Towers available: St. Albans—St. Michael's (8). 9.30–10.15; St. Stephen's (6), 10.15–11.15; St. Peter's (10), 10.15–11.30 and 1 p.m.–2 p.m.; Abbey (12), 1.45–3.15; Sandridge (6), 2.45–3.45; Essendon (6), 3.45–4.30; Bengeo (8), 4.15–5.15; Hertingfordbury (6), 5 p.m.–6 p.m.. Please apply for dinner and/or buffet tickets by June 21st to Miss Valerie Ware, 4, Book Centre Mansions, North Circular Road, Neasden, London, N.W.10, enclosing money and s.a.e. 4111

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival and annual general meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Guild service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Dining Hall 12. Social gathering 12.45 p.m. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. Luncheon tickets (9s. 6d. each) on application, together with remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road. Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, July 1st Lists of towers will be distributed with tickets or on application (accompanied by s.a.e.). Members wishing to join the choir are asked to notify the Deputy Master.--M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4052

A LANCASHIRE OUTING

Weeks of thorough planning and hard work on the part of Betty Omrod and Alan Ward preceded the annual outing of the ringers of St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, and Manchester Cathedral on May 18th. Thus it came as no surprise when we left our last picking-up point in Manchester for Yorkshire exactly at the prearranged time, replete with our full complement of about 30 ringers and friends.

The first tower, at Holy Trinity, Skipton, was reached in good time. Here the ringing included rounds and call changes and a plain course (?) of Double Norwich, which collapsed after an unexpected "bob" call. A good 144 of Stedman Triples, however, concluded our ringing and set us on our way to Ripon Cathedral with restored confidence. While Little Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, non-ringers took the opportunity of viewing the inside of the Cathedral.

Then occurred the only mishap of the outing. Confused by the narrow and tortuous streets of Ripon, we set out for York in a westerly direction and after a three-mile excursion towards Fountains Abbey we doubled back to Ripon and thence to York Minster. The bells were promptly raised. Ringing included a course of Grandsire Cinques and majestic two courses of Stedman Triples on the back eight.

The weather continued to be kind, and a leisurely walk through the ancient and attractive streets of York brought us to an eagerly-awaited mixed grill tea. Half-an-hour remained before leaving York and a group of us walked round part of the city walls under the able direction of Ian Goldthorpe, who drew our attention to architecture of note.

Our last tower was at St. John the Baptist's, Knaresborough. Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob crowned our ringing here Before setting off for Manchester, plans were being made for next year's ringing outing, being proof of the successful conclusion of this one.

Many thanks are due to the organisers, incumbents and tower captains for making this enjoyable day possible. P. G. B-K.

SALISBURY STRIKING CONTEST

The annual striking competition of the Salisbury Branch was held at Broadchalke on May 25th. The six bells are very pleasant to listen to inside and out of the tower. Six teams entered including two from the local tower. The result was a narrow victory for Enford with 30 faults, over last year's winners, Fittleton, with 33 faults, followed by Broadchalke "A" 45, Wilton 49, Sarum St. Thomas 57 and Broadchalke "B" 74. We thank Messrs. R. G. Robertson and H. Pitman for judging the ringing, and the Broadchalke ladies for an excellent tea. G. A. T.

STEDMAN MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—In answer to your readers' questions on Stedman Minimus, the method rung at Newtown, Hants, is as follows.

STEDMAN MINIMUS

1234	1342	1423
2134	3142	4123
2314	3412	4213
3241	4321	2431
2341	3421	4231
2431	3241	4321
4231	2341	3421
4321	2431	3241
3421	4231	2341
4312	2413	3214
4132	2143	3124
1432	1243	1324
1342	1423	1234

Consists of 36 changes; all bells ring the Stedman Slow Work except the treble, which sticks to a plain hunt.

This is an ideal method for teaching the basic principles of Stedman, and it was with this in mind that we rang it, intending to attempt a peal of Doubles the following week.

Whether it will conform to Central Council rules and regulations remains to be seen. The following, given to me by an eminent London ringer as a more true extension of Stedman, may be of interest to readers Johnson and Bedford. The London ringer's claim is that the 48 changes will be accepted under Central Council rules, as each change is repeated once and all the bells work quick and slow; however, the 12 blows behind may deter ringers from using it, but I publish it in the hope that it may be of some assistance in teaching Stedman.

1234			
2134	3241	4312	1423
2314	3421	4132	1243
3241	4312	1423	2134
2341	3412	4123	1234
2431	3142	4213	1324
4231	1342	2413	3124
4321	1432	2143	3214
3421	4132	1243	2314
4321	1432	2143	3214
4231	1342	2413	3124
2431	3142	4213	1324
2341	3412	4123	1234

Most methods can be worked out on four bells; there is even a form of Grandsire without a hunt bell that I have worked out and, as far as I know, has no name. This is a true 24, whilst the hunt bell version consists of only two leads. As a matter of interest I have set this out:—

1234	1342	1423
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4312	2413	3214
4132	2143	3124
1432	1243	1324
1342	1423	1234

It is interesting to note that both this method and Stedman Minimus has Plain Bob lead-ends as lined; I hope they will prove of interest to your readers, especially those who ring on four bells, to give them some variety. — Yours sincerely,

G. K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, Hants.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD B.R.F. CONTEST

GAMSTON, SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH

RULES.—Entrance fee 30/- per team; teams need not belong to specific towers nor to the Guild; practice piece of 3 leads of Oxford Treble Bob; test of 360 given changes in a given T.B. method, possibly irregular, disclosed 30 minutes before entering the belfry. Contest judged on basis of (a) *correct ringing of the set 360,* (b) *good striking (in that order). Certificate awarded to winning team.*

Organisation.—Entries to be sent to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts, by Monday, 24th. Names for tea by Thursday, 27th. Ringing will start at 3 p.m. Draw for order of ringing will take place on Tuesday, 25th, and teams will be notified when to be present. 4136

SALISBURY DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

THE Annual Festival of the Guild was held at Wimborne Minster on May 11th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. J. Strickland, and the address given by the Rev. R. Keeley, Ringing Master of the Marlborough Branch. The singing was led by the Minster choir, whose rendering of Purcell's "Bell" anthem will long be remembered. Mr. E. C. Shepherd and ringers from Lyme Regis rang a course of Grandsire Caters during the service.

The meeting and tea, attended by 180 members, were held in the Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. Among those present were Mr. W. C. West (president), Mr. G. H. Harding (vice-president) and Councillor H. V. Purchase, chairman of Wimborne U.D.C. Mr. Purchase, in welcoming the Guild to Wimborne, spoke of his appreciation of bells. Mr. West thanked him for his welcome and said the Guild extended from Marlborough in the north to Poole and Lyme Regis in the south.

The Master, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, then read the names of Guild members lost by death during the year: R. Dennett, W. Paull, J. Gardner, G. Whitemore, B. Ellsworth, W. Hiscock, H. A. Roles, W. Roberts, A. G. Freegard, H. T. Cornick, C. Pretty, E. Marlow, F. Rumming, D. Hughes, J. Hayne, J. Walter, Mrs. W. Hiscock and Mrs. C. Carew Cox. The meeting stood in silent tribute.

WASTAGE OF RECRUITS

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The general secretary in his report referred to the high wastage of new recruits and expressed the hope that the extension of striking competitions and instruction in method ringing might help to stop this. He congratulated Mr. G. H. Harding upon completing 60 years' membership of the Guild and referred to the several offices he had held during this time. Mr. A. Palmer was thanked for his efforts over the past 30 years as secretary of the Marlborough Branch. He also informed the meeting that some 12 belfry inspections had been carried out during the year and that work had been done in several towers.

Turning to the accounts, which showed an increased balance of £25, the secretary pointed out that the annual subscriptions fell short of the expenses by £10.

The Master prefaced his address by thanks to the Vicar for the service and to the choir. He referred with regret to the death of Mr. H. A. Roles, chairman of the Salisbuy Branch, and welcomed Mr. N. Skelton as the new chairman and librarian. In adding his congratulations to Mr. Harding, he reminded the meeting that both Mr. W. Shute and Mr. B. Ridout had been ringers for 60 years, but they had a very remarkable example of longevity as a ringer in Mr. Stedman, of Wyke Regis, who rang in a quarter peal in honour of his 93rd birthday. At the other end of the scale the Guild had young ringers of seven years of age. It was a great pleasure to note that Beaminster bells were ringing again and that Yetminster bells had been rehung.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Master, the Rev. R. N. Longridge; hon. general secretary, Mr. F. Slatford; assistant secretary, Mr. N. Knee. The Guild Committee was re-elected with the addition of Mr. J. T. Barrett. The Rev. R. Keeley, Messrs. G. S. Morris, J. T. Barrett and E. Hitchins were elected as Central Council representatives. Mrs. W. C. West, Mrs. I. Macey and G. Smith were elected hon. life ringing members.

Grants of £15 10s. were given to Milborne St. Andrew and Edington, where it is hoped to add another ring of ten to the Guild before the end of the year.

HIGHER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. Newman (Marlborough Branch), referring to the accounts, said his Branch was having difficulty in balancing the books, and was it not time to increase the subscription? He gave formal notice that this be placed on next year's agenda, when a subscription of 5s. for senior and 3s. 6d. for junior members be discussed. Mrs. Robertson (Wimborne Branch) supported this.

The secretary announced that badges were once again for sale at 6s. from the assistant secretary, Mr. N. Knee, in a slightly new design. He gave notice that the next Festival would be held at Wootton Bassett on May 10th, 1969.

The meeting closed, ringers dispersing to some 12 towers in the area before making for home.

THE DEVON GUILD AT BIDEFORD

THE Devon Guild held its annual general meeting at Bideford on May 25th, when the event attracted about 130 members and friends, there being 16 towers open for ringing throughout the day.

The service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. T. Derwent Davies (Vicar), assisted by Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, the Guild's president, who gave the address.

After a splendid tea in the Parish Hall the business meeting followed with Preb. Andrews in the chair, when six apologies for absence were received. There had been three deaths during the past year and the meeting stood in silent tribute.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and passed, and the reports of the secretary, treasurer, librarian and adviser of bells were all adopted. The officers were re-elected en bloc, these being Preb. Andrews (president), Messrs. D. J. Roberts (general secretary), G. J. L. Read (general treasurer), W. Simmonds (peal secretary), J. Perkins (auditor) and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott (librarian and adviser of bells).

Messrs. N. Mallett, D. R. Bould and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott were re-elected to the C.C. for the next three years, whilst Fr. Paulinus Angold, of Buckfast Abbey, was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Miss B. M. Boyle leaving the county. For her services Miss Boyle was made an honorary life member.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE T. G. MYERS

Four suggestions were discussed for a proposed memorial to the late Mr. T. G. Myers. These were a trophy for a Guild striking competition; a piece of church plate for St. Andrew's, Plymouth; a memorial chain of office for the Guild Master; a trophy for a Guild tower proficiency competition. After discussion, the meeting favoured a Master's chain of office.

The joint service with the Devon Association is to be held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, October 26th. The 1969 annual general meeting is to be held in the Torbay area.

Six Guild certificates were presented and it was decided to place on record a vote of thanks to Miss Whitford for writing up the peal books. Votes of thanks for the service, use of the bells, the ladies' committee for the excellent tea and the president for presiding concluded the meeting

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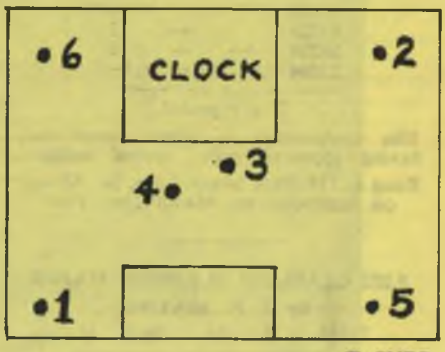
SOLUTION TO URANGWOT

No. 5

This puzzle did not attract as many entries as earlier ones. Males and females were represented equally in the 12 entries, of which eight were regarded as acceptable. In spite of a five to three ratio for the ladies among the correct entries, it was a man who came first out of the hat, to give the prize to Michael C. E. Hodge, 56, Bath Street, Abingdon, Berks.

Consideration of the data readily establishes that Lesley and Carol are not ringing the treble or the third. Duncan and Ann are working bells and so are not on treble or tenor. This leaves Alan or Harry for the treble, but as Alan can see only the fifth and the treble can see three bells, it must be Harry on the treble. By similar reasoning the rest of the band can be worked out to obtain the result: Harry 1, Alan 2, Ann 3, Lesley 4, Duncan 5 and Carol 6.

The sketch of this unique tower fulfilling the requirements is somewhat like this:



T. SURR.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Saturday, May 18th, saw the District visiting Wheathampstead (six fine bells), but the 60 feet of unguided rope kept some of the more nervous members in the background! Methods including London and Norwich were rung during the afternoon, and newer members and visitors had plenty of rounds and coped very well with the ropes. The Rev. G. T. Roe led a short service and then joined us for tea in the hall.

The Rev. Malcolm Melville was elected to the chair at the meeting.

The Ringing Master said he was disappointed at the number of people who had put their names down as wanting peals organised. Anyone wanting a peal should write to Gerald Penney.

The Wheathampstead ringers thanked everyone for the support for their sponsored walk. It proved to be a profitable day, although the final amount is still not known.

Mr. Fred Ellis, tower captain at Wheathampstead, said he was sorry that ringing time had been shorter than normal; architects were rather worried by a crack in the tower, so ringing did not start until 3.30 p.m. and was just from 7 until 8 in the evening.

Mrs. Hardy said that she would make and sell large paper flowers, the proceeds to go to the "Central Council Visit" fund. Orders should be given to her.

After the meeting a few stayed to ring handbells in the hall—meanwhile the treble stay was broken back in the tower! Ringing carried on until 8 p.m., the other five stays surviving!

Forthcoming events.—Next meeting. Welwyn (8) June 15th; barbecue, St. Michael's, St. Albans. September 7th; dinner. December 7th.

J. A. F.

COMPOSITIONS

5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By CHRISTOPHER P. STARBUCK

M	W	H	23456	
	—		52436	A
S	2	—	42365	
—		—	53264	
	S		63254	
	S	2	32564	
2			(42365)	
	5xA		23456	

Contains 96 c.r.u.'s and no 82's. Only 5 and 6 are affected by singles.

First rung at Barnes, Surrey, on May 11th, 1968, conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

5,088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by J. R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
43526		—	2
56234	—	—	2
23564		—	—

2 x repeated.

This composition is almost traditional, having appeared under several authors.

Rung at 114, Park Street Lane, St. Albans, on handbells, on March 21st, 1968.

5,152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. R. MAYNE

23456	B	M	W	H
34256				2
32546			—	2
35426			—	2
56423		—		2
56234	x			—
64235		—		2
52436		—		—
46325		—	—	2
65324		—		2
63254			—	2
23456		—		

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The Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Wethersfield, Essex

EDITORIAL

"They are all Honourable Men"

"BRUTUS was an honourable man, so are they all, all honourable men." This sentence from Mark Antony's speech from "Julius Cæsar" seems particularly applicable after listening to the harrowing debate on "The Ringing World" at Worcester. After the dust from the explosions had settled, the president cooled the tension by stating that the Appendix was an honest report of what the Committee thought the facts were, and they were all honourable men, and so were Mr. Beresford, who had an expansive file, and Mr. Pipe. History will give the answer.

This appendix was especially asked for at the end of the Nottingham debate. The Committee studied the draft paragraph by paragraph, and they were guided by the general secretary and the treasurer to "The Ringing World". There were alterations and paragraphs were deleted. These deliberations were set up in page form so that they could be used in "The Ringing World". The Editor came to the conclusion, in consultation with a member of the Committee, that it would be an advantage to publish this separate from the 1967 report of the Committee. It was not a secret document: it was prepared for the Council and readers; it was the reply of the Committee to allegations that nearly resulted in resignations en bloc from the Committee. This was news and in the Editor's opinion should be published.

Readers can draw their own conclusion that the Appendix was not accepted by the Council. It is "the facts" as they saw them. To Mr. Beresford it was a "complete travesty of the truth", and he had the sympathy of those who wanted the issue burned or the four pages detached or blacked out in the style of a Rhodesian paper! If the Editor was forced to take such action the copies of the report would be a priceless ringing document, passed from hand to hand and phrases repeated from mouth to mouth as remembered.

There were only three active members of the Committee—the convener, Mr. W. G. Wilson and Mr. Denis Bayles. All three are friends of the Editor and it was a sad moment for him when one brought accusations against the others. The Council must realise that this is not a slap-dash committee. There is a monthly report sent by the Editor to each member, setting out the position. Mrs. Bottomley, the assistant secretary to the Council, minutes the proceedings of the Committee and these are circulated within a few days. At the Birmingham Committee meeting in March the accounts for 1967 were discussed, and it was there and then decided that the Committee should meet before the Standing Committee at Worcester and report the steps they were taking to meet the situation. The illness of Mr. Jeater created an impossibility for the convener to report the situation earlier. The auditor finished his report on the Friday night before the Committee met on Sunday.

In a long life of public service the Editor has never known a case of a member remaining on a committee providing he could have his own nominee to sit by his side. The Council acquiesced without a murmur. The Editor is pleased that Mr. Bayles is remaining on the Committee to help him with the journal, but it is all very strange. The best thing for the Committee is to forget the past unpleasant scenes and, with the aid of two new members, face the future with confidence. Remember, they are all honourable men.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary Magdalene, Wethersfield, Essex

By Mrs. J. E. Poulter

THE lovely church of St. Mary Magdalene looks down from the top of the hill on which stands the North Essex village of Wethersfield.

This once small village was mentioned in the Domesday Book, and was then the home of approximately 370 people. It has grown over the years and is still being developed, although the character of the village is unspoilt. A large number of the people now living here are American servicemen and their families attached to the nearby Wethersfield Air Base.

The church dates back to the 12th century, although there was probably a church here long before this, judging by the Saxon work on the north side.

The oldest part now existing is the large west tower, nearly 28 feet square on the outside. The original church attached to this tower was just a nave and chancel, the foundations of which could be easily traced many years later when the floors were taken up. The foundations of the east wall were uncovered nearly opposite the present vestry door, showing even its stucco picked out with lines of red colour.

In the early part of the 13th century the nave was lengthened by taking in part of the chancel, and an aisle was built on the south side. The north aisle was built in the latter half of the century, explaining the round pillars of the south aisle and the octagonal ones of the north side.

The chancel was enlarged and restored in the early 14th century.

Both north and south porches are 15th century, as are the font and rood screen. The screen was then coloured.

The fine alabaster tomb now in the chancel was at one time thrown out in the churchyard and badly damaged. It depicts the sleeping figures of Henry Wentworth and his wife as they were in the 15th century.

Nearly 100 years ago an organ chamber and vestry were erected on the south side of the chancel, and a lepers' window, which was removed to allow for the archway for the organ, was then put in the east window of the new vestry.

There are six bells with a tenor of about 14½ cwt. inscribed: MILES GRAYE MADE ME 1623. The 3rd and 5th are early 19th century by Thomas Mears, as is also the clock bell. The remaining three were all cast by G. Mears in 1858.

The first known peal on the bells was rung in 1930 for the Essex Association and conducted by Olave E. Broyd. There have only been four peals rung since that date, all for the Essex Association.

Practice night is Monday, 8–9 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

On June 29th and 30th the church is organising a festival to raise funds for restoration, and open ringing is arranged for both days. For further details see advertisement on Page 493.

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AN UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE

We are indebted to Miss Gillian Colleypriest for identifying our last week's cover picture as St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon. This cathedral is the subject of a feature article later this year.

We would repeat our apologies made last week for the unfortunate mistake.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

HOSTILITY TO R.W. APPENDIX "FACTS"

Demand for Issue to be Burned or Pages Blackened Out

For the third year in succession the report of "The Ringing World" Committee has given rise to acrimony. At the Council meeting at Nottingham the Committee was requested to present a report on two things—the improvement of the journal and observations on the questionnaire. This formed the appendix to the Committee's report which was printed and circulated to members of the Council and supplied to the Editor with other Committee reports. This report was published in full in our last issue, which went to press before the Council meeting at Worcester. There was precedent for such procedure. In past years Committee reports had been published in advance.

The report was received with a furore of opposition. There were demands that it should not be published, that the issue should be burned or the four pages blacked out. Mr. Dennis Beresford, the joint author of the report suggesting how the journal could be improved, described the Appendix as a "travesty of truth".

Eventually wiser counsels prevailed. The president pointed out that both sides thought they were giving the true facts. A resolution was passed commending the Committee on the improved "Ringing World" but the Appendix was not accepted.

The convener (Mr. R. S. Anderson) also faced opposition from within. Mr. D. Bayles brought a general complaint on how the Committee was run and also that he was not consulted over the financial position. He threatened to resign unless his own nominee—Mr. Richard Speed—was added to the Committee to see that things were properly run! The Council acquiesced, but also added Mrs. Jill Staniforth in place of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who had retired after years of outstanding service.

REPORT OF "THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

1.—The Council last year at Nottingham instructed us to include in our Report to be submitted in 1968 a statement of the measures we had taken and the plans we had made for widening the appeal of "The Ringing World" to all sections of the ringing fraternity. As required, we now submit in a printed appendix a very long and full report of the events of the past two years, with details of the various matters put to us and our actions (or reasons for inaction) thereon. We would point out that the report was written last August so does not refer to matters that have happened since then. Also that it refutes most emphatically the criticism we hear so often that the Exercise is not told of our plans and decisions, or the financial or other reasons for them.

2.—This policy of telling the Exercise has been continued since August by reports in "The Ringing World" and we cannot be held responsible if such reports are not read or not remembered.

3.—We would also draw special attention to other matters brought out in our report or apparent from the census referred to therein. It can be fairly assumed that the 25 per cent. of readers who filled in the census forms was representative of the keenest and most interested readers of "The Ringing World." Of this percentage, less than three-quarters in reply to a question which said that a price increase must occur indicated their willingness to pay. It can also be fairly assumed that the large majority of those who did not reply would be against any increase in price unless it was essential for the survival of the paper.

4.—We would also draw special attention to our comments in paragraph 19 (viii) of the printed appendix, that by no means the whole of any increase of 3d. a week would accrue to "The Ringing World."

5.—We have been told that our annual reports are no more than financial statements, dealing with matters that can be seen or deduced from "The Ringing World" accounts, but the weekly appearance of "The Ringing World" forms in fact our annual report—in 52 or 53 instalments. And we believe that is a very public and very topical report done in this way. We do not consider that members of this Council, well informed and constant readers as they are, will wish to have a potted history of what has appeared in the paper during the preceding calendar year, but it is worth noting that 96 extra pages (including 28 issues having coloured covers) were provided during the year at a cost of some £960.

6.—The issues of "The Ringing World" between October, 1966, and August, 1967, specially mentioned in paragraph 41 of the printed appendix and the issues since that date, are an indication of the immense amount of thought and care which has been put into the work, both by the Editor and members of the committee. With the latter we must associate the Council's secretary and Mrs. Bottomley and Mr. D. Hughes, our treasurer. We willingly admit that the events of the 12 months between the Bath meeting in 1966 and the Nottingham meeting in 1967, unfortunate though they were in many respects, have had an effect both on the efforts of the committee and on the Exercise generally.

7.—The evident feeling of the Council that our present finances justified cautious expansion, even involving some risk of loss, has encouraged the committee to extend its thinking. The effect on circulation has been most gratifying. For each of the last four weeks of 1967 the circulation figure has been above 6,000—even rising to more than 6,200, but this expansion has had to be paid for. The draft accounts available at the time of writing this report indicate that, whereas in 1966 there was a net profit of £855, in 1967 there will have been a net loss of over £500. We have arranged for a statement of account at April 30th, 1968, so that we and the Council may be informed of the trend of income and expenditure to as late a date as possible. It is, however, clear that during 1967, while our income increased by a total of some £700, our expenditure rose by some £2,200. Almost half of this, as indicated, was for an additional service to our readers. Apart from the increased cost of printing and despatch, a larger paper and more subscribers inevitably entail more expenditure on staff.

8.—Costs will undoubtedly continue to rise. Postal increases are foreshadowed and already in 1968 we have had to face increased printing costs, and shall have additional National Insurance charges. To our mind it is unthinkable that the Council and the Exercise will wish us to return to a smaller paper, without the coloured cover and picture. The choice before the Council may well be between this and an increase in price. We have arranged to meet before the Council meeting at Whitsun and will submit our views in the light of the latest possible information. Even if a price increase proves necessary, it is certain that to retain a paper of the standard we have been aiming at we must also maintain the present upward trend in circulation, and shall need increased donations from our readers.

9.—We heard with regret at our committee meeting in December that Mr. J. Frank Smallwood wished to retire from the committee. Over many years Frank Smallwood has given to the Exercise devoted and generous service and particularly has this been evident in his membership of "The Ringing World" Committee, of which he was convener until comparatively recently. Only those who have served with him in this exacting and, at times, not only thankless but on occasion severely criticised sphere, can speak of his unfailing sense of duty and purpose. He has always regarded as a duty the task of ensuring that "The Ringing World" appeared without fail week in and week out. His standards both as regards copy and printing have been of the highest, whilst his wide experience as a practical printer has been of inestimable value.

DEBT TO MR. SMALLWOOD

Appointed to a committee with no financial reserves and a limited income, to produce a weekly paper, to him his purpose immediately was clear—to provide a readable journal concurrently with building up adequate reserves against possible contingencies. Criticism, fair or otherwise, never deflected him from this path, and the Exercise owes to him the present financial strength of our accounts and the fact that projects which he would dearly have liked to introduce years ago are now being undertaken. The committee are pleased to know that when necessary he will still be available to them for advice and guidance and feel sure the Council will join them in saying "thank you" to one of the Exercise's most loyal servants.

10.—The retirement of Mr. Smallwood leaves a committee of three and we have thought it right to consult the Standing Committee of the Council as to the future composition of the committee.

Throughout a period of difficulty and frustration the Council and the committee have had the services of one person, whose toil in the interests of "The Ringing World" has continued not only undiminished but enthusiastically, the Editor—Mr. T. W. White, and your committee are sincerely grateful for all his work. No less appreciative is your committee of the valuable work of Mrs. Lucas at the Guildford office; Mr. H. L. Roper, who once more without recompense prepared the Index; and to all those who have made any contribution, great or small, to the journal throughout the year. Without this host of willing co-operation "The Ringing World" would be the poorer.

A special tribute must be paid to Mr. Jeater, who has intimated that he finds it necessary for health reasons to resign during this coming summer. For years he has looked after the accounts of postal subscribers most efficiently, and we sincerely hope that his health will improve, and offer him our gratitude for his work for the paper.

Your committee also much appreciate the interest and guidance of Mr. Bottomley over what has undoubtedly been a difficult period, and no less the help of Mrs. Bottomley in taking notes at our meetings and providing and serving us with some most enjoyable lunches, enabling us to continue our deliberations without any break. Our thanks are also tendered to Mr. Hughes for providing facilities for our meeting and lunch at the Foundry.

We would also wish to thank the two bellfounders—Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and John Taylor and Co.—for their continued help and support by the donation each week of the page used for Belfry Gossip and headed "Bellfounders' Gift Page." Very real help of this kind is greatly appreciated.

PEAL REPORTS AND CHARGES

The Central Council has several times debated the idea of imposing a charge for the publication of peal reports in "The Ringing World" and each time has rejected the principle of a compulsory charge.

There are objections to the idea on practical grounds. The cost and effort put into collection and checking would greatly reduce the net income. Currently peals are being rung at a rate of about 3,000 per annum, with an average of eight ropes per peal. One shilling per rope can be taken as the maximum acceptable charge and this would produce a gross income of £1,200 per annum. At present voluntary contributions attributable to peal ringers amount to about £200 per annum. The net increase of £1,000 would be considerably reduced by the cost of additional clerical assistance that would be required, and the office at Guildford is already overcrowded!

The committee noted with appreciation the desire expressed by many peal ringers at Nottingham to make some contribution. It commends the idea of voluntary contributions and suggests that peal ringers might aim to contribute on a similar scale to those who ring quarter peals, based on the space occupied. In 1967 quarter peals contributed over £5 per page, whereas peals contributed only £1 per page. Approximately 15 peals per page give 120 ropes, and so a contribution of about 1s. per rope is needed to achieve this objective It may be observed that production costs are currently running about £10 per page without overheads.

Much of the effort and expense in sending a multitude of small sums to Guildford could be saved if local secretaries or treasurers would collect and send in bulk. In many cases machinery is already in operation for collection of Association peal fees, and little extra work would be entailed in collecting voluntary contributions to "The Ringing World" for peals. All donations are appreciated and will continue to be "Gratefully acknowledged."

R S. ANDERSON (Convener).
D. BAYLES.
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD
W. G. WILSON.

THE DISCUSSION

Mr. Anderson, in presenting the report, prefaced his remarks by a tribute to Mr. J. E. Jeater and the meticulous care with which he kept the accounts of "The Ringing World." He did his work principally as a labour of love. Mr. Jeater saiid at the begnning of the year that his health was such that he could not continue after June. Unfortunately illness overtook him and they had to report his death. The Council owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Jeater. He was able to attend the Council meeting at Truro and to meet so many friends whom he had previously known as pen friends. His death was deeply regretted.

The convener followed this with a reference to the retirement from the committee of Mr. Frank Smallwood. "Frank Smallwood," he said, "was not everybody's cup of tea. He is very straight, very forthright; he has carried out an unenviable task with dedication and devotion and it was through him that the capital account of 'The Ringing World' was in the position it was today." They wished him every happiness in his new surroundings and with his ringing friends in the south of England.

There was one other person to thank, continued Mr. Anderson, and that was Mr. C. W. Lucas, who had now assumed the responsibility for the duties carried out by Mr. Jeater. He had done a tremendous amount of work because there was a backlog of work, and he spent long hours to provide the accounts to the end of April. These figures went to Mr. Tait, our auditor, who sacrificed part of his holiday and was thus able to hand the accounts to a member of the committee last Friday at 10.30 p.m. "We owe them both a debt of gratitude."

Mr. Anderson then turned to the accounts for 1967, which he said showed a loss of £522. Taking into account that in 1966 there was a surplus of £855—a turnover of £1,357. During 1967 printing costs went up by £2,000 and administration by £177. The unaudited accounts from January 1st to April 30th showed a continued loss and for the four months £458. the equivalent of £1,374 for a full year.

PRINTING BILL 50% INCREASE

He would like to remind the Council that the printing bill had now reached £12,000. In 1966 it was £8,000, in 1967 £10,000. Thus from 1966 there had been an increase of 50 per cent. Further increases were inevitable; there was a printer's increase due at the end of September and postal charges would also increase about that time. The circulation had increased from 5,743 last May to 6,152 a week, an increase of just over 400. Unfortunately this increased income would not cover the cost of the extra copies.

The committee do not wish or believe that the Council wish to revert to a 16-page plain white issue, even with a front page picture. Since last September, except for the Christmas holiday, they had had tinted cover issues and their policy was to continue such issues except for the August holiday and Christmas issues. Even with only 16-page issues it would be impossible to continue on their present income—there would have to be a revision of charges.

"I now give notice on behalf of my committee that, as from the first issue in July, the cost of 'The Ringing World' will be one shilling per copy, and the annual subscription will be £3 per annum. We have taken into account the increase in printing charges and the new postal rates. We hope that our postal subscribers will send the unexpired portion of their subscription, which works out at 1s. 6d. per month, to Guildford."

NO PEAL LEVY

They would see from their report that they have not considered a peal levy as a suitable way of doing things. It would entail a lot of extra work if introduced. They hoped, however, that peal ringers would be more generous. During May quarter peal donations were £37, and peals only £5 In the issue of May 31st peals took up four and a half pages and quarter peals one and a half pages.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, in seconding the adoption of the report, associated himself with the remarks of the convener respecting Mr. Jeater and Mr. Smallwood. For the first few years he was on the committee he did not agree with all Jafus said, but he now knew that what he said was for his benefit and the Exercise as a whole.

APPENDIX "A" FACTUAL

Referring to Appendix "A" (published in the issue of June 7th), he said this long report was mostly written last August. Some of them might think it was a fairy story, but it was not —it was factual, and he would be very happy to show anybody the papers. There was an impression in some quarters that they got more through newsagents than from postal copies and that they made a loss on postal copies. They had asked their auditor to perpare a statement on it and it was quite clear that they made a profit on postals and a loss through newsagents. If they could persuade readers to take their copies through the post they would be better off.

There was one thing Mr. Anderson could have done. He could have underlined that only last Friday "The Daily Mirror" Group reported a loss of £4 million in trading. He thought that with the increase announced "The Ringing World" would break even. Whatever they did the price had to go up but they felt they had good value for their money.

ATTACK FROM WITHIN

Mr. D. Bayles, a members of "The Ringing World" Committee, said he thought the Council would be interested in the activities of the committee and the way it had reached its decision to increase the price to one shilling per copy from the beginning of July.

In the first half of 1967 there was some experimenting with the introduction of a colour issue. He did some homework. The increase in printing a coloured issue was about £40 per week. It was the convener who decided the number of coloured issues, and not the committee. He was so upset at the prospect of loss that he sent a copy of his calculations to the convener and the editor. These calculations were confirmed by a loss of £500 in 1967. He (Mr. Bayles) was not alarmed if the loss had been in the region of £200, but he was alarmed at the prospect of a loss of over £1,000 in 1968. He circulated his estimate of the loss to members of the committee but only the secretary acknowledged the receipt of it. It then seemed reasonable to suggest three coloured and one white issue per month for the first three months at the committee meeting in December at Whitechapel, but that was defeated. He was not complaining about that defeat. It was one of the fruits of democracy. There were two votes one way and one the other.

Then they came to the Henry Johnson Dinner meeting. They were told that coloured issues must be continued and it took the general secretary and himself a long time to get a realistic picture that expenditure was running so much in excess of income. They had heard the result—a loss of £438 for four months. That was not much out of what he had said—a loss of £1,000 for the year, and yet his figures were not listened to.

NO AGENDA

Since the Johnson Dinner he had had no communication or agenda for the meeting last Sunday evening. There was no mention beforehand that they would have to consider a price increase. He felt when he arrived there he was presented with a fait accompli. He had just come down from Chester-le-Street; he was not blaming the committee, as he arrived late.

Mr. Bayles said he did not feel that a matter of this importance should be considered in such a precipitate manner. "I thought about it all day on Monday and when I came back I saw no point in being a member of my committee and therefore I proposed to resign unless a meeting was called in the very near future. This request was refused and it seemed to me that I had no alternative but to resign.

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The platform at Worcester. From left to right: Canon Gilbert Thurlow (president), Mr. F. W. Perrens (librarian), the Mayoress (Mrs. Morris), the Dean (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn), Mr. D. Beacham (secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association), the Mayor (Councillor Ronald Morris), Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association), Mr. A. J. Brazier, the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards), Mr. John Freeman (vice-president of the Council), Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley (assistant secretary of the Council), Mr. Vernon Bottomley (secretary of the Council).

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"As I expected, I was approached by a number of people who said 'You must not resign; you must stay on the committee. The Council has put you there to do a job.' I think the Council should know how the committee was run at the present time. I did think of resigning and offering myself for election but this might create procedural difficulties. Therefore the committee should be enlarged by one member of my nomination, who will be there primarily to bring about an improvement in the way the committee is run and to ensure that decisions are properly acted on and proper agendas are prepared before a member travels 200 or 300 miles to attend. Therefore I propose the name of Mr. Richard Speed be added to the committee.

Mr. Bernard Ashford (Worcesteshire Association) seconded.

Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Cambridge University) supported Mr. Bayles. After listening to the convener's remarks he was not convinced that the price increase was enough, particularly in regard to the increased cost of production from £8,000 to £12,000. They had had very little warning of the proposed increase in charge and no actual prediction of the position next year. They had been told that there would be a reduction in circulation. What they wanted was an increase in cost that would make sure cover for years to come.

SADDENED

Canon K. W. H. Pelstead said that it was not often that he spoke seriously but quite honestly he was very saddened on hearing the report of "The Ringing World" Committee showing this type of disagreement between members of the committee. For many years he was convener of the Methods Committee and the members often had different opinions but there was never disagreement like this. He hoped the committee would get together in a friendly way and be a happy committee, which was better than making or losing money.

The Rev. J. G. W. Scott (Guild of Devonshire Ringers) hoped that if the Appendix was accepted one sentence would be deleted which stated he could not find "The Ringing World" on a station bookstall What he said was that he looked at the station bookstall and could find nothing that resembled "The Ringing World" in format. It looked out of date. He thought that in the past year it had improved so much that it was worth another threepence. He asked the Council not to accept the Appendix. Acrimony had gone on long enough. What the Appendix had done was to boot two people who found it impossible to remain on the committee. He moved that "The Ringing World" Committee be congraulated on the improvement of the journal but that the Appendix be not accepted.

Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded and said that he could see no good in discussing the Appendix. He suggested that they add two people to the committee

Mr. N. Chaddock proposed that Mrs. Jill Staniforth be added to the committee in addition to Mr. Speed. He had known her for many years. She was clear-minded, sensible and had a mind of her own.

Mrs. Barnett seconded.

Mr. Philip Gray said it occurred to him that there must be something wrong in the way the committee functioned He thought it was a normal practice for the general secretary to attend meetings. He asked him to see that the right procedure was followed—to be a special watchdog.

MURKY PAST

Mr. Dennis Beresford (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) said this was an unpleasant task for George Pipe and himself. The suggestion that John Scott had made would be ideal as far as they were concerned. They did not wish to drag up the murky past or to go through this document and see what a complete travesty of truth this Appendix really was. He would like an assurance that this report be not published and no reference in the report.

The Editor: May I say that this Appendix will appear in the next issue.

Mrs. Staniforth: We have the last say as to what appears in "The Ringing World." I think we should ignore the Appendix and see that it does not appear.

The Editor: The paper is being printed today. The general secretary telephoned me at 10.30 on Friday asking me to withhold the report until after the meeting. We went to press at 11.30 a.m. and it was impossible to withdraw it. I had not four pages ready to take its place.

Mr. G. Dodds (Hertford County Association) asked on what authority it was being published.

Mrs. Staniforth: There must be some way to stop it. Could we not cancel this week's issue?

Mr. Walter Ayre: I was going to suggest that it be cancelled.

The President: Is it possible to take it out in the bindery?

The Editor replied that it would not be possible to remove the pages or black them out as suggested. This report was examined in detail by the committee and they had the assistance of the general secretary and the treasurer of "The Ringing World." It was set up with the dual purpuose as a report to the Council and to appear in "The Ringing World."

The general secretary said he was present at the meeting but his impression was that it would not be printed without permission.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said that at one time all reports were published before the meeting. They used to have them printed so that they could be discussed by the Associations.

Mr. J. Hartless: Would Messrs. Pipe and Beresford be prepared to accept a full apology published on the front pagee of next week's issue?

Group Capt. J. S. Mason (College Youths): Can we know what the consequences of this will be? I don't know what they are complaining about. What will be the effect when it appears in "The Ringing World"?

Ringing World Debate—continued

Mr. John Freeman (vice-president) said as he saw it this was a report of a committee. It was not for the Council to dictate whether it should be published. It was news. The important thing was that since this statement had been made Messrs. Pipe and Beresford should be given an opportunity to reply.

The president remarked that Mr. Freeman's observations were sound commonsense. The report had been printed and, short of burning the lot, there was nothing they could do. Those who printed the report thought these were the facts and they were all highly honourable men. It was perhaps a good thing that it was printed. Mr. Beresford has drawn attention to his file, which was an expansive one. Mr. Pipe had one also and one would have thought a simple way out would be for them to produce their version of the matter and thereafter to refer to the thing no longer. What the committee thought or understood about the way things had gone had to be in print.

The Rev. John Scott: I do not think that this report does credit to anyone. I hope that the fact that the Council rejected it will suffice and that Messrs. Beresford and Pipe will be magnanimous and keep their facts to themselves.

The President: The next issue could have a note that while respecting the views of those who produced this report the Council rejected it, and that is the end of the matter.

Mr. Roper commended Mr. Scott's suggestion and hoped that Mr. Pipe and Mr. Beresford would not continue with acrimony. They must have satisfaction in knowing that they put ginger into "The Ringing World" which improved it.

Mr. E. A. Barnett endorsed the please of Mr. Roper and Mr. Scott. Mr. Pipe was not going to attend the meeting but changed his mind.

CONVENER'S REPLY

Mr. Anderson then asked for permission to reply. He was greeted with cries of "No." The president, however, ruled that he was entitled to reply.

Mr. Anderson reminded the Council that "The Ringing World" Committee was given a charge (a) to produce the paper as it was to-day; (b) the Appendix. They received certain recommendations which, if they were carried out, the loss would have been very much more.

Mr. Bayles had made certain accusations. Firstly, the coloured covers. He (Mr. Anderson) was in Guildford when the printers wanted to buy coloured paper. So far as the loss was concerned it was a calculated loss. The suggestion had been made in the previous Council that they could lose up to £2,000. At the March meeting at Birmingham the committee said it would consider the accounts to the end of April. This they did last Sunday and the vice-president attended that meeting. Agreement was then reached as to price and he informed Mr. Bayles of the decision. (Mr. Bayles arrived late.) He was at the hotel all day and it took Mr. Bayles until 6 o'clock before he informed him that he did not agree. They had taken into account any possible loss of circulation in fixing their price.

A discussion followed on whether the Appendix was "rejected" or not accepted. Finally it was agreed that the report be adopted and the Appendix not accepted.

Mr. A. V. Davis made the suggestion that the Council elected at Bath should operate for the last year of the triennial period.

The president replied that hey had been told by their legal adviser that for people to come back was not acceptable.

Mr. Richard Speed and Mrs. Jill Staniforth were then elected to the committee.

Mr. Seager then suggested that the price increase should be left to the new committee.

Mr. W. G. Wilson explained that the increase in price was a matter for the committee. The decision could only be altered by the election of a new committee.

The Council then passed on to the next business.

Clarifying Doubles Variations

In introducing his motion on this topic, Dr. Lewis stated that, in recent years, Doubles ringing had become chaotic. As far as the rules of the Central Council were concerned there was no such thing as a "variation." Nevertheless, variations were commonly rung to peals and these had always been accepted by the Peals Analysis Committee, so that, de facto, the Central Council accepted variations. Unfortunately, because there were no rules relating to variations, a number of dubious peal arrangements had been rung.

Dr. Lewis illustrated the difference between a method and a variation by comparing Grandsire with Newborough. Grandsire had its own plain course, its own bob and single. Newborough uses the same plain course and bob as Grandsire, but utilises a plain lead of All Saints' as a single. Because Grandsire has its own plain course it is a method. Newborough is only a variation because it uses Grandsire as its plain course.

Although Newborough is a traditional variation, which has been rung for hundreds of years, the Council might think that an extent of Newborough should be described as spliced Grandsire and All Saints'. If they took this view, then all variations which, at present, use a plain lead of another method as a call should cease to be variations and should be described as spliced. Mr. Blagrove's amendment to the original motion stated that categorically, and Dr. Lewis said that he would like to withdraw section (1) of his motion and replace it with section (1) of the amendment. Where a call which was not part of a plain course of another method was used in lieu of the usual call for the method being rung it would still be correct to describe the resultant 120 as a variation. In such a case the variation should be given its own name.

Referring to part 2 of his motion, Dr. Lewis thought it desirable that a variation should be capable of producing 120 true changes. Many variations rung at present were false, but because the falseness occurred within a lead it often went unnoticed. Dr. Lewis again suggested that Mr. Blagrove's amendment was better worded than his own, which he therefore withdrew.

The third part of the motion involved the Council in a technical description of the dubious practices that had been resorted to in order to ring multi-variation peals. Dr. Lewis analysed a set of variations based on Grandsire using a S—SPx2 calling. He said that some people had used the following arrangement:—

S Grandsire.
— Grandsire.
S All Saints' plain lead.
P Grandsire.

This they considered to give both Grandsire and Newborough. Although this might be so, the following part was completely unethical:

S Grandsire.
— Wallflower.
S All Saints' plain lead.
P Grandsire.

Here it was claimed that two **variations** had been rung, although the first required a Grandsire single and a Wallflower bob, as well as a plain lead of Grandsire, for its existence. The second required a Wallflower bob, an All Saints' plain lead (as a single) and a plain lead of Grandsire. Yet only **one** Wallflower bob and **one** plain lead of Grandsire had been rung.

Dr. Lewis maintained that the same bob could not be shared between two variations, neither could the same plain lead. Again he felt that Mr. Blagrove's amendment (No 3) was more suitably worded than his own, and he withdrew the third section of his motion in favour of the amendment.

Regarding the proposition to limit multi-method/variation peals on seven bells or less to 5,040, Dr. Lewis said that he realised after discussion with Mr. Moreton that this would be unworkable. He was happy to withdraw this part of the motion completely, but would like to express his own opinion on it in public. He felt that it was not really playing fair to ring eight extents of Minor or 43 of Doubles and then say that one had rung more methods to a peal than had anyone else. Perhaps some of his friends on the Council might take the hint!

Finally he said that it had not always, in the past, been possible to get details of the arrangement of particularly important peals. For the good of the Exercise their arrangement should be published, and this was demaided by the final section of his motion. It was felt that full details of the peal should be submitted to the Editor of "The Ringing World" at the same time that the peal was submitted. At Mr. Moreton's request, to facilitate the work of the Records, Peals Collection and Peals Analysis Committees, Dr. Lewis moved that these details should be published by January 31st of the year following the ringing of the peal.

Mr. Dukes then formally agreed to the withdrawal of sections (I), (II) and (III) of the motion, m favour of Mr. Blagrove's amendment, to the complete withdrawal of section (IV) and, finally, he seconded section (V).

Mr. Blagrove then proposed that his amendments, seconded by Mr. Butler, should replace those withdrawn in their favour by Dr. Lewis.

The Council proceeded to discuss the matter at some length and both Dr. Lewis and Mr. Blagrove were questioned closely on the implications of the motion. Mr. Dawson, in particular, felt that the proposed regulations were far too stringent. Canon Felstead and Mr. Moreton, however, strongly supported the motion in its amended form.

After further discussion the Council unanimously decided to adopt the amended motion. It should, perhaps, be stressed that there has been no restriction on the scope of ringing open to Doubles addicts. Many of the well-known names, such as April Day, will be replaced by recognising that spliced extents of various methods have been rung, and this should help to clarify the confusion. True variations which are **not** spliced extents will continue to be rung and it is hoped that a collection of them may be published in the future.

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JOHN NICOLL
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FILMS, RECORDS & TUTOR'S BOOK PLANNED

REPORT OF SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Week-End and Day Courses.

IT is pleasing to note that certain centres seem now securely established for residential and day courses, and are able to develop new aspects and techniques and consolidate older ones which have proved very successful.

In this sphere we have the annual courses at Hereford, pioneered by Mr. Moreton and the Hereford Guild, where the next venture is to be a five-day course, and the annual courses at Grantley Hall in Mr. Chaddock's hands.

Miss Cross and Mr. Sharpe both helped with the course at Cheltenham organised by the Gloucester and Bristol Guild and their own Guild is very active in this aspect of training. The Oxford Guild are planning for a potential leaders' course, a commendable aim, which, under different names, has also caught on in Derbyshire and Yorkshire.

The Lincoln Guild and the Derby Association have both followed up the earlier courses in which Mr. Moreton and Mr. Chaddock gave assistance.

Along with the Durham and Newcastle Centre, continuity is thus established in six centres. Several other Guilds have already held courses and others are planning for them, and so it would seem that the movement is securely established. Advice has been given to many Guilds and the convener welcomes such inquiries.

Theological Colleges.—Mrs. Staniforth continues to maintain liaison between Theological Colleges and those concerned with organising or giving lectures.

Washington Film.—The film was loaned out 17 times during 1967 and net income to date from this source now exceeds the cost of the film to the Council. The film is still in very good condition and continues to give pleasure to many viewers.

Film Strip.—A film strip is to be made on the work of bellfounders. Both our leading bellfounders have promised to help Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Moreton to produce this.

Film about Bell Ringing.—Following a request at the last Council meeting that an instructional film should be made, it is of interest that, by coincidence, a professional body has offered to make a film. Since their cost for a 15-minute film would be likely to run into four figures, this sort of undertaking would seem to be outside our financial ability. It would seem that we await the enterprise of some 8 mm. enthusiast for a more economical production.

Gramophone Record Illustrating Good Striking.—Inquiries are being made regarding the cost of producing a gramophone record with commentary, illustrating good striking, for use as a teaching aid with beginners.

Tutors' Handbook.—Provisional draft scripts were given to those members of the Standing Committee who asked to see one. The draft has been revised and rewritten and all comments received by the writers have been taken into account. The handbook will be in two related parts— Part I on "Bell Control" has been written by Mr. Moreton, and Part II on "Elementary Change Ringing" by Mr. Chaddock. The handbook concentrates particularly on methods of teaching. It is hoped that it will soon be available.

Miscellaneous Items.—During the year the convener has dealt with the following requests: Notes on "Teaching Bell Control," film strips on "Teaching Bell Control," syllabuses for evening institute courses, loans of general interest slides and visual aids for recruiting, "propaganda" efforts and open days, advice on purchase of secondhand handbells, advice regarding striking contest, advice regarding tune ringing and music, information regarding ringing films.

Mr. Sharpe has again given numerous lectures to societies and church organisations and assisted with several week-end courses.

The "Squarer Deal for Learners." — The convener has been in correspondence with Miss E. M. Barber about the above scheme, which she recently launched and on which she has reported in "The Ringing World." Specimen test cards and notes about the scheme and tests were requested and received. The aim of this scheme is to encourage recruits and stimulate their progress. Miss Barber has put a good deal of work and enthusiasm into her scheme. The convener hopes to be able to report to the Council verbally on further discussions with Miss Barber about the scheme.

NORMAN CHADDOCK
(Convener).
WILFRID F. MORETON.
FREDERICK SHARPE.
JILL STANIFORTH.
MARIE R. CROSS.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. N. Chaddock said a film strip was likely to be produced this summer. He had discussed a "Squarer Deal for Learners" with Miss Barber. She had made various suggestions aimed at generating enthusiasm among learners.

Authority to publish the "Manual to Instructors" had been given, but the cost might be the deciding factor. What would be the ceiling? He was hoping that the publication would not exceed 8s. in cost.

Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded.

Miss Marie R. Cross: How many pages will it have and how would it compare with the Ringers' Handbook?

Mr. Chaddock replied that it would be about 60 pages. It could be reduced according to price. It could cost 10s., but modern methods might reduce it to 6s. or 7s.

Mr. G. W. Pipe said he had been privileged to read the proofs. It was an excellent handbook and well worth 7s. 6d.

Mr. White said he understood the Ringers' Handbook would have to be reset shortly and it would increase cost.

FILM STRIP DISCUSSED

Mr. E. Billings (Peterborough Guild) said the Peterborough Guild had an 8 mm. film strip.

Mr. A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth) was delighted to hear that they would have a film strip, which would be a great help to people talking about ringing. He suggested that inquiries should be made from film clubs.

Mr. Chaddock said he had spent some time with Mr. Clive Smith and he suggested a cine club. He asked for Mr. Smith to be added to the committee.

Mr. Colin Lewis said the cultural arrangements in Ireland included assistance in making films.

The convener replied that they had no success to their application in this country.

Mr. Billings said the cost of the Northampton film, which was recently shown, was under £10.

NO CEILING TO HANDBOOK

A discussion followed on the cost of the tutors' handbook, during which it was suggested that a ceiling should be fixed or that it be published in two parts if it proved to be too costly.

Mr. R. S. Anderson: I think you will be tying the hands of the librarian if you fix a ceiling. We have appointed these officers and it would be a misplace of confidence.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS

The convener said several people had written to him suggesting a gramophone record to illustrate good striking. The cost for an order of 100 records would be 21s. each; for over 100 the cost would be slightly cheaper. Perhaps the Clement Glenn Fund could be used to finance it.

Mr. Moreton supported the convener and Mr. Clive Smith said he had obtained a quotation of an actual disc and was prepared to go ahead with such recordings if the Council wished it.

Mr. Alan Ainsworth said he had produced a record of Stedman Cinques and sold 100 copies. They would sell 100 copies easily.

The Editor said the Bristol firm who advertised "The Bells of Bristol" in "The Ringing World" was very pleased with the number of replies they received. Perhaps Saydisc would provide the record if the Central Council provided the material.

Mr. V. Bottomley said there was £185 available in the Clement Glenn Fund; they could not withdraw more He suggested a limit of £100.

Mr. Hartless (Winchester and Portsmouth) urged the use of hard-wearing records, and Mr. H. Poyner hoped that six-bell, closed lead and call change ringing would be recorded.

It was agreed that Mr. Clive Smith be added to the committee and that they would be allowed to spend up to £100 from the Clement Glenn bequest.

Mr. E. A. Barnett said they should not pass the report without expressing thanks to the committee for the energy and enthusiasm with which they undertook their work.

YETMINSTER BELLS REDEDICATED

For a year all but a fortnight the village of Yetminster in North Dorset has been without five of its six bells; no "rounds and call changes" to summon parishioners to worship, no striking of the clock and no three-hourly rendering of the National Anthem. So Thursday, May 16th, was a great day when, after a thorough renovation of bells 2 to 6 by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, a service of rededication was held in a packed church. Good ringers' hymns, a lesson from Ecclesiastes xxxviii reminding us of the craftsman's skill, and an inspiring address from the Archdeacon of Sherborne (the Ven. E. J. G. Ward) were all appreciated.

As an act of dedication the Archdeacon tolled the bell three times, and a minute's rounds were rung by W. C. Shute (Ferndown), E. T. P. Field (Stoke-sub-Hamdon), Mrs. A. F. Godley (Yetminster), W. Bennett (West Coker), C. Vowles (Yetminster, captain) and J. Ellis (Yetminster). After the service there was ringing for all and refreshments were served in the Church Hall.

The general report was that the bell founders had done a splendid job and that the addition of rope guides was definitely a good thing.

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OBITUARY

MR. JACK A. WAUGH

The news that Mr. Jack A. Waugh, of Woodford, Essex, had died on Whit Sunday, at the age of 56, was received by his fellow members of the Ancient Society of College Youths with feelings of great personal loss, for he was one of the Society's most devoted and highly esteemed members. He had been in poor health for some months but the end came with unexpected suddenness. The deep and sincere sympathy of the Society goes to Mrs. Waugh and to her son, Colin, and daughter, Eileen. By a tragic coincidence Jack's mother died just a few hours later.

For many years Jack had been a member of the company of ringers at Westminster Abbey and also of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers. It is a custom at Westminster Abbey that the body of a late servant of the Abbey shall rest there during the night preceding the funeral, and so it was that on the evening of June 5th the coffin was met in Dean's Yard by the Ven. E. F. Carpenter, Canon and Archdeacon of Westminster. After it had been draped with the richly-embroidered Westminster Abbey pall, the coffin was carried through the cloisters and along the north aisle to the Chapel of St. George, followed by Mrs. Waugh, her son and daughter and many ringers.

At the conclusion of a short service a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by a band which included the leaders of the Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral ringers. Among those present were the Master, secretary, other officers, ten past Masters and members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. So we left our dear friend Jack to rest in the noble Abbey Church which he so much loved and which he had served faithfully and well.

On June 6th his body was conveyed from the Abbey to Woodford Parish Church and there a funeral service was conducted by the Rector for both Jack and his mother. Before the service the bells were rung half-muffled by members of the College Youths, the Essex Association and the local band, of which Jack had been a member.

Jack learned to ring at Woodford and he soon became very well known in London ringing circles. In 1926, at the age of 14, he became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and throughout the rest of his life he was a loyal and enthusiastic member. He was junior steward at the time of the Society's tercentenary, then senior steward for several years and elected Master in 1948. For a time he was one of the Society's Central Council representatives (1939–47) and since 1966 he had been a trustee. As well as his service to the Ancient Society he had also served the London County Association for several years as an officer of the Northern District, first as secretary, then as Master, and from 1936 to 1938 on the Central Council.

In his ringing days Jack was never happier than when he was ringing a heavy tenor and he had several fine performances to his credit. Among these were many peals on Southwark Cathedral tenor, a peal of Stedman Cinques on Worcester Cathedral tenor at a time when that bell was a tough job, and several peals on the 54 cwt. Gillett and Johnston tenor at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, including the only peal of Maximus to which this bell was rung.

Perhaps above all Jack Waugh will be remembered for the complete integrity of his character—as the Rector of Woodford said at the funeral service, "Jack Waugh was as straight as a die.' Those of us who were privileged to have his friendship, and we are legion, are grateful for all that he has meant, and still means, to us and for his life of service to ringing and to his church. We shall always remember him with affection. May he rest in peace. Farewell, dear and faithful friend.

MR. WALTER D. BAILEY

The Suffolk Guild regrets to report the passing of one of its most devoted members, Walter D. Bailey, of Stratford, on Wednesday, May 29th.

Walter started his ringing career as one of the East Bergholt ringers on the unique ring of five, hung at ground level and rung in a cage in the churchyard. Literally thousands of tourists have visited East Bergholt in the heart of Constable's Country, and Walter's cheery face would have been there to offer the traditional welcome. His learning of "tower" bellringing started fairly late in life, but although he found the change-over difficult he mastered the art and taught many youngsters thereafter!

Whether at a Guild meeting or on a visit to Stratford one would always find the cheerful Walter among the crowd.

The interment took place at Stratford on Whit Tuesday attended by many ringers, and a half-muffled peal was rung in his memory on June 6th. His place in Suffolk will be very hard to fill, and our sympathy goes out to his widow Joyce and family. May he rest in peace. G. W. P.

PEAL RECORDS OF THE LATE MICHAEL D. TRIGG

Minor: Plain Bob 3 (conducted 1), three methods 2, seven methods 2 (1).
Doubles: Stedman 1.
Triples: Grandsire 1.
Major: Plain Bob 4, Double Norwich Court Bob 1, Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 3, Cornwall 1.
Caters: Grandsire 2.
Total: 21 (2).
First peal, June 29th, 1963.
First as conductor, April 22nd, 1967.

LOOKING FOR TOWERS AND "TATERS"

Every Whit Monday (or Spring Bank Holiday), whilst the Central Council are deliberating on our behalf, the members and friends of King's Lynn St. Margaret's band emerge from "the wilds of North-West Norfolk" and enjoy their annual tour.

For 12 years these tours have been organised and led by Leslie Houghton and have become for many of us one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year.

This year the itinerary took us, at furthest, to Louth and Lincoln (St. Giles') and included six towers in all. Considering that the party spent very nearly 15 hours away from King's Lynn this number may not seem excessive, and to many tower grabbers it probably seems very small. The Nor-folk in general, however, have no reputation for soaring ambition and there is no reason why ringers in particular should be at variance with their background.

For farms and farmworkers the two or three weeks preceding haymaking can be as quiet as any part of the year, and it is an ideal time to be "about" and able to see how the other fellows have been making out. Consequently the journey to the first church resembles a farm tour more than a ringing tour and there develops almost a competition to see who is first to notice a particularly promising crop of barley or "taters."

On arrival at King's Lynn the party quickly dispersed, but before they went a vote of thanks was passed to Leslie for the organisation of another most civilised expedition F.S.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

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TOTTERNHOE'S WONDERFUL DAY

The 18h annual outing of the Totternhoe ringers took place on May 25th, a visit being made to Northamptonshire.

The day dawned cloudy and dull and the rain, which began to fall before the first stopping place was reached, persisted throughout the day until early evening, but this gentle reminder that the cricket season was in full swing was not enough to damp the spirits of this party!

A hardy type is your bellringer, for whereas the follower of certain other pastimes may turn out only once a week, and even then take no active part in the proceedings apart from yelling himself blue in the face and throwing the odd bottle the more sturdy campanologist will spend several evenings a week pursuing his favourite hobby and, having enjoyed a feast of ringing on Saturday, will cheerully come up for more on Sunday!

At St. Mary's, Easton Neston, which stands in the charming and gracious surroundings of a large private park, we descended from the coaches (two—large!) and scurried for the shelter of the church, where the fine light eight were put to good use. Next came the grand six at Cottesbrooke, where the beautiful Church of All Saints adds dignity to another charming scene. At St. Michael's, Hazelbeech, we arrived in good time to provide wedding bells for the bride and bridegroom, whose marriage we trust got off to a good start.

Lunch was taken at Kettering, after which the splendid 21 cwt. six ring of eight at Rothwell was very much enjoyed. Leaving Northamptonshire for Leicestershire we enjoyed an hour's ringing on the splendid eight at Market Harborough and afterwards a welcome cup of tea.

On the homeward journey we were highly pleased with the two excellent sixes at St. Mary's, Badby, and Holy Cross, Byfield, the latter, standing on an eminence a little way out of the village, is a particularly impressive pile, and one's thoughts turned to the devoted souls who laboured to build such beautiful places, and also to the thousands who have climbed the well-worn belfry steps to send out the music of the bells during the centuries of its existence.

For the delight of this wonderul day spent in such beautiful countryside the sincere thanks of all are accorded to Jack Scott, the organiser, the incumbents and the local ringers, who were such charming hosts. A. E. R.

BEDS TO BERKS

On May 11th the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association held its annual outing in Berkshire. A coachful of sleepy ringers and friends left the county at about eight o'clock after having picked up others en route. The first tower, at St. Mary's, Twyford, proved a popular time for coffee as well as ringing. The next tower was St. Mary's, Reading, followed by lunch. After inner nourishment and with the prospect of fine weather we enjoyed ringing at two good towers during the afternoon, Binfield (a delightful six) and Warfield (a very pleasant eight). Let's hope we can visit them again soon as a royal ring!

After tea in Windsor—at a restaurant, not the large house on the hill!—we rang at St. John's Church and then journeyed on to Cookham. Here we rounded off the day's ringing, a local ringer kindly allowing us to admire the scenery from the top of the tower. With a stop in the evening at Beaconsfield, the tired ringers returned home happy and contented.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everybody who made the day such a success: the respective Vicars for the use of their bells, the kind people who met us and, last but by no means least, Philip Rogers for his excellent and quiet efficiency. L. E.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On May 19th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: D. C. Dabb (first in method) 1, D. L. Kerley 2, E. J. Evans (first in method "inside") 3, D. Evans 4, P. Jones 5, G. E. Kerley 6, D. G. Kerley (cond.) 7, L. R. Scott 8. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. C. Dabb 1, P. Jones 2, D. L. Kerley 3, D. Evans 4, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 5, G. E. Kerley 6, D. G. Kerley 7, L. R. Scott 8. Also on June 2nd, 1,380 Pl. Bob Minor: E. J. Evans 1, G. E. Kerley 3, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 4, D. L. Kerley 5, D. G. Kerley 6, P. Jones 7, D. C. Dabb 8. All rung as a compliment to L. N. Melton for his services to Aberdare belfry.

ALTON, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Chennell-White 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2, E. Hedger 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. First in method 2, 3 and 6. First in method by local band for many years.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On May 30th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each Oxford and Kent T.B.): Mrs. D. A. Day 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, J. H. Cook 3, R. Preston 4, O. Homewood 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. J. H. Cook (churchwarden) and Mrs. Cook on the occasion of their ruby wedding. Also to Mr. F. L. Wilkinson (Rector's warden) for his 70th birthday.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Clifford's Pleasure Doubles: H. Christine Younger 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, R. I. Kendrick 4, R. Wilmore 5, P. G. Chambers 6.

BATHEASTON, BATH. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Newman 1, Jane M. Dennis 2, P. J. Devrell 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. L. Coles 6, R. I. Kendrick 7, B. Sarll 8. For Ascension Day at 6 a.m.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK. — On May 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwendolyn Tooke 1, Mrs. Nan Brindley 2, D. Blyth 3, Helen Grass 4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5, C. Tooke 6. First quarter peal by all the band except the conductor.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Whitear 1, D. J. Derrick 2, S. Christian 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, J. Hollins (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS. — On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Whiting 1, J. F. W. Allen 2, F. Harwood 3, R. F. Baker 4, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 5.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, T. Thomas 6, R. J. Mayle 7, D. Bryant 8. For the induction of the Rev. Harold Morgan to St. Illtyds.

BRISTOL. — At St. Ambrose's Church, on May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Martin 1, A. C. Baker 2, S. J. Bateman 3, D. Rennolds 4, T. Newlands 5, J. W. Collard 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, H. Goss (first quarter) 8.

CALDECOTT, RUTLAND.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variations): S. B. Bell 1, Cynthia E. Barnett (most methods/variations) 2, Patsy M. Barnes (most methods/variations) 3, L. Atton 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. For Whitsun and on the 15th anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS. — On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Tilley (first attempt) 1, Lis Aubrey 2, Penny Coomber (first "inside") 3, M. Bullett 4, R. Adcock (cond.) 5, P. Cuckson 6. For Evensong.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Spliced Minor (three methods): Miss E. Hall 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, Miss V. Hall 3, W. Attley 4, S. B. Bell 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. First of Spliced for all except 2 and 6.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Ann Gardner (first "inside") 2, A. J. Butcher 3, Mrs. Betty M. Baines (cond.) 4, A. E. W. Baines ("circled" tower to quarters) 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Evensong and to mark the birth of Philippa Russell, first grandchild for the Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Russell. Also as birthday compliments to 1 and 2.

DUBLIN.—At Christ Church Cathedral, on April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Helen M. Hubert 1, L. R. Taylor 2, D. H. T. Taylor 3, C. J. Reede 4, J. P. O. Barry 5, P. W. Brown 6. The conducting was shared.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen Marriott 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, R. P. Wood (first quarter) 3, R. L. Piron 4, M. J. Marriott 5, A. D. Norman (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX. — On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Hymas 1, A. Bartholomew 2, W. Barrett (cond.) 3, J. Stone 4, J. Harris 5, P. Rayner 6. Rung on the birth of a son, "Bill", to the ringer of 5th.

GREAT TEW, OXON. — On May 25th, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (ten methods): Elizabeth M. Barber 1, P. G. McIlhone (cond.) 2, J. R. Leary 3, J. R. Pratt 4, S. F. Royal 5, P. H. Mackie 6, R. M. Heyworth 7, A. P. Foster 8. Rung by O.U.S.

HURST, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Froome (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, B. C. Castle 4, R. K. Rivers 5, L. Hall 6, C. A. Eele 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 2, Valerie C. Allen 3, A. Locke 4, M. H. Trevor 5, T. J. Bell 6, G. F. Dunstan 7, A. Carveth 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON. — On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Cameron 1, P. J. Heritage 2, M. Journeaux 3, W. F. Judge (cond.) 4, J. R. Chaundy 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, E. J. Smith 7, P. Sampson 8.

KINGHAM, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Kistruck 1, Sue Heyworth 2, Judith Harvey 3, R. H. Johnson 4, Caroline Mackie 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6, P. H. Mackie 7, A. P. Foster 8.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX. — On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin 1, J. E. Baker 2, R. Hughes 3, B. Turner (cond.) 4, B. Stepney 5, C. F. Vine 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. B. Booth, a local ringer and an old and respected friend.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. T. Falder 1, K. J. Perrin (first Minor "inside") 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, P. C. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Michael D. Trigg (aged 23), District Ringing Master, who died in Spain on May 23rd. The sympathy of the band goes to his widow and family.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Coningsby 1, Jean Sanderson 2, F. Harper 3, D. Lilley 4, J. Gipson (cond.) 5, D. Pepper 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Scowan 1, Helen Henderson 2, H. Rossell 3, R. Turner (cond.) 4, Barbara Beeson 5, R. Bampton 6, J. Roper 7, G. Heyes 8.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Blanchard 1, J. Mace 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, P. W. Holdoyd 4, L. K. Grey (cond.) 5, H. E. Blacker 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. J. Grimes, Deputy Mayor of Malmesbury.

OXFORD.—At New College, on May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. K. Thompson 1, R. H. Johnston 2, Sue Heyworth 3, Elizabeth M. Barber 4, J. R. Leary 5, R. E. Burbery 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, P. J. Daniel 8.

PENYFAI, GLAM.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Hiddins 1, R. J. Mayle 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, D. W. Davies 5. For Confirmation service.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Cox 1, R. Poston 2, Ann Butcher 3, K. Tyler 4, F. Oakley 5, L. C. Meadows 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, R. A. Brewer 8. A wedding compliment to Monica Greenway (ringer) and Neville Little, married here this day.

ROUGHTOWN, Mossley, STAFFS.—On May 19th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. D. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton on their golden wedding anniversary.

ST. MARY BOURNE, HANTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Clifton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Green 2, B. Hodgson (first as cond.) 3, B. Oakes 4, A. Green 5, C. Pack (first on tenor) 6. An engagement compliment to Miss C. Clifton and Mr. B. Hodgson.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,440 Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob Minor: K. Lucas 1, G. Lucas 2, H. Turner (cond.) 3, I. Turner 4, A. House 5, P. M. Fleckney 6. First Minor 1, 2.

WANLIP, LEICS. — On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances A. Pegg (first quarter) 1, C. J. Mobbs 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, Mary E. Edwards 4, D. L. Alderton 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6. With 21st birthday compliments to David F. Moore and Clive J. Mobbs.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORD.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rosemary Absolom 1, Jane Belcher 2, Anne Elkington 3, M. McIlhone (cond.) 4, J. Godman 5, A. Pearse 6, F. Absolom 7, R. Cobb 8. For Confirmation.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 27th, 1,400 Doubles (16 methods): Miss S. Hope 1, Miss S. K. D. Woolley 2, Miss S. Kemp 3, R. Webster (cond.) 4, R. Newby 5, G. Davis 6.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: R. Funnell (first quarter) 1, Jane Mason (first in method) 2, A. Baldock (first in method as cond.) 3, Susan Harrison (first in method) 4, T. Barlow 5, C. Percy 6. Rung prior to the singing of the Office of the Guild of the Servers of the Sanctuary, three of the band being members of the Guild.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Frankland 1, R. Carter 2, Anne Oakley 3, P. Carter 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, D. Parks 6. For morning service and baptism.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. Marshall 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss E. Campbell 3, G. Jones 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, D. Poulter (first quarter) 6. For Whitsun and as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. J. B. MacGowan.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Coggins 1, W. H. Clarke 2, Miss V. Lewis 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, D. J. Smith 5, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 6, T. J. Hester 7, C. Bustin 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

WRAXALL, SOM.—On May 22nd, 1,280 Lincoln Surprise Major: S. Brown 1, Heather Walters 2, Diana Bridle 3, E. T. Lee 4, J. Brain 5, P. Bridle 6, J. R. Taylor 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. First in method by all.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Len Stillwell rang in a quarter peal at Vancouver, B.C., on May 29th.

Ruby wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook, of Asfordby, Leics. Mr. Cook, who is a vice-president of the Leicester Guild, is a churchwarden as Asfordby.

There were five "firsts" in a quarter of Doubles conducted by Mr. K. L. Brown at Blofield, Norfolk. A sign of new life.

The quarter of Grandsire Triples at East Tytherley on June 3rd was rung by present members of Winchester College. The average age was 16. They ask if another school band or younger band has rung a quarter of Triples.

Peals and quarter peals have been rung at sea, but have any been rung on the Irish Sea? The performance of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lewis and P. W. Brown on board M/S St. David on June 1st drew a crowd of interested and amused spectators. It was, however, only a 720.

St. Thomas', Stourbridge., the subject of a recent front page cover, has now raised £4,000 towards the £5,000 for the restoration of the tower.

We regret to hear that Mr. T. R. Butler, of 27, Lynwood Gardens, Liverpool 9, has gone into hospital for an operation. He hopes to be "out and about" in a few weeks' time.

Mr. C. Hervey Bagot, of Adelaide, has arrived in England and will be at the Institute of Physics for two years. He was president of A.N.Z.A.A.B. at the time of Great Adventure II and was captain at Adelaide Cathedral from 1957 to 1960.

Another handbell record was established on May 26th of 17,824 Kent Treble Bob Major in 7 hours and 44 minutes at Leverstock Green, Herts. Ringers were Gerald Penney 1–2, Julia A. Fellows 3–4, Martyn L. J. Jordan 5–6, Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7–8. Full story next week.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

REV. A. S. ROBERS AN HON. CANON

The Rev. A. S. Roberts, Vicar of Carbis Bay, was appointed an honorary Canon of Truro Cathedral when the Bishop of Truro (Dr. J. M. Key) consecrated the newly-completed nave at St. Anta and All Saints', Carbis Bay. The announcement was made from the pulpit by the Bishop, who said he thought it was so appropriate for a true son of Truro, as Mr. Roberts was, and as a tribute to his devotion and perseverance as a parish priest.

As a compliment to the new Canon a quarter peal was quickly arranged and rung after the service, following a good ring for the young band so ably trained by Mr. Roberts.

Carbis Bay is only the second parish church to be built in Cornwall this century. The church without a tower and with an uncompleted nave was built in 1929. Thirty years later the tower was completed and between 1961 and 1968 the four bays added, covering the original ground plan.

No one could have served the Truro Diocesan Guild more faithfully than the new Canon, who is vice-president of the Guild. He is also secretary of the Diocesan Missionary Council.

MISS ROSEMARY EARL MARRIED

On the eve of her marriage, Miss Rosemary Earl, secretary of the Sussex District of the Ladies' Guild, rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor in her own tower, St. Mary's, Willingdon. It was an all-ladies band, viz.: Susan Percy 1, Sybil Tonken 2, Rosemary Earl 3, Annette Bradbury 4, Janet Percy (cond.) 5, Betty Percy (6).

Rosemary was married on June 3rd to Keith Farley, the service being conducted by her godfather, Canon Roger Davison, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Greenfield, who assisted.

Given away by her father, the bride wore an empire-line gown with a train in triona satin and trimmed with lace; she carried a white prayer book with a spray of apricot carnations and stephanotis. Mrs. Lesley Howard, twin sister of the bride, was matron of honour and the best man was Mr. John Hill

As the bride and bridegroom left the church they walked under an archway of bellropes.

A FIRST AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Guildford Cathedral's resident band rang its first quarter peal on May 24th for the service which marked the retirement of the Dean, Bishop George Clarkson, and the seventh anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral. At the service Bishop Reindorp dedicated a set of 25 handbells for the use of the Cathedral company. Two of the bells were a personal gift of the Bishop and Dr. Alix Reindorp. The Dean was a very close friend of all ringers locally.

EDINGTON PRIORY

The Rev. Ralph E. H. Dudley, of Edington Vicarage, expresses his gratitude to our readers who have sent contributions towards the augmentation to ten bells for Edington Priory. So far about £30 has been received from this source. The Vicar also informs us that due to a very large order they have received from the United States Messrs. John Taylor are unable to complete Edington bells before August.



MR. A. DISERENS

The Exercise will congratnulate Mr. Albert Diserens on ringing a peal at St. Mary's, Reading, on May 26th, to mark the 50th anniversary of his first peal and his 50th year as a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. His wife and three of his sons were taking part in the peal.

Mr. Diserens was taught to handle a bell at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, which at that time was a call change tower. It was at Hersham that he was introduced to change ringing and on starting work he rang with various London ringers, who arranged his first peal. This was for the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Woburn, Bucks, on May 20th, 1918, the method being Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by T. H. Taffender. The peal was rung half-muffled to the memory of William Trusss, who had been killed in action.

During the early 1930's he lived in Brighton and rang with Keith Hart and his well-known band at St. Peter's. At the outbreak of war he moved from London to Reading and as there was a ban on tower bell ringing he held regular handbell practices at his home. He was, until a few years ago, captain of the ringers at St. Mary's, Reading, and is still a stalwart member. Under his leadership the band has rung peals of Spliced Surprise Major. Recently he organised special practices at St. Laurence's, Reading, which culminated in peals of Bristol Royal and Maximus being rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Diserens has kept no record of his peals but believes them to total between 300 and 400.

A GOLDEN WEDDING QUARTER

June 1st, 1968, was a day Mr. Bert Smith, of Chirton, Wilts, had been anticipating for a long time. It was his golden wedding day and he looked forward to ringing in a quarter peal in honour of the occasion. During the preceding week he had been in the tower looking at the ropes and things in general. Alas, the next day he had a heart attack and was confined to bed. But he was able to hear a good quarter of Grandsire Doubles rung on the bells he had served for 60 years. From 1915 until 1947 he was tower captain. Chirton ringers wish him a speedy recovery to join them again, as the tower is not the same without Bert.

A PENCHANT FOR 12-BELL TOWERS

Famed for their previous outings to Exeter and Liverpool, Mr. F. Tonge's Longparish outing this year was to Manchester Town Hall. The programme proved equally as good as the other two despite a day of heavy rain on May 25th.

Departing at 5 a.m., Wolverhampton was reached by 9 and ringing enjoyed on the 12 bells here before the run to Manchester along the M.6 motorway.

The six at Northenden was enjoyed after lunch, London Minor being rung here, and on the eight at West Didsbury we were joined by Alan Ward, who had helped with the arrangements.

The eight at Birch-in-Rusholme, considered by Alan to be the best eight in Manchester, was also sampled before our visit to the Unitarian Church at Brookfield Gorton, also with eight bells.

Next came the highlights of the day—the Cathedral and Manchester Town Hall, both first-class rings. We wished we had had more time to do full justice to the bells at the Town Hall as they are a grand ring.

Finally, Miles Platting, kindly arranged for us by Alan, which we all appreciated. We hope to plan another day in the area to visit all the good rings we missed.

Thank you, Manchester, and thank you, Franke Tonge, for your arrangements.

G.K.D.

UPPER BEEDING AMBITION FULFILLED

The first quarter by an entirely local band at Upper Beeding, Sussex, was the fulfilment of an ambition of Harry Barber, who rang the third. He was a member of the first change ringing band formed in the tower over 50 years ago and at various times had tried to teach, without success, a local band. About four years ago Mr. Arthur Riddington took up the challenge of teaching a band, but before a start could be made, debris left by generations of birds had to be cleared from the tower. He had a band who could ring a plain course when, at the end of 1966, he and his daughter, Ann, left for the Midlands.

Mr. J. M. Hills then took over and he called the tower's first local quarter. He has two promising young people, Trevor Craven (12), who rang for his own confirmation, and Catriona McNeil, whom he hopes to see ringing Surprise Major before she goes to a university in October.

ST. MARY'S, MARLBOROUGH

Faculty permission has been granted for the bells of St. Mary's, Marlborough, Wilts, to be augmented to eight, using metal from the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Marlborough. The work is in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

With only one other "eight" in the area at the moment we feel that this part of Wiltshire will have a valuable asset on the completion of the scheme.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

Denby P. Murduck	Treble	Christopher L. Dalton	5
Peter Furness	2	Laurence C. Way	6
Robert Crocker	3	Robin L. Collis	7
Richard L. Jones	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Wed., May 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

Oswald Claybrook	Treble	Keith Walpole	5
Francis Bibby	2	Cyril Valentine	6
Robert Warrilow	3	John R. Bibby	7
John E. Bibby	4	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Francis Bibby.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

Gordon Wilcox	Treble	John R. Scott	4
Frank R. Morton	2	A. Doreen Edwards	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of Christ.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) London Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Sandal and Kingston Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	Treble	Denis Mottershead	4
John Robinson	2	Kenneth R. Davenport	5
Timothy Wylie	3	F. John Nelson	Tenor

Extents conducted by each member of the band in the following order: 4th, 4th 2nd, 6th, 5th, 1st, 3rd.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

EXETER. Devon.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Wed., May 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Frank D. Mack	Treble	George E. Retter	5
D. Roy Bould	2	John N. Longridge	6
Rev. John C. M. Scott	3	Frederick Wreford	7
George E. Mudge	4	Norman Mallett	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. (12-part.) Conducted by Frederick Wreford.
First peal on the bells (dedicated 1951).
Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Leslie G. Hellens priest, former Vicar of St. Mark's, Exeter, and Charles Mallett (1901–1968) father of the tenorman. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE. Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 8. 1968. in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Colin H. Gillingham	Treble	John A. Warner	5
†Jennifer M. Millbank	2	†Cecil J. Barker	6
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Peter G. Brown	7
Robert J. Lindsell	4	Ronald Suckling	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ronald Suckling.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.
Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

MISTLEY. Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., June 6. 1968. in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods. being one extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Philip Thompson	Treble	Walter Arnold	4
Vivian A. P. Cross	2	Adrian G. Semken	5
Brian J. Vaughan	3	*Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Pitt.
* 100th peal.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the following: Walter Bailey (late ringer of Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk), Miss L. Hemming (daughter of former Vicar of Manningtree, late parishioner of St. Mary's, Mistley). Mr. Randolph Churchill (died this day) and Senator Robert Kennedy (died this day).

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Michael A. Sutton	Treble	Raymond J. C. Hulme	6
Alan R. Pink	2	Peter Heritage	7
†W. Bertram Kynaston	3	‡Allan G. Keen	8
‡Frederick E. Jones	4	Eric Sutton	9
Peter Tombs	5	Maurice A. New	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Eric Sutton.
* First peal at first attempt. † Has "circled the tower" to peals.
‡ First of Caters.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Derek Palmer prior to his induction as Vicar. Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Chudch of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	*Thomas W. Goodyer	5
*Valerie Willard	2	G. William Critchley	6
Philip M. J. Gray	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Spliced.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt.

Kenneth J. Darvill	Treble	*Anthony R. Carter	6
Katherine S. Hardy	2	*John E. Ewer	7
Julia A. Fellows	3	Michael D. Frost	8
Eric Edmondson	4	Gerald Penney	9
*Frederick W. Ellis	5	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal in the method. First of Royal in the method for the Association. 150th peal as conductor.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 HAYMARKET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Martyn L. J. Jordan	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
John R. Southey	2	David E. Rothera	6
Ruth M Foreman	3	David Carpenter	7
Christopher W. Woolley	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method.

HAYMARKET SURPRISE MAJOR
—56—14—58—16—34—38—16—78. I.e. 12. 8756324.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Lightfoot, London, Surfleet, York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Charles A. Farrow	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
Reginald E. J. Sheppard	2	Keith Sheppard	5
Walter Ayre	3	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal for 30 years and of Surprise.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. L. Ayre, wife of the conductor.

SOUTH MIMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Gerald Penney	Treble	Graham W. Sillis	4
Christopher Forster	2	Anthony R. Carter	5
Katherine S. Hardy	3	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Forster.
First peal as conductor.
Rung to the memory of Michael D. Trigg, Ringing Master of the Northern District.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton	6
*Christopher Forster	2	Donald E. Cobb	7
Andrew J. Slade	3	David E. Rothera	8
Thomas Cullingworth	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	9
Philip A. Corby	5	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.) Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal of Cambridge.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Reginald E. Lambert	6
*Simon A. B. Wigg	3	Robert T. Lambert	7
*Philip J. Simmonds	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

EASTRY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of the following seven methods: Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Crawford T. Hillis	Treble	Philip Staples	3
*Richard A. Birch	2	Colin J. E. Wyld	4
David L. Cawley	Tenor		

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal in seven methods. Fastest peal on the bells. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.
Rung to mark the 15th anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT GLEN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's Plain Bob, two 720's St Clement's, one 720 Kent T.B., one 720 Oxford T.B., one 720 Kent and Oxford Spliced.
Tenor 9 cwt 26 lb. in G.

Hazel J. Nichols	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
John Hunt	2	Raymond H. Martin	5
Edward Guy Slater	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
Rung to welcome the Rev. M. Rowe, who was inducted on Friday, May 25th.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLANKNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Wed., May 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*Robert H. Minns	4
*Ian M. Minns	2	Christopher J. Sharp	5
*John Parkin	3	David Phillipson	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal. All are members of St. Giles', Lincoln Sunday service band.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being (1 and 2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5 and 6) Combined Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Helen Kirkpatrick	Treble	Paul A. Williams	4
Andrew W. E. Bainham	2	Christopher Ricketts	5
Peter N. Chambers	3	Peter S .Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S Bennett.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Colin Coombes and Olwyn Francis.

PONTYPRID, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Marion R Bennett	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	*Christopher Ricketts	6
Roger J Shea	3	Alec Marsh	7
*Paul A. Williams	4	David J. King	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Cambridge.
Rung as a birthday peal for the ringers of 4 and 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDMONTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 9 lb. in E flat.

*Dennis F. Willcocks	Treble	Donald C Heath	5
Thomas G. Hawkins	2	John Weaver	6
Roger J. Amos	3	Dennis H. Langdon	7
*Gloria J. Simpson	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss G. J. Simpson.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., May 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G Ronald Edwards	Treble	Gordon H. Lane	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Edward F. Gobey	6
Rev. M C. C. Melville	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

*Raymond A. King	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Desmond P. Mortlock	2	David Cubitt	6
Owen P. Claxton	3	Leslie F. Bailey	7
Thomas E. Spight	4	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

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

MENDLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

Albert G. Harrison	Treble	David Cubitt	4
Owen P Claxton	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Martin Cubitt	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Desmond P. Mortlock	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
Owen P. Claxton	2	Thomas E. Spight	5
Henry Tooke	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H William Barrett.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON, Bedkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Andrew J. Dyer	Treble	Frank White	6
Edwin Drewitt	2	Dennis A. Leslie	7
Brian R. White	3	Frederick C. White	8
J. Roger Mitty	4	Francis A. White	9
Norman H. Leslie	5	*Vivian J. White	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
* First peal.
Rung by members of the Sunday Service band.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Howard W. Egglestone	7
Christopher P. Starbuck	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Harry W. Badger	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Charles Coles	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Peter J. Heritage	7
*Ronald K. Russ	4	*Victor Griffin	Tenor

* First peal in the method
Rung for the Whitsun Festival and to commemorate the consecration the previous day of the completed Church of St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

COMBE-LONGA, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr.
On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

D. Kay Adkins	Treble	*Brian W. Hall	4
*Terence J. Hester	2	Bertram J. Coggins	5
Peter Pearce	3	Peter J. Heritage	Tenor

Conducted by D Kay Adkins.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Richard Hayes .. .. .. Treble	James W. Belshaw 7
Lucile M. Corby 2	Cecil W. Pipe 8
Judith M. Corby 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 9
James Crowther 4	George E. Fearn 10
James Insley 5	Andrew J. Corby 11
Maurice F. Edwards 6	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	David J. Purnell 7
*Enid Lawson 2	†Richard A. G. Inglis .. 8
*Ann Lawson 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 9
John R. Insley 4	George E. Fearn 10
James Insley 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Kenneth Lawson 6	Peter Border .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † 150th peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to James Insley, who celebrated his 21st birthday on June 3rd, 1968.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	James W. Belshaw 6
Ann Lawson 2	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 3	Kenneth Lawson 8
Maurice F. Edwards .. 4	Richard A. G. Inglis .. 9
Mark Androlia 5	David J. Purnell .. .. Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* 300th peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., May 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 38 lb. in A.

Susan E. Smith .. .. .. Treble	*Terry R. Hampton 5
George E. Fearn 2	James W. Belshaw 6
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 4	Peter Border .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* 150th peal on the bells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 PLAIN BOB CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Edward W. Colley .. .. Treble	Anthony R. Carter 7
Russell S. Morris 2	Robin J. Collis 8
*K. Paul Gilliver 3	*John H. Taylor 9
Frank W. Lewis 4	*Andrew Howard 10
Laurence C. Way 5	Geoffrey K. Dodd 11
Alan A. J. Buswell 6	*Arthur E. Hoodless .. Tenor

Composed by Andrew Howard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on 12 bells. First of Plain Bob Cinques by all the band.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising 14 methods in seven extents: (1) Barham Delight, (2) Pontefract, Donattar and Alderbourne Delight, (3) Wath, Carisbrooke and Hitcham Delight, (4) Oswald Delight, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 Cambridge Surprise, (7) Oxford, Kingston, Capel and London Scholars' Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb in A flat.

Vaughan P. Evans .. .. Treble	Peter A. Slight 4
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Brian M. Buswell 3	R Brian Mills .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Fri., May 3 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising seven extents in 101 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury, Hatherop, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmarsh, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Staines and Orston Delight, London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. R. Peake). (2) Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury,, Middlesex, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh's and Crowland Delight, Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Dronfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise (19 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh). (3) Barham, Oswald, Berkley, Kentish, Pembroke and Edinburgh Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob. (4) Linden, Thorne, Westminster. Ripley, Rhyl, Allendale, Luton, Broomfield Fryerning and Fyfield Surprise, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (13 methods by A. R. Peake). (3) College Bob IV. Willesden, Newdigate, Old Oxford, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Neasden, Taxal, Humber, Marple, Braintree, Clarence, Elston and Ashbocking Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (16 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh) (6) London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Capel, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Oxford Treble Bob, Wath, Carisbrooke, Donattar, Pontefract and Alderbourne Delight (14 methods by A. G. Driver). (7) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, King Edward, Hatfield, Redcar Appleby, Beighton, Pattiswick and Terling Surprise, with 174 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Peter A. Slight .. .. .. Treble	William L. Exton 4
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Denis A. Frith 5
Brian M. Buswell 3	R Brian Mills .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
First peal in 101 methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Andrew Brian, son of the 2nd and tenor ringers.

Whatton-in-the-Vale	—36—16—12—36—12—36. 1.h. 12. 65324.
Orston	—36—16—12—1236—12—36. 1.h. 12. 65324.
Holme Pierrepont	—34—16—12—1236—12—36. 1.h. 12. 36245.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of Grandsire, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob. Kennington, April Day, Seighford and Old.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*Hazel M. Carter .. .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
Derek Tysoe 2	W. Gordon Marsh 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. E. Blackshaw, Robert Marsh and Alan Wood (May 19th).

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
MADELEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

Stanley W. Illidge .. .. Treble	*Arthur Allsop 5
Harold S. Tranter 2	Derek T. E. Hidden .. 6
David Hawksworth 3	Roger L. Hawksworth .. 7
Lewis Roberts 4	Chris A. S. Allsop .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger L. Hawksworth.
* First peal "inside."
Rung for the opening of the Brian Fletcher Schools.

BREWOOD, Staffs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad.
On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Stanley W. Illidge .. .. Treble	Roger L. Hawksworth .. 5
William Allsop 2	Derek T. E. Hidden .. 6
Lewis Roberts 3	George L. Askew 7
David Hawksworth 4	Chris A. S. Allsop .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George L. Askew.
First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge, (2) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Vernon Bedford	4
*Katharine M. Thorley ..	2	Peter S Bedford	5
Stephen Bedford	3	Rev. Peter N. Bond	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal in seven methods. The conductor has now called peals in 100 different towers.

STRATFORD S. MARY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods: Two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob and one of Oxford T.B. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Peter Archer	Treble	Andrew T. Beckwith ..	4
Robert J. Southgate	2	Neville F. Whittell	5
Roger L. K. Whittell ..	3	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Pipe.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter D. Bailey, local tower captain.

REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being seven extents each of Winchenden Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

Anthony H. Roberts ..	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	3
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	2	Stephen F. High	4
H. William Barrett	Tenor		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., May 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

M. Iain Davey	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Roger Osbon	2	*Ian Wickens	6
Derek Slater	3	†David D. Smith	7
John A. Howard	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Johnson. Conducted by David D. Smith.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Jennifer A. Smith	Treble	*Timothy Barmer	5
Derek Slater	2	John A. Howard	6
M. Iain Davey	3	David D. Smith	7
Geoffrey R. Rix	4	Ian Wickens	Tenor

Composed by George Hughes. Conducted by David D. Smith.
* First peal at first attempt. First of Major on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

Thomas H. Francis	Treble	John Hartless	7
Neil Bennett	2	R Roger Savory	8
Michael J. Best	3	Ronald N. Marlow	9
Philip N. Tubbs	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
Gordon Benfield	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	James A D. Woolford ..	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, 1,024 each Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with all the work of each method for every bell and 107 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	5
Martin D. Fellows	2	Kenneth Lawson	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
*Robert Edwards	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of spliced "inside."

HAGLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., June 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Geoffrey Westwood	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Gerald C. Hemming	6
Michael J. Fellows	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Robert Edwards	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Alan Clifton	Treble	*Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	6
*Patricia Lockwood	2	*Ronald R. Warford ..	7
*Ian North	3	Alan E. Hartley	8
W. Eric Critchley	4	*C. Barrie Dove	9
J. Henry Fielden	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method. First of Royal on the light ten.

KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., May 27 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, (2) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (3) Single Oxford, Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

John Potts	Treble	Michael R. Meadows ..	4
*Suzanne Withers	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
*John Durham	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in 14 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., May 14 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Lawrence Haines	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	David Atkinson	7–8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.
On Thurs., May 23, 1968 in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
†Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method on an inside bell.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Thurs., May 30, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in E.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) ..	5–6		

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY, Derbyshire.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.
On Wed., June 5, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Plain Bob, with 5–6 the right way throughout. Tenor side 14 in D.

*Geoffrey Bridges	1–2	Michael J. Fellows	3–4
A. Colin Banton (cond.) ..	5–6		

* 75th peal. Most Minor methods to a handbell peal for all the band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Hertfordshire.—In the School Staff Room.
On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

Brian J. Woodruffe	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	5–6
*Gerald Penney	3–4	†Walter Ayre	7–8

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 150th handbell peal. † First in the method on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Tues., May 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3–4	John R. Mayne	7–8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Richards (first of Doubles) 1, Christine E. M. Brooker (first "inside") 2, J. R. Poole 3, M. J. Miller 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5. For the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On May 26th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Louise Powell 1, N. Bennett 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on June 2nd, 1,368 Primrose Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N. Bennett 2, Carol Cousins 3, R. Rayfield 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On May 30th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Cam., Yorks and Lincs): Jean Marlow 1, Diane Reeves 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, P. R. Davis 4, P. J. Heritage 5, C. C. Clarke 6, B. J. Davis 7, R. A. Reeves 8. First spliced 2, 4 and 8.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Longland 1, Anne Henman 2, I. G. Morgan 3, D. J. Morgan 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5, R. B. Steele 6. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Susan Hopkins (first quarter) 1, I. West 2, A. W. Bond 3, Caroline Mackie 4, J. M. Hills (cond.) 5. First on five bells 2, 3, 4 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Peta Ollen.

BRISTOL.—At St. Philip's Church, on May 29th, 1,280 London S. Major: B. Martin 1, Heather A. Walters 2, E. T. Lee 3, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 4, T. Newlands 5, S. Brown 6, J. Brain 7, R. G. Edwards 8. First in the method 1, 2 and 5. Also on May 30th, 1,320 T.B. Minor (Kent, Oxford and Cambridge): R. J. Bowden 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, B. Martin 3, T. Newlands 4, B. G. North 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on May 26th, 1,280 Pudsey S. Major: N. Dawson 1, Heather Walters 2, S. Bateman 3, B. Martin 4, T. Newlands 5, D. J. Hunt 6, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 7, J. R. Taylor 8. First of Surprise 1 and 3. First in method 2, 4 5.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Newbery (first quarter) 1, S. Copping (cond.) 2, — Quaife 3, P. J. Spice 4, M. Hansford 5, M. Foster 6.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. P. Brotherston 1, Minnie Watts 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, Annie Rayner 4, Rose Wratten (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. For Ascension Day Communion.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on May 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Culpin (first quarter) 1, A. Ballam 2, A. Feaver 3, J. Stannard 4, P. Everitt 5, D. Rowlands 6, C. Stannard (cond.) 7, R. Stannard 8. For evening service.

CRAWLEY, HANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. T. Slack 1, R. J. Latham 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. Rung by the Winchester College Society as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS.—On June 1st, 1,296 Minimus in six methods: A. E. Cooper 1, Sheila Parsons 2, K. G. Parker 3, N. Attaway (cond.) 4. For the wedding of Shirley Owen and Steven Gregory, married here this day.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON. — On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, Valerie Stephens 2, R. J. Talbot 3, W. Simmonds 4, G. J. Roberts 5, J. L. Read 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett (first quarter) 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Middleton, captain of St. Saviour's, Dartmouth, on completion of his year of office as Mayor of Dartmouth. Also for the blessing of the river ceremony.

DUBLIN.—At the Church of St. George, on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Sanderson 1, D. H. T. Taylor 2, Margaret Sarsteiner 3, G. McGregor 4, C. J. Reede 5, J. P. O. Barry 6, P. W. Brown (cond.) 7, K. C. Denner (first quarter) 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Prof. George Harrison, organist of this church since 1895.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS. — On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Latham (first of Triples) 1, H. R. Jacobs (first of Triples away from cover) 2, N. G. Hughes 3, R. W. T. Slack 4, S. M. Jack 5, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 6, A. J. Mason 7, A. M. Donaldson 8. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

QUARTER PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Atkins 1, M. Novell 2, Carolyn Tubbs 3, M. J. Kirk 4, R. Gee 5, S. G. Ponting 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, J. Sewell 8. With best wishes from the band to the Dean, Rt. Rev. G. W. Clarkeson, M.A., and Mrs. Braithewaite on their retirement. First quarter by the Cathedral resident band.

HELSTON, CORNWALL.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. W. Linington 1, D. Stephens 2, E. H. Langley 3, Sgn.-Lieut. H. J. Verity 4, T. R. Hart (cond.) 5, E. Dare (first quarter) 6, W. S. Pryor 7, J. C. Wearne 8. Rung on Empire Day as a 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Tresise, of Helston.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTM.—On May 12th, 1,320 Doubles (13 methods): Mrs. J. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, W. G. Marsh 4, M. W. Harrison 5, H. M. Carter 6. For Evensong.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: S. F. Royal 1, Caroline Mackie 2, R. E. Burbery 3, J. R. Leary (cond.) 4, A. P. Foster 5, R. H. Johnston (first of Surprise Major) 6, J. P. Coad 7, P. G. McIlhone 8.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS. — On May 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine A. Eliason 1, P. C. Worthington 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, M. R. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters (cond.) 5, G. F. Coker (first quarter) 6.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathryn Laycock (first quarter) 1, Anita Tyler (first "inside") 2, G. Band 3, R. Philpott (cond.) 4, G. Horrit 5, D. Townsend 6.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Palmer (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, J. Huggins 3, A. J. Mason 4, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. N. Hoar 6.

ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL.—On board the M/S St. David, on June 1st, 720 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Brown 1-2, Gillian E. Lewis 3-4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5-6. Believed to be the first 720 in these waters.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA.—On April 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hanscombe (first on working bell) 1, K. S. Cross (first "inside") 2, J. Way 3, F. Pellatt 4, G. D. Armitage (cond.) 5, R. Coombes 6. First quarter 3 and 6. On the occasion of the Prime Minister, Mr. Ian Smith, being granted the Freedom of Salisbury.

SALISBURY, WILTS. — At the Church of St. Thomas, on May 23rd, 1, 280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Skelton 1, H. Rumens 2, Miss S. Green 3, E. Haines 4, L. A. Page 5, N. O. Skelton 6, E. C. Read 7, R. T. Jones (cond.) 8. For Ascension Day.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church, on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Birch 1, J. Guest 2, B. Holland (cond.) 3, D. Holland 4, L. E. Smith 5, W. Holland 6, C. A. Friskney 7, L. E. Boam 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd, and for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Guest.

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SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 St. Osman Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, Mrs. D Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on May 12th, 1,240 Union Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on May 19th, 1,280 Stedman Slow Course Doubles: R. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on May 25th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5. Also on June 2nd, 1,280 St. Andrew's Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. All for Evensong.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss S. Arscott (agted 12) 1, Mrs. B. Binden 2, A. Arscott (aged 14) 3, F. Welch 4, K. E. Beale 5, R. Welch 6, R. Dean (first on 8 as cond.) 7, J. Cornelius 8. First on eight bells 1 and 3. Rung in memoriam Henry Gummer, of Devizes, formerly of Seavington, Somerset.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At the Church of St. Chad, on June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. J. Willcox 1, M. C. Evans (first "inside" in method) 2, B. A. Carter 3, R. H. Newton 4, A. R. Patterson 5, F. G. Beddow 6, F. Leech 7, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 8. For Whit Sunday Evensong; also the 15th anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

SIBSEY, LINCS. — On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Slight 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, Mrs. P. Reynolds 3, V. Evans 4, T. Relf 5, C. Nokes 6, P. Reynolds (cond.) 7, A. Crawford 8. A welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Worsdall and family.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,428 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Gilbert 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, L. Mitchell 3, G. Kenward 4, G. Wood 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, J. E. Clark 8. First in method 3 and 5. Also on May 26th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: G. Kenward 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, T. A. Cross 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, J. E. Clark 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, L. Mitchell 7, G. Wood 8. First in method 2, 3, 5, 7. For Evensong.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On June 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. H. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, T. J. Warner 3, E. J. Cole 4, M. F. Edwards 5, V. Green 6, R. J. Cann 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, H. Watts 2, P. Glazbrook 3, F. Bird 4, P. Warboys (cond.) 5, T. Camp 6, K. Westwood 7, D. J. Cheeseman 8. For the christening of Kivin John, son of the Verger and Mrs. D. J. Cheeseman; also a 79th birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Alison Brown 1, J. Riley 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, J. Rose 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, F. Crofts 6. For Evensong.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On June 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Clifton 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, Violet Relf 3, W. W. Ring 4, R. Lucas 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6, G. Stewart 7, M. W. Marshall 8.

TRURO, CORNWALL. — At the Cathedral, on May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): Anne Pearce 1, A. J. Davidson 2, R. P. Pearce 3, T. J. Bell 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, Kathryne R. Pearce (first quarter) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. R. J. Fitt.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W. — On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Goodman (first quarter) 1, P. Goodyer 2, Margaret Shain (first quarter) 3, J. Rainsford 4, K. Stacey 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6, Also on May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Alison Goodman 1, Margaret Goodyer 2, S. James 3, J. Rainsford 4, K. Stacey 5, R. Jolly (cond.) 6. For visit of Archbishop of Sydney.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX. — On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Craven (aged 11) 1, Heather M. Craven (first "inside") 2, H. T. Barber 3, Catriona M. McNeil 4, J. H. Hills (cond.) 5, A. A. Hoare 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. First quarter ever by a local band. Rung for Confirmation, at which treble ringer was confirmed.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Honspool 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, R. S. Russell 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Hallett 1, Jean Dunham 2, E. G. White 3, R. Hyatt (first quarter) 4, L. Stilwell 5, J. G. Hallett (cond.) 6.

WALTON, SOM. — On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, A. J. Callow 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5.

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BONSHOR — To Margaret (née Wellings) and Clive, of Great Dalby, a daughter, Tracey Michele, born June 6th, 1968, at Singapore, a granddaughter for Harold T. and Mrs. Bonshor, also first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Wellings, of Weston-super-Mare. 4145

ENGAGEMENTS

BURGESS—HAYWARD. — The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Burgess, of Hingham, Norfolk, and Valerie, daughter of Mrs. D. Hayward, of Spring Park, Croydon. 4171

SNYDER—CHILTON. — The engagement is announced between Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Chilton, and Stan, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Snyder, both of Newark-on-Trent, Notts. 4142

TUCKETT—WITTRICK. — The engagement is announced between Christopher Mark, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Tuckett, of Harrogate, Yorkshire, and Jane Catherine, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Wittrick, of King's Norton, Birmingham. 4162

DEATHS

BAILEY.—On May 29th, 1969, at Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk, Walter Dennis, devoted husband of Joyce, father of Tony and Geoff. A loyal member of the Suffolk Guild. 4143

WESTLEY, Edna (née Laflin).—On June 3rd, 1968, in Sydney, Australia, aged 44 years, beloved wife of Wilfred, elder daughter of the late Peter and Annie Laflin, of Stockport, Cheshire.

Swiftly our pleasures glide away,
Our hearts recall the distant day,
With many sighs;
The moments that are speeding fast
We heed not—but the past—the past,
More highly prize. 4137

PERSONAL

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ST. MARY'S, ILKESTON DERBYSHIRE. —Friday and Saturday, June 28th and 29th. Ringing on Saturday, June 28th,, 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 4.30 p.m.–7 p.m. 4167

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MISCELLANEOUS

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing Anniversary. Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everybody welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 4096

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival

LEA — SATURDAY, JUNE 29th

Cricket match 2.30 p.m.

Tea in the W.I. Hall 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Towers available:

Saxilby (6)	10.30–11.30 a.m.
Stow (6)	11.00–12.00
Willingham (6) ..	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Upton (6)	12.00–1.00 p.m.
Lea (6)	12.30–1.30 p.m.
Also by arrangement during afternoon.	
Belton (6)	2.00–3.00 p.m.
Owston Ferry (6)	2.30–3.30 p.m.
Epworth (8)	3.15–4.15 p.m.
Haxey (6)	3.30–4.30 p.m.
Gainsborough (8)	6.15–7.15 p.m.
Messingham (6) ..	7.00–8.00 p.m.
Broughton (6) ..	7.30–8.30 p.m.
Brigg (6)	8.00–9.00 p.m.

Names for tea to George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, not later than Monday, June 24th. Tel. 2623. 4089

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Flower, Music and Historic Festival
June 29th, 30th, July 1st.

Bells available 29th: 11 to 1.30, 2.30 to 5.30, 7 to 8.30 p.m. 30th: 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 4109

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Saturday.—10.30 a.m.–9.30 p.m. Quarter peal in morning. Tower open afternoon and evening as required.

Sunday.—Service 10.30 a.m., church remaining open until special Flower Service, 6.30 p.m., and afterwards until 9.30 p.m. Organ recital 7.30 p.m. Ringing 10–10.30 a.m., 6–6.30 p.m., or by arrangement.

Afternoon teas 3.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m., Sunday, light refreshments only. Advance notice of organised parties would be appreciated.

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Admission free. Sideshows. Amusements. All ringers, friends & children welcome. Goosnargh bells available. 4062

HAMPRESTON, DORSET. — A ringing meeting will be held on June 29th to celebrate Mr. W. C. Shute's 60 years of ringing. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea Service 4.30 followed by tea in school. Names by Wednesday, June 26th, to Mrs. R. Vatcher, 24, Grove Road, Wimborne. 3975

GROSMONT, MONMOUTHSHIRE

The rehung ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth on Sunday, June 30th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4148

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH

Annual General Meeting

The 1968 A.G.M. will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, at 2.30 p.m. in St. Maurice's Hall. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. L. Tremeer, 9, Perin's Close, Alresford, Hants, by Tuesday, July 2nd. Further details will be published next week.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4151

OTLEY, SUFFOLK
(B.1079)

FLOWER FESTIVAL

July 6th, 7th and 8th, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bells available: Saturday, 6th, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.–6 p.m. 4166

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY
(Est. 1623)

The 345th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. A session in morning for learners. After 2 p.m. 12-bell ringing. Tea (3/6) at 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Thursday, June 27th. Phone 2074.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. 4165

"RINGING WORLD" HISTORY

Copies of our Jubilee issue, which told the story of the foundation of the journal and of its first 50 years, are still available. Price 1/6, "Ringing World" Office.

MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Barnes on Friday, June 21st at 7.30.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4123

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Loxton (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 4160

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting at Merriott (6 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd.—Bells available 7–9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 4180

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Eaton Bray, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) from 5 p.m. 4101

CHESTER GUILD (Stockport Branch), DERBY ASSOCIATION and LADIES' GUILD. — Meeting at Hayfield, June 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30 Tea 5. For tea, please advise without fail, due to catering difficulties, Mrs. K. Huddleston, Station Road, Hayfield. All welcome. Ringing until 8 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 4140

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Swanwick, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Proposed towers not available.—E. J. S. 120

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham (8), Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 3.30 till 5 p.m. and 6 till 8 p.m. Please bring own tea.—Mrs. R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 4099

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Normal ringing after tea, Pirbright, until 8 p.m. Worplesdon (8) 7.45 p.m.–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Little Otford, Sandhurst Lane, Darby Green, Camberley. (Tel. Cricket Hill 4351).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4134

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chesham, Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Hoar, 50, Ridgeway Road, Chesham, Bucks. — J. Muller. 4116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on June 22nd. Names for tea to Secretary by 20th. All welcome.—H. J. Hawkins. 4152

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Melbury Osmond, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 4124

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Salehurst, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to me as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Sec. Tel. Hailsham 3515. 4173

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, St. Andrew's, Enfield, Monday, June 24th. Bells available 7.15 to 9.15.—E. H. Kilby. 4129

COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual general meeting will be held at Honiley, Warks, on Wednesday, June 26th, after the evening practice, 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. 4179

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Colerne (8), June 26th, 7 p.m. 4159

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Learners' practice meeting, Cossington (5), Friday, June 28th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Stanton-by-Dale (6), Friday, June 28th, 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Ringing Master looking forward to a good turn-up. Methods to be arranged at the meeting.—W. Burwell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4163

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting in Corfield Hall, Taunton, June 29th, 2.30. Service in St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5.30 for those who send names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol. Ringing tours: 9.30, Bagborough, Creech St. Michael; 10, Combe Florey, Thorn Falcon; 10.30, Fitzhead, Corfe; 11, Milverton, Pitminster, Angersleigh; 11.30, Ashbrittle, Trull; 12, Wellington, St. James, Taunton; 1, St. Mary's, Taunton, Bishops Hull; 6.30, St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, Wilton, Staplegrove; 7, Norton Fitzwarren, Ruishton, Durston; 7.30, Bishops Lydeard, North Curry; 8, Lydeard St. Lawrence, Lyng. All towers open for one hour. 4114

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Conisbrough, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; cups of tea only. 4156

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Frampton-on-Severn (6), June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester, by Wednesday, 26th. 4141

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Branch striking competition and half-annual meeting to be held at Willersey (6) on Saturday, June 29th. Competition during the afternoon. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting 6.15 Ringing again after the meeting. Childswyckham (6) also available from 2.30 until 5 p.m. Names for tea (2/6) to M. Maggs, 50, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham, by June 25th. 4174

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Ringing arrangements:—

Sat., 29th	2.30– 4.00 p.m.	Wethersfield
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	5.00– 6.00 p.m.	Tea at the Tavern, Wethersfield.
	6.00– 7.00 p.m.	Finchingfield.
	7.00– 9.00 p.m.	Wethersfield.
Sun., 30th	9.45 a.m.	For morning service—Preacher: The Archdeacon of Colchester.
	2.30– 4.00 p.m.	Prior to organ music.
	6.00– 7.30 p.m.	For a musical evening service.

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KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE

FLOWER FESTIVAL AND FINAL RINGIN G OF THE BELLS

SATURDAY, JUNE 29th, 1968

Southern Routes		Southern Routes	
Packwood	9.00– 9.45	Leek Wootton	9.15–10.00
Shirley	10.15–11.00	Honiley	10.15–11.00
Solihull	11.15–12.15	Barston	11.15–12.00
Knowle	12.45– 1.30	Berkswell	12.15– 1.00
Hampton-in-Arden	1.45– 2.30	Meriden	1.30– 2.15
Bickenhill	2.30– 3.15	Keresley	2.45– 3.30
Coleshill	3.30– 4.30	Corley	3.45– 4.30
Yardley	4.45– 5.30	Shustoke	4.45– 5.30
Northern Routes		**Northern Routes**	
Rushall	9.15–10.00	Elford	9.15–10.00
Aldridge	10.15–11.00	Tamworth	10.15–11.15
Little Aston	11.15–12 00	Drayton Bassett	11.00–11.45
Shenstone	12.15– 1.00	Polesworth	11.45–12.30
Sutton Coldfield	2.00– 3.00	Grendon	12.45– 1.30
Erdington (St. Barnabas')	3.15– 4.15	Atherstone	2.30– 3.30
Castle Bromwich	4.30– 5.15	Mancetter	3.45– 4.30
		Witherley	4.45– 5.30

KINGSBURY 5.30 onwards.
Coleshill, Shustoke, Grendon, Polesworth, 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Tea available. Please notify G. H. Lane, 7, West Avenue, Castle Bromwich. Proceeds of the day to Tower Fund

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Practice at St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, June 29th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Visitors, Guild and District members, all made welcome. 4147

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Aspenden (8). Saturday, May 29th, 6 to 9 p.m.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 41818

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Northaw (6), June 29th. Bells from 3.30–4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Please bring picnic tea. 4132

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District) and SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Bottesford on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea at Bulls Head 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. L. B. Box, 6, Belvoir Drive, Bottesford, Nottingham, by the 25th.—J. H. Cook. 4146

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Betchworth (8), Saturday, June 29th. (Note change of date.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Bylett, 5, The Street, Betchworth, by June 26th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 4095

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Summer quarterly meeting at Tangley, Saturday, June 29th. Tangley (5) and Chute (5) bells available from 2 p.m. Service, Tangley, 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Bells available until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Beavis, Ye Olde Yew Tree, Tangley, Andover, by June 24th, please. 4176

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch. — Corporate Communion at Easton-in-Gordano, Sunday, June 30th, at 7.45 a.m. Bells available 7 a.m. Breakfast follows for those notifing me by Friday, June 28th.—D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea. 4175

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Terling on July 6th at 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton. Tel. Chelmsford 57827. 4177

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly at Horsmonden (8), July 6th. Ringing 3–5. Stoolball match with Maidstone District 2–5. Service 5, followed by meeting and ringing. Please arrange own picnic teas before service time. 4154

LADIES' GUILD. — A.G.M., St. Albans, July 6th. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church Hall. Service 11.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church, followed by buffet lunch (6s.), St. Peter's Church Hall, and general meeting at 1 p.m. Dinner (24s.) at the Mayflower, Hertingfordbury, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Towers available: St. Albans—St. Michael's (8), 9.30–10.15; St. Stephen's (6), 10.15–11.15; St. Peter's (10), 10.15–11.30 and 1 p.m.–2 p.m.; Abbey (12), 1.45–3.15; Sandridge (6), 2.45–3.45; Essendon (6), 3.45–4.30; Bengeo (8), 4.15–5.15; Hertingfordbury (6), 5 p.m.–6 p.m.. Please apply for dinner and/or buffet tickets by June 21st to Miss Valerie Ware, 4, Book Centre Mansions, North Circular Road, Neasden, London, N.W.10, enclosing money and s.a.e.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting to be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 6th, 2.30 p.m. All visitors welcome. Names for tea to D. R. Jones, 226, Prescot Road, Aughton, not later than Thurs., July 4th. 4169

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — By-meeting at Winterton, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. P. Bird, The Rectory, Winterton-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (Winterton 227), by Wednesday, July 3rd.—N. P. J. Cossey, Dis. Sec. 4158

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival and annual general meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Guild service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Dining Hall 12. Social gathering 12.45 p.m. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. Luncheon tickets (9s. 6d. each) on application, together with remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, July 1st. Lists of towers will be distributed with tickets or on application (accompanied by s.a.e.). Members wishing to join the choir are asked to notify the Deputy Master.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4052

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — A.G.M. at St. David's Cathedral on Saturday, July 6th. Note change of date. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Boorman, The Canonry, St. David's, Pembs.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea (for those who notify by July 1st) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 4168

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting at Stamford-on-Soar, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surgeys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham. 4178

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at Knighton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by June 29th. 4157

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Summer Festival, St. Winnow (6), July 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Other towers available: Lanlivery (8), St. Veep (6), Lanteglos (6), Bradoc (5), all at 2.30–4 and 6–8. Lostwithiel (6) 6–8 only.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 4153

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Joint meeting with Aylesbeare Branch at Heavitree, Exeter, on Sat., July 20th. Bells, Heavitree, 2.30. Service, Heavitree, 4. Tea, own arrangements. Cathedral 6–8. 4161

GREAT BADDOW'S OUTING

A small party of Great Baddow ringers and their friends had their annual outing in Kent on May 4th. The first tower visited was Boughton-under-Blean. The second and third ropes of the eight bells were hooked up, so only the back five were rung. The next stop was at the charming village of Chilham (8). Lunch was taken in Canterbury, followed by visits to Sturry (6) and Wickhambreaux (6). After tea at Ash we found that the second clapper had broken, so the back six were used. The last tower was at Wingham. M. C.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. B. Tyers 1, Felicity Pocock 2, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 3, Carol Andrews 4, D. Brock 5, R. Wiggins 6, D. Boniface 7, V. L. P. Davis 8. For Evensong. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Lorna Brock 1, Carol Andrews 2, Felicity Pocock 3, M. B. Tyers 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, D. Brock 6. For Evensong.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Stephenson 1, June Sinfield 2, J. G. Newman 3, A. J. Stripp 4, W. F. Sear 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6, R. J. Scott 8. For early Communion.

Letters to the Editor

THE STAPLEFORD GRAB

Dear Sir,— The letter from Mr. Sawtell, of Holt, re "Stapleford grab," has just come to my notice on returning to England.

There were several reasons why the Stapleford episode was dropped. Firstly, I have been out of the country for some weeks; secondly, because the Vicar did not wish for any more publicity and wished the episode forgotten. In the first place I had hoped that the people concerned would have expressed regret, but I presume this was too much to ask since one presumes from a lot of correspondence published nowadays that the mere fact that one is a ringer gives one a divine right to ring on any bell regardless of the safety of the installation or the desire of the authorities concerned to allow ringing. People of this calibre revel in adevrse publicity of this description, which is why I did not intend to give them any further.

Mr. Sawtell might like to know that actual damage was caused at Stapleford as the people concerned did not check to see if the chime hammers were clear and as a result three were broken and the bells concerned chipped. This has been repaired.

The typical excuses were used. If my real objections to the incident were stated, they would be as follows:

It was decided some years ago that due to the age and condition of the installation, the fact that the third is cracked (a minor fault, I presume) and that the tower is cracked (not always dangerous but in this case considered so) that no further ringing take place. The parish has so few people that the cost of restoration is at present out of the question. It is an unfortunate fact that **unsafe** bells are not always **unringable** and there are plenty of examples in this direction. It is, however, alarming that there are ringers who, merely on the strength of being able to handle a bell, are able to set themselves up as experts on frames and fittings and on several occasions have even tried to override bellfounders' opinions.

Nobody can ever accuse me of closing a tower just for the sake of it although in the course of my profession I have occasionally had to recommend that no further ringing take place, and I assure you that this decision is not reached easily. I myself, incidentally, have rung at Stapleford, and this is not the only tower over a wide area where tower grabbers have been in action in places where ringing should never take place.

Everybody deplores the closing of towers for reasons that are not legitimate but for goodness sake let us have a bit of common sense over the ringing of bells where the reasons are sound before a really serious accident takes place.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

Whitechael, London. E.

THE BELLS OF MERSTHAM, SURREY

Dear Sir,—On page 443 C. N. C. says the oldest bell, the fifth, dates from 1380, cast by William Burford, of London, but Stahlschmidt in his "Church Bells of Surrey" connects it with Burford, 1371–1392, and was uncertain. The inscription is "Sancta Katerina ora pro nobis."

The Burford stamps were reputed to have been sold to an unknown London founder about 1450 and up-to-date history gives William Chamberlain, who was founding in London at that time.

The two Eldridge bells (the tenor 1640) was cast by Bryan Eldridge I, and the fourth, in 1657, was by his son, Bryan Eldridge II. — Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

Note.—We are indebted to Miss Gillian Colleypriest for identifying the picture as St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport, Mon.—Ed.

NINE PEALS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that the method Windsor Single Bob Minor (II) is false when rung to a full 720.

I therefore withdraw the following handbell peals, conducted by myself, and tender my apologies to the band and all concerned in the keeping of records, etc.

I took this method from H. Chant's "Index of Minor Methods" ("Ringing World," 1965, page 851), and it was on this authority we rang it.

1.—June 3rd, 1966. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, Windsor Single Bob Minor (II).

2.—June 24th, 1966. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, three Minor methods.

3.—July 29th, 1966. Bettyfold, Hawshead, four Minor methods.

4.—August 2nd, 1966. St. Martin's, Bowness, five Minor methods.

5.—September 23rd, 1966. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, six Minor methods.

6.—November 11th, 1966. Bettyfold, Hawshead, seven Minor methods.

7.—January 6th, 1967. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, seven Minor methods.

8.—July 21st, 1967. Bettyfold, Hawkshead, seven Minor methods.

9.—August 9th, 1967, Bettyfold, Hawkshead, nine Minor methods. Yours faithfully,

Windermere. KEVIN M. PRICE.

WINDSOR BOB MINOR II (FALSENESS)

Dear Sir,—Referring to the recent withdrawal of peals containing full extents of the above method, which has now been found false, and also replying to Mr. T. Lewis' letter re careless conductors, I would like to point out that at the time of ringing these peals, which were rung two years ago, our band was composed of very raw recruits. The conductor was only 13 years old and at that time knew nothing of how to prove methods. Now he is able to compose and prove his own spliced callings. We all naturally assumed that the methods shown in Mr. Chant's alphabetical list in "The Ringing World" were genuine methods unless clearly stated. Now we feel there surely must be other methods in this list which must be false. It is also regrettable that it has taken so long for the Methods Committee to find out and tell us that the method is false. In my opinion it is not very encouraging for a young and keen ringer to find his peals false after so long.—Yours faithfully,

Ambleside. JOSEPH WHALLEY.

MOST UNPOPULAR MEMBER APOLOGISES

Dear Sir,—Oh dear, oh dear! What a stir my recent letter has caused. I gather from the correspondence in "The Ringing Worldd" and from two entertaining but anonymouse letters —having one's address in "The Diary" has its disadvantages—that I must be the most unpopular member of the Exercise.

First of all then, my apologies for the "daft beggars bit." In making my point I did go rather! too far; though what I had in mind was not the record peal of Glasgow but the Lancastrian sequel to this event and a subsequent quarter peal.

You know, I did not set out to condemn peal ringing. Nor did I set out to sneer at the more advanced methods and those people who ring them. Peals are the acknowledged "touch-stone" of ringing ability and on such occasions as a peal of Londinium Maximus or a record length in a difficult method are the very apex of our art and science.

No, my peal ringing friends, I do not say you don't do any service ringing. What I do say is that the majority of you do not give service ringing the serious attention it deserves. Ah well! No doubt you will still disagree. I don't care, provided that if ever you should meet me you won't beat me over the head with anything stronger than a wet lettuce leaf. With best wishes to you all. — —Yours faithfully, IAN ROBERTS.

Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

Week-end of Change Ringing in New England

By ELIZABETH F. DAVIES

THE first week-end of change ringing in New England was indeed an historic event. After months of planning, many people gathered at Kent School, Connecticut, for a week-end of very enjoyable fellowship.

Even up to the last moment there were complications. One of the party lost his toll ticket on the Massachusetts Turnpike and practically had to take his car apart to find it. Needless to say there was difficulty in putting it together again.

Nevertheless, a large party assembled at Kent including some boys from the School. With plenty of rounds on ten for beginners, who eventually became accustomed to the long draught, the ringers ranged up to Cambridge Surprise Major. Everyone enjoyed the bells, which were hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1931.

The countryside in this part of New England is very beautiful, and the drive along Route 7, which runs along the Housatonic River, was a delight to all. However, as it took us four hours of fast driving to reach it from Boston, we decided that tower grabbing in America would be out of the question.

At about 3 o'clock we set off for Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts, about 100 miles to the north-east, and arrived in time for an hour's ringing on this newly-opened, light ring of eight. Bill Theobald, who was responsible for the hanging, led the ringing here, and it was interesting to see so many of the Smith girls join in, as most of them were taught to ring only in the previous few days. The great disparity in weight between Smith and Kent was useful experience for the learners.

DOMESTIC BEERS OF THE WORLD

A large contingent then made its way back along the Massachusetts Turnpike to dinner at Jake Wirth's German restaurant in downtown Boston. Features of this old eating house are the sawdust on the floor and draught dark German beer. The rest of the evening was spent at the Wursthaus, near Harvard University in Cambridge, which has the largest variety of imported and domestic beers in the world. Thus even our Australian guest was able to sup his local brew! Overnight accommodation was then provided for the visitors by ringers living in the area.

Sunday dawned bright and clear for our visit to Hingham. Here the bells have been made ringable completely by local effort, after 40 years of silence. The Bell Tower is a national monument, erected as a memorial to the Pilgrims who first came over from Hingham in England. It stands separate from the Old Ship Church but in the same grounds. The following notice stands outside the church:—

> **Erected in 1681, it is the oldest church structure in the United States to have been used continuously for public worship. Samuel Lincoln, original American ancestor of Abraham Lincoln, worshipped here regularly.**

It was stimulating to see such a large crowd of non-ringing visitors, many of whom climbed up to the belfry. This was a great day for the Hingham ringers after their long months of hard effort, and the occasion was well covered by the local Press. Many of the Hingham townsfolk had never before heard the ten bells rung together. Again local beginners were able to join with the more experienced, to get a little practice in between touches of standard methods. The bells are still a little difficult to handle, and it is considered inadvisable to ring all ten bells for long periods. An appeal for rehanging the ten, which came from Mears and Stainbank in 1913, and strengthening the tower, is under way.

Afterwards it was a pleasant surprise to be entertained in the Parish Hall with coffee and doughnuts. At this time we were able to talk to members of the Old Ship Church about change ringing and demonstrate the art on handbells.

Sunday lunch was at the Athens-Olympia Cafe, a Greek restaurant in downtown Boston, where the Greek management wondered what had descended upon them, these humans with their odd conversation about touches, bobs, and then asking for checks in singles and not one lying behind to help with the coming round at back.

AT GROTON

Groton Boys' Private School was to be the last tower of the week-end, and here we were welcomed in the late afternoon by Russell Young and the boys who ring at the school. These beautiful bells were soon going to a variety of methods, including a fine touch of Grandsire Caters.

At this point it was time for farewells to be made and the long journeys home for some to begin. Mr. Tom Goodyer won first prize for travelling the longest distance, as he is on a business trip from Australia. Mr and Mrs. John Owen had driven 1,700 miles from Elliot Lake, Ontario, Canada, and had the same distance to drive back. They had given lifts to Ruth Gay, David Ingram and Derek Sawyer, who came down from Hamilton and Weston, also in Canada. To be added to this mileage was the 550 miles we had driven between towers in the two days of ringing.

Other participants are listed below, together with the towers where they regularly ring: Nigel and Margaret Bearne, Geoffrey, Elizabeth and Warwick Davies, Groton and Hingham; John Dawson, Hingham; Alice and David Dickinson, Smith College; Alan Durfee, Eugene K. Gardner, Hingham; David, Anne and Ralph Gifford, Hingham; Joan Hutchinson, Hingham, Smith College; Kitty Miller, Smith College; Margaret Rawson, Eric and Rosemary Roberts. Robert Dirksen and the girls who ring at Washington Cathedral were unfortunately not able to join us.

We would like to convey our special thanks to those who arranged to ring for us:—Groton School (Russell S. Young), Hingham (Mr. Ebed Ripley, with Mr. E. Gardner and Mr. D. Gifford), Kent School (Mr. William Howard), Smith College (Mr. George Mair and Mrs. Alice Dickenson).

Anyone interested in participating in a future effort should contact Dr. Geoffrey Davies, 55, Pierce Road, Watertown, Massachusetts 02172, U.S.A.; after September 15th, 1968: Dr. Geoffrey Davies, Chemistry Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, Long Island, New York 11973, U.S.A.

A MODERN RINGERS' RHYME

In this modern age we strive to keep
Alive an ancient art,
In jeans, slacks, shirts or mini-skirts
We try to play our part.
But as we make the sound of bells
Ring o'er this little town,
Let us not forget for Whom we ring—
We must not let HIM down.

Be it call change, method, peal or rounds,
And when we rise and fall,
For service, practice, contest, wedding,
Or as they bear the pall,
Let strength, skill and wits be used aright
So there's no arguing,
Because we are in God's House—
And may HE bless us as we ring.

Written by A. Ivan Rabey, a ringer at St. Columb Major Parish Church, Cornwall. for the Spring Festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers—May 11th, 1968.

BRISTOL CITY STRIKING COMPETITION

Eight teams gathered on May 25th at St. Mark's, the Lord Mayor's Chapel, Bristol, to take part in the City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association's striking competition, organised by Mr. P. J. Bird.

The test piece consisted of 240 Doubles or Minor and the competition was judged by Messrs. C. H. Kippin and A. M. Tyler, who were hidden away in the nearby College of Commerce. Numerous self-appointed judges were seen pacing round the environs of the Chapel during the afternoon and excitement mounted as band after band put up good performances.

A ninth team, of ladies, meanwhile prepared a first-class tea under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Bird; after ringing, everyone crossed the centre to St. Stephen's Common Room to enjoy it.

Mr. Kippin then announced the verdict of the judges, after making the observation that the standard of striking during the competition was the highest the judges had encountered in their careers as competition judges. Results:

Cathedral 35 faults, Stoke Bishop "A" 58, St. Philip's 62, St. Ambrose' "A" 88, St. Ambrose' "B" 101, St. Michael's 135, Stoke Bishop "B" 165, Holy Nativity 287.

Mrs. Jessie Kippin made the presentation of certificates to the captains of the first three teams. An hour's ringing at St. Stephen's concluded a most satisfying occasion.

J. R. T.

ILCHESTER BRANCH QUARTERLY

The Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held its June quarterly meeting at Somerton. There was a good attendance of ringers, including the general secretary. Mr. John Gilbert, as well as visitors from many towers, including Pilton, Bath, Crayford and Taunton.

The Guild service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Budgett, with Mrs. Brown as organist. An excellent tea was provided in the Hall by Miss White and her helpers, and this was followed by the business meeting under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall.

New members elected were: Messrs. R. Chedzoy and G. Gillan (Preston Plucknett), Mr. Peter G. Axe (West Coker), Messrs. Edward E. Thyer, David Walrond, John Meaker and Tony Higgins (Pitney). Certificates of membership were presented to Miss Sarah Cox and Mr. R. Stark (Montacute) and Mr. P. G. Axe (West Coker).

Ringing on this good-going heavy six (tenor 19¼ cwt.) during the afternoon and evening was under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, and included rounds, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob Minor, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London.

The Branch is grateful to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies who provided tea.

GENERALISATIONS

Dear Sir,—In recent times we have become accustomed to seeing, now and then, facile, "inexperienced" generalisations in your correspondence columns.

Top marks must now be awarded to Mr. Patrick I. Chapman for the fatuous pronouncement that those with enough leisure to ring peals are competent, whilst ringers too busy to do so are incompetent.

We should, nevertheless, be grateful for his reservation. No doubt even Mr. Chapman appreciates that some ringers, including one or two "top-scoring" conductors, will never know the meaning of the word "striking" however many hundreds of peals they ring!—Yours faithfully,

TOM BUTLER.

Liverpool.

COMPOSITIONS

5,152 HAYMARKET SURPRISE MAJOR
By ROGER BALDWIN

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63254	—		—
53264		2	2
43265	—		—
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35264	2		—
32654		—	2
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First rung at Bushey, Herts, on June 6th, 1968.

5,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
By JOHN PLADDYS

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METHOD EXTENSION 8

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The Church of St. John the Baptist, Beeston, Notts

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. John Baptist, Beeston, Nottinghamshire

By IAN V. J. SMITH

BEESTON lies between the main Derby to Nottingham thoroughfare and the River Trent. It is possible that a rough church existed at Beeston (Bestune or Bestonia) before the Norman Conquest, although no such building is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086. If such a structure had existed the Normans would certainly have replaced it with a more solid building of stone.

There was certainly a church at Beeston about the year 1160. In the 13th century the church was rebuilt in the Early English style of Henry III, and again in the 14th century in the Decorated Period of Edward III.

Once again, the church was rebuilt in the reign of Henry VII and a bell was cast for the church by Richard Mellour, who cast in Nottingham from 1488 to 1508. In 1552 we learn that the church possessed "iii bellys in the stepull", and "i handbell". It is not known when or by whom the other two bells were cast; they could be by Richard Mellour, or perhaps of a later date by Robert Mellour (1510-1525), the Selyoke family (between 1499 and 1548), or by Humphrey Quarnby (1550-1559), all of whom cast in the city of Nottingham.

In 1593-4 the plague raged in Beeston and 137 people died, about a quarter of the population at that time. In 1640 (some authorities say 1630) the 2nd bell was recast by George Oldfield at the Nottingham foundry. Rumour has it that this bell originally came from Clifton church on the other side of the River Trent, but there is no evidence of this.

RUINED BELFRY

By the end of the 17th century the belfry had fallen into a very bad state, and in April 1704 the church clock was referred to as "having its works much interfered with by owls and others of the feathered tribe, which tenanted the ruinous belfry at that period". A century later in June 1808 there is another similar report in the Parish Registers.

The three bells so far mentioned continued to give service until 1843 when the old church was demolished. An interesting custom which still took place at that time was the ringing of the church bell on Pancake Day, the "pancake bell" being rung by the oldest apprentice in the parish.

The church was rebuilt in 1844, the money, just over £3,500, being raised by public subscription. In this year, the treble bell was recast by Taylors of Loughborough at a cost of £48 17s. 10½d., and the three bells placed in the new tower were as follows:

Treble: Recast by Taylor 1844. Inscription: "In Principio erat Verbum" (In the beginning was the word) Wt. 8 cwt.

Second: God Save His Church 1640 (1630?) (Oldfield Mark)

Third: (A rose) Celorum Rex Christe Tibi Placeat Sonus Iste. (R. Mellour's Mark) (O Christ, King of the Heavens, may this sound be pleasing to thee)

However, the Rev. T. J. Oldrini, when he became Vicar of Beeston in 1854, described the bells as being "far from silvery in tone whatever they might have been originally". In addition to this, the third bell was cracked while the Christmas peal was ringing during the great frost of Christmas Eve 1860 when the thermometer registered 8 degrees below zero.

In 1870 the three bells were taken down, and the metal was incorporated in a new ring of six, tenor quoted as 19¾ cwt. (later found to be 18-0-4), supplied by the Loughborough foundry at a cost of just less than £600. The ring was opened in March 1870, and soon afterwards change-ringing was introduced, Mr. W. Towlson from Attenborough being paid an annual sum to instruct the Beeston ringers in the art. On March 1st 1871, the first six-score of Grandsire Doubles on the bells "was accomplished in a most creditable manner", this being followed by the first 720, 18 months later.

FIRST PEAL 1877

In 1877 two trebles were added by the inhabitants of Beeston in memory of John Watson, a liberal benefactor to the church in the past. After the opening ceremony the first peal on the bells was rung by the Society of Sherwood Youths, it being 5,040 Grandsire Triples. Other notable early performances on the bells were 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major on September 23rd 1882, the first of Kent Major for the Midland Counties Association, and 7,200 Double Norwich on November 18th 1882, which was, at the time, a record for the Association.

The first peal by an entirely local band was Grandsire Triples on November 9th 1895. Between that time and the end of the century the band had made great strides, adding several peals of Bob Major and several more of Grandsire to their account. Indeed, Jasper Snowdon, after a visit to Beeston, described the band as one of the best in the country at the time.

More progress was made before the first World War, and the following is a list of first performances by the Beeston band.

5040 Grandsire Triples, November 9th 1895.
5184 Plain Bob Major, September 25th 1897.
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major, April 3rd 1909.
5040 Stedman Triples, May 15th 1909.
5024 Oxford Treble Bob Major, November 12 1917.
5008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, March 11th 1911.
5056 Superlative Surprise Major, March 16th 1912.
5024 Norfolk Surprise Major, February 14th 1914.

The last two of these were received with great acclaim in the local press, they being looked upon as triumphs for Beeston itself, not just for the ringers. The great rise in the success of the Beeston band was largely due to the arrival of Mr. Albert Coppock, who conducted many of the peals.

After the war, the band continued to progress and the next notable achievement was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on February 18th 1922. The ringers then turned their attention to London and the first quarter in this method was achieved on November 20th 1922. Several unsuccessful attempts were made for a peal, the band having been weakened by the departure of Mr. Coppock on account of the intolerable behaviour of one of the other members of the band, young Billy Clifford. This meant that the conducting was thrown on to Percy Price, as he always rang the tenor. The peal was finally achieved on January 31st, 1925 when the band stood as follows:

REMARKABLE PEAL

William Clifford, junr. 1, William Clifford senr. 2, Frederick S. Price 3, Alfred B. Moss 4, J. Charles Dickens 5, Arthur Lowe 6, Edgar C. Shepherd 7, Percy Price (Conductor) 8. The only surviving member of the band is Mr. E. C. Shepherd, now of Warminster. This peal is truly remarkable for two reasons: (1) there was not a competent conductor in the band (it was Percy Price's first peal as conductor), (2) Mr. W. Clifford senr. was in his 76th year and had not learnt to ring Surprise until in his 60s.

This was virtually the culmination of the Beeston band's peal-ringing career, only one more peal being rung by a completely local band, one of Stedman Triples the following year. However, the band continued in good strength until the second World War.

After the war the band was at a very low ebb, although occasionally methods up to Kent could be rung with the help of visitors. The bells were then not in very good condition and in 1953 Messrs. Taylor said that they should not be rung more than another year and, following the breaking of the tenor clapper in July 1955, the bells ceased to be rung with the exception of the third which was chimed for service. A bell fund was initiated to raise money for restoration but unfortunately came to nothing.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—continued

WORLD-WIDE SURVEY OF BELLS AND RINGING

REPORT OF THE OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

YOU may remember the first Overseas Report, five short years ago, contained no details of American ringing and reviewed just 20 towers. Since then most of the 16 unringables and all of the 48 ringables abroad have had a mention This year we chronicle inspired efforts by steeplekeepers, a consolidation of the devoted work of teachers and its harvest of performances streaming from distant towers

AFRICA.—The Republic of South Africa had a very quiet year when it seemed that ringing was going through a dormant period, then suddenly in the last days of 1967 Durban sprang to life. St. Paul's has a new captain in Reg Davey, whose many learners enjoy three practice nights a week. St. Mary's is encouraged by their enthusiastic Vicar, who always attends the start of quarters. With the help of Geoffrey Armitage (Leeds), joint practices were held, and three quarter peals quickly raised the standard for the first peal in Durban.

Rhodesia.—At Salisbury, in spite of departures, there were only four silent Sundays during the year, which was ended with muffled and open ringing. At the A.G.M. the official name became "The Rhodesian Guild," and the annual outing to Que Que resulted in some enjoyable change ringing on the four bells.

AUSTRALIA.—The 1967 A.N.Z.A.B. festival was the first to be held in the provinces with Ballarat and Bendigo as the venues. Jack Roper was elected president and the proceedings included a "Progressive Dinner." In this each course of a meal is taken at a different house, so you eat your way along the route to the next tower!

In May ten Sydneysiders, mostly young lads, went on a 2,000 mile tower grabbing spree. They rang in seven towers in seven days across three States, quite a tribute to their enthusiasm for ringing.

Canberra. — Aspen Island in Lake Burley Griffin is the site chosen to receive the British Government's gift of bells. Parliamentary answers in Adelaide suggest it is already too late to install a ring of bells, but the tower is to have a carillon of 53 (tenor 120 cwt.). However, A.N.Z.A.B. still hope that intensive high-level lobbying in both countries may yet sway the authorities to make the gift a truly British one. **Geelong.**—St. Paul's has a Whitechapel eight (tenor 14 cwt.) just a century old. Alas, today the church is derelict and although the bells and fittings are intact there is small hope of any action. This would seem a good case for a transfer. **Hobart.**—The fellowship of ringers was most evident in the practical gift of money sent by members of Great Adventure II for relief in the disastrous bush fires that swept Tasmania last summer. **Melbourne.**—Here Robin Turner's band have been breaking new ground with handbell peals of Surprise and 25 Minor methods, both Australian firsts. St. Paul's Cathedral, which can be reckoned to have one of the finest 12's in existence, is very active, ringing Caters and Cinques for service. The arrival of Heather and Tony Mann in **Perth** has been a great stimulus for Western Australia, and handbell quarters are now streaming out from such unlikely places as sheep-shearing sheds. At a result the first Australian ladies' peal was scored recently.

Sydney.—The band at St. Mary's R.C. have progressed to ring Bristol and often help out at Randwick. Our correspondent's estimate of the tenor at **Christchurch** (St. Lawrence's) is 9 cwt. The old six in worn bearings on a weak frame, odd-struck with a long draught, have ropes missing and some wheels broken; not a cheerful picture. At **Church Hill** (St. Philip's), Noel Bissett has an active chiming band. Although the "go" is difficult here, changes were rung by visitors twice during October. Sydney ringers also helped out at **Broadway** (St. Benedict's), where the rough old six sounded out for church festivals, as did the bells at **Yass. Burwood** is again the scene of a memorable first, this time by an under-16 band. A call change band is active at **Darling Point**, and **Turramurra's** ringers, when not polishing up London Minor, are scheming to make this an eight-bell tower.

New Zealand.—The Warner eight at **Auckland** were cast in 1862 and spent their first 40-odd years being chimed in a wooden tower. Installed in St. Matthew's in 1905, they were rung to a quarter peal in 1912, but lost a peal the following year. Subsequently the wheels were removed and they were clocked until last year. Much devoted work by Mr. Lack and his team has got the third ringable. With new ropes and a tight frame they are now chimed for service; a weekly handbell practice keeps up enthusiasm. The tremendous task of making these bells ringable once again deserves every possible encouragement.

At **Christchurch** a thorough survey of this installation was sent to the Dean and urgent repairs were called for. There is no doubt that the publicity accompanying the peal of Cambridge—first by a resident New Zealand band—helped the restoration project. A benefactor came forward and a competent engineering firm is being sought to carry out the overhaul. In the suburb of **Papanui**, Ray Idle has taken on a healthy crowd of learners. They already ring Grandsire and have opened a fund for a sixth bell

CANADA. — The year 1967 saw the centennial marked by several quarter peals. Victoria rang the first in Canada of Stedman Triples, while Calgary and Vancouver scored Grandsire. The structural survey at Vancouver Cathedral found the tower safe but the steeple had to be reinforced and this interrupted ringing for eight weeks. At St. James' there is a 40 cwt. eight reputed to have been intended for change ringing, but thwarted by the city engineer when they were installed in 1937. Investigation now definitely establishes that these bells were never made to be hung for ringing. Apart from Vancouver and Victoria, the lack of replies from Canada constitutes the biggest gap in our knowledge of overseas towers.

U.S.A. — Boston (Advent) has a 20 cwt. Mears eight in fair condition. There was an active band until 1937 or so, now they are chimed. In **Christ Church** is an historic 15 cwt. Rudhall eight inscribed "We are the first ring of bells cast for the British Empire in North America. A.R. 1744." Six years later one of the band was Paul Revere, the famous Boston patriot. In 1894 the "Old Colony of Bell Ringers" had them rehung. In 1939 the steeple blew down and subsequently sprinkler pipes obstructed ringing. Nowadays they are chimed. Still in Boston the **Perkins School for the Blind** has a good eight with ropes although there is no band. Visitors are most welcome but the neighbours, understandably, do not enjoy unskilled clashing. Down in South Carolina, **Charleston** has a Mears eight with a romantic history. Cast in 1764, they were removed from the tower as a prize of war during the colonists' revolt and brought back to London. They were then bought by a sympathetic city merchant and shipped back again. There have been two recastings since and, although now devoid of wheels and stays, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was chimed on the Ellacombe apparatus in 1951.

Groton.—In the absence of any replies to our inquiries over the last three years we note (from "The Ringing World") that ten boys toured Southern England during the summer. Back home they ring Stedman on the School's excellent ten. From **Hingham, Mass,** we are happy to report a revival at this almost unknown tower. Since the 19 cwt. ten left Whitechapel in 1912 very little has been heard of them, indeed rumour had it the tower was unsafe. In 1967 David Gifford and friends bought ropes, cleaned the place up and, with the help of two British ringers, practice began. The bells go well, the tower is perfectly safe and eight people are now ringing "open" rounds. All this activity is a fine example of the infectious spreading of the art stimulated by Washington's example.

New York.—Information is sought on the 25 cwt. eight cast by Mears in 1795 and hung in Trinity Church on Broadway; the church was later burnt down. **Ithaca, N.Y.**—Frank Eldridge reports that in planning the new college chapel, serious thought is being given to a ring of ten. In **Northampton, Mass.**, Smith College is to have a new Mears eight with a tenor of 8¾ cwt. in A. At **Philadelphia** the uncertainty over the number of bells in Christ Church tower has now been cleared up. The 18 cwt. eight cast at Whitechapel in 1754 are chimed from a clavier as this historic ringing chamber is wholly filled by an 88 rank organ. It was here in 1850 that the first peal outside the U.K. was rung. The other three bells were given as a 1945 war memorial.

Washington has had a productive year with increased active membership and the formation of a fine "first band" which will not be interrupted by graduation for two years. The two groups, "The Whitechapel Guild" and "The Cathedral Society," together muster almost 40 regulars with a practice, at different levels, every day of the week. Two peals were successful and nine quarters scored, two of them during a visit to Kent School. In April the tenor (32 cwt.) was turned in for the first time, and in June Rick Dirksen, the talented bellmaster, was married.

Outbreaks of change ringing on handbells were recorded from Cornell University, Northampton and Princetown, Mass., and Oberlin, Ohio.

Miscellaneous. — Malta. St. Paul's pro-Cathedral. Investigation confirms the bells are hung for chiming. The 13 cwt. Mears six were cast in 1845. **Poona.** Panch Howd.—There was known to be a Taylor eight here of 1893 vintage (tenor 25 cwt.), hung in a detached campanile, reputedly unsafe. On examination they were found to be hung on one level in plain bearings and iron headstocks, complete with wheels and Hastings stays. Apart from the mess of resident birds the installation is in fairly good order and only needs oil and ropes to become ringable. They are chimed for service and State occasions.

In closing, I must acknowledge a debt to many correspondents, old and new, who have generously undertaken investigations and collated information on my behalf. The tradition of good fellowship that goes hand in hand with a love of bells truly spans all the ringing towers on earth.

A. VICTOR SHEPPARD (Convener).

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. V. Shepherd and seconded by Mr. G. Pipe.

Mr. F. Price (Oxford Guild) said he would like to make a couple of amendments in regard to ringing in America. At Perkins School for the Blind they were not made very welcome and not allowed to ring. At Groton the ringing was of superb quality. At Hingham the tower was unsafe. He was given to understand that something was to be done. In regard to Northampton (Smith's College) he congratulated Messrs. Mears and Stainbank on an excellent ring, probably the best for their weight he had heard. He thought that some advice should be given in regard to sound

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"Finest Practical Work of Council"

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

THE work of the committee increased considerably during 1967, and advice on bell and tower restoration was given in 120 churches —an all-time record. It appears that we are now dealing with inquiries resulting from the second cycle of quinquennial reports under the Inspection of Churches Measure.

By reason of its special character it is only possible to give a brief summary of the committee's work here. It is estimated that the 120 reports cover over 700 closely-typed pages. Members of the committee travelled approximately 6,000 miles and wrote over 400 letters during the year.

The 120 churches in which advice was given during 1967 may be analysed geographically, thus:—

Bedfordshire	1	Lincolnshire	1
Berkshire	8	Middlesex	2
Buckinghamshire	—	Norfolk	1
Cambridgeshire	8	Northamptonshire	4
Cardiganshire	1	Nottinghamshire	2
Carmarthenshire	3	Oxfordshire	8
Cheshire	5	Pembrokeshire	
Cornwall	2	Rutland	1
Derbyshire	1	Somersetshire	15
Dorsetshire	2	Sussex	1
Devonshire	6	Warwickshire	3
Durham	1	Wiltshire	2
Essex	4	Yorkshire	2
Gloucestershire		London	3
Hampshire	9	America	1
Herefordshire			—
Huntingdonshire	2		120
Lancashire	2		—

Of these, 21 inquiries were dealt with by correspondence, the remainder necessitated visits to the churches concerned.

Twenty-four inquiries relating to tower oscillation and damage to masonry due to defective bell installations were dealt with during 1967; 66 churches sought advice on repairs and maintenance of bell gear; advice on rehanging was given in 45 churches, and on augmentation in 19 churches. Advice on recasting was given in 16 churches, and in regard to this the committee wish to remind members that the principles regarding the recasting of ancient bells are given in detail on pages 25 and 26 of the Council's Handbook. The problems of sound control increase each year, and advice on these was given in 46 churches during 1967.

Members are urged to emphasise the necessity of obtaining a faculty for bell restoration work; or alternatively an Archdeacon's certificate if the work is of a minor character. We have experienced another instance in which bells and gear have been dismantled without the Chancellor of the Diocese, the Archdeacon or an architect being consulted, and without a faculty application being made. We also wish again to stress the importance of carrying out vital repairs to a tower before bell restoration work is put in hand, or of doing the two together. We have experienced more instances of bell restoration being done and essential tower repairs postponed.

The committee has met to discuss the proposed two new handbooks and reports that substantial progress has been made. We hope to produce the final draft MSS. during 1968.

Members of the committee have given 21 lectures to diocesan, architectural and professional organisations and resident ringing courses; and a sub-committee has been formed to investigate bell welding.

As in previous years this report has been compiled by the convener from statistics sent to him by members of the committee.

FREDERICK SHARPE (Convener).

B. AUSTIN.	H. J. SANGER.
H. O. BAKER.	J. G. M. SCOTT.
F. E. COLLINS.	T. M. RODERICK.
J. FREEMAN.	B. D. THRELFALL.
A. J. FROST.	

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, in moving the adoption, said the committee had done more work this year than in any year in its history. They had heard references to various files, but in the car park there were 120 unless awkward questions were asked. He would like to pay tribute to the members of the committee, who had travelled long distances at great expense to give this service to the Exercise in general.

Seconding, Mr. Brian Threlfall thanked Mr. Sharpe on behalf of the committee. Mr. Sharpe was retiring from business and he no longer had the service of his office staff. He asked permission of the Council for a small sum to be available for Mr. Sharpe's secretarial work.

The General Secretary: There is provision for the expenses of committees to be claimed. He believed that the greatest difficulty in the past had been to get Mr. Sharpe to claim.

The Rev. John Scott said diocesan advisory diocesan boards did not always pay expenses unless they asked for a report. It generally happened that kind P.C.C.'s asked what their expenses were. They sometimes gave a figure of 6d. a mile.

Mr. Sharpe said the majority of P.C.C.'s did not reimburse them or make allowance for the time they leave their business. Last week he spent two whole days with architects regarding towers that were faulty.

Mr. P. A. Corby commented that this was quite the finest practical work the Council did. He felt the Council would not wish to be niggardly for the work done.

Miss M. R. Cross suggested that the Council paid Mr. Sharpe an honorarium for the work he did. Other Guilds might wish to follow the lead of the Oxford Guild in this respect.

The report was then adopted.

1970 REPORT

Mr. Edwards (Bedfordshire Association) called attention to a letter on the 1970 Report which had appeared in "The Ringing World" and had been forwarded to the Council. They would like it discussed. It might be a good thing if a committee was set up to keep abreast of the situation.

The general secretary said the letter was discussed by the Standing Committee and he was instructed to get to the heart of the matter.

Asked what the report was, Mr. Bottomley said it was a report on the lines of the Paul Report, but instead of dealing with people this dealt with buildings. There was a risk of loss of bells.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Council agreed to amend Rule 17, dealing with Notice of Meetings, that the agenda be published not less than four weeks previously instead of five, as at present.

In reply to Mr. B. G. Warwick (Leicester), who wanted to know the reason, the general secretary replied that it was physically impossible for the secretary to get the material to "The Ringing World" at Guildford in time.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE—cont.

proofing. Americans do not take kindly to noise and they had seven complaints straight away. He thought sound-proofing should be included in every contract overseas.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd commented on the handbell ringing at Canberra, where a peal in 25 Minor methods had been rung. It was very gratifying to see such progress in a quarter they had not expected.

Mr. Anderson asked if there had been any progress in regard to the Canberra installation.

The president said he had the good luck to take the Australian Postmaster General round Norwich Cathedral. He said he was entirely in favour of swinging bells but he was afraid he was in a minority. Their hopes had been raised in the last few days by Australia having a new president and he might achieve something.

Mr. Philip Gray (A.N.Z.A.B.) said he felt that the dice had not been fully cast and there was still a ray of hope if they could take it up again. He would like to think that this was true. Last September, when he visited Australia, he was amazed at the progress that had been made in ringing.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said there was an impression that a ringing peal could be at St John's.

The president said that a competition for the campanile at Canberra had been held and the designs were in Australia House.

Mr. D. Hughes said the models had already gone from Australia House. The competition had been won by an Australian architect.

The report was adopted.

THE NEXT MEETING

The Standing Committee suggested that the next meeting should be at Whitsun, 1969, on May 29th. This was moved by the chairman and seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

Mr. P. A. Corby moved as an amendment that the Council meet on Saturday, May 24th. Because Tuesday was a working day, it was difficult for some people to serve on the Council.

Mr. Taylor seconded, and the amendment received the wholehearted support of Mr. J. A. Ainsworth.

Mr. Ayre said the hall had already been booked for May 27th.

The president said it would only be possible to hold it on a Saturday not next to a great Church festival.

Mr. Corby then withdrew his amendment but expressed the hope that the Council would not lose sight of meetings being held on Saturdays.

Mr. R. Speed asked for ringing arrangements not to be advertised in "The Ringing World" because the towers became crowded. The bells would then be available for members of the Council.

Mr. W. Ayre: Noted. Peal arrangements will be for Council members.

1970 MEETING

Mr. Wilfrid Moreton invited the Council to meet in 1970 on the right side of the Pennines—in Yorkshire. They had not decided upon the town in which they would meet.

Mr. Walter Ayre seconded, and the Council accepted the invitation.

CORRECTIONS TO ATTENDANCE ROLL

Mr. Brian Austen was not present. The initials of Mr. Key are B. G.

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549 PEOPLE RANG THEIR FIRST PEAL IN 1967

REPORT OF THE PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

OUR first section deals with 13 peals left over from 1966: Chester Guild 1, Hertford County 2, Oxford Guild 4, Salisbury Guild 5, Unattached 1. Why the respective conductors cannot send in their peals promptly is beyond our comprehension!

In 1967 there was again a decline in the number of peals rung—tower 2,923, a loss of 129, and handbells 250, a drop of 37. The grand total is therefore 3,173. We noticed one redeeming feature—that there were less duplications than last year—thank you for this.

In the final totals, the three leading Associations/Guilds, etc., are the same, as the table below shows. It is good to see the Peterborough Guild appearing so high. The first nine places, with 100 plus peals, are:—

	Tower	Hand-bells	Total
Kent County Association	216	21	237
Yorkshire Association ..	212	13	225
Oxford Guild (4 in 1966)	192	22	214
Lancashire Association ..	170	18	188
Chester Guild (1 in 1966)	237	38	175
Peterborough Guild ..	117	4	121
Bath & Wells Association	109	—	109
Norwich Association ..	108	—	108
Leicester Guild	97	10	107

The breakdown is as follows:—

	Tower 1966	Tower 1967		Handbells 1966	Handbells 1967	
Fourteen	—	—		—	1	+ 1
Maximus	89	67	+22	15	15	=
Cinques	59	47	−12	5	5	=
Royal	226	192	−34	38	27	−11
Caters	95	91	− 4	14	4	−10
Major	1274	1200	−74	125	107	−18
Triples	185	204	+19	6	4	− 2
Minor	827	838	+11	75	75	=
Doubles	295	279	−16	9	12	+ 3
Minimus	2	5	+ 3			
	3052	2923	−129	287	250	−37

Among the outstanding performances of 1967 the enumerate the following: Bath and Wells, 160 methods Spliced Surprise Major; Chester Guild, 24 Spliced Surprise Maximus and 5 methods Spliced Surprise Major "in hand"; Coventry Guild, 50 and 53 methods Minor; Derby Diocesan, 100 methods Doubles, Stedman Cinques with eight firsts on 12, including the conductor; Gloucester and Bristol, 163 and 165 Spliced Surprise Major; Kent County, Plain Bob 14 "in hand"; Lancashire Association, 30, 33, 35 Spliced Surprise Maximus and 10 methods Spliced Surprise Royal; Lincoln Guild, 52 and 95 methods Doubles; St. Martin's Guild, 11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major; Archdeaconry of Staffordshire, Family peal of Doubles; University of London, 70 Spliced Surprise Minor; Middlesex County, London Surprise Royal "in hand"—a very fine performance.

We should welcome further information as to the number of changes rung on certain occasions and how the peals came round:

e.g. p. 86 Lancashire Association—Samlesbury, Yorkshire Major—5,051.
p. 481 Peterborough Guild — Nobottle Surprise Royal—5,037.
p. 862 Peterborough Guild — Vintry Surprise Royal—5,038.
p. 862 Sussex County — Plain Bob Royal—5,088.
p. 329 Kent County—Limpsfield Chart How many methods? 6 of 6 shown.

In addition we require guidance from the Council regarding the acceptance of two peals of Scientific, rung for the Middlesex County, as we understand that three types of bob were used: also a peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Dorney by the Oxford Guild—without singles. At the moment these three are not included in the analysis.

We have included the peal rung at Frindsbury of five methods of Surprise Major using no bobs or singles, but wish for confirmation by the Council.

The following peals are ruled out, on the information given:—

p. 940. Lancashire Association — Hawkshead. H.B.—College Little Bob—7 extents—as an extent of Little Bob is 480 changes.
All handbell "peals" of Minimus.
Lodsworth, Sussex—four methods.
Thrybergh, Non-Association—three methods.

The Council ruling is that handbell peals of Minimus be not accepted. We should appreciate the views of the Council on the Major methods now being rung with irregular lead-ends.

First-pealers during 1967 totalled 549, with 103 firsts as conductor.

METHODS IN WHICH 10 OR MORE PEALS WERE RUNG

Maximus.—Cambridge 35, Plain Bob 14.
Cinques.—Stedman 44, Cambridge 58, London 21, Yorkshire 30, Plain Bob 50.
Caters.—Grandsire 48, Stedman 43.
Major.—Spliced Surprise.—Nine methods and over 36, 8 methods 18, 6 methods 11, 5 methods 12, 4 methods 41, Bristol 47, Cambridge 101, Glasgow 16 Lincolnshire 64, London 64, New Cambridge 13, Pudsey 23, Rutland 69, Superlative 37, Yorkshire 150, Kent T.B. 56, Double Norwich 44, Plain Bob 254. Spliced Plain 2 to 8 methods 11, 9 methods and over 14.
Triples.—Grandsire 93, Stedman 74, Plain Bob 24.
Minor.—Fourteen methods and over 63, 8 to 13 methods 87, 7 methods 179, 6 methods 18, 5 methods 43, 4 methods 62, 3 methods 64, 2 methods 41, 1 method 359.
Doubles.—Twenty-one methods and over 41, 14 to 20 methods 31, 8 to 13 methods 44, 7 methods 17, 6 methods 12, 5 methods 18, 3 methods 14, 2 methods 22, 1 method 89.

Note the rise in peals of London Surprise Royal, Glasgow and Lincolnshire Surprise Major, with Yorkshire well in advance of Cambridge.

W. AYRE (Convener).
K. W. H. FELSTEAD.
H. L. ROPER.

Mr. W. Ayre moved the adoption of the report and said of the peals of Scientific he still maintained that three types of bobs were used. In regard to College Single they would like the views of the Council on this irregular lead-end. The peal of Southrepps Minor (Yorkshire Association) was not in line with the Decisions of the Council. He had come to the conclusion that it was about time that there was a change and he suggested that at next year's meeting someone else be elected in his place.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead seconded the adoption except for the last remark.

Mr. D. E. Sibson said Glouceester and Bristol had two peals of 165, and not 163.

Mr. A. J. Frost (University of London) said a peal of Scientific was rung ten years ago and there was no exception taken to it. The bobs were then called red and blue. He thought the peal should be accepted.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove said he would like to see every true peal included in the analysis. The peals of Scientific were true. Both Jasper Snowden and Shipway accepted the peals of Minor without a single as true peals. One could not get a 720 from Windsor Single. Surely the committee should be competent to do its job.

Mr. Ayre: I am afraid it is not our job to check the truth.

Mr. G. Dodds said regarding the peal of Bob Minor at Dorney (without singles) early exponents accepted it, but since then they had made various decisions about a peal. Did the peal now rung count as Bob Minor?

Mr. B. Warwick (Leicester Guild) asked about the peals of Shortheath Surprise Royal.

Mr. R. Speed replied that two compositions were put in "The Ringing World."

Mr. H. Poyner thought the peal of Minor should be included.

Mr. P. A. Corby asked whether the convener would be prepared to amend his report in the light of what had been said.

Mr. R. Speed then moved that the report be accepted and that they delete "welcome further information" on the first page and that the totals on the second page be amended. This was agreed to.

THE PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Eric Critchley (convener) stated that there was no report from the committee but work had started on a collection of 9- and 12-bell peals.

THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

THE work of this committee has consisted of routine matters, but we have not been overwhelmed by the receipt of members' outstanding biography sheets and photographs. We would very much like to have the personal record of all members.

We have been saddened by the death of one of our committee colleagues, John Willis, who has done much valuable work during almost 16 years' membership of this committee. We have benefited greatly from his experience and advice and, as he had an early and systematic method of working, he left none of his committee work unfinished—to our undoubted advantage.

William Parrott, who through business reasons has been forced to resign from the Council, has volunteered to continue his contribution to the work of this committee and we feel this acceptable for the coming year. So it is felt that, with the approval of this Council, we should not elect replacements now but carry on as at present during the third year of this triennial session.

Deaths of the following members and past-members have been recorded:—

J. Worth, Chester Diocesan Guild 1951–1953, 1960–1963, 1965–1967. Died February 25th. (Attended eight meetings).

T. G. Myers, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1948–1967. Died March 27th. (Seven meetings.)

S. G. Coles, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, 1946–1960. Died May 30th. (Nine meetings.)

F. A. Finch, Middlesex County Association, 1950. Died July 23rd. (One meeting.)

H Parker, Chester Diocesan Guild. 1936–1939. Died October 9th. (Three meetings.)

F A. Salter, Southwell Diocesan Guild, 1949–1953. Died November 12th. (No meetings.)

J. Willis, Kent County Association, 1951–1957; honorary 1957–1967. Died November 20th. (10 meetings.)

A. E. Sharman, Bedfordshire Association, 1921–1946. Died November 25th. (16 meetings.)

T. H. Radford, East Derbyshire and West Notts Association, 1963–1967. Died December 10th. (No meetings.)

T. J. LOCK (Convener).
W. PARROTT.
W. H. VIGGERS.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. T. Lock (Middlesex) called attention to the resignation of Mr. W. Parrott from the committee and said they were very indebted to him for the work he had done very efficiently

Mr. W. Viggers (Guildford Guild) seconded, and the report was adopted.

Influence of Incumbents in Broadcasts

REPORT OF THE BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

THE broadcasting and televising of bells during the year have varied much as between Region and Region and it would appear from the reports we have been able to collect that bells attracted more interest in the West and in Ireland than elsewhere.

From **Scotland**, where of course there are few churches with rings of bells and fewer still with ringers, there comes no report of any ringing "on the air." At St. James', Leith, a tape was recorded of the Association Ringing Master with a group of helpers to be used as a news item on Scottish I.T.V. but it appears not to have been broadcast yet.

The report from **Ireland** speaks of the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, being heard over Radio Eireann on Christmas Eve, and mention of this was made in a subsequent interview over the air—the ringers taking part also were referred to. Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, bells welcomed the New Year in connections with the usual celebrations, which were broadcast over Radio Eireann. The Bush brothers, from Shankill, Lurgan, were seen on Telefis Eireann "Late Late Show." St. George's, Dublin, and St. Mary's, Limerick, bells also were heard on Radio Eireann. The bells of Hillsborough joined in the "Christmas Bells" programme broadcast by the B.B.C.

Wales. — Television appears to be the only medium featuring bells during the year. T.W.W. News gave shots of Grosmont bells being lowered from the tower, watched by the Vicar and ringers. In the B.B.C. "Hobby Horse" programme, Talgarth handbell ringers appeared playing tunes. The "Claim to Fame" programme included a young man whose claim was that he had composed a new method—"All Saints' Doubles."

In the "How" programme, a T.W.W. Southern production, there was given a demonstration of how to ring a bell, using a model. This was done very well, but unfortunately the demonstrator ended by pulling a supposedly real bell rope and disappearing out of the top of the picture. This programme was for children and such an ending could only give an impression of danger, and certainly would not encourage young people to learn to ring. A letter of protest to Angus Wright, the producer brought from him an abject apology, and a promise "as a one-time service ringer myself" to put things right with a further demonstration in a future programme.

North Region.—With Darley Dale from the Diocese of Derby representing the North Region in the Christmas broadcast it may be fairly claimed that all areas of the Region have taken part now in these broadcasts. Suggestions were made as usual to the tower before the recording, and the outcome was very satisfactory.

Several occasions were noted on I.T.V. Sunday morning programmes where bells were used to accompany the establishing shots before a service. With the very limited time available, ringing on these occasions is probably best confined to rounds. Rounds were rung in most of the programmes seen and the striking was generally quite good.

Canon Thurlow appeared in an Epilogue on Tyne-Tees television on November 4th and spoke on bellringing. Two other Epilogues which he recorded, and three recorded by Dennis Bayles for the series "My Job in the Church," have yet to be allocated dates for transmission.

Midland Region.—There is very little news from this Region of bells on the air, but good coverage by radio and TV was given to the long peal of Glasgow Surprise Major rung at Edgbaston. The B.B.C. gave two radio broadcasts on the day of the peal with an interview with one of the ringers, and a recording of the bells a day or so later. Colour TV pictures of the church, which was floodlit, were taken and shown, as were pictures of the ringers during the peal with a close-up of the conductor, Roderick Pipe.

East Anglia.—In the B.B.C. "Look East" programme, on various dates, were seen a film of the bells of Wymondham Abey being returned after recasting and retuning; a film of a party of American boys touring Suffolk for bellringing practice "they cannot get in their own country"; and one of the ringing of the peal at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, in honour of the 19th birthday of Prince Charles.

An interview with Cecil Pipe after his return from his visit overseas was broadcast.

West Region.—The year 1967 has seen a change in the post of Religious Broadcasting Organiser in the West at Bristol. The Rev. Coun James, who succeeded the late Rev. Martin Willson, has left the B.B.C. to become Vicar of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and his place has been taken by the Rev. Peter Firth. Although we have yet to make his personal acquaintance we have had several telephone conversations with him, particularly in connection with the "Christmas Bells" broadcast, and found him most co-operative. In correspondence we have raised the question of the use of bells in service broadcasts, and feel he will do all in his power to help in this respect. Sunday service broadcasts have included the bells of St. James', Southbroom, Broadclyst, St. Michael's, Honiton, and St. Mary's, Southampton. The bells of Crawley Parish Church were included in an evening service broadcast for the World Service.

The majestic ring of 12 at Exeter Cathedral was heard as the West's contribution to the "Christmas Bells" broadcast.

On television the Rev. John Scott gave an excerpt from his splendid programme on the bells and ringers of Devon.

We feel sure that there were other items which included bells in either sound broadcasts or on television, and if those taking part in any such event would be good enough to pass the necessary information to us we shall be pleased to include details in these reports in the future

London Region.—No reports of bell broadcasts have been received other than one of Westminster Abbey, half-muffled, on the occasion of the memorial service to Lord Atlee.

During the year we have approached the B.B.C. with a view to changing the recordings used for introducing the Sunday morning programmes without getting much satisfaction. However, this is being followed up and we hope soon to persuade the powers that be to use some of the good recordings which we know are in the B.B.C. Library.

H. N. PITSTOW (Convener).
D. A. BAYLES.
J. T. DUNWOODY.
G. E. FEARN.
J. KING (Mrs.).
H. J. SANGER.
A. G. THURLOW.
R. S. WILSON.

Mr. Harold Pitstow moved the adoption, and said that since the report was written he had had a long talk with the B.B.C. Director of Religious Broadcasting, mainly on getting the bells of churches where the services were broadcast. He was received very sympathetically but told that it was really a matter for the Regions. The B.B.C. did not dictate to them what they should do.

A great deal rested with the incumbent, so ringers should put in a plea for their bells.

Mr. D. Bayles seconded.

Mr. John Gilbert said he was very sorry that no bells accompanied the "Songs of Praise" broadcast from Worcester Cathedral the previous Sunday.

Mr. David Beacham said requests were made for Worcester Cathedral bells to be included.

The report was adopted.

THE ATTENDANCE

	Present	Absent
45 Associations fully represented	112	—
13 Associations partly represented	34	16
5 Associations not represented	—	5
Life members	7	1
Honorary members	13	7
Total	165	29

The total attendance possible was 195 and the attendance was an improvement of one on last year's.

VOTES OF THANKS

The president proposed the Council's most grateful thanks to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and incumbents for use of bells. He thanked the Mayor, the Master and general secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. Each Council meeting, said Canon Thurlow, had something unusual, and they valued the book on the towers round and about Worcester by Mr. Paul Cattermole and the librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, who made it possible for a copy to be presented to each member of the Council. He also thanked Mr. Brazier, the accommodation secretary, and Mr. G. Bowen, the peal secretary, and all the members of the Worcestershire Association for having them. (Applause.)

The president concluded with an announcement that this was the last meeting of the Central Council over which he would have the pleasure of presiding, and he thanked the members for their friendship and co-operation during the last six years.

Mr. P. A. Corby, in thanking Canon Thurlow for what he had done in the last six years as president, said they congratulated him on always maintaining his equilibrium and finding the right word at the right time.

The civic reception followed in the Civic Hall, where the Mayor and Mayoress received the members of the Council and their wives. The president expressed the thanks of the Council in a charming and witty speech.

Reports of Methods and Records Committees and Analysis of Peals for 1967 to come.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on May 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. K. Mason 1, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 2, W. E. Rawson 3, Dorothy Mason 4, Monica M. Jelley 5, R. B. Mills 6, P. A. Mason 7, M. Green 8, J. Bramley 9, R. H. Cook 10.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Record Handbell Peal—

17,284 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

MAY 26th, 1968

An account of the peal by the conductor:—I can only write of the peal as I saw it and hope that this is very much the same as experienced by the other members of the band

Before the attempt started I was somewhat apprehensive of the method and especially of striking through the 3rds and 4ths places at the lead-ends. Previously we had rung three peals of Oxford and one mediocre peal of Kent, and all but one of us had found Oxford easier to ring than Kent. Too often with Kent it becomes a process of "sliding" through the places whereas with Oxford the places have to be made more deliberately. However, once the peal had got under way I forgot about this as very few trips were made in the places.

We started at a slow rate, taking 30 minutes to ring the first 1,000 changes, but by the time 3,000 changes had been rung we were down to 25 minutes per 1,000. The first half of the peal was by far the most difficult part to ring since for over three hours the tenors were parted. I found this part a strain—transposing six-figure coursing orders as well as thinking about the rhythm and the speed—and was relieved when the tenors came back together at 8,320. Two courses later we had passed the halfway mark but nothing was said as all was going well. So far the peal had been uneventful, the main events had been the comings and goings of the umpires as they went to lunch or to the nearby pub, and of the occasional visitors passing the windows of the hall. The only sound other than the ringing was the clicking on and off—I could never work out which—of the tape recorder. We always knew when our senior umpire was present as the pleasant aroma from his cigars penetrated into the hall.

LANDMARK

I felt the landmark we were waiting for was 10,784, which was the length we had rung three weeks previously. As soon as it had been passed I told the band and this cheered them up—well, at least, they all smiled, and Martyn said he'd "never felt better," though afterwards he admitted that he was feeling "terrible" at the time! The next event was at about 5.30 p.m., when the St. Albans Abbey contingent departed for service ringing. They missed the next significant record, the passing of the 13,664 Double Norwich C.B. Major, the Association handbell record, after 5 hours and 58 minutes, but they were back in time for the next important landmark. But while they were away I felt we had an uncomfortable period of ringing; more trips occurred at this time than at any other part of the peal. Gerald developed the habit of looking at his watch every lead-end, or so it seemed; Julia, however, just sat there appearing so unconcerned and I don't think she realised that she was about to ring more changes than any other lady ringer; also about this time my wrists felt as if they were ringing 11-12 at the Abbey instead of 7-8 size 15 in C. But this uneasy patch cleared up suddenly after a mistake had been corrected and the culprit (Martyn) had the wit to declare he was only testing the conductor.

EXISTING RECORD PASSED

After 6 hours and 56 minutes we passed the existing Major record (15,904) some 40 minutes quicker than that peal and I announced we'd now rung 16,000 and asked if all was well to go on and ring the last six courses. It was, and soon the bob at 5ths was called to part the tenors for the last time. A little tension built up in the ringing as we felt we were going to get the peal; evidently some of the listeners felt the same way, as I saw Bill Nichols and Bill Little, ringers at the Abbey, leave 15 minutes from the end—rather like spectators leaving a football match when they realise the result is a foregone conclusion.

And so we came to the last course, a long one of 14 leads, taking 12 minutes to ring; the existing Kent record (17,280) had been passed in the previous course; at 7.32 p.m., 7 hours and 44 minutes after we had started, the bells ran cleanly into rounds, and our goal, after five months of preparation, had been reached.

The members of the team are most appreciative of the services of the umpires in their unenviable task both for this attempt and for the previous two. Our thanks also go to Walter Ayre for arranging to have the school available for the peal and for whose wife the peal was a birthday compliment, and also to the visitors who took an interest in this and the other attempts. It was in January this year we decided the handbell Major record ought to be more than 15,000 and we set out with the aim of raising it. Now, five peal successes and five failures later, it has been achieved and we set our sights on something new. The umpires, Walter Ayre, Tony Carter, Bob Hardy and Andrew Wilby, have now, I believe, turned professional at a rate of a penny a change, so perhaps any future attempts may cost us more than a pint or two!

UMPIRES' REPORT

"Not as good as the 10,000," muttered one member of the band, nursing two sore palms. However, after comparing the tape recordings of both performances we think this self-criticism a little harsh.

It was about ten to twelve when the bells started off, the pace settling at an even 36 changes per minute. A hesitant first course brought the comment. They still think they're ringing Oxford." The pace continued at about 36 c.p.m for the first hour then steadily increased, despite the parted tenors, to about 41 c.p.m. After 2 hours and 10 minutes the first drama, a miscall, immediately corrected. The band seemed on edge—the pace slowed—but an hour later a bob brought the tenors together and the pace quickened once more to 41 c.p.m. Smiles crept across ringers' faces, denoting all was well again.

Parting the tenors once more slowed the pace to 38 c.p.m., where in general it remained for the remainder of the peal. The first relief came after 4 hours and 41 minutes' ringing, when the record length of Treble Bob "in hand," set by the same band on May 5th, was surpassed. Brian informed the band that they were five minutes ahead of schedule (the original 10,784 in fact took 4 hours and 47 minutes), and after a few lighthearted comments it was obvious that they had decided that the 17,000 was not going to be lost. The rhythm settled into what was generally agreed to be the best ringing of the peal.

The 13,664 Hertford County Association handbell record (1948) was reached after 5 hours and 58 minutes, the 15,904 record of Major "in hand" (1962) after 6 hours and 56 minutes, and finally, after 7 hours and 29 minutes, the 1923 record of 17,280 Kent T.B. was passed. There then was new ground, but not for long, for in another 15 minutes the bells were round. The sigh of relief by the band as they set-up is recorded for posterity on tape.

W. AYRE.
A. R. CARTER
R. E. HARDY.
A. W. R. WILBY.

A STUDY IN CONCENTRATION



Their stint lasted 7 hours and 44 minutes. From left to right: Julia A. Fellows, Martyn L. J. Jordan, Gerald Penney and Brian J. Woodruffe.

According to "The Daily Telegraph" Britain is to give a carillon and a tower to Canberra to mark its golden jubilee in 1970. Does this mean that the plea on behalf of change ringers for swinging bells has been dismissed?

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Letters to the Editor

IS IT FALSE?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dodd's peal of Stedman Minimus must surely be regarded as false if it consisted of plain courses of the method as shown, since each plain course contains six changes three times each and a further 18 changes once each, i.e. an extent of 24 changes plus six of these twice each.

The method which he has gained from an eminent London ringer is much more interesting. This is the version which we deduced on first seeing the Newtown peal report and have subsequently rung at Langdon Hills when meeting short.

We have also carried out experiments with Treble Bob Minimus methods which are double extent methods. Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and a version of Kent but without the places—not needed since repetition **must** occur—are possible, and also another double method which consists simply of Cambridge backwork with three-pull dodges instead of double dodges and the same work on the front.

The "form of Grandsire without a hunt bell" which Mr. Dodd gives is, in fact, an extent of Grandsire Minimus produced by calling three bobs and therefore it **does** have a hunt bell. This was rung "in hand" by myself and my eight-year-old son to a quarter peal on December 30th last and subsequently published in "The Ringing World" as Grandsire Minimus.

I should like to thank Mr. Dodd for introducing us to Stedman Minimus, and also your correspondent R. H. Johnston for Erin Minimus—we usually have only a Minimus band for Sunday evenings—but would like clarification regarding the Central Council rules and double extent Minimus methods which I would like to think are "acceptable," since they make interesting ringing if you are forced to ring four.—Yours sincerely,

G. I. LUCAS.

Basildon, Essex.

PREVIOUSLY NAMED

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. G. H. Dodd's letter ("Ringing World," June 14th, 1968) giving three Minimus methods, the last one, which he claims to be Grandsire without a hunt bell, is really Single Court Bob Minimus, which was rung to a peal at Barton, Westmorland, on March 2nd, 1968.—Yours faithfully,

KEVIN M. PRICE.

Windermere.

THANK YOU, KENT

Dear Sir,—May I through the medium of "The Ringing World" thank the incumbents and tower captains of the five churches we visited on our annual outing from Orsett, Essex, on June 8th. It is my usual practice to write to each tower, but somewhere en route I lost the envelope containing all the correspondence relating to the outing. We would like to thank Mr. Stockbridge and Miss Pinnock for meeting us at St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's, Canterbury, respectively. At Charing we were met by the Rev. P. Robbins and a young member of his band, and at Aylesford by Mr. Parker. I would like to mention specially Roger de Brett of Aylesford with whom I seemed to keep up an endless correspondence and who kindly put me in touch with our final tower, Halling. Here we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Underhill and a member of his band who stood in a touch of Minor with us in spite of not having rung for 14 months. Thank you, Kent, for a very enjoyable outing.—Yours sincerely,

JOAN HILLS.

Grays, Essex.

DON'T LEAVE HANDBELLS LYING ABOUT

Dear Sir,—Reading in your May 31st issue of the Nuneaton ringer who had his mini-van, containing a set of handbells, stolen, reminds me of what on several occasions I have seen in churches I have visited—handbells left in all sorts of places where strange visitors could, if their consciences were so rotten, easily steal them.

I remember once, going to a meeting at Watford, Northants, seeing a set of handbells hung in a pew. In others, where the belfry is on the ground floor, they have been hung on coat hangers. In others they have been fetched out of an old chest with no lock and key on it.

Dealers have somehow got to know that handbells are in big demand and fetching nigh prices. I know this through going to auction sales, where many do not know the difference between criers' bells with a wooden handle and proper handbells and bid some of the silliest prices for the former, thinking they were handbells and later trying to resell them as such in their secondhand shops and on market haberdashery stalls to the ignorant who know no difference.

One came to me only two days ago to know if I wanted to buy "a valuable set of handbells." "You are sure they are valuable?" I jokingly replied, and asked him "How valuable?" and did he know what he was trying to sell and could he see green in my eyes. "Sorry, I am not a buyer." I said. He afterwards looked confounded when told that what he had were not proper handbells and were practically worthless. I have known others who, having discovered the difference, have removed the wooden handles, fitted leather straps and tried to palm these off as handbells.

All this goes to show the keenness of dealers to get hold of handbells if they can come by them by hook or by crook.

Old disused bells out of school turrets are other things they are seeking to try palming off as ships' bells to big country houses and others they think they can bluff.

So in view of this, those who have any handbells should be more careful and not leave them lying about where easily seen.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

LONG LENGTH LINCOLNSHIRE RUNG AT BARNES

The idea of ringing a long length at Barnes was suggested by John Ketteringham some time ago, and although the Rector of St. Mary's has in the past received several complaints from local residents during peal attempts, he was very keen on the idea and gave his permission for an attempt on June 8th. The original suggestion was to ring about 12,000 of Lyme Surprise Major, but when Chris Starbuck and Simon Humphrey produced a composition for 9,600 Lincolnshire, thus extending the existing longest length, which stood at 5,376, it was decided to attempt this instead.

In order to prepare the local population for what was coming, advance publicity was obtained by the Rector in two of the local papers, the story appearing under a front page headline in one of them!

The band duly assembled on the morning of June 8th and, after the usual adjusting of ropes, the bells went into changes at 9.18 a.m. Audrey Alexander, the Master of the U.L.S.C.R., kindly acted as umpire, assisted by Michael Rigby. After a rather slow start the band soon settled down and the speed of ringing increased, unfortunately rather too much, as is wont to happen at Barnes. However, after several exhortations from the conductor, a more reasonable pace was set and maintained for most of the peal.

The first part-end came up in 98 minutes and the half-way point in exactly two and a half hours. The ringing was not faultless but the trips which did occur were infrequent and quickly righted. The general standard of striking was very good, although the last 1,000 changes suffered a little from the effects of tiredness and blisters. The bells came into rounds at 2.14 p.m. and the band were very pleased to learn that not a single complaint had been received. Everyone seemed thoroughly pleased with the peal and thirsts were soon being quenched in the local hostelry, where the possibility of ringing 12,000 at Barnes next year was discussed. T. G. P.

UMPIRES' NOTE

We checked all the calls and course-ends. All the course-ends came up correctly and we are of the opinion that the ringing was of the required standard for a record length.

Audrey R. Alexander.
Michael Rigby.

NORTH DORSET BRANCH LIKE UPMINSTER BELLS

The bells of three village churches rang out on June 8th, when the North Dorset Branch held its quarterly meeting. Firstly, at Bradford Abbas, where, alas, there is no regular ringing at present, but where, with a newly-enlarged population, there is hope for the future. Secondly, at Upminster, where many favourable comments were heard on the newly-rehung six. Then a few ringers went on to Lillington (a light five), in a delightfully remote village (although only three or four miles from Sherborne).

The service at Bradford Abbas was conducted by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge; the lesson was read by Mr. H. A. Stapleton, a ringer from Shillingstone; and the address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Squarey. A self-service tea in the Village Hall was provided by Mrs. Gillham and Mrs. Guppy, and was followed by the business meeting. The Branch chairman, the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, thanked those who had helped with the local arrangements and welcomed members of the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches.

New members elected were Messrs. P. Moule, J. Herbert, C. Collins, N. Adams and A. Mifflin, all from Sherborne Abbey tower. Proficiency certificates which had been earned by three Durweston ringers—Messrs Arthur B. Corry, Brian R. Jeans and Alan J. Paulley—were handed to Mr. B. R. Jeans.

Foremost among the forthcoming activities announced was the gathering to be held at Hampreston on June 29th in honour of the 60 years of bellringing of Mr. W. C. Shute, the senior Branch Ringing Master. Many of his large numbers of friends hope to be with him on that occasion. Notice was also given of the Blandford Ringing Festival to be held on October 26th.

Mention was made of recent honours received by members of the Branch. At Mere, Messrs. A. J. Gray and C. H. Jordan had been given certificates in recognition of over 50 years each of service to the tower; and at Gillingham the ringers had done honour to Mr. M. D. Perrett, a member of long standing, on his golden wedding day.

AGAINST RINGERS' INTERESTS

Dear Sir,—I view with horror the recent correspondence concerning a "Miss Bellringing." Such a competition is not in keeping with the high standards which your journal has long sustained.

"The Ringing World" should surely devote itself to ringing, not pornography. — Yours faithfully,

ANNA K. SADOWSKA.

Bishop's Cleeve.

DATE TOUCH

MELLS, SOM. — On June 7th, 1,968 Stedman Triples (composed by J. Topp): E. C. Wadman 1, Mrs. P. H. Jones 2, E. J. Chivers 3, P. H. Jones 4, R. E. Beck 5, H. D. Mackay 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, V. Savage 8.

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On June 1st, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. E. Timmins 1, Miss G. Bosworth-Smith 2, Miss L. C. Slater 3, S. G. Pick 4, Miss J. S. Stoy 5, R. B. Dorrington 6, R. C. Stevens 7, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 8. First date touch for all the band.

EARL SHILTON, LEICS.—1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss L. C. Slater 1, R. C. Stevens 2, Miss G. Bosworth-Smith 3, Miss A. E. Timmins 4, S. G. Pick 5, Miss J. S. Stoy (first of Kent) 6, P. R. Johnson 7, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 8.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Pick 1, Miss L. C. Slater 2, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 3, Miss G. Bosworth-Smith 4, P. R. Johnson 5, Miss J. S. Stoy 6, R. B. Dorrington 7, Miss A. E. Timmins 8.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS. — On June 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mandi McCallion 1, Elizabeth M. Emmett 2, A. N. Brock 3, M. J. Platt 4, D. R. M. Heighton 5, E. G. Mould 6, A. J. Cox (cond.) 7, I. C. Maycock 8. Rung by U.B.S.C.R.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS. — On June 9th, 1,260 Kennington Doubles: Lynne Brookes (first quarter) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. D. Barsby 3, P. G. Chambers 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, M. G. Godwin 6. For the Patronal Festival.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jennifer Manger (first on eight) 1, D. Manger 2, H. Deacon 3, A. Leeves 4, E. Clifton 5, R Weekes 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, L. Payne 8. Rung for the Festival of Flowers and a birthday compliment to F. Goodeave.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hardy 1, Mrs. M. I. Foskett 2, W. Farrimond 3, E. H. Langley 4, S. Foskett (cond.) 5, M. Smaldon (first quarter) 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. Moore 1, P. W. Dickinson 2, M. Wareing 3, G. H. Walker 4, A. R. Crowson 5, K. A. Hughes (first as cond.) 6

COVENTRY, WARKS.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on June 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Barbara K Fyle 1, R. D. Hayne 2, R. D. Hart 3, A. R. Wright 4, B. Pratt 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to commemorate the baptism this day of Philip Richard, adopted son of Pamela and Arthur R. Wright, and a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 3

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On June 12th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): D. Wilkcocks 1, Corinna A. Smith 2, Thelma-Lynn Willis 3, D. M. Roniface 4, G. H. Foster 5, C. Forster (cond.) 6. Rung to the memory of Father E. P. Clare, Vicar of South Mimms.

DRAYTON PARSLOW, BUCKS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Brentnall 1, D. J. Goodman 2, K. D. Waples 3, G. K. Spratt 4, P. W. Harper 5 b. M. Barker (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong by a King's Langley band.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June Sinfield 1, Hilary Aslett 2, Brenda Redfearn 3, P. Aslett 4, N. R. Garrard 5, D. Redfearn 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, H. Burrows 8. First Grandsire 2, 4. A wedding compliment to Christopher Scarf and Margaret Daw. Also for the forthcoming marriage of Julia Boyce and Donald Burrows, both ringers at this tower.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM. — On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Susan Willis (first quarter) 1, Monica Horseman 2, M. Heymann 3, R. Perry 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6.

FAWLEY HANTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: J. C. Banks (first on treble) 1, M. G. Wills 2, Susan V. Banks 3, Elizabeth A. Banks (first as cond.) 4, L. D. Smith 5. For Confirmation service.

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Barber 1, Miss V. M. Dye 2, Miss R. J. Sinden 3, G. L. Webb 4, L. Mannering 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On June 7th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. Skinner 1, D. A. Cornwall 2, C. Royal (first of Royal in the method) 3, D. Knox 4, A. H. Newton 5, D. Francis 6, M. J. Best 7, A. K. Fortin 8, S. M. Bailey 9, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 10.

QUARTER PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — On June 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Walters (first of Caters) 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, M. W. Seymour 3, Olive Rogers 4, Ruby Mullys 5, C. C. Clarke (Deddington) 6, R. K. Russ 7, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, C. Venn 10. Rung for the memorial service for Lady Juliet Craig, resident in the parish for nearly 90 years.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: N. F. Whittell 1, I. Whitear 2, S. Christian 3, Rev. L. Pizzey 4, R. J. Southgate 5, J. P. F. W. Hollins (cond.) 6. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. H. Mussett 1, I. Whitear 2, M. H. Whittell 3, Jennifer M. Andrews 4, N. F. Whittell 5, J. P. F. W. Hollins (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan M. Peacock 1, C. G. Wright (cond.) 2, J. Fowler 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. E. Brown 6, J. McDonald 7, C. C. M. Pain 8. Also on June 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Cecil 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, P. Cecil (first away from treble) 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, J. Fowler 6, C. E. Brown 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HOYLANDSWAINE, S. YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Treble Bob (Woodbine and Oxford): C. Brinsley 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. G. A. Saxton) prior to taking his last service before retiring.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Valerie C. Allen 1, A. Locke 2, T. J. Bell (first as cond.) 3, R. P. Pearce 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, A. J. Davidson 6.

KEELE STAFFS. — On Trinity Sunday, 1,320 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor: C. Morey 1, Jackie Quickfall 2, Susan Gay 3, M. Robinson 4, J. Tandy 5, P. Gay (cond.) 6. By University of Keele Society.

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OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 30th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): I. J. Lockwood (first T.B.) 1, R. E. Lester (cond.) 2, A. R. Bridges 3, H. A. Miston 4, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 5, E. J. Lockwood 6.

PEMBROKE.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: N. C. Rogers (first quarter) 1, S. Rogers 2, P. C. Rogers 3, Mrs. E. Rogers 4, Nesta Rosen 5, J. Prytherch (cond.) 6, A. Lingard 7. For Whitsunday.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): W. Ward 1, F. May 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, T. Sharpe 4, G. Blower 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6 Also on May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss V. Nash 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, B. Sadler 3, F. May 4, J. Laker 5, M. Carter 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. A birthday compliment to Miss V. Nash.

READING, BERKS.—On June 12th, at the Church of St. Laurence, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, with 6, 7, 8 covering): 1. Lovatt (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2 Anna K. Sadowska (cond.) 3, K. G. Weeks 4, I. G. Judd 5, Laura M. Grindrod 6, M. C. Ingram 7, G. J. N. Colborne (has now "circled the tower" to quarter peals) 8. Rung by R.U.S.C.R. on back eight

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At the Church of St. Stephen, on June 9th, 1,260 St. Clement's College Bob Minor: Carol Parkhurst 1, Alison Macfarlane 2, R. J. Lewis 3, D. O. Fellows 4, P. J. Fells 5, P. T. Dale (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled before Evensong in memoriam Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOM.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Raymond (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, K. Lever (first in two methods) 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, T. Mead 6. Rung for Trinity Sunday and also a birthday compliment to Miss S. A. Mayell.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Yates 1, P. J. Lankester 2, W. D. Canyon 3, G. W Holland (cond.) 4, J. L. Thorogood 5. Rung for the birthday (June 5th) of Mr. R. Q. Drayson, headmaster of Stowe School.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. H. Wilkins 1, H. Stacey 2, W. H. Trewin 3, M. F. D. Burton 4, W. Shute 5, J. R. Taylor 6, W. L. Exton (cond.) 7, C. Sangwin 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to A. E. Bissatt and G. Davy on their reappointment as churchwardens.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Mills 1, Mrs. V. Hales 2, P. Mills 3, E. E. Davey 4, Miss J. Andrews 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

TRURO, CORNWALL. — At the Cathedral, on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Pearce 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, Valerie C. Allen 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, T. J. Bell 5, A. Locke 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, R. P. Pearce 8 A compliment to the Rev. John Pearce, M.B.E., on the occasion of his ordination and appointment as a bishop's chaplain.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS. — On Whitsunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhalgh 1, J. Cunliffe 2, J. E. Andrews 3, T. Smith 4, J. Illingworth (first in method) 5, R. Jolley 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, N. T. E. Burnett (first in method) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (three methods): M. Burn 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Deborah Bishop 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, M. J. Bangham 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Central Council's card "Instruction on Care of Church Bells" is no longer available.

The University of Bristol Society rang two peals and one quarter during their annual reunion starting on June 7th.

Mr. Jack W. Drew, who has not yet sufficiently recovered from a serious car accident to stand for any length of time, conducted a quarter of Grandsire Doubles seated in the belfry of Stoke-sub-Hamdon on June 9th.

At the memorial service for Lady Juliet Craig on June 9th Mrs. Rogers not only rang in the quarter peal of Grandsire Caters but was one of the many Girl Guide leaders who attended to pay tribute to one who had strongly supported the movement over a long period.

The Midland Bank ringers' day in London on June 15th was a great success—six towers being visited. Many came from the provinces as far afield as Coventry, Swansea, Bridgnorth and Gloucester.

During the University of Bristol Society's week-end (June 7th to 9th) five peals were arranged but only two were scored—Pudsey at Longney and Stedman Triples at St. George's, Bristol.

Abingdon School Society attempted a quarter peal during the visit of H.M. the Queen to R.A.F. Abingdon on June 14th. A bob put in a lead early was unfortunately not noticed for two leads, making the quarter false. There was, however, some excellent striking as the Queen passed the church.

The Ashford District of the Kent County Association have decided that the John Willis Memorial be a bell hung in a tower within the District and that a tablet be displayed in the ringing chamber recording the fact. Suggested towers are either Newchurch or Charing.

Peals of Doubles rung after July 1st must be submitted in conformity with the Council's Decisions on variations.

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A FLYING CLAPPER

There is much to interest the handbell ringer in the latest issue of "Reverberations," the journal of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. There are now 34 registered teams and a very large number of unattached members.

An amusing and embarrassing situation is told of an incident at a concert before an audience of 300. The final chord was given with a resounding thump when the clapper fell out of the bell, off the stage and straight into a lady's open handbag!

"We stood there, stunned, while the whole audience turned to look at the lady who had woken up with a start and was holding the peculiar object in her hand. I say 'peculiar' because it was obvious that she had never seen anything remotely like a handbell clapper before in her whole life, and was eyeing her new discovery with evident distrust.

"Geoff, bless him, made a hurried apology to the interested audience, dropped his bells on to the table and went to rescue the offending object from the embarrassed lady. To hide my face, I turned my back on the audience, although I would gladly have crawled under the table.

"Needless to say we did not win. We did not even make the top four, a discovery which did not really amaze any of us. One of the judges sidled up to 'have a word' with Geoff afterwards, and solemnly reprimanded him for (I) ringing with badly-serviced bells, and (II) nearly causing a nasty accident. I crept off and hid in a dark corner with a hot-dog and tried to look both unconcerned and inconspicuous. And I didn't taste the hot-dog!"

This is a good and amusing magazine and we congratulate the Editor, John P. Partington, on the entertainment provided.

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the U.S.G.C.R. was held in glorious weather on top of Ditchling Beacon on Sunday, June 9th. The following officers were elected for the next two terms: Master, Miss Caroline Mackie; secretary, Miss Susan Hopkin, c/o Falmer House Pigeon Holes, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton; treasurer, Mr. David Nibbs.

TENTERDEN RINGERS IN ROCHESTER AREA

Tenterden ringers spent their annual outing on Whit Monday in the Rochester District. Thanks to the help of Mr. Cyril Jarratt, captain of the Cathedral band, an hour's enjoyable ringing, which included Grandsire Caters, took place at Rochester Cathedral. The bells of St. Margaret's, Rochester, were a contrast, a very rough eight with a stay missing from the second. An excellent lunch was had at the Gordon Hotel.

There was very good ringing in the afternoon at Chatham and Rainham, and an extremely good tea at the Oast House Restaurant, Teynham. Two sixes were reserved for the evening at Newington-next-Sittingbourne and the new ring at Bredgar. It was at Bredgar that the customary evening service was taken by the Rev. S. M. Evans (Vicar).

A GOOSNARGH DEDICATION

Just opposite the pretty Lancashire village church of St. Mary, Goosnargh, stands the village school. The school has been in existence for over 300 years and June 15th was an important milestone in its history. On this day extensions to the old school, comprising assembly hall, kitchen, cloakrooms, toilets, library and storerooms were dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt. Rev. Charles R. Claxton, in the presence of the Chief Education Officer of Lancashire, Sir Percy Lord.

After the dedication ceremony the opening was performed by Sir Robert O. Lloyd, an Old Boy of the school, who, in his youth, had learned to ring on the six bells of St. Mary's.

The Vicar of Goosnargh, Canon A. Hodgson, who is of course president of the Lancashire Association, being aware of Sir Robert's one-time interest in bellringing, had arranged for a quarter peal to be rung immediately after the opening ceremony. Sir Robert was delighted with this gesture which brought back memories of his youth, and warmly thanked the ringers for their efforts.

KENT TOWER TO HAVE BELLS RECAST

Two silver-gilt flagons from Westwell Church, Kent, have been valued by a director of Sotheby's at about £30,000. Canterbury Consistory Court has given permission for their sale and the money will be used for the church restoration and heating and to recast the bells. At present Westwell has a ring of four. We trust that it is possible to augment them to six.

BINGHAM DISTRICT CONTEST

Meeting at Elston, in Newark District, Bingham could truthfully say they were in a neutral tower for their round of the Crawford Cup. Mr. F. Hooper was the judge with Mr. D. Tysoe as marker. His placings were: Shelford 8 faults, Whatton 10, Holme Pierrepont 34, Radcliffe-on-Trent 57, Cotgrave 71, Gedling 137 plus 10 points penalty. Mr. W. L. Exton thanked the judges.

One new member, Miss E. Dickson (Bingham), was elected and five non-resident life members—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rothera, Mr. D. Rothera, Miss Ann Fellows and Mr. P. J. Rothera.

Canon Evans (Rector) conducted the service and a very good tea was served by the ladies.

Forthcoming fixtures are: June meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent: July meeting, joint with Newark District, at Orston and Staunton-in-the-Vale; District outing on September 28th.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The nice weather seemed to draw many people to the Biggleswade District meeting at Campton and Meppershall on June 8th, when the two towers were open simultaneously during the afternoon and evening. After a very short service conducted by the Vicar of Meppershall over 40 people sat down to an excellent tea prepared by local ladies.

Mr. P Mehew chaired the business meeting, when two committee members were elected to attend the general committee meeting later that evening to discuss the election of an Association technical adviser and the forthcoming Association striking competition to be held in the Luton District. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting: Eaton Socon, July 13th.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring 13,140 Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Cam variation) on handbells in All Saints' belfry, Marple, Cheshire, on Saturday, July 6th, 1968, starting at 9.30 a.m. The composition is as follows:—

M	W	H	234567890ET
1	1	2	36452
	1	1	45362
Bef.		1	34562789T0E
	1	1	56342
2 4ths/In		2	652437890ET
	1	1	24653
	2		45623

Four times repeated.

The present T.B. Maximus records are:—

(a) Tower bells: 12,240 Kent at Ashton-under-Lyne on April 17th, 1911.

(b) Handbells: 5,376 Kent at Evesham on November 21st, 1923.

Yours sincerely,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

TURRAMURRA PLANS FOR AN OCTAVE

The parish committee of St. James' Church, Turramurra, New South Wales, has authorised a fund for the purchase of two trebles. This will in fact be the second augmentation, as the first bell (the present fifth) was cast in 1924, and at first erected in the churchyard. Five more bells were cast in 1937 and hung for ringing in the new church, which was completed in 1941.

The founders of these six bells, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., have been asked to quote for the new trebles, and the bell fund has already reached over $A300. The total cost is expected to be about $A2,500, including additions to the all-welded steel frame. When completed, this augmentation will provide the sixth ring of eight in the Sydney district.

INSCRIPTION IDENTIFIED

There must be many hundreds of bells hanging in towers throughout the country on which are inscribed the names of long-forgotten forefathers of the parish. Such is the case at Saxilby, near Lincoln. Here, among other inscriptions, may be seen the letters WO OD SEND. These are on the third bell, cast in 1750. The tenor, cast in 1788, bears the name "Gervas Woodfend, Churchwarden." There are no Woodsends in Saxilby now, and none are remembered. But recently there arrived at the tower a gentleman who had come from the west of Scotland to check for himself the truth of what he called "a family tradition" that the family name was inscribed on two of the bells. It was a thrill for the visitor to be able to see the actual inscriptions on the bells, while the local ringers now know that the Woodsend whose name appears on the third was the father of Gervas Woodsend the churchwarden, and that the name is still a living name. H.W.C.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

*Patrick J. Chapman	Treble	Martin C. Faulkes	6
Andrew N. Stubbs	2	John Armstrong	7
David P. Hilling	3	Barrie Hendry	8
Alan J. Frost	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	9
Alan R. Patterson	5	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 450th peal.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Walter G. Knight	Treble	Philip M. J. Gray	6
Elsie K. Hart	2	Frank D. Mack	7
John N. Longridge	3	Thomas W. Goodyer	8
Martin F. Lock	4	Thomas J. Lock	9
H. George Hart	5	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONG SUTTON, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 56 lb.

Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Gilbert W. Rendell	2	Albert W. Dyer	5
H. E. George Jeans	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. G. Jeans.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

H. B. Whitney	Treble	E. J. Conquest	5
*M. Ann Houghton	2	*K. E. Jackson	6
E. W. Houghton	3	P. G. Williams	7
*R. S. Gaylor	4	A. J. Frost	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by A. J. Frost.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major First peal "At Home" by an entirely local band for over 50 years.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL EAST.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	John T. Parsons	5
Mandi McCallion	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
*Paul N. Murgatroyd	3	†Jonathan G. Rose	7
Brian J. Wylde	4	Michael G. R. Zobel	Tenor

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

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Edward G. Mould	Treble	*Gillian M. Brearley	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Ian C. Maycock	6
David R. M. Heighton	3	Anthony J. Cox	7
*Elizabeth M. Emmett	4	*Michael J. Platt	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal in the method.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Brian Tomlinson	Treble	David W. Parkin	6
Clive Thrower	2	Derek Astridge	7
Burley P. Morris	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Michael J. Fellows	4	A. Colin Banton	9
Gordon A. Halls	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid of York.
On Thurs., May 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 MORLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Denis R. Carlisle	Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson	5
Melvyn A. Rose	2	†David W. Friend	6
*Gordon A. Halls	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
Geoffrey Bridges	4	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal in the method.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ELMORE, Glos.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Forty-two extents from Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Kennington and Southrepps. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Miss S. M. Perry	Treble	*Miss J. G. Pillinger	4
*R. J. Page	2	*D. I. Tomlins	5
†M. N. Amphlett	3	*Miss J. Slatter	Tenor

Conducted by D. I. Tomlins.
* First peal. † First peal "inside" and of Doubles.
Rung as birthday compliments to ringers of 4th and tenor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
BIDEFORD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Robert A. Southwood	Treble	D. Roy Bould	5
Derek Jewell	2	Frank D. Mack	6
Brynley A. Shackleton	3	Brian R. White	7
Arthur H. Reed	4	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.
First peal of Stedman on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BOSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

David E. Rothera	Treble	John G. Gipson	6
Susan Rothera	2	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Philip J. Rothera	8
Donald F. Murfet	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Geoffrey Pearson	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

WHITTLESEY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 each of Cambridge and London, 800 each of Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire and 736 of Bristol, with 132 changes of method Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Alan F. Scholfield	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
John G. Gipson	3	John H. Fielden	7
David E. Rothera	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

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

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Jean Sanderson	Treble	John H. Fielden	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
*David E. J. Pepper	3	Dennis E. Pepper	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	John G. Gipson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John G. Gipson.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells.
Rung on the feast of Title

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (2nd obs.) Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Valerie L. Hayward	Treble	Keith G. Game	5
*Tony Skilton	2	*Robin A. Grant	6
*Alan H. Long	3	†Keith B. Burgess	7
*T. Brian Porter	4	†John B. Helder	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Skilton.
* First peal of Grandsire and of Triples. † First of Triples.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Roger Durrant .. .. Treble	Michael B. Jefferyes 5
*Mary Wilkinson 2	Kenneth Warner 6
Caroline R. F. Cole .. 3	Andrew J. Slade 7
*Laura Grindrod 4	Ian L. Dear .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Andrew J. Slade.
* First peal of Surprise. First as conductor.

CHESHUNT, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Roger Durrant .. .. Treble	*Anthony R. Carter 5
*†Katherine S. Hardy .. 2	Eric Edmondson 6
Julia A. Fellows 3	Michael D. Frost 7
‡Andrew J. Slade 4	Gerald Penney .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung in memoriam Senator Robert Kennedy, assassinated June 5th, 1968.

STEVENAGE Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Frank W. Croft .. .. Treble	Stephen J. Gullick 5
*Richard J. Pettit 2	David L. Gullick 6
†Margaret M. Roden .. 3	A. Rex Agg 7
‡Lewis R. Runnacles .. 4	John R. Leeming .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John R. Leeming.
* First peal of Major "inside." † First of Plain Bob Major.
‡ First of Major
Rung in memoriam Michael D. Trigg, Northern District Ringing Master.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*Philip J. Simmonds .. Treble	†Arthur S. Richards 6
†Michael H. O'Callaghan 2	†Tony Lewis 7
†Margaret E. Oram 3	Ralph Bird 8
†Doris E. Colgate 4	†Ian H. Oram 9
*Simon A. B. Wigg .. 5	†Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Arranged by J. Edward Cawser. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal in the method.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

*Miss J. Pursey .. .. Treble	†Miss S. Wenden 5
Mrs. N. Bridges 2	†G. Firman 6
*† Whorlow 3	†‡A. W. Bridges 7
*Miss J. Whorlow 4	*E. Fowles .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. Bridges.
* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First "inside" and as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. John H. R. de Sausmarez, who was instituted by the Archbishop of Canterbury the previous day.

PENSHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Jennifer L. Quaife .. .. Treble	†Andrew Howard 5
*Ian H. Oram 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan 6
Margaret E. Oram 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
D. Paul Smith 4	Tony Lewis .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* 500th peal for the Association. † First in the method.

DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

*Jennifer L. Quaife .. .. Treble	*Peter G. Holden 5
*Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Roger D. Bailey 6
*Christopher J. Easton .. 3	John Pladdys 7
*Michael Hansford 4	Alan J. Taylor .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Holt. Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Michael D. Trigg.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NUNEATON, Warks.—At the Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble	*Philip A. Mason 6
*Dorothy Mason 2	Martin Green 7
*Monica M. Jelley 3	John Bramley 8
John M. Jelley 4	Roland H. Cook 9
W. Ernest Rawson 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Dorothy Mason .. .. Treble	Dennis Latham 6
Monica M. Jelley 2	Martin Green 7
John M. Jelley 3	Malcolm E. Wade 8
W. Ernest Rawson 4	Roland H. Cook 9
Philip A. Mason 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Solihull by all the band (except the conductor), on the bells and for the Guild.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 ELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
On the Margaret eight. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Martin Green .. .. Treble	Philip A. Mason 5
Monica M. Jelley 2	John M. Jelley 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Malcolm E. Wade 7
Alastair M. Elliot 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Alfred Ballard .. .. Treble	Robin A. Gilliver 5
K. Paul Gilliver 2	William Johnson 6
Stephen C. Wells 3	John Watkins 7
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 4	Michael E. Brown .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CADOXTON Neath, Glam.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Edmund J. Morris .. .. Treble	John T. Williams 4
*Gillian Armstrong 2	†Gwyn I. Lewis 5
William J. Thomas .. 3	Alwyn R. Lewis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal of Minor. † 300th peal.
Rung in honour of Rt. Rev. Glyn Simon, Bishop of Llandaff, being elected Archbishop of Wales.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 19 cwt.

*Kevin S. Hohl .. .. Treble	*Martin Cubitt 5
*Janet House 2	*Geoffrey H. Pullin 6
*David G. Adams 3	*Peter Adcock 7
*†George P. Adams .. 4	David E. House .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal in eight Surprise Major methods. † 200th peal. First peal in eight Surprise Major methods by a resident Association band.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Adams on their 28th wedding anniversary.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., May 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 QUEEN VICTORIA TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Roy Jones .. .. .. Treble	David L. Wilcox 4
Reginald W. Rex 2	Walter Hunt 5
Anthony D. Smith 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method.

QUEEN VICTORIA TREBLE BOB
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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Daventry Branch)
STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., May 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Edward C. Garrett	Treble	Brian R. Danby	4
Iris R. D. Webb	2	John S. W. Townley	5
Stanley F. Webb	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.

GREETHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

Cynthia E. Barnett	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
Lionel Atton	2	Christopher J. Groome	5
J. Charles Hudson	3	Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ronald Russell.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Andrew Lingard	Treble	John Prytherch	4
Rev. Russen W. Thomas	2	Philip C. Rogers	5
Anthony R. Trickett	3	John Hill	Tenor

Conducted by John Hill.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Senator Robert Kennedy.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St Edburgha, Yardley.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 72 lb. in F sharp

Richard Hayes	Treble	George S. Deas	5
B. Gillian Pipe	2	Andrew J. Corby	6
Judith M. Corby	3	James W. Belshaw	7
Eric N. Harrison	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 78 lb. in F.

Ann Lawson	Treble	Kenneth Lawson	5
Enid Lawson	2	George S. Deas	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	Michael Maughan	7
Christine H. Telfer	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

COLESHILL, Wadwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

John N. Lindon	Treble	George S. Deas	5
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	Raymond Aldington	6
Maurice F. Edwards	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
James W. Belshaw	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

John A. Coates	Treble	Linda M. Wilkinson	6
*Keith Hilton	2	*S. Geoffrey Pick	7
*Christine M. Wright	3	*David Jack	8
*Paul N. Mounsey	4	Colin W. Reed	9
Doreen Metcalfe	5	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells since recasting.
Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar, Canon L. Shorland-Ball.

RECORD LENGTH
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 4 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 9600 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	5
John Pladdys	2	Tony Lewis	6
Andrew J. Slade	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck and Simon Humphrey.
Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
Umpires: Audrey R. Alexander and Michael Rigby.
The longest length by all the band. This is the longest length of Lincolnshire Surprise yet rung

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
MADELEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*Gillian Bosworth-Smith	Treble	*S. Geoffrey Pick	5
*Richard B. Dorrington	2	*Philip R. Johnson	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	*Ernest F. Willcox	7
*Christopher J Bennett	4	Philip G K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Philip Johnson.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
ALDEBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

Ruth Woodman	Treble	Vernon Bedford	5
Muriel Page	2	Stephen Bedford	6
Jack Pilgrim	3	Peter Bedford	7
*Adrian Knights	4	Leslie Brett	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Brett.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung to mark the opening of the 21st Annual Festival of Music and the Arts at Aldeburgh.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Jane H. Peacock	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Philip G. Erith	6
Cecil W. Pipe	3	Leslie G. Brett	7
Alan J. Munnings	4	Michael J. Howes	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal.

WENHASTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5160 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 (Pitman's) and 41 extents (ten callings).
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*C. Jack Gibson	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
Ralph W. Bickers	2	Michael J. Parker	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	*A. Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung for Ascension, also as a birthday compliment to Dennis C. Gibson.

HUNTINGFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods and eight variations, being three extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Martin, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day and Seighford. Tenor 8 cwt.

Katharine M. Thorley	Treble	C. Jack Gibson	3
Roger D. Bailey	2	J Martin Thorley	4
		Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

James M. Hills	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	David D. Smith	6
Howard E. J. Smith	3	Michael J. Church	7
Bernard E. Matthews	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Tom Page.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula.
On Mon., March 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being four extents of Primrose and three of Cambridge, rung alternately Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Irene Marshall	Treble	David D. Smith	4
Derek Slater	2	John A. Howard	5
*Iain Davey	3	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal of Surprise.

CAPEL, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., May 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Primrose, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Beverley and Surfleet and two of Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*Neil Carter	Treble	David D. Smith	4
Derek Slater	2	John A. Howard	5
†Roger Osbon	3	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in more than one Surprise method.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	Treble	*John W. Blackwood	5
*David Wilson	2	†Timothy F. Collins	6
*Lewis F. Cobb	3	*John N. Longridge	7
†David W. Grimwood	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal of London Surprise. † First of Surprise. First in the method as conductor. Mr. Lewis F. Cobb has now "completed the circle" to peals.

UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 12 methods: St Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Antelope, and 122 variations Tenor 8 cwt.

*Trevor Matcham	Treble	Anthony J. Mason	4
Barry R. M. Johnson	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
Walter R. Gilks	3	Walter J. Stubbington	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
* First peal. Largest number of Doubles methods/variations rung for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HARTLEBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., June 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

James L. Towler	Treble	H. William Barrett	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
*David L. Franklin	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Norman V. Harding	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich. 575th peal as conductor.

OLD HILL, Warley, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Margaret A. Swain	Treble	*Arthur C. Berry	5
*Morley P. Tobin	2	Robert Edwards	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Michael J. Fellows	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

ALDERTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., May 25th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

Arthur C. Berry	Treble	†Roger J. Uddell	4
*†Elizabeth M. G. Pouncey	2	Peter S. Robertson	5
‡Richard Tibbles	3	‡Donald E. Deakins	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Robertson.
* First peal of Doubles. † First "inside." ‡ First peal.
Rung for the crowning of the May Queen.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(St. Peter's, Leeds, Society)

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., May 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*Catherine R. Slater	Treble	Richard J. Chantler	6
*William P. Haskins	2	Anthony E. Stamp	7
*Josephine M. Haskins	3	Ronald H. Dove	8
M. Susan Jackson	4	Ronald J. Snack	9
*Suzanne J. Withers	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on ten bells. The conductor has now called 175 peals for the Association.
Rung by the local Sunday service band.

WORTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb in G.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	John Weaver	5
Alan Clifton	2	C Barrie Dove	6
Ian North	3	*Ronald J. Snack	7
*Suzanne J. Withers	4	Michael R. Meadows	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in the method.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	†Ronald J. Snack	5
*Patricia Gardiner	2	John Weaver	6
†John Durham	3	Alan Newbould	7
‡Suzanne J. Withers	4	Geoffrey D. Armitage	Tenor

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples in the method. ‡ First of Triples.

HOYLANDSWAINE, Yorkshire. — At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 16 methods, viz.: (1) Double Norwich and Fulbeck. (2) Double Oxford. Thelwall and Pinehurst. (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. (6) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton. (7) Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B flat.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Ian North	4
Suzanne J. Withers	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
Alan Clifton	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in 16 methods by all the band.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

George A. Dawson	Treble	James Thorley	4
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	*Robert J. F. Watson	5
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	John J. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal at first attempt. Ringers of 4 and 6 have now "circled the tower."
Rung in memoriam Robert F. Kennedy.

FELKIRK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 16 methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (2) Double Bob and Fulbeck. (3) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. (6) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton. (7) Reverse Canterbury Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Richard J. Chantler	Treble	*John Durham	4
C. Barrie Dove	2	*John Weaver	5
Suzanne J. Withers	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* Most methods to a peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

HANDBELL PEAL RECORD

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Herts.—At The School, Pancake Lane.
On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 7 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 17824 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney .. .. .. 1-2 | Martyn L. J. Jordan 5-6
Julia A. Fellows .. .. .. 3-4 | Brian J. Woodruffe 7-8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
Umpires: Walter Ayre, Anthony R. Carter, Robert E. Hardy and Andrew W. R. Wilby.

The longest peal of Major on handbells, the greatest number of changes rung to a peal of Kent Treble Bob, and the longest peal on handbells for the Association.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLASTON, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., May 26, 1968, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/variations.

Being 240 each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fodtune, Tredington, Preston, Thrumpton, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Little Aston, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Seighford, Dedworth.
Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2 | John R. Scott (cond.) .. 3-4
Frank R. Morton 5-6

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sun., April 7, 1968, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 34 methods/variations.

Being 240 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Tredington, Preston, Trumpington and All Saints' and 120 each of Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Little Aston, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Cowslip, Folke, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Seighford, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet, Cadbury, Broadwas, Oldswinford, Norfolk and Wollaston.
Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1-2 | John R. Scott (cond.) .. 3-4
Frank R. Morton 5-6

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY, Derbyshire.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.
On Wed., May 29, 1968, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges .. .. .. 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows (cond.) 3-4
A. Colin Banton 5-6

DERBY, Derbyshire.—In the belfry of the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., June 12, 1968, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges .. .. .. 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows 3-4
A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 5-6

First peal of Surprise on handbells for all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Simon P. D. Burnett.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
DANBURY, Essex.—At Kewset, Mill Lane.
On Mon., April 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Joe E. G. Roast .. .. .. 1-2 | Andrew S. Hudson 5-6
Richard J. W. Houseden .. 3-4 | Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Fri., May 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Eastcote and London, 320 each of Ealing, Elford and Superlative, and 160 each of Aldenham, Cambridge, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Painswick, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 Roger Baldwin 5-6
John R. Mayne .. .. .. 3-4 | Gerald Penney 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's College, Double Court and Single Court, and two extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Mary W. Whalley .. .. 3-4 | Joseph Whalley 1-2
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At 5, Toronto Place.
On Sun., June 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 10 in A.

Ronald J. Snack .. .. .. 1-2 Margaret Warford 3-4
Ronald R. Warford (cond.) 5-6

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gillian Laver 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Diana Hayns 3, J. V. A. Stedman 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, J. A. Laver 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, G. Bromley 8. Rung half-muffled before Evensong, in respect to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

BICTON, SALOP.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Evans 1, F. H. Bennett 2, R. E. Morris 3, R. H. Newton 4, M. J. Orman 5, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On June 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Cox (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Boyd (first "inside") 2, A. Boyd (first as cond.) 3, B. Elliott (first in method) 4, D. Mountford (first "inside") 5, Miss S. Bagshaw (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—At St. John's Church, on May 23rd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: P. Bennett 1, F. Corney 2, Mrs. M. Bennett 3, W. Harford 4, C. Ricketts 5, T. Yeomans 6, A. Marsh 7, M. Pilgrim 8, J. Pryor (cond.) 9, W. Dare 10. For Ascension Day, and a wedding compliment to Colin Coombes and Olwyn Francis, who were to be married on May 25th at Whitchurch.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 6th, 1,376 Spliced S. Major (eight methods): Hilary Webb 1, Janet House 2, D. G. Adams 3, G. P. Adams 4, M. Cubitt 5, G. H. Pullin 6, K. S. Hohl 7, D. E. House (cond.) 8. First of 8-Spliced by all except conductor.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Morgan 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, W. Harper 3, Howard Meek 4, K. Watkins (first quarter) 5, Harold Meek 6.

HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Green (first Minor) 1, Miss S. M. Holden 2, T. G. Holden 3, Miss H. Osborne 4, D. Floyd 5, P. G. Holden (cond.) 6.

NEWHEY, LANCS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Kathryn Lawson 1, D. Butterworth (cond.) 2, Janet Lawson 3, R. Lawson 4, M. D. Boardman 5, R. S. Starkie 6. First quarter 1, 5. First on bells.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (all singles): Maryl J. Coldman 1, W. J. H. Parker 2, A. M. Feist 3, G. E. Coldman 4, R. A. Clist 5, M. J. Church (cond.) 6. Rung for Trinity Sunday Evensong by Yorktown Sunday service band.

RANDWICK, GLOS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Screen 1, Miss S. Cornock 2, Miss P. Buckland (cond.) 3, J. Taylor 4, R. Screen 5, R. Barnett 6. Rung for Bisley Deanery Mothers' Union annual service; also as birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Whitsunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Ilman 1, G. A. West (cond.) 2, K. Dallison 3, M. Dallison 4, I. Goacher 5, A. Streeter 6, D. Atfield 7, H. Comber 8. For Matins. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mary Dallison (first quarter) 1, G. A. West 2, D. Atfield 3, I. Goacher 4, K. Dallison 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, H. Comber 7. Rung just prior to treble ringer's 13th birthday.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, W. E. Cheater 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, S. C. Walker 4, D. G. Andrews 5, D. Wilson (first as cond.) 6, L. F. Cobb 7, L. T. Perrins 8. For Evensong by local band.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOM.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Neil Bowron (first quarter) 1, Joy Bowron (first "inside") 2, N. Warr (first "inside") 3, R. Venn 4, I. Bowron 5, H. Pester 6. Conducted by J. W. Drew seated in belfry. Rung to celebrate the treble ringer's 21st birthday.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rickaby (first quarter) 1, Doreen I. Payne (first of Minor) 2, C. J. Holland 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, J. Newborn 5, H. M. Payne 6. First Minor "inside" 3, 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Senator Robert Kennedy.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Rosemary Snawdon 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, Joan Gray 3, A. Crofts (first in method) 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, F. Crofts 6. For Trinity Sunday.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. Davies (first quarter) 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Miss M. Skinner (cond.) 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall 5, W. Chertiman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. J. Rapley, sometime churchwarden.

TRING, HERTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Theresa Wright (first quarter) 1, H. Collings 2, H. W. Clark 3, R. G. Ouston 4, C. J. Badrick (cond.) 5, A. E. Archer (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Theresa Wright.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: K. Mary Lambert 1, H. M. McNaughton (first "inside") 2, J. R. Norris 3, S. F. High 4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Baldock 1, Jane Woodward 2, L. Tapp 3, Jane Mason (first as cond.) 4, D. R. Fuller 5, Susan Harrison 6. Rung for the birth of Rachel, daughter of the treble ringer and Christine Baldock, and grand-daughter of the 5th ringer.

WEST OVERTON, nr. Marlborough, WILTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. A. Palmer 1, Miss A. Toomer 2, T. R. Jones 3, C. D. Wilkins 4, F. G. Cook (cond.) 5, K. Harvey 6. For the induction of the new Vicar.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dennett 1, Dr. W. N. Kingsbury (first "inside") 2, W. J. Smith (cond.) 3, L. Lyddon 4, C. Lock 5. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: J. Fry 1, S. Gay 2, L. W. Skinner 3, M. Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, R. A. Grant 6. First in method 2, 4. For Young Wives' Guild service.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

JENNER.—On June 16th, 1968, to Ann and Stan, a daughter, Susan Amanda. 4219

STRACEY. — To Betty and Michael, at R.A.F. Hospital, Ely, on June 18th, a son, Andrew Edward, a brother for Kevin and Ruth. 4244

ADOPTION

LANEGAN.—On June 13th, 1968, to Christine (nee Woodward) and Geoffrey, of 1, Abbeyfield Drive, Fareham, Hants, a son, David, now aged 10 months. 4185

ENGAGEMENT

FRY—SPILLER. — The engagement is announced between George Fry, of Tonbridge, and Coral Spiller, of Sevenoaks. 4214

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ASHMORE—Janet and Roger Ashmore's latest address is 10, Craigavon Road, Grove Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Friends, please drop in and see us any time; bottles also very welcome! 4212

BELLAMY.—The address of Douglas and Pamela Bellamy is now Sand Street, Milverton, near Taunton, Somerset. Tel. No. Milverton 511. 4198

ROAF.—Dermot, Caroline, Eleanor, James and Virginia will be spending a Sabbatical Year in Australia (c/o Department of Physics, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168), leaving on July 12th, 1968, and returning to 27, St Margaret's Road, Oxford in September, 1969. 4208

PERSONAL

"Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. — Malachi iii, 16.

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PUBLICATION

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY

We are again being asked by the binders of the Diary to have all sheets ready for them by September, and to enable us to do this we must invite the co-operation of all Association secretaries, asking them to send lists of officers and dates of A.G.M.'s, dinners, etc., by **July 12th latest.**

Most Associations hold their A.G.M.'s before Whitsun, so the information should be available. If no amendments are notified we will assume that the 1967 lists remain unchanged.

W. Viggers, M. Hodgson.

Replies, please, to 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 4184

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Souvenir Book

The souvenir book prepared for the Central Council meeting may still be obtained from Mr. G. L. Bowen, 35, Chesshire Avenue, Stourport, Worcs, for 3s. 4217

MISCELLANEOUS

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SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY
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The 345th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. A session in morning for learners. After 2 p.m. 12-bell ringing. Tea (3/6) at 5 p.m. for those notifying me. Phone 2074.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. 4165

CLIFFE, ROCHESTER, KENT

Flower, Music and Historic Festival
June 29th, 30th, July 1st.

Bells available 29th: 11 to 1.30, 2.30 to 5.30, 7 to 8.30 p.m. 30th: 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 4109

YORK MINSTER

Saturday, June 29th, Yorkshire Dioceses Gift Service. Ringing 2 to 4 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4191

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAM, invite ringers and friends to a service of interest, "Dialogue of the Bells," on Sunday, June 30th, at 6 p.m.—R. B. 4172

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK

Festival of Flowers, July 4th–July 7th

Visit this historic church with its famous Angel Roof. Bells (10) available Saturday, July 6th, 2.30–4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Teas in Church Hall. 4188

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting
SATURDAY, JULY 13th.

Wye (8) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea in Ashford Parish Hall, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ashford (8) 6.45–8.15 p.m.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, by Thursday, July 11th. 4204

CLUN (8), SHROPSHIRE

Festival of Flowers

Ringing will take place on Saturday, July 6th, from 4 p.m. onwards under the direction of the Shropshire Association. Teas will be available at the Festival for anybody requiring these. 4241

BROMPTON REGIS PARISH CHURCH
Near Dulverton, Somerset.

REDEDICATION OF THE BELLS
Saturday, July 6th, at 7 p.m.

Evensong, followed by the prayers of dedication and sermon.

Preacher: **Rev. H. F. Warren,** Rector of Exford and Rural Dean of Wiveliscombe. 4245

GNOSALL, STAFFORD. — Bellringers' Sunday, July 7th. Corporate Communion 8 a.m. Special Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells 5.30 p.m. Preacher Bishop of Shrewsbury. Social hour after service. Last opportunity to see and hear Junior Handbell Orchestra. 4108

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Sat., July 13th. Ringing: St. Mary's (10) 2.30–4.30 p.m. St. Chad's (12) 7.15–9 p.m.

Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Hall.

Names for tea, without fail, please, by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. F. G. Beddow, 7, Judith Butts, Gardens, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. 4242

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FLOWER FESTIVAL
Fri., Sat. & Sun., August 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Friday.—10.30 a.m.–9.30 p.m. Organ recital 7.30 p.m.
Saturday.—10.30 a.m.–9.30 p.m. Quarter peal in morning. Tower open afternoon and evening as required.
Sunday.—Service 10.30 a.m., church remaining open until special Flower Service, 6.30 p.m., and afterwards until 9.30 p.m. Organ recital 7.30 p.m. Ringing 10–10.30 a.m., 6–6.30 p.m., or by arrangement.

Afternoon teas 3.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m., Sunday, light refreshments only. Advance notice of organised parties would be appreciated.

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HORSELL, SURREY.—Practice nights are now held on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. All visitors very welcome. 419

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Bells available: Saturday, 6th, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.–6 p.m. 4166

FOUND.—In Ilkley tower after Yorkshire Association meeting on June 15th, one document case. Owner ring M. Thurmott, Pudsey 76089. 4192

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—Practices will be at 7.45 on Mondays again, commencing July 1st. Visitors willing to help with our "Square Deal for Learners" scheme very welcome.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual cricket match will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, July 20th. 4206

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual outing on July 6th. Ringing at Walkington (6) 12.30–1.15; Market Weighton (6) 2–2.45; Nunburnholme (6) 3.15–4; Hutton Cranswick (6) 4.30–5.15; St. Mary's, Beverley (10) 6.30–8. Bring own lunch. A restaurant will be recommended for tea. So that an idea of numbers may be obtained, will members intending going please notify the secretary.—R. Fletcher, 34, Dronsfield Road, Sheffield, S.10. 5RN. 4226

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Stoolball match at West Grinstead on Saturday, July 6th at 3 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel. E.G.23815. 4232

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—There will be no practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields during July. 4187

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MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Stanton-by-Dale (6), Friday, June 28th, 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Ringing Master looking forward to a good turn-up. Methods to be arranged at the meeting.—W. Burwell. Hon. Dis. Sec. 4163

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Davenham, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. W. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Northwich. Special method: Vale Royal 36—36.14—12—16—34—56. l.h. 164523. 4195

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Aspenden (8), Saturday, June 29th, 6 to 9 p.m.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 41818

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting in Corfield Hall, Taunton, June 29th, 2.30. Service in St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5.30 for those who send names to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol. Ringing tours: 9.30, Bagborough, Creech St. Michael; 10, Combe Florey, Thorn Falcon; 10.30, Fitzhead, Corfe; 11, Milverton, Pitminster, Angersleigh; 11.30, Ashbrittle, Trull; 12, Wellington, St. James, Taunton; 1, St. Mary's, Taunton, Bishops Hull; 6.30, St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, Wilton, Staplegrove; 7, Norton Fitzwarren, Ruishton, Durston; 7.30, Bishops Lydeard, North Curry; 8, Lydeard St Lawrence, Lyng. All towers open for one hour. 4114

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting at Norton (8) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4202

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hailsham (8), Saturday, June 29th. Ringing 3.30 till 5 p.m. and 6 till 8 p.m. Please bring own tea.—Mrs. R. Farley, Dis. Sec. 4099

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St Annes-on-Sea, Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 4193

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice meeting at St. Mary de Castro, Monday, July 1st, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. — Ron Hughes. 4200

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Surprise Major practice at St. Mary's, Staines, on Wednesday, July 3rd, at 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 4230

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting, Thursday, July 4th, Yarnton (6), 7.30 p.m. — E. Venn, Hon. Sec. 4209

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East.—Practice meeting at Burgh (6) on Friday, July 5th, 7–9 p.m.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 4228

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Bradshaw, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Lord, 636, New Hey Road, Outlane, Huddersfield, not later than July 4th. 4225

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Marksbury (6) on July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to H. Coombs, The Firs, Marksbury Gate, Marksbury, near Bath, by July 3rd.—A. Lee. 4138

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Enmore on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, to J. L. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford (Holford 345), by previous Wednesday. 4186

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, July 6th, 7 p.m.–9 p.m., St. Mary the Virgin's, Huish Episcopi (8, 15 cwt.)—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Hon. Sec. 4110

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Evening meeting, Stevington, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (5) from 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Payne. 4246

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on Saturday, July 6th, will take the form of a striking competition. All towers in the diocese have been notified. Will members not competing send in names for tea to the undersigned. Ringing will commence as soon after 2 p.m. as possible. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary's after tea. — J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4223

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Monthly meeting of the above at St. Bees on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by July 1st. 4183

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Visitors to the Lake District are cordially invited to our ringing meetings in July, St. Bees on July 6th and Penrith on July 20th.—J. R. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 4233

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Ashover (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by July 2nd, please.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1EF. 4189

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at North Shields on July 6th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. Hewitt, 34, Albury Park Road, Tynemouth, North Shields. 4224

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Burwell, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise. 4210

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Terling on July 6th at 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton. Tel. Chelmsford 57827. 4177

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Tirley (6), July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting to 9 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. Ball, New Inn, Haw Bridge, Tirley, Glos, by Wednesday, July 3rd. 4220

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Meeting at Cleobury Mortimer, July 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than July 3rd.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Practice meeting, Langleybury (6), July 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 4240

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District — Quarterly meeting at Benington on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Harris, Buckhurst, Town Lane, Benington, Stevenage, Herts.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4149

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly at Horsmonden (8), July 6th. Ringing 3–5. Stoolball match with Maidstone District 2–5. Service 5, followed by meeting and ringing. Please arrange own picnic teas before service time. 4154

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, July 6th, from 2.30 p.m. Tea at approximately 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in the tower and further ringing. Sorry, but own tea arrangements, please.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 4203

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	6.00– 7.00 p.m.	Finchingfield.
	7.00– 9.00 p.m.	Wethersfield.
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	6.00– 7.30 p.m.	For a musical evening service.

The Tavern will supply teas without notice both days.
For further details apply: F. Marshall, 44, Hereward Way. 4078

LADIES' GUILD. — A.G.M., St. Albans, July 6th. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church Hall. Service 11.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church, followed by buffet lunch (6s.). St. Peter's Church Hall, and general meeting at 1 p.m. Dinner (24s.) at the Mayflower, Hertingfordbury, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Towers available: St. Albans—St. Michael's (8), 9.30–10.15; St. Stephen's (6), 10.15–11.15; St. Peter's (10), 10.15–11.30 and 1 p.m.–2 p.m.; Abbey (12), 1.45–3.15; Sandridge (6), 2.45–3.45; Essendon (6), 3.45–4.30; Bengeo (8), 4.15–5.15; Hertingfordbury (6), 5 p.m.–6 p.m.. Please apply for dinner and/or buffet tickets by June 21st to Miss Valerie Ware, 4, Book Centre Mansions, North Circular Road, Neasden, London, N.W.10, enclosing money and s.a.e.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Evening meeting at Countesthorpe, July 6th, commencing at 6 p.m. Ringing until 8 p.m. No service or business. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 4201

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Old Bolingbroke, July 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Kidd, Duke's Head, Old Bolingbroke, Spilsby, Lincs, by July 1st, please.—R. R. 4155

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — By-meeting at Winterton, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. P. Bird, The Rectory, Winterton-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (Winterton 227), by Wednesday, July 3rd.—N. P. J. Cossey, Dis. Sec. 4158

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival and annual general meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Guild service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Dining Hall 12. Social gathering 12.45 p.m. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. Luncheon tickets (9s. 6d. each) on application, together with remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, July 1st. Lists of towers will be distributed with tickets or on application (accompanied by s.a.e.). Members wishing to join the choir are asked to notify the Deputy Master.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4052

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Brackley, Saturday, July 6th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Wheeler, 36, Halse Road, Brackley, Northants, by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec.

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. — Evening meeting, Waltham-on-the-Wolds (6), July 6th. Ringing 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. 4237

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea (for those who notify by July 1st) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 4168

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Urchfont on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. G. Heath, The Green, Urchfont, near Devizes. 3993

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting at Stamford-on-Soar, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surgeys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham. 4178

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts.—Meeting at Misson, July 6th. Tea arrangements uncertain at present. 4234

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Martin's (10), Epsom, on July 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Miss J. Oakshott, 114, Manor Green Road, Epsom (Tel. 23087) by previous Wednesday.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at Knighton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by June 29th. 4157

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Summer Festival, St. Winnow (6), July 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Other towers available: Lanlivery (8), St Veep (6), Lanteglos (6), Bradoc (5), all at 2.30–4 and 6–8. Lostwithiel (6) 6–8 only.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 4153

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, on Monday, July 8th, 7–9 p.m. All welcome. 4211

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Cookham, Tuesday, July 9th. Bells available 7.30 p.m.—J. Muller. 4243

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Balcombe on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea for picnic at 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m.—B. E.-J. 4236

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Bentley Common, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood, Essex. 4205

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Pring, 14, The Lindens, Greenacres, Aylesford, Kent.—M. L. H. 4218

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Leadenham, Saturday, July 13th Bells (6) from 6.—G. R. P. 4207

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Bray, Glebeland, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by July 11th. 4247

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.——Meeting at Grosmont, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Skenfrith bells (6) also available. Names for tea, please, to Rev. A. W. M'Adam, The Rectory, Grosmont, Abergavenny, Mon. 4227

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, All Saints', Church Street, Isleworth, July 13th, 2.30–4.30. Service 4. Tea, Parish Hall, 4.30–6 St. Mary's, St. Mary's Road, Ealing, 6.30–7.30; Christ the Saviour's, Ealing Broadway, 7.30–8.30. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4231

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly meeting of Western Deaneries at Salle (8), Saturday, July 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. Kelly, Reepham Rectory, Norwich, NOR 69X, by Tuesday, July 9th. Reepham (6) available after tea. 4199

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester and Wimborne Branches.—Joint meeting St. Peter's, Dorchester, July 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Fordington (6) also from 6 p.m Names for tea to Mrs. R. H. Duke, 2, River View, St. George's Close, Fordington, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 4190

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham and Newark.—Joint meeting, July 13th, Orston. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells evening. Staunton bells 3–4 and evening. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 4164

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District. —Ringing meeting at St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting in the Turner Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Tuesday, July 9th. 4221

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Christine Manns (first quarter) 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, Ann Butcher 3, L. Meadows 4, E. D. Wilson 5, K. Tyler (cond.) 6, H. Meek 7.



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The Bells of St. Michael's, Stoney Stanton

WHEN Elizabeth Hunt walked out into the spring sunshine of the churchyard, newly married, to begin a long and happy life as a wife and mother, the bells that she had hoped would ring her from the church stood gleaming new and silent on the gravel path beneath the chestnut trees. They had arrived too late from Loughborough by horse and wagon to complete Elizabeth's happiness.

The year was 1898 and St. Michael's bells had recently been augmented from six to eight, no doubt in reply to the challenge of Sapcote's new six, a mile away on the other side of the granite quarries. These quarries had provided stone over the centuries for many a local church tower, and given both villages a livelihood that was the envy of their agricultural neighbours.

The granite company, in a truly magnificent gesture, had donated the full cost of the new tenor bell, and words to this effect can still be seen upon it, cast in bronze for all time. The generosity of the company astonished many, for it was an open secret in the village at the time that they would really have liked to take St. Michael's, stone from stone, and re-erect it on another site, for some of the finest granite in the county lay underneath its foundations, and, thanks to the better judgment of our grandfathers, still does.



NUN WALKER, the octogenarian Ringing Master, welcomes the three recast bells from John Taylor and Co. The dedication is on July 4th.

TWO CHOIRBOYS

The stone is deep, hard and cold, and the ground-floor ringing room is likewise always cold, or so the visitors say. It was here, soon after the new eight had received their dedication, that two young choirboys of ten or eleven years old were given their first lessons in ringing, just one year after the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, and we have them with us yet. Joseph, with his fine counter tenor voice, is still a member of the choir, while Nun (the name is genuine) has been our Ringing Master now for over 25 years, a fine gentleman of 81 years of age much loved and respected.

The band at this time was a good one until the war to end all wars took all the men away. It was then that the ladies came into the tower and rang the eight to Grandsire Triples until the men returned—or some of them. Minnie Turrell was a 17-year-old in 1914, when girls in belfries were an uncommon sight, yet she generated enough enthusiasm to see her through to the present day, and never fails the band for Evensong or practice night.

Between the wars and afterwards, a lot of peals were rung upon the bells, the 100 mark was passed some years ago. In the 1930's a ringing Rector came into the living and did a lot of good work in the belfry. After all this ringing it is not surprising that, despite the care lavished upon them by old Nun, the bells began to grumble with age. Quite recently the ringers launched an appeal for restoration, as ringers will when their bells are in distress, and with the fruit of much hard work, and a generous donation from the Barron Bell Trust, were able to place an order with Taylors for the rehanging of the octave and the recasting of the second, third and fourth.

The inscription on the fourth was left to the discretion of the Barron Trust, and has been appropriately inscribed with their name.

A £100 PRIVILEGE

The third bell has been inscribed "Thanks be to God." Two of the church ladies requested this inscription and paid £100 into the fund for the privilege. And the second bell, already well inscribed with the names of former wardens and a Rector, received the names of our current Rector and wardens, together with the name of our octogenarian Ringing Master.

This past winter, while work on the bells was in progress, the ringers painted and restored the frame and built a wooden ringing floor over the cold flagstones, over which a carpet will be fitted before the dedication, which takes place on July 4th. And thus another chapter in the history of the bells and tower of this lovely old church will be brought to a close, and the challenge of future years will present itself to our active and enthusiastic band of ringers.

To complete the story, one more tale remains to be told. In the spring of this year we laid to rest, in the shadow of the church, the body of Elizabeth Hunt, who in her 98th year was returned to the stony soil of the parish she had loved throughout her long life. And no bell tolled her passing for, as on her wedding day just 70 years before, the bells were in the hands of the founders.

J. V.

MELBOURNE WIN STRIKING CONTEST

The South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association held its annual striking competition at Breedon-on-the-Hill Leics, on June 8th; Mr. P. Staniforth and Mr. J. Fidler acted as joint judges. Eight teams, representing seven towers, entered for the competition. Quite a number of ringers were young members of the Association, both in years and experience. Although the judges pointed out that the ringing needed a lot more improvement it showed considerable promise. Two of the towers, Breedon and Aston-on-Trent, had bands who had only been ringing for approximately six months and one year respectively and their efforts showed great courage. After a short business meeting, where several new members were proposed, the results were announced as follows:—

1 Melbourne, 2 Alvaston, 3 Stretton (1), 4 Stretton (2), 5 Castle Donington, 6 Diseworth, 7 Breedon-on-the-Hill, 8 Aston-on-Trent.

The cup was presented to Melbourne on behalf of the Association by the Rev. K. Wayne, Vicar of Breedon and president of the Association.

Comparing these results with last year's, when only six teams were entered, the positions were much the same, with reversals in first and second places and fifth and sixth.

B. R. C.

BEESTON BELLS—continued from page 498

In 1962, due to the persuasiveness of the Nottingham University ringers and the enthusiasm of the new Vicar, the Rev. F. N. Keen, efforts were again made to get the bells rung. Much cleaning out and general maintenance was done. Messrs. Taylor then declared the bells safe for ringing, and after the replacement of the tenor clapper, the bells were set ringing again in February 1963. The bells have been rung regularly in term-time ever since, and three peals were achieved before the recent complete restoration.

In 1967 an anonymous benefactor left the money from the sale of a house for the restoration of the bells, and in July the bells were taken out by the Loughborough Foundry. The 6th was recast, and the bells were rehung with new fittings in December.

The first peal on the restored bells, one of Yorkshire Surprise Major, was rung by the Nottingham University Society on 24th February 1968, the peal being the 50th on the bells.

At present a local band is being trained who will, it is hoped, be able to keep the bells ringing during the University vacations.

Details of the present ring of eight are as follows:

Treble: J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1877. S: Thomas. To the Memory of John Watson Esqre. Note: E, Diam. 2ft. 3¾in., Wt. 4-2-22.

Second: J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1877. S: Bartholomew. To the Memory of John Watson Esqre. Note: D sharp, Diam. 2ft. 5⅛in., Wt. 5-2-6.

Third: J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1870. S: John AP. Evan. Note: C sharp, Diam. 2ft. 7⅛in., Wt. 5-2-6.

Fourth: J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1870. S: Luke. EV. Note: B Diam. 2ft. 9½in., Wt. 6-3-20.

Fifth: J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1870. S: Mark. EV. M. Note: A, Diam. 3ft. 1in., Wt. 8-3-1.

Sixth: J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1870. S: Matthew. AP. EV. M. Recast 1967. Praise the precious blood—Hilda Bond R.I.P. Note: G sharp, Diam. 3ft. 2in., Wt. 10-1-17.

Seventh: J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1870. S: Peter AP. EV. M. Note: F sharp, Diam. 3ft. 6in., Wt. 12-2-24.

Tenor: J. Taylor & Co. Founders Loughborough 1870. S: John Baptist. Note: E, Diam. 3ft. 11¼in., Wt. 17-1-14.

COMPOSITIONS

9,600 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By CHRISTOPHER P. STARBUCK and SIMON HUMPHREY

M	"X"	H	23456
—		S	46352
	1	(SS)	56324
	2	S	43652
—		S	62354
	1	S	53246
—			23645

Twice repeated.

"X"=Single Thirds, Fifths, Middle, In, Single Fourths.

1,967 DUFFIELD

By J. E. NEWMAN

Note.—Start 2nd row of six.

21436587 W In B Out M

21483675	— —	
13246857	S	
54312678	— — —	(Repeat 3 times)
35412678	—	
21534678	— — —	
31542678	— S —	(Repeat)
24135678	— — —	
12435678	—	
54213678	— S —	
43521678	— — —	(Repeat twice)
54321678	—	
23145678	— — —	(Repeat 3 times) } A
43125678	— —	
23514678	— — —	(Repeat 3 times) } B
52314678	—	
24315678	A	
51342678	B	
12345678	A	

1,968 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By D. E. ROTHERA

—	B	H	
32564	1	3	(BSB)
36245	1	3	(SBB)
43265	—	4	(BSBS)
26435	—	—	
23654	1	(BS)	?
35246	1		
23456	—	3	(SBB)

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52436		—		3
43526		—		—
53624			—	3
63425			—	3
35426			—	2
23564	X			2
56234		—		—
26435			—	3
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CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS

OUR COVER PICTURE

CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS

By MICHAEL SCOTT

DURING the Civil War the parishioners of Tynemouth, Northumberland, could not attend their Parish Church of St. Mary as it stood within the garrisoned walls of Tynemouth Castle. St. Mary's, founded by the Normans in 1110, was part of Tynemouth Priory and stood on a bold headland surrounded on three sides by the North Sea. Driven from their church, the parishioners made use of a local brewery in the nearby port of North Shields. In 1654, as a result of a recommendation by Cromwell's commissioners, a site for a new church was given by the Earl of Northumberland, and a tax of 2s. in the pound levied throughout the county to finance the building.

Fourteen years later, on July 6th, 1668, Christ Church, North Shields, was consecrated by the distinguished prelate Bishop Cosin. It was a simple sandstone building, roughly cruciform in shape, and lacked any unnecessary display of ornamentation. In 1753, due to the shortage of space, the north-west corner was enlarged and a gallery erected in it. No sooner had this been completed than in 1786 the south-east and south-west corners had to be enlarged to accommodate the swelling population of this Tyneside port.

The pews in these new extensions were sold by public auction and the proceeds, together with generous public donations, enabled the massive square tower illustrated on the cover to be erected. In 1792 the north-east corner was enlarged, making the main body of the church a perfect square. Major alterations also took place in this year, including raising the walls 10 feet, a new roof and chancel.

The reign of Queen Victoria also saw many architectural changes, mainly concerned with the increase and later the decrease in seating accommodation.

Recently decorated, the church interior is light, spacious and ready to receive the visitors who will be attending special services and recitals during the tercentenary celebrations.

It is said that the first ring of bells was lost on its passage seaward from London and that the second ring came by a ship called the "Happy Return". Cast by Mears and Son, Whitechapel Foundry, London, in 1787, the original ring of six bells which was given by James Storey, one of the principal inhabitants of the parish, was rung for the first time for the birthday of Queen Charlotte, wife of George III.

In 1807 the tenor bell was cracked and had to be recast. In 1874 the ring was increased to eight by the addition of a new treble and tenor, and on October 1st, 1878, the first peal by the Durham and Newcastle Association (Grandsire Triples) was rung here. In 1878 Christ Church became the first tower in the area to have ten bells; even today there are only two other towers in the county which have ten or more, these being All Saints', Gosforth, and Newcastle Cathedral.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

These are the inscriptions and weights after retuning in 1938:—

Treble.—In memory of William Wheatley, erected by his daughter Maria Wheatley, Christmas 1878. Rev. Thomas Brutton. 4 cwt. 4 lb.

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3rd.—Given by John Joicey of Newton Hall, 1874. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

4th:—W & T Mears Late Lester, Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit 1787. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

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6th.—Ditto. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

7th.—Ditto. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

8th.—Ditto. 8 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

9th.—Rev. Charles Charleton Vicar; Robert Laing Esq.; Shallett Dale Esq.; Church Wardens 1807. 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Tenor.—This peal of bells was completed by the addition of a new tenor presented by John Straker and a new treble raised by subscription. Henry William Fawcus and William Reed got it done, 1873. 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

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Comment—The Half-Lead Unit

A speaker at the recent Central Council meeting expressed doubts about the future ringing of methods constructed of two different half-leads; and the probable growth of this irregularity, fostered by regarding (and treating) the half-lead as the "Unit of Method Structure."

He is, of course, right—almost but not quite!

The compound word "half-lead" needs careful qualification for a proper understanding of its unity. By "Unit of Method Structure" is meant the smallest exposition of changes that will identify the particular method under consideration. What is this minimum?

To begin at the beginning, a method's design can be regarded as consisting of hunting and place-making, as indicated by the grid pattern. (Sometimes called the "trellis-work.") This is formed by joining up the positions of each bell individually in successive rows, by lines running across the intervals **between** the rows. To the student of method structure, what is important is not so much the numerals **in** the rows as how the join-up lines run **between** those rows. This may be put another way, when we say that the important issue is what happens in the row intervals, i.e. the arrangement of "transits" (exchange of neighbouring positions) and place-makings; or, if you prefer it, the form of permutation thus shown in the row-interval.

There are, of course, certain conventions of method structure confirmed as acceptable by the Central Council. (See Central Council's "Handbook.") To some of these we may now refer.

The group of change-rows obtained by repeating the method pattern for each and every "working" bell is called the plain course, and is divisible into "leads"—(more properly "divisions") and with one of these divisions for each working bell. (The C.C. term "divisions" is preferable for general reference, since it includes methods with and without "leads," i.e. both hunt-controlled and "omni-working" types of method.)

Each division (lead) is to be reflective about its half-way row-interval. That is to say, the grid pattern of the lower half is to be a mirror image of the upper half. From this it follows that the second half of a division is joined to its first or upper half by a row-interval, containing a permutation which is particular to the method. In any technological discussion it is convenient to speak of this particular permutation as the "Junction."

Similarly, each division is linked to its adjacent (preceding or succeeding) divisions, by a form of row-interval permutation particular to the method. It is convenient to speak of this as the "Link."

We can now designate the method. Since the second half-division is always the reflection (or reversal) of the first, then only the first half is necessary to delineate the whole. But with it must go the two particular permutations just described, i.e. the Link and the Junction. These three elements are conveniently spoken of together as the method's "Frame." (See the back page of the Central Council's pamphlet on "Method Extension" for some forms of frame. But for a detailed discussion of the subject see the advertised publication—"Method Structure in Change Ringing.") The complete frame is the minimum identification or Unit of the method. So:—

"FRAME equals LINK plus ½ DIVISION plus JUNCTION plus reflectivity."

Due observance of the requirements of this formula prevents the occurrence of what the aforementioned speaker fears, i.e. non-reflective divisions. (Sometimes referred to as irregular" or "asymmetrical"; but these terms have other connotations.)

As indicated in the Central Council's "Handbook," "the call is not part of the method"; and it is "splicing" and not "bobbing" at the half-lead (or junction) that is open to criticism and non-recognition, as requirements now stand.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL—continued

DEFINING HALF-LEAD PEALS

AN interesting discussion followed the introduction of the Methods Committee's report at the Central Council meeting at Worcester on Whit Tuesday. It had particular reference to the question of whether half-lead peals could be regarded as spliced.

The committee's report, signed by the convener, Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, was published on May 24th and reads:

"The decisions on peals must cover both Regular and Irregular methods, therefore the leads must remain intact since Irregular methods can be rung which are asymmetric. We recommend that the decisions on spliced peals remain unaltered and the peal be accepted as published."

Mr. C. K. Lewis moved the adoption of the report. He said the question of spliced peals was referred to the committee and their decision was published on May 24th. It covered both regular and irregular methods. It was the unanimous decision of the Records Committee.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove (Middlesex) seconded.

Mr. I. H. Oram said there was a long discussion at the last Council meeting on peals with half-leads. At the end of the discussion the matter was referred to the Methods Committee for its decision and report. They had had no formal report and until that day no reasons for supporting it. It did not seem very satisfactory for a report to be published in "The Ringing World" without reasons for the decisions come to. Why could not peals of spliced be recognised with no bobs or singles? He felt they should recognise this as a peal of Spliced Surprise Major and for that reason moved that the report be not accepted.

Mr. J. M. Jelley (Leicester Guild) thought that there was a simple way out. It was being done with Minor records—that a peal should contain a full lead of each method and if the method was symmetrical he could not see how any complaint could be made.

Mr. G. Dodds (Herts County) said the motion last year completely reversed the decision on spliced peals in that three leads of Spliced Royal methods be not allowed, bearing in mind that three leads of Spliced Royal methods were irregular. It was wrong to consider half-leads containing all the work should be called spliced.

Mr. C. Crossthwaite (Lancashire Association): Would this be recognised as a peal?

LEAD AS UNIT

Mr. C. K. Lewis: It would be recognised as a peal and could be made into a peal of spliced. The decision relates to one peal but the thing is much wider. You are introducing a new unit and a half-lead that contains all that is necessary. I think this is very dangerous. We have come to the conclusion that we should not tamper with a decision with the lead as a unit. It is 30 years since I spliced on the half-lead, but I would hesitate to say at this stage that the unit of ringing is half a lead.

Mr. S. Jenner (Kent) made two points: "Kent and Oxford Spliced should not be allowed to stand as spliced. Secondly, Mr. Lewis thinks there is a danger in splitting methods at half-leads. We have done this by saying the peal is a peal. As to what it should be called, if the Council will not accept it as spliced what should it be called?"

Mr. N. J. Diserens (Oxford Diocesan Guild): I feel the Methods Committee has not done what we required; we wanted something positive.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: We are not asked to give it a name.

Mr. H. L. Roper: It was I who proposed at the last meeting that it should be referred to the Methods Committee. It seems that they have dealt with it. They say it is not a peal of spliced and it is not, according to the Council's rules, a peal of Surprise. I am satisfied that they have done their work.

Mr. Crossthwaite disagreed; they still did not know what to call it.

Mr. Blagrove: This change at the half-lead has been done for many years in peals of Doubles. It is called mixed Doubles.

Mr. J. Seager: Why not call it plain spliced at the lead-end; reverse spliced at the half-lead; and double spliced at both?

Mr. Oram seconded this suggestion and Mr. E. A. Barnett remarked that it sounded attractive. Could they think this over between now and the next meeting?

Mr. P. A. Corby: If this or some other name is to be adopted, should it not be considered with the proposal by Mr. Oram last year?.

Mr. Barnett: The Standing Committee has been charged with revising the Council's decisions and this is one of the things that might be taken into consideration. We are charged with putting something in "The Ringing World" by next January.

Mr. Moreton: It strikes me that Mr. Lewis has something up his sleeve and that there is an easy solution. Perhaps he will tell us something now?

Mr. Lewis: Mr Moreton is right. Half-lead methods are irregular methods which are asymmetrical.

Upon the recommendation of the vice-president, seconded by Mr. H. O. Baker (Chester) the meeting took note of the Committee's decision, and that the decision as to what other types of peals be called be referred to them. And so ended the debate.

ANOTHER 1,000 PEALER

Mr. Tom Lock, secretary of the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild, celebrated his 59th birthday on June 23rd. On the Thursday previous he rang his 1,000th peal at Willesden in which Tom Goodyer from Sydney participated. Tom is the 30th ringer to reach the 1,000 mark.

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LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. White 1, K. Lucas 2, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas 5. Rung in memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Records Committee Report

A.—New Methods and Performances on Tower Bells

January
5 5040 Newgate Sur. Max., St. Martin's.
7 5088 Effingham Del. Maj., Middlesex.
28 5056 Kenwyn Sur. Maj., Oxford D.G.

February
2 5040 Eldon Sur. Max., St. Martin's.
11 5056 Pendeen Sur. Maj., Oxford D.G.
25 5040 Elthorne Del. Roy., Middlesex.

March
4 5184 Eastwood Sur. Maj., Derby D.A.
4 5056 Wight Sur. Maj., Surrey.
9 5056 Witney Sur. Maj., Oxford D.G.

April
1 5056 Xenophon Sur. Maj., Win. & Ports.
8 5088 Malmesbury Sur. Maj., Glouc. & Bris.
8 5120 Norwich Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
23 5040 Single Oxford Bob Royal, Middlesex.
27 5056 Hadlegh Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
29 5024 Long Eaton Sur. Maj., Derby D.A.

May
6 5056 Aquitania Sur. Maj., Oxford D.G.
11 5120 Mablethorpe Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
14 5040 Jugsholme Sur. Roy., Peterborough.
18 5184 Nempnett Bob Caters, Yorkshire.

June
3 5024 Urchfont Sur. Maj., Salisbury D.G.
25 5037 Nobottle Sur. Roy., Peterborough.

July
9 5040 Dodford Sur. Roy., Peterborough.
27 5184 Heathcote Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
29 5152 Yatton Sur. Maj., Bath and Wells.

August
5 5040 Single Isleworth Bob Roy., Oxford D.G.
12 5280 Winchester Sur. Max., Win. & Ports.
17 5024 Eversfield Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
21 5024 Hertford Sur. Maj., R. Cumberland.
26 5056 Verney Sur. Maj., Peterborough.
31 5056 Hastings Sur. Maj., Sussex.

September
15 5002 Kegworth Sur. Roy., Peterborough.

October
5 5088 Piccadilly Sur. Maj., Hertford.
12 5024 Kew Sur. Maj., Middlesex.
14 5088 Lydney Sur. Maj., Glouc. & Bristol.
28 5088 Keynsham Sur. Maj., Oxford D.G.
29 5038 Vintry Sur. Roy., Peterborough.

November
4 5056 Guiseley Sur. Maj., Yorkshire.
11 5184 Belfast Sur. Maj., Hertford.
16 5024 Grimsdyke Sur. Maj., Middlesex.

December
2 5040 Heckington Imp. Bob Royal, Oxford D.G.
7 5088 Knightsbridge Sur. Maj., Hertford.
16 5088 Otford Sur. Maj., Kent.
16 5088 Keystone Sur. Maj., Peterborough.
22 5184 Brislington Sur. Maj., Glouc. & Bris.
26 5040 Wexham Sur. Roy., Oxford D.G

January
21 5120 160 Spliced Sur. Maj., Bath & Wells.

February
11 5280 165 Spliced Sur. Maj., Glouc. & Bris.

April
15 5040 30 Spliced Sur. Max., Lancashire.
30 5040 6 Spliced Sur. Roy. (all the work). Lancashire.

June
4 5040 33 Spliced Sur. Max., Lancashire.

July
16 5040 8 Spliced Sur. Roy. (all the work). Lancashire.

September
3 5280 10 Spliced Sur. Max (all the work). Lancashire.
9 5040 35 Spliced Sur. Max., Lancashire.

December
17 5040 10 Spliced Sur. Roy. (all the work). Lancashire.

November
11 12480 Pudsey Sur. Maj., Universities Assn.
25 11872 Glasgow Sur. Maj., St. Martin's.

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B.—New Methods and Performances on Handbells

January
23 5280 Westminster Sur. Max., Hertford.
March
9 5040 Westminster Sur. Roy., Hertford.
September
4 5040 London No. 3 Sur. Roy., Middlesex.
May
4 5016 27 Spliced Plain Maj., Glouc & Bris.
December
23 19620 Plain Bob Royal, Chester.

C. A comprehensive card index of some 800 Minor methods has been built up. Several people have helped with this work, and in particular thanks are due to Mr. Arthur Whiting, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, for a tremendous amount of work done and help freely given. The loan of pre-1900 Reports would be greatly appreciated by Mr. C. A. Wratten.

D. Work is proceeding on the Edith Fletcher Memorial volumes. A list of required compositions will be published in "The Ringing World."

E. The committee feels that the tape-recording of rings of bells and of record peals would provide a valuable addition to the Council's archives. The work should be undertaken by interested and competent persons.

J. A. AINSWORTH.
F. T. BLAGROVE
D. E. SIBSON.
C. A. WRATTEN.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. F. T. Blagrove said the conclusions of the committee had been sent to "The Ringing World." In section (d) the committee would like the Council to take action. Mr. Ainsworth was staying on the committee and they would like Mr. John Mayne and Mr. Geoffrey Dodds to be members of the committee.

Mr. D. E. Sibson seconded.

Mr. Clive Smith said he would be prepared to help in the recording of long-length peals, if the committee provided the equipment he would undertake the work.

The General Secretary: I feel we could be going into heavy expenditure. The affiliation fee to the Council is very low and it might be necessary to increase it.

Mr. Smith said that all he would require was the tape and out-of-pocket expenses if records were not made.

Mr. E. A. Barnett moved that reasonable out-of-pocket expenses be allowed, and the Rev. John Scott, in seconding, suggested £10 for the first year.

The report was adopted, financial assistance approved, and Mr. Clive Smith was added to the committee.

METHOD EXTENSION 9

Like an ugly duckling, Pulham Surprise Minor is one of a group of "65's at back" methods rung in a peal in 1966. It extends to all other stages as an acceptable method (Expanding B/X). Method group (a).

Minor.—1h2.34—56.14—12—36—34 5hl.

Major.—1h2.34—58.14—12—36—34—58—56—7hl.

Royal.—1h2.34—50.14—12—36—34—58—56—70—78—9hl.

Maximus.—1h2.34—5T.14—12—36—34—58—56—70—78—9T—90—Ehl.

G. DODDS.

Analysis of Peals Rung During 1967

Handbells in brackets.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 6, Cinques 7, Royal 6, Caters 3, Major 8, Triples 2, Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 34.

A.N.Z.A.B.—Minor (3). Total 3.

Bath and Wells.—Royal 4, Caters 2, Major 24, Triples 7, Minor 34, Doubles 38. Total 109.

Bedfordshire.—Caters 2, Major 4, Triples 4, Minor 6. Total 16.

Beverley and District.—Major 1, Minor 3, Total 4.

B.R.S.A. (Railway Guild).—Royal (1).

Cambridge University.—Cinques 2, Royal 1 (1), Caters 1, Major 11 (8), Triples 2, Minor 3. Total 20 (9).

Chester Guild.—Maximus 3 (6), Cinques 1 (2), Royal 11 (10), Caters 1 (1), Major 46 (17), Triples 5 (1) Minor 50, Doubles 20 (1). Total 137 (38)

Cleveland and N. Yorks.—No peals.

Coventry Guild.—Royal 3, Major 30, Triples 2, Minor 27 (3), Doubles 3. Total 65 (3).

Cumberland and N. Westmorland.—Major 1.

Derby Diocesan.—Cinques 1, Royal 9, Caters 6, Major 30 (4), Triples 7, Minor 30, Doubles 1 (1). Total 84 (5).

Guild of Devonshire.—Cinques 1, Major 12, Triples 2, Minor 7, Doubles 3. Total 25.

Devonshire Association.—Triples 2.

Dudley and District.—Minor (1).

Durham and Newcastle.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 17 (2), Minor 6 (1). Total 27 (3).

East Derby and West Notts.—Minor 1.

East Grinstead and District.—No peals.

Ely Diocesan.—Royal 1, Major 18, Triples 1, Minor 9. Total 29.

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 3, Major 39 (1), Triples 4, Minor 45, Doubles 3. Total 98 (1).

Gloucester and Bristol.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 7, Major 12 (23), Triples 5, Minor 23 (1), Doubles 4. Total 53 (24).

Guildford Diocesan.—Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 20, Triples 3, Minor 8, Doubles 2. Total 36.

Hereford Guild. — Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 19, Triples 4, Minor 33, Doubles 12. Total 71.

Hertford County.—Maximus 2 (2), Royal 4 (2), Major 35 (7), Triples 1, Minor 17 (2), Doubles 1. Total 60 (13).

Irish Association.—Royal 1, Major 6, Triples 2, Minor 1. Total 10.

Kent County.—Fourteen (1), Maximus 4 (6), Cinques (3), Royal 5 (4), Caters 5 (3), Major 104 (3), Triples 19 (1), Minor 62, Doubles 16, Minimus 1. Total 216 (21).

Ladies' Guild.—No peals.

Lancashire Association. — Maximus 11, Cinques 2, Royal 23, Caters 1, Major 83 (2), Triples 10, Minor 33 (16), Doubles 6, Minimus 1. Total 170 (18).

Leicester Guild.—Maximus 4, Cinques 1, Royal 10 (3), Caters 2, Major 38 (3), Triples 6 (1), Minor 24 (3), Doubles 12. Total 97 (10).

Lincoln Guild. — Maximus 1, Cinques 5, Royal (4), Caters 1, Major 18 (14), Triples 8 (1), Minor 40, Doubles 7. Total 80 (19).

Llandaff and Monmouth. — Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 4, Caters 6, Major 16, Triples 6, Minor 6, Doubles 11. Total 51.

London County. — Maximus 1, Caters 2, Major 2, Minimus 1. Total 6.

Middlesex County.—Royal 2 (1), Caters 3, Major 43 (2), Triples 3, Minor 5, Doubles 1. Total 57 (3).

Midland Counties. — Royal 6, Major 24, Triples 5, Minor 1. Total 36.

North Staffordshire.— Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 22, Triples 1, Minor 1, Doubles 2. Total 28.

North Wales.—Major 1.

Norwich Diocesan.— Maximus 2, Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 27, Triples 6, Minor 54, Doubles 15. Total 108.

Oxford Diocesan.—Maximus 1, Cinques 3, Royal 10, Caters 3, Major 73 (3), Triples 19, Minor 59 (19), Doubles 23, Minimus 1. Total 192 (22).

Oxford Society. — Cinques 1, Caters 2, Triples 3. Total 6.

Oxford University. — Caters 1, Major 2, Triples 1, Minor 4 (1). Total 8 (1).

Peterborough Guild.—Royal 18, Caters 2, Major 49 (3), Triples 1, Minor 34 (1). Doubles 14. Total 117 (4).

Police Guild.—No peals.

St. David's Guild. — Major 4, Triples 3, Minor 3, Doubles 2. Total 12.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 15, Cinques 3, Royal 12, Caters 1, Major 26, Triples 2, Minor (1), Doubles 1. Total 60 (1).

Scottish Association.—No peals.

Sheffield and District.—No peals.

Salisbury Guild.—Royal 1, Major 23 (1), Triples 2, Minor 15, Doubles 17. Total 58 (1).

Shropshire Association.—Caters 1, Major 2, Doubles 3. Total 6.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 22, Triples 1, Minor 1. Total 26.

Society of Sherwood Youths.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 3, Minor 1 (3). Total 7 (3).

S. Derby and N. Leicester.—Doubles 1.

Southwell Guild.—Maximus 2, Cinques 4, Caters 2, Major 14, Triples 3, Minor 24 (6), Doubles 20. Total 69 (6).

Staffordshire Archdeaconry. — Maximus 1, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 16 (2), Triples 7, Minor 13 (1), Doubles 4. Total 46 (3).

Suffolk Guild.—Royal 10, Caters 2, Major 14, Triples 2, Minor 26, Doubles 9. Total 63.

Surrey Association.—Cinques 2, Royal 3, Caters 5, Major 25 (1), Triples 4, Minor 7 (1). Total 46 (2).

Sussex County.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 30, Triples 6, Minor 11, Doubles 4. Total 55.

Swansea and Brecon.—Maximus (1), Major 1 (1), Doubles 3. Total 4 (2).

Truro Guild.—Caters 1, Major 1, Triples 3, Minor 8, Doubles 2. Total 15.

Universities Association.—Maximus 1, Caters 1, Major 7 (2), Minor 3. Total 12 (2).

University of Bristol.—Cinques 2, Major 2, Triples 2, Minor 1. Total 7.

University of London.—Maximus 1, Caters 1, Major 4, Minor 7, Doubles 1. Total 14.

Winchester and Portsmouth. — Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 3, Caters 4, Major 16, Triples 6, Minor 14 (1), Doubles 11, Minimus 1. Total 57 (1).

Worcestershire and Districts.—Maximus 2, Cinques 3, Royal 3, Major 31, Triples 10, Minor 4 (1), Doubles 2. Total 55 (1).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 5, Cinques 2, Royal 22, Caters 7, Major 96 (1), Triples 2, Minor 67 (2), Doubles 11 (10). Total 212 (13).

Other Societies, etc.—Maximus 1, Royal 4 (1), Caters 2, Major 30 (7), Triples 10, Minor 10 (8). Total 57 (16).

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Six Associations/Guilds, etc., did not join our lists this year.

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A Welsh Village Gets its Bells Ringing Again

By the Rev. A. W. McADAM

IT is not easy to give an adequate account of the six bells in Grosmont Church, near Abergavenny, Mon, because there are no written records which have come down from the early days.

However, the unusual tower and spire belong to the 14th century and the old frame, recently replaced, to the middle of the 17th. The treble and the second bell are the earliest of the present ring and were cast in 1707 by Abraham Rudhall I of Gloucester. Nos. 3 and 4 were originally Rudhall bells but were recast in 1914 by Llewellyn and James of Bristol. No. 5 is a John Rudhall bell and its date is 1807. The tenor, which was cracked through the rusting of its staples, was recast as part of the recent restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1967.

The former bell frame was probably built about 1660 by local craftsmen and must therefore once have contained an earlier set of bells. Certainly the present bells were not designed for it because the frame had to be cut about to accommodate them. During its 300-odd years of life the old oak frame was repaired many times with straps of iron and extra supports here and there. Most of this work must have been done in the last 100 years, when the effects of age and weather begun to tell. One big supporting oak beam was replaced in 1932 by Mr. Vine Godding, of Grosmont, and some work on the frame in the area of No. 6 was done by Mr. Harry Jones, the village blacksmith, and myself in 1954-1955.

These repairs, however, did not give to the old frame its original rigidity. It was loose at the joints and when the bells began to move it moved as well, both sideways and upwards, hammering against the tower walls and giving to the bells an eccentricity of performance which we took for granted, but which caused visiting ringers to wonder just what it was that lay in the tower above their heads.

TASTED FREEDOM

The crunch came in November, 1966, when one evening the treble fell out of the frame. It did not get very far and we were able with a pulley block to slip it back again. Having, however, tasted freedom, it was not willing permanently again to stay put and a fortnight later slipped out once more, this time breaking its wheel.

This set us a problem. Not much use simply putting the errant treble back in its stall. With the consent, therefore, of the P.C.C., we called in experts—Mr. Blundell, an architect who lives in the village, and representatives of the bellfounders. They all told us the same story: "No more ringing or you will have the lot down round your ears."

We soon discovered that the total cost of a new frame, new wheels, ropes and other fittings, along with the recasting of the tenor and the retuning of the whole ring plus a new ceiling and floor would cost us more than £2,000 if the whole work were put out to contract.

With a parish population of roughly 400, people felt at the time that this was more than they could manage. It was a question therefore either of putting off the evil day or reducing the bill in cash by some means or other.

The local ringers and the committee which they drew together to help them at the end of 1966 determined to undertake this challenge, to appeal for outside aid and to do what work they could themselves.

The appeal for outside aid was eventually to prove fruitful. The Diocese of Monmouth found £500, the Barron Bell Trust £150 and the Llandaff and Monmouth Bell Ringers' Association £50. Numerous other donations came in, too.



The bell frame in the church, with the Rector (the Rev. A. W. McAdam) and Mr. W. Meyers, who accepted responsibility for its construction.

"DO IT YOURSELF"

In respect of "Do it yourself," it was possible to reach an amicable understanding with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank that the local boys strip out the tower, taking down the bells and dismantling the old frame and fittings. It was further agreed that when the time came they would take the bells to London for expert attention, that they would bring back the timber for the new frame and the girders to support it and, having erected the girders in position, make the frame itself and put it in place.

Work started in the autumn of last year. We were roughly 12 altogether and with the exception of myself were all engaged in agriculture in one way or another—farmers, farm workers, a market gardener and two haulage contractors. One of our company, Mr. Bill Meyers, was a trained carpenter in addition to his farm work and we were destined to depend largely upon him for making the frame and doing woodwork repairs in the ringing chamber and bell room.

We first took out the bells and lowered them 50 feet to the church floor. The frame followed section by section. We had one anxious moment when the section which had supported one side of No. 6 disintegrated in mid-air and crashed to the floor in three pieces. Fortunately it raised a dust but no more.

We built the new frame in the old nave completely and eventually took it to pieces again. It took a surprisingly long time to dig out the holes in the tower walls to accommodate the five big H-section joists that we to carry the frame. Whoever had originally built those old walls knew his job.

After that it was relatively simple to pull the joists up although they weighed upwards of half a ton each, to put them in place and set the frame upon them.

For the erection of the bells and fittings we were joined by Mr. Trevor Bailey from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and within eight days we had the new ring in action.

There is still some work to be done but the crisis is over. Mrs. Sheila Parry, who is a farmer's wife and one of our ringers, made a cine film of the whole work so that we can refresh our memories and laugh at our devices to get round awkward corners.

We enjoyed ourselves and, what was more important to us, cut the bill by perhaps £700.

The dedication of the new ring by the Bishop of Monmouth took place on Sunday, June 30th.

SALISBURY GUILD'S POLICY

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the criticisms at the Salisbury Diocesan Guild annual general meeting by Mr. D. R. Fuller in your issue of May 24th. They are largely similar to those made by myself in 1965. Why has no officer of the Guild yet replied to Mr. Fuller's letter? I think it is not because of inefficiency but due to a policy of "turning the blind eye" and hoping it will all blow over as in the past.

In 1965 I was so disgusted with the way the meeting was conducted that I wrote a brief note to "The Ringing World" and proposed two motions of censure at our Branch (Wimborne Branch) annual general meeting. These concerned the running of the meeting and the unexplained postponement of the election of a president. They were carried unanimously, a move I believe to be unprecedented in the Guild's history.

The censures were duly forwarded to the Guild Committee and never heard of again. As by this time I was in London and the anger of the Branch members had died with time, I suppose we were partially to blame for it not being pursued further. However, it seems that the Guild Committee has chosen to forget this warning privately as well as publicly, hence Mr. Fuller's letter.

It can be argued that the basic fault is the large territory covered by the Guild: ringers in Dorset know very few in Wiltshire, and vice-versa. Therefore one would expect the officers to be particularly careful to announce vacant offices before the meeting and to prepare a list of candidates, if necessary, in order that no one should feel there was a lack of democracy. How can members be expected to consider possible candidates for an office if the vacancy (that is if a satisfactory officer does not wish to stand again) is not known prior to the meeting? Especially if the committee immediately propose someone they have previously decided upon.

I suggest to the "powers that be" in the Guild that they take serious note of the murmurings in the backwoods and make an effort to satisfy some of the complaints or else the Guild may be heading for fragmentation. — Yours sincerely,

GRAHAM W. ELMES.

London, E.

Letters to the Editor

HALF-LEAD SPLICED

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. G. A. Dawson's letter of June 7th. I made a similar statement at Worcester, that method changes at the half-lead are mixtures and not spliced. By the absence of any correction, everyone else there appeared to agree with this, **but** a glance at the Council's Decisions in the Handbook will show that we were all wrong.

In a peal of spliced the change of method can take place at either the lead-end **or at the half-lead**, but not both. With half-lead splicing the last half-lead must be the same method as the first half-lead, since peals are round blocks. This does not affect the Methods Committee's statement that the Frindsbury peal was not spliced since that had changes of method at both half- and full-lead end. Thus April Day is Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and peals of Kent and Oxford in which the method is effectively changed at the half-lead only are also peals of spliced. — Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

A MUSICAL ANALOGY FOR THE PROFESSOR

Dear Sir,—Doubtless when the "campanological equivalents of Schonberg, Bouley (sic) of Stockhausen" arrive the erstwhile Professor Dodge will be among the first to attack their innovations.

His recent outburst rather puts one in mind of the countess who walked out of the first performance of Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" announcing that she "attended concerts to listen to music, not to be insulted."

If one wished to make a musical analogy it might be more appropriate to identify the innovations mentioned with the works of Mozart or Haydn, which display many brilliant and original features, although conforming closely to contemporary musical form.—Yours faithfully,

KENNETH A. C. JONES.

Luton, Beds.

THE NAME

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the method named as Whatton-in-the-Vale in the peal at Holme Pierrepont ("Ringing World," page 489) is in fact Ely Thirds Place Delight (Collection of Minor Methods, page 20).—Yours sincerely,

A. KEITH P. POOLE.

Abingdon, Berks.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY 1969

We are again being asked by the binders of the Diary to have all sheets ready for them by September, and to enable us to do this we must invite the co-operation of **all** Association secretaries, asking them to send lists of officers and dates of A.G.M.'s, dinners, etc., by **July 12th latest.**

Most Associations hold their A.G.M.'s before Whitsun, so the information should be available. If no amendments are notified we will assume that the 1967 lists remain unchanged.

W. Viggers, M. Hodgson.

Replies, please, to 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 4184

"ATTACK FROM WITHIN"

Dear Sir,—I am sure you will be anxious to rectify an obvious piece of mis-reporting in your issue of June 21st. Taking the penultimate paragraph of column 3 on page 480 as it stands, readers must wonder why you applied the headline "Attack from Within." Obviously I was blaming the committee but I said I did not blame the committee for the navigational errors in the Birmingham area which caused me to arrive about 10 to 15 minutes late for the meeting.—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

TECHNICAL ACCURACY

Dear Sir,—Comment has already been made in your columns concerning the number of peals which have had to be withdrawn on account of false compositions. I was, however, most disturbed to read that Mr. Price has had to withdraw nine peals because, in all good faith, he conducted a method published in our official journal.

Surely the answer to this problem, in part at any rate, lies in the setting up of a panel of experts from the Central Council who can vet both methods and compositions. These could then be published in "The Ringing World," after which they would become acceptable for peal ringing. This would, I am sure, save a lot of inconvenience and acute disappointment.—Yours faithfully,

Markfield, Leics ALEC R. JONES.

Note.—We do consult experts, and one is the writer of the article from which Mr. Price took his composition. See his letter.—Ed.

NON-STANDARD MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I was very sorry to learn ("Ringing World," page 494) that my Index of Minor Methods had been instrumental into leading ringers to ring false peals.

The Index was an attempt to list **all** Minor methods, good, bad or indifferent, and made little effort to discriminate between them, although where falseness was known this was usually stated

To anyone intending ringing a non-standard Minor method I would suggest they view it with grave suspicion and only include it in a peal if they were capable themselves of proving its truth, or having it tested by a competent person.

I must, however, point out that the method Windsor Single (11), which caused all the trouble, was listed as "asymmetrical" (as are all other asymmetrical methods in the Index), and that **on the same page** on which it appeared was issued the warning in bold type: **"It may be as well to stress that all asymmetrical Minor methods are, under ordinary circumstances, false."**

What a pity the warning was not heeded! —Yours sincerely,

HAROLD CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—Recently whilst on holiday in Cornwall I was interested to see hanging at the entrance to the Animal Sanctuary at Murraytown, near Looe, a bell complete with canons, of about one foot in diameter and of very good tone. The bell is inscribed "Blania Works, 1824," and I wonder whether any of your readers can give me any information regarding this "foundry."—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset.

QUESTIONS ON SINGLE CHANGES AND SPLICED

Dear Sir,—Although I agree with some of Mr. Chant's recent article, especially about compositions, most of it seemed to be a bit pointless. For example, why does he object to single changes? Do they prevent a true 720 from being obtained, or perhaps make methods too easy to ring?

The same might be said about 5–6 places in Minor methods, or perhaps Mr. Chant thinks that because it has not been done before this is a good enough reason not to do it now. Also, a man who is so fond of irregular methods should be pleased that Major ringers have at last seen the light.

As for spliced, it seems to me that if it so easy to "stuff more and more methods into peals," then there would be a few more peals of Spliced Surprise Major with Mr. Chant's name at the bottom, or perhaps he is too busy trying to get another method into a 720 of Spliced Minor.

It would be very nice if people with unusual views would tell us a few of their reasons for holding them, instead of just stating them. — Yours truly,

HENRY K. BIRCH.

Potters Bar, Herts.

IS IT WOLF, WOLF?

Dear Sir,—The article "Commentary— the Price of Privilege" by K. H. Fleming (May 24th, page 399) and the letter by P. I. Chapman, "The Ratio of Peals at Daventry" (June 7th, page 443) need reading side by side.

We ring for services as a duty. All other ringing is a privilege to which we, as ringers, have no "right," unless it be on practice evenings. Of course there is no such thing as the average tower, and ringing occasions in each tower differ. The Daventry tower is at present the only one for which we have figures. My analysis of those figures shows that for service ringing the time spent was 81.2 hours. Seventy-five hours were spent in practice and 111.8 hours devoted to all other ringing. (Tied practice is not ringing.) This means that the Daventry bells were used more than twice as much for the pleasure of the ringers than for church service.

It is my belief that there is not one Guild or Association in the whole of England which could afford to supply its own ring of bells. We are all totally dependent on the provision made by the Church. The question now has to be asked: "Does the Church need bells?" There is no bell at all in the new Coventry Cathedral but attendance there does not appear to suffer, nor does it appear to be enhanced in those churches which have a full ring of bells when compared with those with only one single ding dong.

We need to ask ourselves if so much non-service ringing detracts from the real message which the bells should send out.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa, Warwicks.

Note.—Reader Allen overlooks that peal ringing is also an aid to better ringing in the service of the Church.—Ed.

CLARIFYING DOUBLES VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your report on the above debate at the recent meeting of the Central Council ("Ringing World" of June 21st, page 482).

The final paragraph begins: "After further discussion the Council unanimously decided to adopt the amended motion . . ."

I would point out that there were others in addition to myself who opposed the motion.— Yours sincerely,

W. L. EXTON.

Whatton, Nottingham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

MIDLAND'S RINGERS PUT "BOBS INTO BANKING"



Midland Bank ringers at St. Olave's, Hart Street. From left to right: Miss G. Armstrong (Swansea), F. C. A. Bennett (Managerial Relief Staff), Miss G. Mitchell (Gloucester), C. F. Loke (Leighton Buzzard), C. Cook (Central Croydon), Mrs. S. Cook, R. Danby (Coventry High Street), Miss A. Lawrenson (Newbury), G. Wight (Chesham), M. Hughes (Bennett's Hill, Birmingham) and C. D. Baugh (Bull Ring Centre, Birmingham).

FOLLOWING an appeal in their monthly journal, a group of bellringers on the staff of the Midland Bank met in London on June 15th to ring at six towers during the day. They had travelled from as far afield as Swansea, Bridgnorth and Gloucester. The first tower was St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, where touches of Kent, Stedman and London Surprise were successful on the melodious six. We were most grateful for the assistance of some friends of Maurice Hughes from Birmingham, who joined us during the day and enabled us to progress beyond Grandsire and Plain Bob.

With the full complement of Bank ringers present at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, we were able to ring, unassisted, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. By now the heat of the day was affecting us and the welcome sanctuary of St. Olave's belfry cooled our brains. Here we were met by the P.R.O. from H.O., who brought with him a Press Association photographer to picture us in action. The flashing of the camera, however, was a little off-putting and attempts at Stedman and Kent were unsuccessful. After they had left, Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major started better but came to an unsatisfactory conclusion.

After lunch we were welcomed by the Vicar of St. Clement Danes'. Touches of Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were successful. At St Luke's, Chelsea, John Lott warned us about a broken stay on the second, and after ringing rounds and Grandsire Caters on the ten we confined ourselves to the back eight. Once more we had to forge our way through the London traffic to St. Mary's, Putney (a very enjoyable eight), where we competed with the noise of cars and buses crossing Putney Bridge.

Then we drove to the Bank's Sports Ground at Beckenham, where the annual sports day was in full swing, and feasted on sandwiches and a strawberries and cream tea. The remaining ringers congregated at St. George's, Beckenham, where we had a final ring of the day on the 14 cwt. ten. Back to the Sports Ground for entertainment, fireworks and, of course, plenty of shop talk outside the beer tent.

Our grateful thanks must go to tower captains and incumbents, not forgetting Corrall Spiller and George Fry, who joined us in the morning. George called a touch for us, after which he said "This is the first time I've put bobs into Banking . . ." C. H. C.

MR. JACK A. WAUGH

An Appreciation

I was saddened by the news of the death of Mr. Jack Waugh, as it came as a complete shock; I was not aware of his illness. Apart from a brief meeting last year, when the College Youths visited Daventry, I had not seen him since the war.

I was one of several taught by Jack and the late Mr. Charles Morss at our home tower of St. Mary's, Woodford, E., and was privileged to ring with him in the first peal on the bells after augmentation to eight. This was to celebrate the silver jubilee of King George V on May 25th, 1935. If my memory serves me right, Jack conducted the peal which was rung by the local band, and the peal board marking the occasion should still hang in the belfry.

Jack would always help the beginner as much as he could and was one of the stalwarts of the College Youths in his generation.

For myself it was one thing to know that he was active among us but it leaves me with an empty feeling hard to explain now that he is no longer with us. He will be greatly missed.

STANLEY F. WEBB.

REVIEW

METHOD SPLICING—PART II

It is just 300 years since the first ringing textbook was published. Many more have followed in the years since, but few have dealt in any detail with the science of composition. Recently, however, a few such handbooks have begun to appear, thanks to the enterprise of one or two individuals. Giles B. Thompson is to be congratulated on his latest addition to this list—"Method Splicing (Part II): Major Methods" (87 pages, obtainable from the author, 32, Egerton Road North, Manchester 21, price 8s.).

The book starts by dealing with the various forms of splicing available with plain methods, and then goes on to the more complex problems involved in splicing methods with a Treble Bob hunt. Mr. Thompson explains his system for extracting the falseness from one or more methods—it seems that every worker in this field has his own way of doing this, and Mr. Thompson is no exception—and shows how the results are used in the construction of touches and peals of Spliced Surprise. Two useful appendices contain concise tables of the falseness between the commonest Surprise methods.

A particularly useful feature throughout is the wealth of examples, enabling the reader to follow clearly the various processes involved. There is also plenty of scope for pencil and paper: indeed, such homework is essential for a full understanding of the subject.

Finally there is a brief and interesting survey of the evolution of spliced composition since the early work of the 1920's. This covers not only peals of Surprise Major but also the various "hybrids" that have appeared, such as Plain and Treble Bob and odd-and-even splicing.

In short, a useful and instructive book, and a welcome addition to the technical literature of ringing. C. A. W.

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CALL CHANGES

TURN-UP FOR THE BOOK

Devon Six-Bell Goes to South Devon

THE dominance of North Devon in six-bell ringing had become such a permanent feature of the call change ringing landscape that most people would have been very confident to predict that the Ross Shield would go to West Down or Down St. Mary, with Swymbridge or Talaton as possible outsiders: but South Devon ringing has always been keen, with possibly more towers in the field than the North. The widespread enthusiasm in the South was certainly evident at the South Devon six-bell competition at Modbury, for no fewer than 19 bands were there to ring on the magnificent Bilbie six on a perfect May afternoon.

Such a long succession of entries is a great strain on any set of judges, and there were some who remarked on the fact that Kenn, ringing last, were marked as low as 16½ faults, but as they had a clear margin over Stoke Gabriel's 21½ there was no doubt about the placing. Kenn bells have a 13½ cwt. tenor and go perhaps a little heavier than that; and it was noticeable that the first five teams all all the more credit, then, to the Meavy band, who came from a very light home six to take sixth place on Modbury's 19 cwt. ring. The other leaders who went on to the final were Plymstock (24½), West Alvington "A" (31½) and West Alvington "B", who ran their seniors to a quarter-fault with 31½. East Portlemouth, Widecombe, Thurlestone and Dunsford didn't quite make it into the first five, and Meavy, who tied with West Alvington "B," just failed in a ring-off.

A fortnight later the North Devon bands, eleven of them, met at South Tawton to ring out their half on a much less easy six. The result was entirely predictable, except that Swymbridge (who are never quite predictable) sneaked into second place with 37½, ahead of Down St. Mary's 39½. West Down had a clear win with 29½, and Talaton (41½) and Kentisbeare (63½) made up the six for the final.

One feature of the North Devon competition is worth recording, and that is that one of the Morchard Bishop band was probably the oldest ringer ever to take part in a competition of this calibre. Ringing to D.A. standards is not light work, but Mr. Harry Bowden is still at it, at the age of 81. Mr. Bowden, who looks as if he might have been drawing an old-age pension for three or four years instead of 16, has been ringing at Morchard for 69 years.

THE FINAL

On June 8th the ten bands met on the light six at Bishopsteignton for the final. A reshuffle in the Southern bands was to be expected with the big difference in weight between Modbury and the final, and so it came about; but what was far from predictable was a clear win for John Hine's Plymstock band with 21½ faults, followed by West Alvington with 26½! Once again West Down and Down St. Mary fought it out closely, but this time it was for third place, and once again West Down just had the edge with 28½ against Down St. Mary 29½. Swymbridge came a good way behind with 41½, followed by Kentisbeare, and Kenn. West Alvington "B." Stoke Gabriel and Talaton brought up the rear.

Nobody, I think, will grudge Plymstock their victory. They have been working very hard for several years to get up the last and most difficult step which separates the good bands from the champions, and John Hine has become one of the keenest, hard-working call change ringers in the county: the North v. South competition which he organised at Clawton some years ago didn't become the regular event which we'd hoped, but it's still remembered as a delightful afternoon and a feast of good ringing. As for West Alvington, they have been in the final of the six-bell competition for longer than most, and were the last South Devon band to have won it before this year, while holiday visitors to Kingbridge can testify to the fine music which they make in their tower on Sundays with unfailing regularity. But if I know the two Downs, South Devon will have to do some extra-special ringing next year to keep their silver. J. G. M. S.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY REUNION

THIS year's U.B.S.C.R. reunion was held during the week-end June 7th to 9th and was very well supported. Five peals were arranged but only two were scored, Pudsey Surprise Major at Longney and Stedman Triples at St. George's, Bristol, both on Sunday afternoon. The peal attempt of Minor at St. Michael's was lost in the last extent, two courses from the end, when a rope broke.

The coach outing on Saturday afternoon was most enjoyable and included ringing in three counties—Somerset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. About 35 people were present. Batheaston was the first tower, with its re-hung bells, and the highlight here was a good course of London. Arriving at Colerne, we first visited the coal hole down which the ex-secretary of the Society fell two years ago on a similar outing. Ringing here was very varied, and included the secretary-elect's first-ever touch of Double Norwich to come round! We moved on to Malmesbury, where a touch of spliced did not come round. Before ringing here the non-residents were seen taking tea and cakes, while the residents tucked into sausage, eggs and chips!

Final ringing of the day was at Wotton-under-Edge. A touch of Oxford Bob Triples here made the people outside wonder if we were going for the Society long length record! The annual skittles match was held at the Swan at Tytherington, which left many of us with no voices, through cheering and booing. This year the residents lost by only 16 pins, a considerable improvement on last year's performance!

On Sunday about 30 people attended the Corporate Communion at St. Michael's, followed by breakfast (rumour has it that the food was better than at the last dinner—perhaps we could try catering for 200 next January!). After ringing we gathered at the Verrecchia for coffee and those who were not participating in the afternoon peals made their farewells.

Thanks go to everyone who helped to make Reunion 1968 such a success. E. M. E.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

It was a very wet day for the meeting with the Ladies' Guild, held at Tenterden on May 18th. Nevertheless 64 ringers representing 28 towers were present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon J. F. Hough, assisted by the Rev. J. Elson. The lesson was read by Mr. J. Spree, of Bethersden, and Mr. B. Longman was the organist. During the service a peal board was dedicated by the Vicar and the offertory was donated to the John Willis Memorial Fund.

A short business meeting followed tea, when 11 new members were elected. Mr. D. Manger reported on the county annual general meeting and also proposed the vote of thanks. Miss E. Todd added the thanks of the Ladies' Guild.

Despite the encouragement and persuasion of the Ringing Master a ladies' touch of Major did not materialise. A. B.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

A.G.M.

FOR the first time Hope ringers were hosts for the annual meeting of the North Wales Association, held on June 14th, with representatives from nine towers present.

Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. on the delightful ring of six installed as a war memorial ring after the 1914-18 war. The service was conducted by the president, the Rev. A. L. Cooke, who also gave a very interesting address.

Following the service, over 50 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea provided by the Hope ringers in the Church Hall. The president opened the meeting by welcoming the members, and remarked on the good number of young faces present.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, Mr W. Cathrall, and adopted as correct. A credit balance of over £43 was considered satisfactory.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Rev. A. L. Cooke; Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall; District secretaries: Bangor and Rhyll, Rev. Trevor Evans; Wrexham: Dr. E. V. Woodcock; ringing instructor, Mr. D. H. B. Millward; auditor, Mr. H. Price; Central Council representative, Dr. E. V. Woodcock; peal recorder, Mr. G. H. Randles.

Beaumaris was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting, to be held on September 6th, and the annual meeting in 1969 at Buckley on June 7th.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock presented her report of the Central Council meeting at Worcester and was congratulated by the Ringing Master and Mrs. G. H. Randles for her very interesting account of the meeting.

New members elected were Alma Cooper (Hope), Josephine Bradley, Doreen Pritchard and John Whitehead (Llandudno).

Mr. A. Bailey proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and Hope ringers for providing a most enjoyable tea, and Mr. Millward expressed thanks to the chairman and the organist.

Further ringing took place under the direction of the Ringing Master.

New recruits to handbell ringing in the ranks of the University of London Society are Maureen Carruthers and John Pladdys. They rang their first quarter "in hand" on January 21st and their first peal "in hand" the following day. Chris Easton was also ringing his first peal "in hand."

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Weather favoured the 40-odd members at the meeting at Northrepps for the Northern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association on June 15th. The bells were rung to a variety of methods, including Clifford's Pleasure, under the leadership of the Branch Ringing Master, Martin Cubitt.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. L. Ainsworth, the lesson was read by the Rev. P. N. Bond and Martin Cubitt played the organ. In the absence of the chairman (Mr. G. Sayer), Mr. F. N. Golden proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. D. L. Ainsworth, and for tea arrangements, etc., to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson, Mrs. M. Ainsworth, Mrs. V. and Susanna Hayward, J. Hayward and Gillian Smith.

Mrs. J. Steadman (Holt), Geoffrey D. Watts (Intwood), James Dumolo and Paul Pumphrey (Aylsham), Steven Billin, Ian B. Lowther (Wymondham), David Leeder, Richard E. Neale and Simon R. Purslow (Cromer) were elected members: the belfry elections of Graham Duke, David MacClean and Sybil Tonkin as non-resident members and Thomas Roast as ringing member were ratified.

The Association Ringing Master (Mr. P. Adcock) said it was hoped to hold a striking competition on October 19th.

The sum of £2 2s. 9d. was collected for the Bell Repair Fund, plus an anonymous gift of £5.

88th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

HALF PEAL

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 18th, 2,520 Plain Bob Royal: Miss J. Oakshott 1, N. Thomson 2, Miss J. Stoy 3, J. P. Hull 4, Miss L. Hawes 5, J. Davidge 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, R. J. Cook 8, C. M. Foster 9, B. J. Stone 10. A peal attempt called round at half way.

QUARTER PEALS

RUNG ON SUNDAY, MAY 19th

ADDINGTON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Penny Cocks 1, N. Bennett 2, C. H. Macve 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Reyfield 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6.

ASHTEAD.—1,260 Minor (Little Bob, Plain Bob): Elizabeth Gibbs 1, Gillian Laver 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. A. Laver 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, R. D. Mills 6. First of Minor in two methods for all except 6th.

BATTERSEA.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. Dodds 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, D. R. Tipler 4, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 5, J. C. Bird (first quarter) 6.

BEDDINGTON.—1,277 Grandsire Caters: Jean L. Kimber 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 3, N. Thomson (cond.) 4, R. J. Cook 5, Juliet S. Stoy 6, L. Bance 7, D. G. Spittle 8, F. D. Jennings 9, S. F. Kimber 10.

CLAPHAM PARK.—1,287 Grandsire Triples: Rachel M. J. Atack 1, Irene E. Shanks 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Deborah Bishop 4, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 5, N. Thomson (cond.) 6, G. W. Shanks 7, A. Bishop 8.

CROYDON.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 1,308 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, C. M. Foster 3, E. W. Razzell 4, J. Wimram (first Stedman) 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, C. Fisher 7, N. S. Brown 8, I. M. Parfy 9, K. Taber 10, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 11, A. J. C. Brown 12.

EGHAM.—1,260 Stedman Triples: S. R. Elliott (first as cond.) 1, A. D. Flood 2, C. A. Elliott (first Stedman) 3, J. P. Ladd (first Stedman Triples) 4, D. Parsons 5, R. Parsons 6, C. M. White 7, W. Peck 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Stone (cond.) 1, Bryony P. Moorby 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley Hawes 4, Anthea Bruce 5, J. P. Hull 6.

PUTNEY.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Swain (first quarter) 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, Alison M. Mann 3, L. W. Allen 4, Rev. A. Clayton 5, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Patterson 1, Rachel Atack 2, Caroline Madge 3, A. Bagworth 4, E. J. Adams 5, D. C. Brookes 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. H. Budd (first quarter) 8.

HALF PEALS

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On June 13th, 2,520 Plain Bob Major: G. A. Edwards 1-2, J. R. Scott 3-4, B. Harris (cond.) 5-6, F. R. Morton 7-8. First of Major by all except conductor.

FOREST, GUERNSEY.—On May 26th, 2,520 Minimus (Double and Reverse Canterbury): A. G. Kent 1, G. R. Marchant 2, O. Nabb 3, R. D. Short 4.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On June 4th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 2,520 Plain Bob Royal: M. Myers 1, H. Stacey 2, C. Mutton 3, R. Andrew 4, D. Vincent 5, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 6, M. J. Pryor 7, B. Vince 8, W. Myers 9, R. B. Smith 10. First on ten bells 1, 3, 4, 8. A peal attempt called round

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On June 12th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, H. A. Mitson 2, F. Hunt 3, E. J. Lockwood 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, R. Chambers 6. For Confirmation service.

BOBBING, KENT.—On June 15th, 1,272 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. Kenward 1, R. Bushell 2, Miss P. Thornett (25th quarter) 3, F. J. Dadson 4, G. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. First in the method by all except treble. Rung after the wedding of Miss R. I. Jordan to Mr. L. E. J. Adams.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On June 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Marion Kemp 1, B. J. Read 2, R. I. West 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, D. L. Nibbs 5, A. W. Bond 6, J. M. Hills 7, R. H. Newton (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Rung as a farewell to the third year of the University Guild.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On June 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Bagshaw (first on treble) 1, D. W. Mountford 2, Mrs. A. Boyd 3, A. Boyd (cond.) 4, B. Elliott 5, Mrs. O. Howes (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. J. Deayer.

QUARTER PEALS

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,320 Little and Plain Bob Minor: C. Banks 1, Miss M. Hill 2, G. F. Oliver ("circled the tower") 3, A. K. Oliver 4, G. Davis 5, F. Sismey (cond.) 6. For morning service and as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Ball, of Casotr.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Harris 1, E. H. Jefferies 2, H. L. Cooke 3, H. Bennett 4, F. J. Lewis (cond.) 5, P. Law 6, M. Rose 7, H. Telling 8. For evening service.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Ivings 1, L. J. Malings 2, W. F. Cowley 3, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 4, W. Ivings 5. For the Ordination of Michael Palmer at Oxford Cathedral on June 9th.

DOWNE, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. A. Hemsley 1, Margaret Jenner 2, O. C. R. Webster 3, Marion Kemp 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, R. Lebon 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandsire): N. Herschell (first quarter) 1, B. Hawkins 2, Barbara Minnion 3, D. Oakshott 4, J. Munton (first in two methods as cond.) 5. First in two methods, 2 and 3.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On June 10th, 1,440 Trinity Sunday and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Carnall 1, Miss K. Burchnall 2, Miss G. Burchnall 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, J. Coates 5, H. Denman (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 3, and to Mr. R. Ashforth, local captain, after a peal attempt.

GOOSNARGH, LANCS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Clayton 1, L. Walmsley 2, Mrs. M. Crosthwaite 3, C. Crosthwaite (cond.) 4, A. Gardner 5. For the dedication and opening of the Church School extensions.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Cecilie Forgan (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Saker (first "inside") 2, C. Anne Agg 3, P. Cranfield 4, W. L. Gates 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6, A. F. Horton 7, W. F. Todd 8. For Evensong by the local band, in memory of Michael D. Trigg, former Ringing Master of the tower.

KENILWORTH, WARKS.—On May 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Pam Whitfield 1, A. K. Griffiths 2, D. P. Crawley 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, H. C. Bennet 5, S. F. Royal (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (two methods): C. Sangwin 1, H. Stacey 2, B. F. L. Groves 3, R. Andrew (first in two methods) 4, M. J. Pryor 5, R. B. Smith (cond.) 6.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eastment 1, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. Warr 5, R. J. Hunt 6. For the Patronal Festival.

LECKFORD, HANTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): A. M. Donaldson 1, R. W. T. Slack 2, R. J. Latham (most methods to a quarter "inside") 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5. 25th quarter together 4 and 5. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

MARK, SOM.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Jones 1, B. Miles (first Grandsire Triples "inside") 2, J. Coombs 3, J. Burroughs 4, S. Lewis 5, J. S. Walton (cond.) 6, J. Greber 7, J. R. Lee 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Court Triples: Valerie Nash 1, R. Tomlin 2, Janet Hallett 3, F. May 4, T. Sharp 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. First in method 1, 3, 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on June 16th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: A. W. R. Wilby 1, F. W. Ellis 2, Katherine S. Hardy 3, Julia A. Fellows 4, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5, J. E. Ewer 6, J. R. Mayne 7, R. F. Ewer 8, W. Little 9, R. E. Hardy 10, G. Penney (cond.) 11, W. Nicholls 12. Rung prior to the Magna Carta commemoration service in the Cathedral.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Rice 1, D. R. McLean 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, R. M. Day 4, I. Smith 5, P. N. Mackley (first Minor as cond.) 6. Rung by N.U.S.C.R.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): C. W. Linnington 1, E. H. Langley 2, T. R. Hart 3, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 4, P. J. Gardner 5, W. S. Pryor 6. For Feast of Corpus Christi, also a welcome to J. Ashcroft, of Leigh, Lancs, on his first visit to Cornwall.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on June 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Naomi Hales 1, Marion Richards 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, D. Neal 5, J. M. Steele (cond.) 6, D. C. Grove 7. For Evensong, and as a welcome to the new Vicar, Father Robert Gould. Also congratulations to Marion Richards and David Grove on their engagement.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Hall 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, D. J. Attley 3, A. E. Briggs 4, A. J. Marks (first "inside") 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosalind Payne 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, V. Bull 3, L. Hawkins 4, A. Bull 5, A. Payne 6, N. Knee (cond.) 7, P. Roynon 8. For Civic Service.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 15th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Beasley (first Minor) 1, V. A. Headland 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, H. Richardson 4, H. Idle 5, S. B. Bell (cond.) 6. Rung simultaneously with Wadenhoe quarter.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sharon Newell (first on eight) 1, Diana Reeves 2, Jean Marlow 3, R. A. Reeves 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, P. J. Heritage 6, B. J. Davis 7, W. W. Franklin 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Walt Franklin.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For their 88th anniversary the Surrey Association rang one half peal and ten quarter peals. Merton made two attempts at Plain Bob with their own band but were unsuccessful. Better luck next time!

The band who rang the peal at Lenham, Kent, wish to associate the attempt with Mr. Colin J. E. Wyld, of Wye, as a compliment to him on gaining second prize in the Fabian Stedman competition.

Uckfield ringers are entering a decorated float for the local carnival early in September. The subject is "The Ringing World." Suggestions would be welcome by Mrs Joan C. McLean, 42, The Drive, Church Coombe, Uckfield, Sussex.

From Friezland J. B. writes that he has helped to win first places in competitions with over 25 different ringers. He has a tape recording of "My Life Amongst Bells and Ringers." (Address: West Lodge, 62, Manchester Road, Greenfield, Oldham.)

All who rang in the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at North Mymms on June 22nd for the Australian and New Zealand Association had connections with "Down Under." Two were from New South Wales, another had spent some time in Adelaide and five were members of Great Adventure II party.

With the peal of Stedman Doubles at Corsley, Wilts, Mr. Norman G. N. Knee has "circled the tower" to peals.

The peal of Wye Surprise Major rung at St. Ebbe's, Oxford (see page 488), was composed by Norman Smith and conducted by Alan R. Pink.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association has been presented with a number of volumes of "The Ringing World" by Mr. Frank Ponting of Minchinhampton, Glos. They are stored in St. Bartholomew's Church, Chosen Hill.

The peal of 101 Treble Bob Minor methods rung at Holme Pierrepont for the Southwell Guild is a record. We understand that the previous best in Treble Bob Minor was about 73 methods and was first rung some 30 years ago.

Miss Anne Cope, a keen young ringer from Hovingham, Yorks, where her father is Vicar, is on her way to New Zealand. Her address there will be 299, Grove Road, Kelburn, Wellington. Any assistance from ringers would be welcome.

There is a close bond of friendship between the U.L.S.C.R. and Southampton University Guild. Five members of the London Society rang in a half-muffled peal at Deptford to the memory of Michael D. Trigg, former Master of Southampton University Guild.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

RED LETTER DAY FOR TWO DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Derek Jewell and Roy Bould made the long trek from Devonshire to High Wycombe, Bucks, on June 15th, to partake in a peal attempt of Stedman Cinques, which, fortunately was successful.

Both gained immense satisfaction from their efforts, Roy Bould ringing his first peal for the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Derek Jewell ringing his first peal of Cinques and also completing the Stedman family.

This shows guts and determination from one living in the heart of a hotbed of call change ringing; in fact Derek rings in competitions with a famous six-bell band. Roy is a little more fortunate; although doing a fair share of call change ringing, he is attached to St. St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and therefore gets his quota of "Scientific."

They stayed the week-end at Basingstoke, and to show their appreciation gave the C.O.S. a very happy couple of days.

JOHN WILLIS MEMORIAL

The major part of the business at the Ashford (K.C.A.) District at Warehorne on June 13th was discussing the form of the John Willis memorial. Two suggestions were made—to add a treble to the five bells being rehung at Newchurch, and to provide one of the two bells required to augment the six at Charing. (The other bell and frame to be supplied from sources as yet unknown.)

The following resolution was passed: "That the John Willis Memorial be a bell to be hung in a tower within the District and that a signwritten tablet be displayed in the ringing chamber regarding this fact."

The Rector (the Rev. G. V. Davies) conducted the service and tea was served and prepared by ladies of the District on the Rectory lawn.

Ringing continued at Orlestone (3), where the very long draught and the tendency of the tenor to drop provided an entertaining hour for spectators and a hair-raising experience for the ringers. Ringing concluded at Ruckinge (5), where extraordinary Doubles methods were rung A. P. S. B.

PRESTBURY BELLS RECAST

The recasting and rehanging of Prestbury (Cheshire) bells in a new metal frame has now been completed by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough and they were dedicated by the Bishop of Chester on June 29th at the Patronal Festival service.

Due to various activities taking place in the village on that day, ringing was limited to a quarter peal by a chosen band, but the Vicar has kindly invited the Macclesfield Branch to hold its next meeting at Prestbury on July 27th, and a notice to this effect will be appearing in "The Ringing World."

CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE, CANTERBURY

A number of friends from Lympne, Canterbury, Petham and Oxford joined Christ Church College, Canterbury, for an outing to London, South of the Thames, on May 25th.

Towers visited were Hayes, Beckenham and Lewisham and, after lunch, Rotherhithe, St. Alphege's, Greenwich (the highlight of the day), Woolwich, Christ Church, Erith, and St. John's, Erith. Ringing included Stedman and Grandsire up to Caters, London, Yorkshire, Plain Bob, rounds and call changes.

MR. LEN STILWELL'S CANADIAN TOUR

Writing from Saskatoon, Mr. Len Stilwell sends us a beautiful picture of the 168 ft. tower at Westminster Abbey, Mission City, B.C. Len states that he is having a grand time and stayed three weeks near Vancouver and at Victoria. He rang several times at both churches and also at Mission City.

He stayed a few days at Edmonton before going to his headquarters at Saskatoon and is going to Regina and Calgary (where he hopes to ring). Len returns to this country on July 22nd.

EARTHQUAKE STOPS RINGING

Ringing at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, has been suspended since the recent earthquake. While there was no damage of any consequence to the structure of the tower, the cross was dislodged and damaged, necessitating repair and thus scaffolding.

In the meantime the members of the Cathedral Society are overhauling the front six bells (the heavy four were hung in 1947) under the direction of Peter Whitehead. Self-aligning bearings are being fitted, wheels repaired, and minor maintenance work carried out.

Mr. Peter J. Perry, the Master, concludes his letter: "We hope to complete the work in the next few weeks, and we have plans for pigeon-proofing (Kiwi-proofing is fortunately unnecessary!) and a new floor—and, more important, far more peals and quarters.

"At Papauni the bells are rung regularly—14 Doubles methods at a recent practice. This is quite an achievement for an isolated tower and a band which has been ringing together for barely a year."

A TOWER FORGOTTEN

The old grey stone church tower stands
A silhouette 'gainst the dawn,
A lark sings from the topmost spire
In welcoming the morn.
The great grey bells within there still
Hang silent and forlorn:
Remembering with sadness days gone by.

The tower is cloaked in ivy now,
The bells with clinging rust.
There are some words upon the wall—
I write them in the dust;
But they are quickly borne away
Before a sudden gust;
I watch them disappear with a sigh.

I climb the trodden stairway to
The ancient belfry door.
Thinking of the men who must have
Walked here years before—
Who stepping from the topmost stair
On to the panelled floor,
Had rung the mighty bells for Mass at ten.

This, then, was the story more than
Seven years ago;
The villagers, who loved the bells, would
Listen from below.
But now the bells are still and quiet—
It is as if they know
Their iron tongues will never speak again.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are attempting the following peals:

July 9th.—Drayton (Som). Double Norwich.
" 9th.—Curry Rivel, Stedman Triples.
" 10th.—Lyme Regis, Lincolnshire S.M.

PEAL RINGING & THE LOCAL RINGER

"Let him who is without sin cast the first stone. . . ."

A Story by "Clapper"

Once, two men went up into the belfry at a Branch meeting. One of them was a peal ringer of great total and the other was a local ringer. The local ringer lived strictly by the rules of the Guild and never missed ringing for service or the weekly practice. He made sure everyone knew it and he was honoured for being so good. He liked that and was very proud of his reputation. He always rang the tenor bell and called touches in a very loud voice so all could see he was there.

During the service that particular afternoon the local ringer, sitting in the front pew, prayed thus: "God I thank you that I am better than other ringers; I do not miss service ringing, ring peals in a selfish fashion or go tower-grabbing—like that peal ringer over there."

The peal ringer hung his head during prayers "Have mercy on me, Lord," he whispered, "forgive me the many sins I have committed against You. Forgive me if I have been selfish and unchristian in my ringing activities, and help me to be more mindful of my duty to You in the coming week."

They both looked up as the lesson was read: "The reading is taken from the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 18, beginning at verse 10: 'Once, said Jesus, two men went up into the . . . "

[From Northampton Newsletter.

CONDITIONS IN NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

Writing in the June issue of the Northampton Branch's Newsletter, B. R. C. writes in his "Foreword":—

"Every ringer of this Branch could well undertake a frank 'look' at the 'ringing' of the District. It will reveal many glaring shortcomings which for the most part are ignored or complacently tolerated.

"A fine ten like St. Giles' without a band! A toleration of bad striking in some towers to a point where the ringing becomes a mad scramble at all times! Meetings attended by 20 per cent. of the Branch membership! And . . . well, that's a start! The answers? These will be found when we are all less complacent; when we refuse to accept second best, and willingly give our maximum efforts ungrudgingly to the art of ringing—yes, you too!"

CREWE TENOR WHEEL COLLAPSES

The eight ringers who took part in the peal of London Surprise Major at Marple on June 15th should have been ringing in a peal of 6-Spliced Surprise Royal at Crewe that afternoon. The band assembled at Crewe but after less than three leads had been rung the tenor wheel collapsed! It was decided that the band, minus Richard Starkie and Alan McFall, should drive to Marple for a peal of Major starting at 5 p.m.

PUTNEY WIN

The Surrey Association striking competition held at Battersea on June 8th attracted four entries. Set pieces of Grandsire Doubles or Triples or Plain Bob Minor were rung by the bands, and the judge (Mr. E. A. Barnett), marking out of ten, placed the bands as follows: Putney (Bob Minor) 6½, Battersea (Grandsire Doubles) 4½, Wimbledon (Grandsire Doubles) 4, Kingston (Grandsire Triples) 3.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

William Hibbert	Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt	7
Roger F. Overington	2	D. Roy Bould	8
Brian R. White	3	Stephen J. Ivin	9
William T. Cook	4	James Phillips	10
John W. T. Hibbert	5	David P. Hilling	11
*Derek Jewell	6	Frank C. White	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (No. 16.) Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal on 12 bells.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
(Christchurch Cathedral Society, New Zealand)
CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand.—At The Cathedral.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

R. G. T. Bennett	Treble	*N. F. E. Reeve	5
Katharine Whitehead	2	J. H. G. Gardner	6
*P. J. Perry	3	A. Peter Whitehead	7
*Colin H. Ward	4	R. H. Idle	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by R. H. Idle.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells and by a local band.
Rung for Pan-Pacific Arts Festival.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	*Ronald K. Russ	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Thomas W. Goodyer	6
Walter G. Knight	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 100th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
VALE, Guernsey.—At the Church of St. Michel du Valle.
On Thurs., May 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents of Grandsire and ten each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Geoffrey R. Marchant	Treble	Ronald D. Short	4
Graham Nabb	2	Alan G. Kent	5
Cecil T. Clarke	3	Edwin T. Dibble	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil T. Clarke.
Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.
Rung on Ascension Day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Michael Thompson	Treble	Alan F. Scholfield	5
*Robert B. Smith	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Lawrence J. Haines	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Ian M. Holland	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 50th peal of London Surprise Major.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., April 26th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Childwall Bob, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Frank R. Morton	Treble	Frederick S. Sutton	4
John R. Scott	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
*Rosemary E. White	3	Brian Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Scott.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SALEHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Adrienne Gibson	Treble	*Edwin A. Barnett	5
*Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
*Olive D. Barnett	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
C. Martin Press	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Glasgow Surprise Major.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EASTWOOD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat.

Alec Humphrey	Treble	David W. Parkin	5
*John Harrison	2	Clive Thrower	6
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	3	Burley P. Morris	7
Jack Chadwick	4	Gordon A. Halls	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATON.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

George S. Deas	Treble	*Michael Poppleston	6
Kenneth Arthur	2	James Crowther	7
Denis A. Bayles	3	Eric N. Harrison	8
*C. W. Ottaway	4	Michael Maughan	9
*Malcolm E. Johnson	5	*Peter Bruce	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George S. Deas.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First of Stedman Caters as conductor. Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb

SOUTH SHIELDS, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Hilda.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Peter H. Gardner	Treble	Colin C. Monson	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	James Crowther	6
Malcolm E. Johnson	3	George S. Deas	7
Jean M. Berriman	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHGATE, Middlesex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	John W. Stephenson	6
*Heather M. McArthur	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
David Sloman	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	8
Dennis A. Hewitt	4	James L. Towler	9
Kenneth Warner	5	Adrian G. Semken	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Caters "inside."
Rung to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. P. Harford, married at this church. Tenor 24¼ cwt

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PAINSWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	*David E. Rothera	6
Susan Rothera	2	Philip J. Rothera	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	George E. Thoday	8
John H. Fielden	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Norman V. Harding	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 200th peal. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D
Rung as a compliment to Lesley Weeks, chorister and Sunday School teacher, and R. Barnfield, crucifer, both of St. Mary's, who were married in this church immediately prior to the peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
SEND, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 89 lb.

*Felicity S. Hamilton	Treble	John F. M. Maybrey	4
Jill M. May	2	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*†Tony Skilton	3	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal in seven methods. † First on six bells.
Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt

*Peter C. Worthington	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	*Michael R. Worthington	6
Alick Cutler	3	G. William Critchley	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung to mark 20 years of service as parish lay reader by Mr. E. C. Overton in Aston with Benington.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LENHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

*Elizabeth A. Todd	Treble	*Brian G. Butcher	5
James Hedgcock	2	†Cranford T. Hillis	6
Mrs. Rose Wratten ..	3	Colin J. E. Wyld	7
Rachel J. Sinden	4	P. Charles Sinden	Tenor

Arranged by Colin E. J. Wyld. Conducted by Cranford T. Hillis.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples in the method.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Marion Bennett	Treble	Donald G. Clift	6
Jacqueline S. King	2	George E. Feirn	7
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Norman V. Harding ..	8
Peter S. Bennett	4	Albert M. Tyler	9
Arthur D. Cook	5	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by A. Hudson. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to David and Jacqueline King. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Susan Rothera	Treble	Alexander D. Marsh	6
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	Philip J. Rothera	7
Ellis N. Thomas	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Peter G. Brown	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
David E. Rothera	5	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.
On Wed., June 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Ian G. Campbell ..	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	5
George E. Feirn	2	David E. Rothera	6
Peter S. Bennett	3	David J. King	7
Ronald Ducker	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 Rutland and London, 640 Bristol, 576 Superlative, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Josephine A. Quilter ..	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
Susan Rothera	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Peter S. Bennett	4	David E. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 19 cwt. in F sharp.

*William T. Petty	Treble	‡Dr. Lynn-Jones	5
*Thomas T. Yeomans ..	2	William Dare	6
†Trevor M. Roderick ..	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Alwyn R. Lewis	4	‡Harold Preece	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* 50th peal together. † 150th peal for the Association. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Morgan.

LLANFIGAN, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Sun., June 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 19 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Susan Rothera	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
*Josephine A. Quilter ..	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Peter S. Bennett	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

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

CAERPHILLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Paul S. Reading	Treble	Christopher Ricketts ..	5
*Paul A. Williams ..	2	Ellis N. Thomas	6
Alexander E. Marsh ..	3	*David S. Bishop	7
*Charles P. Quartley ..	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Frank T. Blagrove	Treble	*Anne Horsford	6
John R. Mayne	2	A. Patrick Cannon	7
William S. Deason ..	3	†Thomas W. Goodyer ..	8
Thomas J. Lock	4	Frank C. Price	9
Wilfrid G. Wilson	5	Walter G. Knight	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First of Stedman on tower bells.

HAREFIELD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Oxford T.B., one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

Patricia A. Copas	Treble	*Roger A. Gage	4
*Mary G. Gage	2	Michael J. Palmer	5
*Joan Hooton	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Miss C. Johnston, lady verger of this church for many years.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., June 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Philip A. Mason	5
Dan S. Pont	2	Frank I. Chambers	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STEWKLEY, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 QUAINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

John R. Ketteringham ..	Treble	David C. Brown	5
Sara K. D. Woolley ..	2	Christopher C. Clarke ..	6
Alan R. Pink	3	William Birmingham ..	7
D. Kay Adkins	4	Anthony K. Fortin	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. (Wratten No. 53.) Conducted by A. R. Pink.
First peal in the method. (H. and M. Collection No. 2866.)
Rung in connection with the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Incorporated Church Building Society.

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MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods: Grandsire, Antelope, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, All Saints', Minster, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury and 90 variations. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

Howard Page	Treble	Alec Gammon	3
Roy H. Jones	2	Noel D. Deam	4

Leonard R. Porter .. Tenor
Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PATTISHALL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., June 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of London Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Alan A. Paul	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	4
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Charles E. Truman	5
Barry R. Care	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert Kennedy.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CORSLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 different callings). Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Rosalind M. Payne ..	Treble	†Eric J. Hitchins	4
Norman G. N. Knee ..	2	Frederick S. Slatford ..	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Philip Roynon	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Doubles, completes "family" of Stedman on tower bells from Doubles to Cinques.

THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr.

Howard J. Payne	Treble	David H. Stone	4
Susan E. M. Davis	2	Jeremy D. Cheesman	5
Roger W. Price	3	Robert A. Partridge	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
Rung, half-muffled, by a resident band, in memoriam Michael D. Trigg, Master of the Guild 1964-66.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Souls, Bulwell.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Andrew L. B. King	Treble	Simon Humphrey	5
Sheila M. Anthony	2	David W. Friend	6
Denis A. Frith	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
R. Brian Mills	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being four extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon and St. Martin, eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*F. William Midwinter	Treble	R. Brian Mills	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Maurice Harrison	4
		†Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † 75th peal in Nottinghamshire.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Margaret Chilton and Stanley Snyder.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., June 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of St. Clement's College Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*Victor E. T. Holland	Treble	†A. Paul Sheldon	4
Lucy Smith	2	Cyril T. Collins	5
Angela Bagnall	3	Michael W. Fairey	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.
* First peal at first attempt † First peal of Minor.
Rung to mark the centenary of the first-ever Diocesan Conference, which was held at Lichfield on June 17th, 1868.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	Ruth K. Woodman	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Vernon Bedford	6
*Katharine M. Thorley	3	Stephen Bedford	7
Adrian Knights	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. Meadows. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal of Major "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5088 EASTBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Betty Percy	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Alison M. Mann	2	John S. Barnes	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Alan R. Baldock	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Christine and Alan Baldock on the birth of a daughter, Rachel.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Jennifer A. Smith	Treble	Derek Slater	5
*Timothy Banner	2	John A. Howard	6
Geoffrey C. Rix	3	David D. Smith	7
Roger Osbon	4	*†Ian Wickens	Tenor

Arranged by H. Johnson. Conducted by Ian Wickens.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung for Trinity Sunday.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., June 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Jennifer A. Smith	Treble	John A. Howard	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	*David D. Smith	6
*Roger Osbon	3	*Ian Wickens	7
Derek Slater	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal in the method.

(Southern Universities Association)
UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Peta Ollen	Treble	David L. Nibbs	5
Susan E. M. Davis	2	Brian J. Read	6
†Marion Kemp	3	James M. Hills	7
*R. Ian West	4	Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by Robert H. Newton.
* First peal. † First of Major. First as conductor. 25th peal on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 6.

WESTHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., June 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Robin A. Funnell	Treble	*Jane A. Mason	4
*Jane Woodward	2	Alan R. Baldock	5
Susan M. Harrison	3	*David J. Woodward	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal. First ever rung by a Westham Sunday service band.
Rung for the Parish Flower Festival.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
WENDRON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 15th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb. in A.

*Valerie C. Allen	Treble	Anthony Locke	4
†T. Roy Hart	2	§Timothy J. Bell	5
‡David Vincent	3	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal of Minor. † First "inside." ‡ 350th peal. § First peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Stephen T. Kirby	Treble	Derek C. Jackson	5
*Susan E. M. Davis	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Robert A. Partridge	7
Susan E. Smith	4	Thomas H. Francis	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung in memoriam Michael D. Trigg.

(The Winchester College Society)
UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., June 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Robert W. T. Slack	Treble	*Simon M. Jack	4
†Howard R. Jacobs	2	Anthony J. Mason	5
*N. Graham Hughes	3	Barry R. M. Johnson	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. M. Johnson.
* First peal of Minor. † First away from cover. First of Minor as conductor. First tower bell peal of Minor by an all-school band.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Christopher M. P. Johnson	7
Maryl R. Fielden	2	Brian D. Threlfall	8
John H. Fielden	3	Rodney B Meadows	9
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	10
David E. Rothera	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
Christopher H. Rogers	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church aof St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond Smith	Treble	Richard Tibbetts	5
Morley P. Tobin	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	Robert Edwards	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

ELMLEY CASTLE, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., June 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents with no 65's at backstroke.

Ronald J. Stephens	Treble	Peter S. Robertson	4
*Elizabeth M. G. Pouncey	2	Arthur C. Berry	5
Geoffrey R. Drew	3	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal of Bob Minor.
Rung on the 15th anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 18 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	*Geoffrey Randles	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	*Geoffrey Bridges	7
J. Henry Fielden	3	*Ronald Ducker	8
Neil Donovan	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
*Ian G. Campbell	5	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Sam Thomas. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of London Royal.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At St. Marie's R.C. Church, Norfolk Row.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

David Nichols	Tenor	Neil Donovan	5
Ruth Foreman	2	Stuart Armeson	6
Richard E. Price	3	Gerald Penney	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Tom J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Tom J. Lock.

HANDSWORTH, Sheffield.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., June 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Alan Neal	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Neil Donovan	6
Richard E. Price	3	David Nichols	7
Roger Harper	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett sen. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal.

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt

Alan Clifton	Treble	Ian North	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	*Ronald R. Warford	6
Frederick J. Jackson	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

(Huntington Guild)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being Morris's 240 and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 5 cwt. in B flat.

Christopher Milner	Treble	Susan Mitchell	4
Simon P. D. Burnett	2	A. Colin Banton	5
Susan E. Thompson	3	*Bevan J. Seymour	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal attempt.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the life and work of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, 1925–1968.

NIDD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Paul and Margaret.
On Wed., June 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHREPPS DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (three callings). Tenor 6 cwt. in C.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Geoffrey D. Armitage	3
*Suzanne J. Withers	2	Ronald R. Warford	4
Ronald J. Snack	Tenor		

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. First of Doubles in the method by all the band and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., May 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Bernard F. L. Groves	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	*Christopher M. Movley	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Gerald Moorhouse.
* First peal on handbells. First in the method as conductor and first as conductor for 48 years. Tenor size 15 in C.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Thurs., June 6, 1968, in 1 Hour and 35¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/ variations.
Being 240 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Tredington, Preston, Thrumpton, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Seighford. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott (cond.)	3–4
Frank R. Morton	5–6		

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Tues., May 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	Roger D. R. Brown	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Major in the method on handbells by all.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., June 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 21 methods, comprising 640 each of Eastcote and London, 480 of Bristol, 320 each of Ealing, Elford and Superlative, and 160 each of Aldenham, Cambridge, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Painswick, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 154 changes of method.
Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Tues., June 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Thomas J. Lock	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Thomas W. Goodyer	7–8

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The ringer of 7–8 is the first Australian to ring a peal of Surprise Major on handbells. 100th peal of Surprise as conductor on handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bellyfold.
On Thurs., June 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of College Bob, St. Clement's College, Double Court, Single Court and Single Oxford and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed. June 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Richard C. Inglis	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	David F. Moore	7–8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Root.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
LONDON, E.C.—In the belfry of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*Maureen J. Carruthers	1–2	*Christopher J. Easton	3–4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal of Doubles. First peal "in hand" by all. 25th peal as conductor. Tenor size 14 in D.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On June 9th, 1,320 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, N. Bennett 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Carol Cousins 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

ALDGATE, LONDON, E. — At St. Botolph's Church, on June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Stephenson 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Fowler 3, Ann Gardner (from Washington, U.S.A.) 4, W. Theobald 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. E. Scoones 8. Rung to mark the visitation of Archbishop Appleton, of Perth, Australia, one-time rector of this parish.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. J. Luckhurst (first quarter) 1, Ann Harris (cond.) 2, D. J. Winchester 3, B. R. Forster 4, G. A. Masters 5, I. S. Holland 6. For Matins, and as a 17th birthday compliment to D. J. Winchester.

BLAISDON, GLOS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Manns (first Doubles) 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, Patricia Stocken (first "inside") Pamela Joan Spicer and Eric Jefferies.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): J. Porter 1, G. Dodd 2, P. Dodd 3, Mrs. M. Moore 4, H. Moore 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, R. Fuller 7, G. Saunders 8. In honour of the Feast of the Ascension. Also on June 2nd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Dodd 1, P. Dodd 2, Mrs. M. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, R. Fuller 6, Miss J. Spurgeon 7, M. Dodd (first quarter) 8. Rung in honour of Whitsun, and a birthday compliment to Miss J. Spurgeon.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On May 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gillian Bosworth-Smith 1, C. J. Bennett 2, C. T. Collins 3, S. G. Pick 4, G. Reynolds 5, R. M. Hodister 6, P. G. K. Davies 7, P. R. Johnson (first on eight as cond.) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — On June 18th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Peta Ollen 1, B. J. Read (25th quarter) 2, Marion Kemp 3, R. I. West 4, Caroline Mackie 5, J. M. Hills 6, R. H. Newton (first in method as cond.) 7, D. L. Nibbs 8. First in method 2, 4. A compliment to Brian Read on gaining a First Class Degree. By U.S.G.C.R.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON. — On June 8th, 1,280 Doubles (four methods): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, C. Gammon 6. For the wedding of 3, E. D. Wilson 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, L. Smith 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT. — On June 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Marion Kemp 1, O. C. R. Webster 2, Margaret Jenner 3, R. Lebon 4, J. A. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First "inside" in method 2, 3 and 5.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mavis J. Fielder 1, M. D. Fuller 2, J. H. Payton 3, Elizabeth W. Struckett 4, P. Payne 5, D. W. Struckett 6, T. J. Wellen 7, T. G. Tyers (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major 1, 4, 5. For Festival of Flowers Evensong.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, A. D. Collins 2, A. G. Richards 3, R. S. Lyons 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6. By the local band.

COLCHESTER (SHRUB END), ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Martin 1, M. Bushell (first "inside") 2, D. Whent 3, D. Cobb (cond.) 4, P. Schafle 5, G. Lamb 6. For Evensong, and to mark the birth of Desmond Clayton, nephew of the second ringer.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On May 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Holloway 1, Shirley Harris 2, W. Kerr 3, G. A. Packer 4, I. R. Nichols 5, B. Harris (cond.) 6, S. Carter 7. For Evensong.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On June 9th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: V. Bottomley 1, A. Thompson 2, I. Ineson 3, R. Richardson 4, J. Bottomley 5, K. Ineson (first quarter) 6, G. Richardson (cond.) 7, W. Moreton 8. For Sunday School anniversary.

DUNKESWELL, DEVON.—On June 9th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, F. Stamp 2, T. Travers 3, L. Stevens 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, B. Haines 6. Rung half-muffled for the annual memorial service to the men of the U.S. Air Force who lost their lives in an aircraft accident while stationed at Dunkeswell during the war. During the service special prayers were offered for Senator Robert Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy's brother, Joseph, was one of the victims of the accident.

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. B. Bell 1, J. A. Ellis (first quarter) 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

HAYES, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Margaret Jenner 1, Marion Kemp 2, O. C. R. Webster 3, R. Lebon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. A. Hemsley 6. First in five methods 1, 2, 3, 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (on the back six): K. Mary Lambert (first attempt) 1, H. W. Brown 2, J. R. Norris 3, P. D. Hepburn (first as cond.) 4, S. W. Brown 5, R. H. Tribe 6. A 24th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the conductor. Also on Whitsunday, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: H. M. McNaughton (first attempt) 1, H. W. Brown 2, R. I. West (first on six) 3, S. W. Brown 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, J. R. Norris (cond., 100th quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 9th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: K. Mary Lambert (first Minor) 1, Sheila A. Harfield 2, S. W. Brown 3, P. D. Hepburn (first Minor as cond.) 4, A. M. Humphrey 5, B. J. Harfield 6. A 70th birthday compliment to G. Mansbridge.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. J. Wallett 1, C. E. Hill 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. To congratulate Rev. David Cook on his Ordination to the Priesthood.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. M. Howells (first quarter) 1, T. J. Southam 2, I. Desborough 3, Mrs. H. Y. Price 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Harding 6. Rung half-muffled prior to Evensong in memoriam Senator Robert Kennedy.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. V. Harding 1, R. Newson 2, W. W. Cousins 3, D. Gagen 4, C. Cousins 5, L. W. Houghton 6, P. Brown (Dublin, cond.) 7, C. Tovell 8. Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On March 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. J. Green 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, G. D. Collin 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion and as a birthday compliment to ringers 3, 4 and 5. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Bryony P. Moorby 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, M. J. Green 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For H.C. and as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. John Martin). Also with best wishes to David and Elizabeth Wilkins on the birth of a son, Geoffrey David, a brother for Jeanette. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Lesley A. Hawes (25th quarter) 1, J. P. Hull 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, M. J. Green 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For H.C.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bailey (first quarter) 1, S. Smith 2, T. Wright (first in method) 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger (first in method as cond.) 5, F. Keen first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Karen Janette, to Gillian and Roger Hazell on May 28th. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Smith 1, T. Wright 2, W. Avery 3, C. Hagger 4, R. Hazell 5, C. Meakes (first in method as cond.) 6. Rung for Feast of Title.

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LUPPITT, DEVON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Stamp (aged 12) 1, F. Stamp 2, C. Summers 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb 5, B. Hayes (first quarter) 6. For 2nd ringer's birthday.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,320 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, P. R. Brotherson 2, G. J. Neilson 3, B. G. Butcher 4, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 5, R. G. Baldob (first quarter) 6. Also on June 2nd, 1,316 Plain and Little Bob Minor: M. J. Taylor 1, J. Hedgecock 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on June 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Ann Birchall 1, H. Birchall 2, I. E. Margaret Manby 3, M. Murphy 4, A. Ward 5, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 6. D. Manby 7. Rung on the back seven bells for the Whitsuntide procession.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Robinson 1, W. Adcock 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, J. Adcock 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, S. E. Denby 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of J. Adcock, the 38th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Fossey and also 40 years of bellringing by F. Adcock.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Clayton 1, W. Clamp 2, R. Looker 3, O. Homewood (first as cond.) 4, R. E. Manton 5, A. French 6. For Evensong.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On June 15th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: G. Kenward 1, Miss P. Thomsett 2, Miss W. R. Austin 3, R. Bushell 4, F. J. Dadson 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. First in the method by all except treble ringer.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On June 4th, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire: Mrs. R. Short 1, L. Childs 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortwright 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Strong (mother of 1).

NORTON, HERTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Roden (first quarter) 1, D. L. Gullick 2, Margaret M. Roden 3, R. J. Pettit 4, M. R. Worthington 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Michael D. Trigg.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On June 1st, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles: D. Parry (cond.) 1, A. Watkin 2, H. Hughes 3, J. Parry 4, K. Morgan 5, R. Hotchkiss (first quarter) 6. Rung at wedding of Society's secretary, Mr. S. Evans. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Watkin 1, F. Dickinson 2, J. Parry 3, K. Morgan 4, H. Hughes 5, D. Parry (cond.) 6, S. Evans 7, R. Hotchkiss 8. First Triples for 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8. Rung on Mayor's Sunday.

PUTNEY, S.W. — On June 9th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Julie S. Armstrong 1, Josephine Patterson (first "inside") 2, Rev. M. S. Hart 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 5, Christine M. Cobb 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Senator Robert Kennedy.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On June 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Derek Stainsby 1, Miss R. Willey 2, Mrs. J. M. Bull 3, H. Hanson 4, E. Buxton 5, B. J. Bull 6, A. C. Lygo 7, A. L. B. King (first Major as cond.) 8. To congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Derek Stainsby on the birth of Richard Peter. Also to welcome Brian and Janet Bull to Radcliffe-on-Trent.

RIPON, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Caters: Anne Dalton (first quarter) 1, P. Town 2, Jennifer Dunning 3, Marion Town 4, J. A. Brown 5, A. G. Dalton 6, E. Metcalfe 7, D. Town 8, E. Hudson (cond.) 9, F. G. Payne 10. First in the method for all. Rung for the installation of Canon F. E. Le Grice as Dean of Ripon.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain and Single Oxford): Mrs. J. Bull 1, M. L. Mann 2, D. Surman 3, B. Bull 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 16th, 1,440 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. G. East 1, Mrs. P. Crosby 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 4, D. Surman 5, H. W. Cox 6. For the Patronal Festival.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX. — On May 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. J. House 1, D. Sloman 2, G. Lucas 3, B. Sadler 4, M. Hallett 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method 3 and 4.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 9th, 1,320 Doubles (18 meth./var.): G. Bickerton 1, J. S. Baker 2, G. A. Edwards 3, J. R. Scott (cond.) 4, F. R. Morton 5, G. K. Green 6. First in 18 meth./var. by all. For Evensong.

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DEATH

COXILL.—On June 20th, 1968, Elsie Sarah, in hospital, devoted and faithful sister of C. W. Cooper and grandmother of Martin D. and Michael J. Fellows, Stourbridge. Interment Borough Cemetery. 4262

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Festival of Flowers

Ringing will take place on Saturday, July 6th, from 4 p.m. onwards under the direction of the Shropshire Association. Teas will be available at the Festival for anybody requiring these. 4241

GNOSALL, STAFFORD.—Bellringers' Sunday, July 7th. Corporate Communion 8 a.m. Special Evensong 6.30 p.m. Bells 5.30 p.m. Preacher Bishop of Shrewsbury. Social hour after service. Last opportunity to see and hear Junior Handbell Orchestra. 4108

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting
SATURDAY, JULY 13th.

Wye (8) 3-4.30 p.m. Tea in Ashford Parish Hall, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ashford (8) 6.45-8.15 p.m.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kerafield Road, London, S.W.15, by Thursday, July 11th. 4204

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET
All Saints' Church, Festival of Flowers.
July 12, 13 and 14. 10.30 a.m.—9 p.m. Bells available: 12th, 7.30-9 p.m. 13th, 3-6.30 p.m. for Special Evensong (6.30). Refreshments available at Village Hall. 4235

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Sat., July 13th. Ringing: St. Mary's (10) 2.30-4.30 p.m. St. Chad's (12) 7.15-9 p.m.

Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Hall.

Names for tea, without fail, please, by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. F. G. Beddow, 7, Judith Butts, Gardens, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. 4242

WYMONDHAM ABBEY

The Annual Ringing Day will be resumed on the new ring of ten on

Saturday, July 27th

Bells available from 3 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers and friends—especially those from over the Borders.

A short service will be held at 41.5 p.m., after which tea will be provided and served by the local ringers, their wives and friends. Arrangements will be made for complete bands (on request) to ring in afternoon or evening.

Names and numbers in good time, please, to T. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham, Norfolk. 4260

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—There will be no practice ringing during July and August. Next practice night, Wednesday, September 4th, at 7.30 p.m.—R. M. Leadley. 4266

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—Ringing Sunday this year September 22nd. Start 7 a.m., finish 10 p.m. Everyone welcome. Make a note in your diary. Particulars nearer the day.—F. B. Lufkin. 4264

ST. MICHAEL'S, TEIGNMOUTH.—The holidaymakers' service on Sundays has restarted. Ringing, numbers permitting, 8.15 p.m. till 9 p.m. Visiting ringers most welcome. 4263

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual outing on July 6th. Ringing at Walkington (6) 12.30-1.15; Market Weighton (6) 2-2.45; Nunburnholme (6) 3.15-4; Hutton Cranswick (6) 4.30-5.15; St. Mary's, Beverley (10) 6.30-8. Bring own lunch. A restaurant will be recommended for tea. So that an idea of numbers may be obtained, will members intending going please notify the secretary.—R. Fletcher, 34, Dronsfield Road, Sheffield, S.10, 5RN. 4226

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Due to Expo 68, the following changes have been made to the meeting programme: July meeting is cancelled; August, learners' meeting at Buxted; September, Barcombe (unchanged); October, Henfield; November, Wivelsfield and Keymer.—J. M. Hills, Hon. Div. Sec. 4276

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Stoolball match at West Grinstead on Saturday, July 6th at 3 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided). Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel. E.G.23815. 4232

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MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East.—Practice meeting at Burgh (6) on Friday, July 5th, 7-9 p.m.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 4228

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on Saturday, July 6th, will take the form of a striking competition. All towers in the diocese have been notified. Will members not competing send in names for tea to the undersigned. Ringing will commence as soon after 2 p.m. as possible. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary's after tea. — J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4223

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Ashover (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please. — B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1EF. 4189

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Burwell, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise. 4210

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Terling on July 6th at 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton. Tel. Chelmsford 57827. 4177

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Tirley (6), July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting to 9 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. Ball, New Inn, Haw Bridge, Tirley, Glos. 4220

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffculme on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 4255

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Practice meeting, Langleybury (6), July 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 4240

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District — Quarterly meeting at Benington on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Harris, Buckhurst, Town Lane, Benington, Stevenage, Herts.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4149

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly at Horsmonden (8), July 6th. Ringing 3–5. Stoolball match with Maidstone District 2–5. Service 5, followed by meeting and ringing.. Please arrange own picnic teas before service time. 4154

LADIES' GUILD. — A.G.M., St. Albans, July 6th. Committee meeting 10.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church Hall. Service 11.30 a.m., St. Peter's Church, followed by buffet lunch (6s.), St. Peter's Church Hall, and general meeting at 1 p.m. Dinner (24s.) at the Mayflower, Hertingfordbury, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Towers available: St. Albans—St. Michael's (8), 9.30–10.15; St. Stephen's (6), 10.15–11.15; St. Peter's (10), 10.15–11.30 and 1 p.m.–2 p.m.; Abbey (12), 1.45–3.15; Sandridge (6), 2.45–3.45; Essendon (6), 3.45–4.30; Bengeo (8), 4.15–5.15; Hertingfordbury (6), 5 p.m.–6 p.m.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1968

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, 1968. The timetable is as follows:

Executive Committee Meeting in St. Maurice's Hall	1.30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting	2.30 p.m.
Service in St. Lawrence's Church	4.45 p.m.
Tea in St. Maurice's Hall	5.30 p.m.

Ringing Arrangements:

East Tytherley (8). Old Alresford (6)	10.30–11.30 p.m.
New Alresford (8)	11.00–12.00 noon
Stockbridge (6), Cheriton (6), Owslebury (6)	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Crawley (5), Sparsholt (5), Twyford (8)	12.00– 1.00 p.m.
Winchester Cathedral (12)	1.30–2.30 p.m. and 6.30– 8.30 p.m.

Names for tea should be sent by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. L. Tremeer, 9, Perin's Close, Alresford, Hants. D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival and annual general meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Guild service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Dining Hall 12. Social gathering 12.45 p.m. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. Luncheon tickets (9s. 6d. each) on application, together with remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berkshire. Lists of towers will be distributed with tickets or on application (accompanied by s.a.e.). Members wishing to join the choir are asked to notify the Deputy Master.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4052

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Marchington on Saturday, July 6th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 4286

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4253

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Martin's (10), Epsom, on July 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Miss J. Oakshott, 114, Manor Green Road, Epsom. (Tel. 23087).—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Cookham, Tuesday, July 9th. Bells available 7.30 p.m.—J. Muller. 4243

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Evening practice at Wroughton (6) on Wednesday, July 10th, 7.30–9 p.m. 4291

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice at Hemington, near Bath, Friday, July 12th, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. 4265

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting, Overseale (8) on Friday, July 12th, 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 4292

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinder, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 4288

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business and tea (own arrangements). Ringing will cease at 7.30 p.m. 4290

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Patrington (8), July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Robinson, Enholmes Farm, Patrington, by previous Thursday. 4213

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Winlaton, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Jenkins, 35, California, Winlaton, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham. 4259

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting at Balcombe on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea for picnic at 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m.—B. E.-J. 4236

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden and Litlington, Saturday, July 13th. Bells: Guilden Morton (6) 3 p.m.–4.15 p.m., Service, Litlington, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Litlington Vicarage, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, and Litlington (6) from 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4289

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Bentley Common, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood, Essex. 4205

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Little Horkesley (5), July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to D. E. Culham, 3, Gardenfield Cottages, Little Horkesley, Colchester. 4268

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Wednesday, July 10th. 4269

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—There will be a practice meeting at Sheepstor (6) on Saturday, July 13th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec. 4254

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey, by previous Wednesday, please. 4277

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District.—Meeting at Datchworth (6), July 13th. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 4295

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Pring, 14, The Lindens, Greenacres, Aylesford, Kent.—M. L. H. 4218

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Crosthwaite (near Kendal) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Please note: No cars to be parked in hotel car park.—T. F. Metcalfe. 4275

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Halewood, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood, by Wednesday.—G. K. A. 4249

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting and Branch striking competition, Chipping, July 13th. Cups of tea provided: please bring own food.—Walmsley.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.— Quarterly meeting, July 13th. Bells: Gaulby 1.15–2 p.m., King's Norton 2–2.45, Foxton 2–3, Gt. Bowden 2.30–3.30, Market Harborough 3 to service at 4.30. Tea in the Old Grammar School 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Bingley, 32a, Coventry Road, Market Harborough, not later than July 10th. Annual dinner, September 28th, at Stanford Hall, University Hall of Residence, Leicester. Tickets later.—A. J. Poynor, Gen. Sec. 4293

LINCOLN DIOCESAN -GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Leadenham, Saturday, July 13th Bells (6) from 6.—G. R. P.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Bray, Glebeland, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by July 11th. 4247

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.——Meeting at Grosmont, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Skenfrith bells (6) also available Names for tea, please, to Rev. A. W. M'Adam, The Rectory, Grosmont, Abergavenny, Mon. 4227

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, All Saints', Church Street, Isleworth, July 13th, 2.30–4.30. Service 4. Tea, Parish Hall, 4.30–6 St. Mary's, St. Mary's Road, Ealing, 6.30–7.30; Christ the Saviour's, Ealing Broadway, 7.30–8.30. — Miss V. E. Duore. Hon. Sec. 4231

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — A.G.M., Adderbury (8), Saturday, July 13th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Reeves, Belle Vue, Tanners Lane, Adderbury, near Banbury, by July 10th. 4273

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beenham, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury. 4294

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting at Whilton (6), Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Townley, Martin's Farm, Whilton, by Monday previous.—Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec. 4271

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Yatesbury (5), July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Preston, 6, The Lymers, Yatesbury, Calne. 4296

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester and Wimborne Branches.—Joint meeting St. Peter's, Dorchester, July 13th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Fordington (6) also from 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. H. Duke, 2, River View, St. George's Close, Fordington, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 4190

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham and Newark.—Joint meeting. July 13th, Orston. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells evening. Staunton bells 3–4 and evening. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 4164

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Ringing meeting at St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting in the Turner Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Tuesday, July 9th. 4221

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Striking Contest will be held at St. Mary's, Thakeham, on Sat., July 13th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea at 5.30. Bells (6) available for general ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to the Divisional Secretary or to Mr. B. Farhall, New Cottages, Thakeham, Pulborough.—R. Wake. Hon. Sec. 4279

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Wimbledon on Wednesday, July 17th, at 7.30.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4284

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Atherstone on Saturday, July 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Other towers open notified in the next notice. Names for tea, very important, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4278

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Pentlow, July 20th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Belchamp St. Paul bells available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Finch, School House, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4283

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch. — Meeting, Cranham (6), July 20th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by July 16th. 4229

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Joint meeting with Aylesbeare Branch at Heavitree, Exeter, on Sat., July 20th. Bells, Heavitree, 2.30. Service, Heavitree, 4. Tea, own arrangements. Cathedral 6–8. 4161

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Bredgar, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Rev. S. M. Evans, Bredgar Vicarage, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 4267

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Hythe, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. J. Birch, 5, St. Nicholas Road, Hythe, by Thursday, July 18th. 4215

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—By invitation meeting at Mitcheldean, Glos, on July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Paton, 8, Orchard Close, Mitcheldean. Gentlemen and children welcome. 4272

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at King's Bromley, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4287

Bridgwater Ringers Visit Channel Isles

WITH the hope that the weather would brighten, a party of bellringers from the Bridgwater area left Bristol Airport on Wednesday, May 22nd, for a ringing tour and holiday in Guernsey. Our hopes were soon realised, for the following day, true to peal-ringing form, was a glorious one. After a morning's sunbathing session at L'Ancresse Bay, a band successfully attempted a peal of Doubles at St. Michel du Valle, and this is believed to be the first peal of Doubles on these bells.

On Friday we were up at 5 a.m. to catch the cargo passenger ship to Alderney an hour later. Arriving in Alderney at approximately 8.30 a.m., we made our way to St. Anne's to ring for the 10 a.m. Communion service. Afterwards an attempt for a quarter of Plain Bob Minor had to be abandoned due to lack of time, but a nice 720 was scored on these melodious but little-rung bells. We were delayed an hour on the journey back when the propeller broke and we had to be towed into St. Peter Port by pilot boat.

On Saturday, after visiting the famous Little Chapel at Les Vauxbelets, which is a marvellous example of patience and skill, being decorated throughout with fragments of broken china and pottery, we went on to see the chime of three bells at St. Martin de la Bellieuse These bells are unique in that they are in the "up" position and are chimed by the clappers being lifted and dropped on to the bells by an apparatus similar to that of a barrel organ.

The following day, after joining the local bellringers at St. Michel du Valle and ringing for morning service, we moved on to St. Marguerite de la Forêt to attempt the first-ever peal on the four bells. Unfortunately after a while the bearings ran dry and it was decided to abandon the peal in favour of a half peal of 2,520 changes. After an extremely welcome tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar and his wife, the rest of the group joined the pealers to ring for Evensong, a service which was enjoyed by all.

On the last day of our holiday we visited three three-bell towers, all of which proved extremely interesting. At Torteval two bells only could be chimed, and one of the parishioners gave us a demonstration of his special technique. The tenor, though on a full wheel, had no stay and is usually only tolled, but one of our party saw fit to make an exception to this rule!

ALARMING INCIDENT

After eating our packed lunches at Petit Bot Bay, we went on to St. Pierre du Bois, where a serious accident was only narrowly averted. These bells are on half wheels so therefore can only be rung partially up. At the first attempt to ring them there was a terrific noise from above and the clapper from the treble came flying through the trap-door, hitting the steps of the ladder and brushing the arms of one of our party. Thanks to the help of the local garage, we purchased bolts, borrowed spanners and replaced the offending clapper and also secured the other two. After this incident the ladies of the party decided not to ring!

Our visit to St. Saviour's was disappointing. The top of the tower is the highest point on the island, and during the last war, when the Germans occupied Guernsey, it was used as a look-out tower. A platform had been built near the bells and consequently there was insufficient room for the bells to be rung up, and the Vicar has resorted to clocking just the tenor bell.

At 1205 the following day we left Guernsey for Bristol and rang at three six-bell towers on the way home—Butcombe, Loxton and Weare.

So ended a very enjoyable trip, duly recorded on tape and in an excellent report in the "Guernsey Evening Press," and we are much indebted to the clergy and ringers for their warm welcomes and abundant kindnesses. At their invitation we hope to make another visit in two years' time, when several of the rings are due to have been restored. E.M.K.

New Ring of Eight in American Girls' College

Smith College, Massachusetts

SET in the beautiful little New England town of Northampton, Smith College is an American Girls' College of University status. There are some 2,500 girls all housed and taught in a various mixture of buildings ranging from the typical New England wooden type mansions to modern science buildings. To this in recent years has been added a new centre for the performing arts.

This composite building consists of a large modern theatre, a studio theatre, television studio, a vast music library with modern listening rooms, ballet studios, a student lounge, and last but not least a bell tower housing a ring of eight with a tenor of 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Originally the tower was not designed for bells, but during a staff conference, when the question arose as to what to put into the tower, Mrs. Dickinson, who learned to ring whilst at Cambridge, suggested a ring of bells. The suggestion was accepted and a subsequent order placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

THE BELLS

The bells are inscribed as follows:—

Treble: In Honour of Marjorie Resnikov Botwinik '37.
2: I am Grace.
3: To the Joy of Music, Mathematics and Memory.
4: I am Equity.
5: I am Diligence.
6: I am Courage.
7: I am Blessed.
Tenor: Gaudeamus igitur juvenes dum sumus.

The tenor inscription is the first line of a mediæval student hymn, "Now let us rejoice while we are young," and is in memory of the late Margaret Shurcliff, of Boston. The five are in memory of Florence Jeffrey Carlile and the class of 1893. The 3rd bell was donated by Edward P. Hutchinson and his daughter, Joan, and the treble by Norman Botwinik, of New Haven, Conn., in honour of his wife.

Joan Hutchinson is a graduate of Smith, who has a peal and several quarter peals on handbells to her credit. This year she will be coming to England to Warwick University, where she hopes to continue an active ringing career as well as studying for a master's degree in mathematics.

The consignment of bells and frame arrived at Boston on April 4th, followed by the arrival of Bill Theobald, who had already travelled many thousand miles in the U.S. and Canada with a small trade mission.

Unloading was due to begin on the following Monday followed by delivery at Northampton, some 97 miles away, on the Tuesday. Unfortunately the week-end coincided with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, with certain side effects in the area which included a dock strike on the Monday and a day off for the dockers on Tuesday to pay respects.

So the load arrived on the Tuesday, but, horror of horrors, due to gross mishandling at the docks, part of the consignment was damaged (not the bells, thank goodness). Rectification of this was speedily put in hand and in the meantime certain modifications to the tower were carried out; these were necessary before any installation could be started.

Work commenced on the hanging and then certain doubts occurred as to the stability of the tower, which had certainly not been built to the specification of the founders. This having been finally settled, on Saturday, May 11th, a band was duly assembled to ring for the first time.

FIRST CAMPUS RIOT

In the early evening further ringing took place in reverse, finishing with a course of Bob Major on fully open bells. This latter produced the first campus riot, which was quickly quelled and later the "rebels" won over. Lesson for English towers with similar



GIANT CRANE PLACES BELL IN TOWER

difficulties: If you can't beat them enlist them; they seem to change sides rapidly when they get a bell rope in their hands.

Just a few pulls and the old familiar glazed expression common to ringers comes on to their faces and then it is plain sailing. Seriously, the bells were obviously very good for their weight, and went well, as Bill hoped it would be after all that trouble.

During the day many ringers took part from Smith and Groton Schools (was Russ the first man ever to break a stay while lowering a bell, to the cheers of the boys? and English ringers from Crowthorne, Kent, South Wales and Birmingham. Anyhow, a most enjoyable time was had by all, and a traditional English social meeting was held by those who could stay in the Northampton inn.

The following week-end the tower was visited by the outing party, whose activities have already been reported, when ringing up to Cambridge Major was enjoyed. The Tuesday after saw a visit from the boys of Kent School in Connecticut, under Bill Howard.

Immediately after the first ringing, began Bill Theobald's second task—to teach the girls to handle a bell. The College were extremely fortunate in having Mrs. Dickinson as a member of the faculty, who, with David, Kitty Miller and Rhoda Micocci, made things a little easier.

Altogether upwards of 50 people were taught to handle. Some were able to ring rounds and, with a little verbal encouragement from Bill, one group managed to ring a 120 of Bob Doubles. (Not bad in three weeks.)

LESSONS

There were several lessons to be learned. There is quite a vast interest in change ringing in the U.S.A. On top of this it is obvious that the mental approach to ringing there is different. Where else will learners learn to handle a bell in about an average of 15 minutes? Whether our methods in England are wrong for the instruction of beginners, or whether the Americans are easier to teach, or the "Smithies" are extra bright girls is debatable (or is it?). The fact remains that there is a large potential interest in ringing in general and it is to be hoped that in the future this interest will grow.

Already there are signs that this will not be the last peal of ringing bells installed there and before very long I feel that, with a little assistance, American ringing could easily surpass English standards.

Bill had the experience of being in a peal attempt where the conductor, calling his first peal, had the courage to stop halfway because he felt that the ringing was not up to peal standard. It was not that the ringing in question was too bad. Plenty worse ringing is accepted as peal standard in this country. However, the English ringers in this attempt will know that a future peal recorded from this tower will be of a high standard.

It is possible that in the months to come several American ringers will be visiting U.K.

Before long it is to be hoped that the bells at Northampton will feature in our peal and quarter peal columns, as is happening in other U.S. towers. Some need help, and any ringer visiting or thinking of visiting the U.S. is asked to co-operate to the full. So after a slightly longer stay than anticipated, Bill flew home, perhaps a bit tired, but proud and happy at perhaps having added a little history to American ringing. He will be glad to pass on any information about ringing over there that is needed, having been in every tower with a ringing peal except one.

BRIGHTON RINGERS VISIT ISLE OF WIGHT

Brighton's three towers combined for a summer outing to the Isle of Wight on June 8th. At Portsmouth we found H.M.S. "Victory" and other naval ships beflagged for the Sovereign's birthday. On board the ferry, Bob, Malcolm and Peter sought to mark the occasion by a quarter peal "in hand" at sea, but a fly-past of five hovercraft put paid to the attempt.

The first tower was at Carisbrooke, where the Master of the Sussex Guild directed some fast, rhythmic Stedman on the excellent eight. Westwards, in brighter weather, to Freshwater for lunch, embarrassing the "local" with 30 thirsts, consequently it was difficult to round up drinking ringers and process them through the very small belfry. Eventually everyone had a ring on the ground-floor six.

Our route led us through some lovely country to the small church at Niton, where the five loud bells are rung from an even smaller belfry. Here we noticed the Braille Bible used by the blind Vicar. We had been looking forward to Godshill's bells, and what a capital six they are! The regulation half-hour was not nearly long enough to appreciate these little beauties. Reluctantly we left for Brading (8) where the tower spans the church porch and our ladies were understandably apprehensive about mounting the almost vertical ladder that leads up from the street pavement. The rather loud bells were rung to standard methods. Finally came a Taylor eight at Ryde. The full-toned, full-volumed bells are best enjoyed with ear plugs, and the first ringer to complain was told to stuff his beard in his ears! A final touch of Bristol set the seal on our day's ringing.

Back in England we stopped at a hostelry where a stranger asked if the handbells would be played. When it was suggested that they went better if lubricated she promptly bought drinks for the ringers, thereafter campanological confusion reigned. Traditional songs, led from the back of the coach, sped us on the homeward way and as we reflected on a good day's outing we remembered with gratitude the island ringers, the incumbents who had permitted us the use of their bells, and Ian, who had organised the whole thing.

N. P. S.

COMPOSITIONS

5,024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

By F. DENCH

23456		M	B	W		H
35264			—			
62453		—		—		
347526				—	4th	
45362			In			3
56423			—			3
62534			—			
36245			—			2
64352			—			
372465	5th	—				
276435		—				
23564		—			4th	
23645			—			—
34256			—			
24653		—				
45236			—			3
25634		—				
36452		—		—		
65324			—			
23456		—		—		

5,120 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR

By S. J. IVIN

23456	B	M	W	H	
64352		—		—	
45623	x			3	
52436	x				
34625		—	—		
36245			—	2	
26543		—			
64235	x				
23645			—	—	
42635			—		
36524		—	—		
35264			—	2	"A"
25463		—			
56234	x				
23564			—	—	
23456			"A"		

Also true to Warwickshire Surprise Major.

5,056 HUNGARTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

O	I	H	23456
—		x	23645
	—		34625
3	—		42635
2	2		36245
—		x	36524
3	—		62534
3	—		23564
2		x	35426
3	—		52436
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THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, NANTWICH, CHESHIRE



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Built of the local red sandstone, the Church of St. Mary, Wich Malbank, as Nantwich was originally known, has a splendour beyond the range of the average parish church. The elaborate rib structure of the vault (14th century) and the 20 magnificently-canopied choir stalls might be accounted for by the collegiate status of the church. To ringers the octagonal central tower places it in a special category.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Mary, Nantwich, Cheshire

ONE of the finest cruciform shape in Decorated and Perpendicular examples with embattled octagonal central towers—one of the very few in England—built in c. 1380; though there were other associations before it was a parish church: it was an Abbey Church belonging to the Cistercian Order of the Benedictine of Combermere, Combermere Abbey, founded in 1130. It appears there was on the site a simple building, probably in the Norman style, built early in the 12th century as a chapel of ease to Acton Church. This original chapel was bestowed in 1130 upon Combermere Abbey by Hugh-de-Malbank, second baron, as part of the endowment that included the Mother Church of Acton and a quarter of the town of Wich Malbank, as Nantwich was then known. Not until 1690 is the incumbent of Nantwich styled Rector—and that title does not appear in the parish register until 1714.

The tower has windows in the back face of the upper stage and contains a lovely ring of eight bells (tenor 14½ cwt.). Access is gained to the belfry from an outside door leading to the turret staircase at the north-west corner of the north transept. Ascending this one emerges on to a ledge with a low parapet running along the bottom side of the transept roof, and so to the octagonal central tower. The ringing chamber is then entered by a door at the top of three steps. This has a tendency to lessen the beauty of the tower but is offset by the beauty of the pinnacles, gargoyles and panelled buttresses giving a fine effect.

The chancel is slightly out of parallel with the nave and is known as a "weeping chancel", commemorating our Lord's head falling to one side as He died on the cross. The clerestory was added to the nave probably about 1603–1625, the time of James I, in place of the original high-pitched roof, and has eight Tudor four-centred arches on each side. At the foot of the tower is a Jacobean pulpit—all that remains of a three-decker made in 1601. There is also a stone pulpit of early Decorated work and it is one of the church's greatest treasures.

The faultless masonry of the chancel makes it a worthy background for the magnificent choir stalls; they are unique in their perfect state of preservation. St. Mary's has a magnificent east window, the beauty of which is somewhat marred by an equally magnificent carved reredos.

Restorations have been very extensive and expensive (1572–1577): in 1683 a beam from the nave roof fell on to the three-decker pulpit, and ten years later the transept roofs again gave trouble and "a lay of ye whole Old Rent was levied to meet the cost" (1698–99). One restoration lasted from 1855 to 1879, when something like £17,000 was raised.

In 1950 the present Rector, Canon Southwell, issued an appeal for £20,000 which realised £26,000. In 1961 60 tons of special cement (using the methods used at St. Paul's Cathedral and the Leaning Tower of Pisa) were pumped under pressure into the foundation. The floor has been raised twice owing to pressure of subterranean water; this water is now maintained at a constant level by means of an electric pump. And despite this it is true to say the church "stands on springs".

The back six of the bells were by Abr. Rudhall (1713), although in 1600 there were only five bells in this tower. In 1608 "the Great Bell" was cast by George Lee, of Congleton, the weight being 2,300 lb. In 1669 our great bell in Nantwich "chaunced" to be cracked and was cast anew at Wellington, Shropshire. Forty years later the five were recast into six by Abram Rudhall. Little attention was given them and they tended to throw considerable strain on the tower. In 1878 they were quarter turned, frame strengthened and generally overhauled; two trebles were added in 1922 by J. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the first peal rung on May 5th, 1923.

Nantwich has a great name and history, not only in Cheshire but all over the country, and has had—and still has—some great characters, locally known as "Dabbers", arising out of, it is said, the early bird catchers with small cages and decoys. As the birds came in, father would say: "Dab down, chaddie (Red Poles) on cage—or on bird-limed twigs." The natives are good gardeners, good sportsmen—cricket, pigeon racing—anything, including good sayings, one being "dunner thro' if tha cans ner ketch". Nantwich has some lovely Cheshire black and white; one bears the inscription (a prayer of those days before the Great Armada) "God grant our royal Queen, In England long to reign, For she hath put her helping hand to build this town again" (after the devastating fire of 1583, £1,000).

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COMMENT

Points about Competitions

Ever increasing in popularity among method ringers, striking competitions are guaranteed to provide all those who attend, especially those who participate, with an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment. The reports in "The Ringing World" are very varied, portraying many different standards and atmospheres.

Only occasionally do we hear about the method of judging, but the recent Horsley Cup final report began with an outline of the points system which aroused the writer's interest. The usual way of judging is merely to place the bands in the order of least faults and often there is a standard piece to be rung. This set piece, if too difficult, may well preclude some bands from participating and will always preclude call change ringers. To allow all to enter and yet retain some advantage for those who choose to ring a more difficult method the Derbyshire ringers subtract the faults from the number of changes (240) and increase the result by a percentage dependent upon the type of method rung. They have obviously found this equitable over the years and it might well be adopted by other Guilds, Associations and Districts.

In reports of competitions using the conventional way of placing bands, faults vary from single to treble figures but this does not necessarily reflect adversely on those incurring hundreds of faults. The method of allocation of faults depends on the judge. My own method is to mark each double row as a unit with a maximum of four points, awarding a quarter fault for a poor lead or variation in time interval between two bells, a half fault for a "slip" or a very bad lead and a whole fault for two bells ringing together. The Derbyshire ringers favour marking each single row but this incurs too much writing for me! An article on judging by a West Country expert would be interesting.

The reaction of ringers to competitive ringing is varied. There are those who disagree with any form of competition in ringing, those who prefer not to take part and those who enjoy it. In the Southern Counties, competitions tend to be strictly "friendly" with no prizes or cups, and judges try to make constructive criticism of each band's effort, which can be a hazardous pursuit! However, a happy afternoon is always experienced, and evening ringing is often of above average quality. Provided no bitter feelings or rivalries are fostered by competition ringing there seems to be little reason for any objection to it; the stimulation and self-criticism induced are beneficial to individuals, bands and Guilds alike.

D. A. R. MAY.

BELLHOUSE FOR CHESTER'S NEW 12 PLANNED

Focal Point at Cathedral for Diocesan Guild Envisaged

AN announcement was made at a Press conference at Chester on July 4th by the Dean of Chester (the Very Rev. G. W. O. Addleshaw) that the Dean and Chapter had decided to apply for planning permission to build a bellhouse, designed by Mr. Pace, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A. on a derelict piece of ground belonging to the Cathedral in the south-east corner of the precincts beyond the Cheshire Regiment Memorial Garden.

It has been impossible to ring the Cathedral bells, which need recasting and a new frame and the strengthening of the tower since 1963. The scheme was welcomed by Mr. H. O. Baker, secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild. The bellhouse would be a focal point for the Guild. He visualised the appointment of a Cathedral company of 16 ringers.



A drawing by the Cathedral architect, Mr. George G. Pace, showing the siting of the proposed bellhouse in relation to Chester Cathedral. The architect's description of the building and bells appears on page 541. The scheme is subject to planning permission and also that of the Fine Arts Commission.

The Dean said that in the central tower of the Cathedral is a ring of ten bells. Since 1963 it has not been possible to ring them owing to the need of a new bell frame. The bells themselves, too, need recasting. A cathedral cannot be without bells and Chester Cathedral should have as fine a ring as any in the country. The Dean and Chapter have given a great deal of thought as to how to get the bells ringing again. The obvious course is to have the bell frame renewed and the bells recast.

But when estimates were obtained it was found that the cost at present day prices would be something in the region of £42,000. This is a large sum, and it made the Dean and Chapter think very carefully whether the money would not be better spent in putting the bells somewhere else than in the central tower, which is not the ideal place in the Cathedral for its bells.

THE DISADVANTAGES

In fact it has grave disadvantages for these reasons:—

(1). Looking up at the inside of the central tower from the floor of the Cathedral one sees some very fine 15th century intersecting arches and wall arches, archtecturally almost unique in England. Until 1867 the ringing chamber was below these arches. In that year the Cathedral architect, Sir Gilbert Scott, moved the ringing chamber so that the arches could be seen from the floor of the crossing, and the bell chamber was placed near the top of the louvred openings of the tower. But this position for the bells is unsatisfactory. It is contrary to sound building practice. Excessive stresses are set up in the tower and Cathedral structure generally due to the live movement of the bells when they are rung. Further, the bells are exceedingly noisy in the ringing chamber.

(2). Structurally, the weakest part of a mediæval cathedral is the central tower, since its weight is carried, not on solid walls but on the four piers and arches of the crossing. A good deal of the cost of putting the bells back in the central tower is due to the strengthening of the tower that would be necessary. This is a difficult and costly task and even then it might not obviate structural weaknesses in the tower for the future; and structural weaknesses in the central tower could have serious repercussions on the whole fabric of the Cathedral.

(3). The belfry of the Cathedral should be the centre of the ringing world of the Diocese and county; a place where ringers can meet and which has adequate facilities for serving refreshments and cloakroom accommodation. It is quite impossible to provide these in the central tower.

(4). It is impossible in the central tower to have a complete ring of 12 bells and a flat 6th. A ring of ten is the maximum the tower will accommodate.

BELLHOUSE THE ANSWER

In their thinking about a place other than the central tower for the bells, the Dean and Chapter were much influenced by a remark of the late Mr. F. H. Crossley, the famous Cheshire architectural historian, who designed the Cathedral Refectory roof and lived in Hoole. In his "Timber Building in England" (Batsford, 1951), he says on page 47 in regard to the positioning of bells in cathedrals and abbeys in the Middle Ages: "Many cathedrals and abbeys had separate bellhouses, bells being injurious to the fabric when rung in a central tower poised on four legs."

Was a detached bellhouse the answer to the problems raised by rehanging the bells in the central tower? Although Chichester Cathedral is now the only one in England with a separate bellhouse there were a number of cathedrals and abbeys in the Middle Ages that had them.

Inspired by what Mr. Crossley said, the Dean and Chapter and their architect, Mr. George Pace, in consultation with Mr. H. O. Baker, honorary secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers, fully explored the possibility of building a separate bellhouse. The outcome is that the Dean and Chapter have decided to apply for planning permission to build a bellhouse, designed by Mr. Pace, on what is now a derelict piece of ground belonging to the Cathedral in the south-east

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1968 CENTRAL COUNCIL AS THE PRESIDENT SAW IT

Under the heading of "A Mixed Bag as Ringers Confer," Canon Gilbert Thurlow contributes his impressions of the Central Council meeting to "The Norwich Churchman." We publish it in the hope that it will mitigate against some of the unfavourable reports of the proceedings:—

A nationwide organisation, run by laity and clergy on equal terms, with influence far beyond the British Isles, and which stands the test of time and changing social conditions—such is the Church Bell Ringers' Central Council.

It has representatives from every diocese in England, from Wales and Ireland, and has close contact with the growing number of ringers in U.S.A., Canada, Australia and Africa.

Its annual conference,—this year at Worcester on June 4th—resembled a large gathering of technicians, businessmen, organists or missionaries!

Its agenda is varied and its business organisation considerably. It sells over 6,000 books on ringing annually and its management, production and distribution of "The Ringing World," with a circulation of over 6,000 a week, means a turnover of over £11,000 a year.

ALL EXPERTS

Among the committees whose reports are discussed is the Towers and Belfries Committee, whose members, all experts on one or more of the technical aspects covered, last year gave advice on the maintenance, restoration or new building of over 120 churches.

No architect should supervise work of such specialised nature without consulting this committee, which gives its services for nothing but expenses.

Whit Tuesday began with Holy Communion in Worcester Cathedral, celebrated by the Bishop of Worcester, and attended by most of the 166 members present.

The conference itself lasted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with lunch break, and the civic reception came as a welcome climax to a day which was mentally tiring—at least for the president.

The conference gave the impression that ringing has a worthy place in church life today. It provides a stimulating activity for modern teenagers who find in it an art inviting constant progress through life and amply justified by its connection with worship and proclamation of the Gospel, with the glory of "Old England" and with the modern scene. And it finds them place and purpose and friendship everywhere.

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Leicester Diocesan Guild A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held in Leicester on April 20th. Ten towers were open during the morning in the county and five city towers were well supported during the afternoon. The annual service was held in Leicester Cathedral, led by the Precentor, with a sermon by Canon Gundry. The singing was led by a choir of about 30 members of the Guild under the guidance of the assistant organist, Mr. R. Prime. Tea followed in the Alderman Newton Boys' School Hall.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, the president, opened the meeting by reporting on the achievements of the past 12 months—the 21st anniversary of the foundation of the Guild and the diocese's ruby year. She thanked the officers of the Guild for their services and mentioned seven or eight towers where ringing has again become a regular feature.

Four apologies for absence were received and 30 certificates of membership were presented—mostly to new members.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting, held at Loughborough on February 10th, were read, approved and signed. Three small matters were dealt with.

The hon. general secretary's report stated that membership was slightly higher than in 1966. The attendances at general meetings had improved, but once again the annual Guild striking competition was very poorly supported—only four towers entering. The annual dinner, held in October, had been very successful—the room being full to capacity.

The treasurer's report showed that during the year the General Fund had shown an increase of income over expenditure of £23, to £47. The Bell Repair Fund had increased by £165, although no grants were made from this during 1967, as the new rule, passed in 1967, made payments only from the committee meeting prior to the next annual general meeting. These had been made to Stoney Stanton (£80), Newtown Linford (£30) and Aylestone (£15). These increases showed an overall increase in the balance sheet of £212.

The peal secretary's report showed that the total peals rung during 1967 were 28 less than in 1966—107 against 135. The usual analysis was reported.

These reports were all adopted by the meeting.

All the present officers and the present auditors were re-elected, and the election of four Central Council representatives (from 1969 to 1971) was the only one to need a vote. The four elected were Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick. Mr. R. K. Mason was not elected.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES

This gave the appearance of being the longest item on the agenda, as two sides of foolscap paper had been duplicated with the proposed alterations. The first item, which proposed a completely new arrangement for membership, was heavily defeated. The second, to remove from the rules all mention of junior members, was carried, after some discussion, by 76 votes to 14. The alteration of one word—to read "long standing members" instead of "old standing members"—was passed nem con. The other four alteration proposals, all of which had a committee recommendation that they be not accepted, were withdrawn.

The committee announced that a librarian had been appointed until the 1969 annual general meeting, when the holder of this position will become an officer of the Guild. He would take complete care of the bound copies of "The Bell News" and "The Ringing World," recently given to the Guild unbound and gradually being bound by members.

The St. Margaret's band (Leicester) had offered to have a new bookcase made and to keep the copies in its belfry. This offer was gratefully accepted and Mr. J. Bramley was appointed librarian.

After much discussion it was agreed not to proceed with the Guild Office, which had had a trial period of 12 months' use in all Districts.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the ladies who had prepared the tea, and the visitors who had acted as tellers in the one vote necessary.

After the meeting a social evening was held at the Aylestone Parish Hall. A. J. P.

Do's and Don'ts in Care of Handbells

Do handle the bells with care.
The metal is necessarily brittle and will not stand rough handling or dropping on the floor.

Don't touch the metal surface unnecessarily.
We send out the bells with a very high polish, and this can be maintained by an occasional rub with a clean, dry, soft chamois leather. Moisture from fingers causes local tarnishing.

Do use metal polish or impregnated cloths to remove any tarnish that the leather will not. Metal polish two or three times a year will do, no harm.

Don't clean the bells with abrasives.
If you must use a buffing machine, use a soft mop and jeweller's rouge. Nothing coarser.

Do store your bells in a clean, dry place.
Moisture and light will tarnish them.

Don't remove felt buffers from clappers.
They are fitted to the larger bells (usually 18G down) and are graded to give the finest tonal response.

Do apply a spot of cycle oil
either side of the clapper where is swings on the nylon staple pin. Only very occasionally if they get dry and rattle slightly, and only a tiny drop.

Don't stand large bells mouth downwards.
22C and larger are heavy and you may set the springs out of adjustment, or damage the clapper pegs and felts.

Do grip the handles close up to the leather caps when playing. We take special care to make a smooth flush finish to the rivets for this purpose, and proper handling will lengthen the life of the handles indefinitely.

Don't pack the bells jumbled in a box
where they will get scratched and the handles and clappers damaged.

Hints given by Mears and Stainbank.
[By courtesy of "Reverberations."

TREDINGTON, GLOS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. P. Baxter 1, A. R. Tibbles 2, M. Mears (cond.) 3, G. Mears 4, G. House 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

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Chester Press Conference

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corner of the precincts beyond the Cheshire Regiment Memorial Garden.

THE ADVANTAGES

The advantages of putting the bells in a bellhouse on this site rather than back in the central tower are as follows:—

(1). For all time the stresses on the central tower, and on the Cathedral fabric generally, that come from hanging the bells in the central tower would be removed, as change ringing sets up tremendous stresses in a bell tower, whereas chiming and carillons do not.

(2). A bellhouse would be built especially for the bells. It would be possible to incorporate in it all the most modern techniques in regard to ringing. Bellringing is one of the oldest and greatest English arts and one peculiar to our country. In a bellhouse the Diocese and county and its ringers could have what is, in effect, the perfect arrangement for bellringing.

(3). A bellhouse could be the centre of the ringing world of the Diocese and county; and on its ground floor could be provided a room for meetings, a canteen and cloakrooms.

(4). Chester would have the distinction of being the first cathedral since the end of the Middle Ages to build a bellhouse. And a bellhouse could be a great architectural adornment of the city, as indeed bellhouses are in Italian cities.

(5). A bellhouse on the site chosen would not interrupt any view of the Cathedral.

(6). A bellhouse would be cheaper. At present day prices its cost is estimated at between £36,000 and £39,0000, some thousands less than rehanging them in the central tower.

(7). In a bellhouse it is possible to have a full ring of 12 bells with a flat 6th.

GUILD'S WELCOME

"I want to say how much we welcome the project," said Mr. H. O. Baker, speaking on behalf of the Guild.

The primary function of the bells, he said, is to call people to the services on Sundays and other Church festivals. As the Cathedral is at the centre of a very busy city, the architect has so designed the tower and the hanging of the bells that the sound will be carried upwards and outwards rather than being directed straight down to the immediate neighbourhood.

The building of the bellhouse will provide the Cathedral with the opportunity of forming its own regular company of ringers. A fruitful field for obtaining learners may be found at the Cathedral Choir School, Cathedral Youth Club, the Queen School, the King School, Chester College, the Grammar and Secondary Schools and Church Youth Organisations, who should be encouraged at all times, even though their stay may not be long in the city. It is the enthusiasm of the older ringers that will lead these learners to realise the fascination of this hobby and find satisfaction and pleasure as so many others have done.

The growing custom of the exchange of choirs between churches for a Sunday's duty could well be copied by ringers—when the company has become proficient—in fact I know of churches where this is done with great interest and success. It is also possible now to have one-day schools, which are becoming popular and very useful.

The Cathedral company of ringers, when formed, should consist of about 16 ringers with a Master, a Deputy (or perhaps a Ringing Master) and a secretary.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,280 Superlative S.M.: J. Linnell 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, W. J. Chester 3, D. Burbidge 4, T. E. Roberts 5, F. C. Case 6, C. E. Truman (cond.) 7, G. E. Green 8. Also on May 19th, 1,280 Cambridge S.M.: J. G. Shallard 1, W. J. Chester 2, T. E. Roberts 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, F. C. Case 5, C. E. Truman 6, B. R. Applefield 7, J. Linnell 8. Both for Evensong.

Architect's Plan for Chester Bellhouse

With Bells will Cost about £39,000

By George G. Pace, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., the Cathedral Architect

WHILST there is nothing new in a free-standing bellhouse, there are very few modern examples of free-standing towers designed for that very English art—change ringing. There are few difficulties in the structural design of a free-standing tower to carry bells hung dead for chiming or for playing as a carillon. With 13 bells hung for change ringing and with the maximum movement in the structure and the bellframe not to exceed 1/32nd of an inch, very careful investigation of many thousands of different stress combinations has been essential.



In this a computer has played a part. The very special stress problems and the need to work out a very simple and economic structural system required collaboration at all stages of the development of the design between the architect and the engineer, Ove Arup and Partners (the engineers for Sydney Opera House).

The bellhouse is to stand at the south-east corner of the Cathedral precincts, on part of the Abbey graveyard. The distance from the south transept, the choir and the Lady Chapel is thus considerable. The full height of the bellhouse is about 68 feet, and to the apex of the pyramidical roof 84 feet. These may be compared with the main part of the central tower (127 feet) and the ridge of the choir and the south transept (78 feet).

The design for the bellhouse has been worked out from first principles and with no preconceived ideas of the form and shape. It is interesting to note that the result bears a family likeness to the timber bellhouses of many ancient churches, especially those of the Welsh Border.

REINFORCED CONCRETE FRAME

The Chester Cathedral bellhouse has a deceptively simple reinforced concrete frame. At certain levels this has brick infilling. The ground stage is enclosed with a red sandstone wall having a basic quatrefoil plan shape. Above this level the whole of the frame is protected by a skin of western red cedar shingles. A continuous band of windows lights the ringing chamber and immediately under the eaves of the pyramidical cap are the sound holes. It is hoped to have a finely conceived structural weather vane terminal in cast aluminium. The shingles will soon weather a silver-grey colour.

The treatment of the surrounding site may be grass or paving and possibly some specially designed seats.

Visually the bellhouse will be an object of interest in itself and its placing, outline, material, texture and colour have been carefully designed to integrate with the Cathedral and the townscape of Chester.

Inside the bellhouse, at ground level, there is a clubroom, with cloakrooms and a kitchen. A short spiral staircase leads to the ringing chamber. The bell ropes come down in a perfect circle and all is arranged and equipped to give near perfect facilities for bellringing. Between the ringing chamber and the bellframe there is a sound chamber. The distance between the ringing chamber floor and the bellframe gives the ideal length of pull for the bell ropes. The bellframe is placed so that access for maintenance is easy. There are pits for 13 bells.

13 BELLS OF 120 CWT.

In the existing ring, bell No. 8 is dated 1606 and cast by Oldfield. This bell is to be kept and the others recast to form a ring of 12 in diatonic scale with an additional bell, a flat 6th, making a total of 13 bells. The present ring of ten bells weighs approximately 125 cwt. The ring of 13 bells in the key D would weigh approximately 120 cwt. The bells would be pleasing musically and similar in timbre to the rings at the Cathedrals of Lincoln, Leicester, Blackburn and Southwell and Macclesfield Parish Church. The bells would have the best and most up-to-date fittings.

The bellframe would be of massive cast iron, low side type with cross bands and bolted to grillage beams.

The bellhouse is designed so that sound holes are at the perfect height above the bellframe. The sound of the bells passes to the open air through a specially designed reflector at the top of the belfry. This not only ensures that the sound of the bells travels the greatest possible distance, improves the quality of the sound, but also guards against excessive noise in the vicinity of the bellhouse.

Costs are difficult to estimate under present conditions and for a structure without precedent. Making an attempt to anticipate what costs may be 18 months hence gives the approximate cost of the bellhouse, bells, bellframe, clock and chiming machine as between £36,000 and £39,000.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Visitors from the Axbridge Deanery, Chippenham and Leicester joined Branch members at the quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery at Yatton (8) on June 16th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. C. P. Wilkes, during which he dedicated a new peal board, giving details of the peal rung to the memory of the late tower captain, Mr. H. A. Price. In his address the Vicar spoke of the Christian qualities of Mr. Price and of the debt we owed him

After an excellent tea, prepared by Mrs. Porter and her helpers, the business meeting was chaired by Mr. H. W. Knight. Subject to permission, the September quarterly meeting will be held at Backwell, with the practice meeting at Stanton Drew (July) and a joint meeting with the Frome Branch at Kilmersdon in August

A discussion arose over the time of practice meetings and it was decided that winter practices would start at 5 o'clock, as at present, but summer practices would be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Following the customary votes of thanks, ringing was resumed until shortly before 9 o'clock.

J.B.

Letters to the Editor

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—May I through the medium of the columns of "The Ringing World" and as a non-member of the Central Council, please thank the Worcestershire Association for its very kind hospitality to me and to all other non-members over Whitsuntide.

How nice it is to meet old friends and make new ones and to visit new towers as we do on this occasion which, unfortunately, only comes once a year.

With this in mind, I would like to emphasise that I feel a great concern for the future of the Council, particularly with regard to the meeting held on Tuesday, June 4th. I was very disgusted with the all too apparent un-Christian and purely selfish attitude of some members re arrangements, etc., for future Central Council meetings.

Mr. Speed's comment with regard to the tower-visiting was, for the most part, completely unjustified. Restrict the ringing to members only, Mr. Speed, and you will kill the whole atmosphere of the Central Council, and you know it. Concerning Mr. Ayre's remark, viz. peal ringing for next year's meeting at St. Albans, if Mr. Ayre will not make peal facilities available to non-members, I will be only too pleased to arrange peals that week-end. After all, there are plenty of towers outside Hertfordshire within a stone's throw of St. Albans.

Change Central Council proceedings in any way, ladies and gentlemen, and to my way of thinking this would be the first step towards killing ringing as we know it today.—Yours faithfully,

TONY LEWIS.

Chislehurst, Kent.

MISS BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—I did not think that bellringing or "The Ringing World" were involved in pornography, or surely, if they had been, they would both have been banned a long time ago!

Why on earth shouldn't there be a "Miss Bellringing"? After all, we read about ringers' socials, dinners, cricket matches and holidays, so why shouldn't we "mini-skirted" females be allowed to display our feminine charm?

I really fail to see what is obscene about such a contest; after all, a "Miss Bellringing" does not necessarily have to parade in a swimsuit at the Central Council meeting! (I wonder how many would object?)

So, Mr. B. C. Law and Mr. M. C. Broad, please arrange something; after all, what is Anna Sadowska really against, the literature in "The Ringing World" or the Exercise emerging from Victorian ideas?—Yours faithfully,

BRYONY P. H. MOORBY.

Kingston upon Thames.

Note. — The writer was not Miss Anna Sadowska, but someone who apparently had a grudge against her.—Ed.

OVERLOOKED?

Dear Sir,—Surely Professor Dodge, in his recent article, has omitted to mention one of the most unoriginal introductions to be made into the field of Minor ringing, namely that of special alliance methods.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER D. BAILEY.

London, N.W.

PARSONS AND BROADCASTING

Dear Sir,—In regard to the report of the C.C. Broadcasting Committee, I would like to point out that the bells of St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, Camberley, were twice broadcast in 1967.

Our Vicar, the Rev. Paul Barber, is a frequent broadcaster on "Five to Ten" and on Sunday, February 26th, the people's service at 11.30 a.m. went out live from our church. A request for the bells to be heard resulted in that service being faded out with about one minute of rounds on the bells. (Note page 502, top of column 3, in bold type.) On November 15th Mr. Barber introduced "Five to Ten" with the record of these bells and again faded out with the bells.

To all captains I would say: Get the parson interested in your bells and then if the opportunity arises—as with us—it becomes easy to get your part in the proceedings. You little know of the joy it can give to someone far from home. Our Vicar received, among many others, a very nice letter of thanks for the bells from a lady in Newcastle.

I might add that a series of three "people's services" is planned for later this year, when no doubt we shall again be "on the air." The dates are not yet known.—Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND BATH,
Tower Secretary.

Yorktown, Surrey.

PEALS ON THE IRISH SEA

Dear Sir,—Regarding the query in Belfry Gossip, page 485, on May 29th, 1901, a peal of 5,173 Stedman Caters was rung on handbells in 2 hours and 53 minutes during the crossing from Dublin to Holyhead in the S.S. "Cambria."

Let us recall the famous names of this historic event, for they were of ringers of a calibre of whose like we shall never see again: William Pye 1-2, William H. Barber 3-4, George R. Pye 5-6, Ernest Pye 7-8, and William Short (conductor 9-10).

The peal was witnessed by Isaac G. Shade, James George, John Buffery and John S. Goldsmith.

It is of interest to note that the three Pye brothers, James George and Isaac G. Shade each amassed a total far in excess of 1,000 peals. At the time of his passing the total of peals rung by William Pye was 1,969.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. NASH.

Muswell Hill, N.

T.B. MINOR QUERY

Dear Sir,—Can anyone supply the names of the following Treble Bob Minor methods?

—34—16—12—16—14—16.	l.e.	14.	164235
—34—16—12—16.34—12.36.	l.e.	12.	165324
—34—16—12—16.34—12.36.	l.e.	14.	136524
—34—16—12—16.34—14.36.	l.e.	14.	145362
—34—16—12—16.34—14.56.	l.e.	12.	154632
—36—16—12—16.34—12.36.	l.e.	14.	145362
36—34.16—12—16—12—16.	l.e.	14.	152643
36—34.16—12—16—12—36.	l.e.	12.	142563
36—34.16—12—16—12—36.	l.e.	14.	154263
36—34.16—12—16—14—56.	l.e.	14.	135642
36—34.16—12—16—34—36.	l.e.	14.	164235
36—34.16—12—16.34—12.36.	l.e.	14.	164235
36—34.16—12—16.34—14.56.	l.e.	12.	165324
36—34.16—12—16.34—14.56.	l.e.	14.	136524

Yours faithfully,
A. BISHOP.

London, S.W.

PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The composition of 1,288 Bob Triples which was published on page 528 of the issue of July 21st, 1967, contains two errors in the course-end figures published due to a copying error on my part. I therefore submit the following corrected composition:—

1,288 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

234567	M		H	
3425			2	"A"
3254	—		2	
3245	3	In	—	
5243	S			
2435	S		2	
2345		"A"		

While on the subject of Bob Triples, it has been drawn to my attention that some people who are new to calling the method tend to regard the first lead (7th in 5-6 up) as the "Wrong" instead of the "Middle" and the next to the last lead to the course-end (7th in 5-6 down) as the "Middle" instead of the "Wrong." This is quite understandable if the individual concerned has had experience of calling Plain Bob Major, etc.

The fact is that the coursing order after a bob at the first lead of course is the same for Plain Bob on odd and even methods. Perhaps the powers that be might give thought to bringing Plain Bob on odd bells into line with its even bell counterparts as far as the "Wrong" and "Middle" headings are concerned. If this is not possible the headings 1, 5, 6, etc., would be a safer way of avoiding confusion.—Yours sincerely,

D. A. CHAPMAN.

Thornbury, Glos.

ANOTHER SPOOF LETTER

Dear Sir, — Would you please publish a statement to the effect that the letter of June 28th ("Ringing World," page 504), printed over my name, was **not** written by myself, nor did I have any knowledge of it being written.

Unless I receive an apology through your columns by the "person" who wrote the aforesaid letter, I shall have to consider taking further action.—Yours sincerely,

ANNA K. SADOWSKA.

Reading.

Note.—We apologise to Miss Sadowska. The letter was signed in her name and purported to come from 6, Bishop's Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham. We have again become the victim of a spoof.—Ed.

720 SURPRISE MINOR (8 METHODS)

Dear Sir,—I submit the following composition as requested earlier on:

23456	Primrose	63542	Prim. No. 2
———		24653	Primrose
35264	Bourne	45236	Hull
42635	Ipswich	36524	Primrose
— 56423	Cambridge	62345	Norfolk
23645	Cambridge	53462	Prim. No. 2
45362	Ipswich	26543	Primrose
34256	Bourne	64235	Hull
62534	Ipswich	35426	Primrose
— 45623	Cambridge	52364	Norfolk
23564	Cambridge	43652	King Edward
64352	Ipswich	56234	Hull
36245	Bourne	34625	Cambridge
52436	Ipswich	25463	Cambridge
— 64523	Cambridge	— 56342	Norfolk
— 42356	Norfolk	23456	

With 45, 64 and 56 the same way.

Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

Petworth, Sussex.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

DIAMETER NO GUIDE TO TENOR'S WEIGHT

Dear Sir,—Generally, the diameter across the lip of a bell from the outside gives a rough guide of its weight if not already known officially. But there are exceptions, as for example: Tenors, St. Edmund's, Northampton, 46 ins, 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.; Wootton, Northants, also 46 ins., 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.; and Claybrooke; Leics, 46 ins., 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

The note, also, is not a true guide—the first of these three is F, the latter two are E flat. Market Harborough's (18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.), which is heavier than that of St. Edmund's, Northampton, is also F. And if one gets to St. Saviour's, Leicester, the tenor there is 25 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb., and its note no lower than the tenors at Claybrooke and Wootton.

There are several answers to this big difference—one is length of waist and another is circumference around the crown—these explain the differences between the three above-mentioned 46 inch bells.

Despite my pointing out to the general secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild that the 41 inch tenor bell at Easton Neston is only 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb and **not** "10¼ cwt.," there is yet another peal reported in "The Ringing World" of June 7th, 1968, giving this latter **assumed** weight—obviously taken from the diameter, which, I repeat, is **not** a safe guide. One cannot go on reports of old peals, for Oakham has in the past 40 years been given three different weights—28 cwt., 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb., and 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.—this last is the correct one and even this is heavy for a bell of only 49 inches when compared with Castle Ashby—50 inches and 19 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

In the 1967 Peterborough Diocesan Guild report the general secretary did make the necessary alteration to all reports of peals rung that year at Easton Neston, so there is now no excuse for still reporting it at its assumed weight of 10¼ cwt.

Ecton, too, is 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. and not 16 cwt., as stated in a peal reported in your June 7th issue. This, too, is corrected in the 1967 report. There may be three Ashtons in Northants (only one with bells), but it is news to me that there are two Nassingtons, one near Oundle and another in the Guilsborough area, and there is no excuse for this tenor constantly being reported as 11 cwt. Its correct weight of 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. is clearly printed up in the belfry. There are **not** two Nassingtons. The new tenor at Wansford should read 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., **not** 3¼ cwt. or 3 cwt. 19 lb. It may be interesting to reveal that this bell in 1967 cost £352 to install—frame already there. A similar bell in the 1920–30's would have cost £80 to £100. — Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

5,088 WESTHOUGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. W. WASHBROOK

23456	M	B	W	H
35426			2	
24653	—		—	
23564		3	—	3

Repeated twice.

OBITUARY

MR. VALENTINE GOSLING

The death took place in Florida last month of Mr. Valentine Gosling, aged 94. He had lived in America for some years but came from Nottinghamshire. About five years ago he offered a sum of money to the first band ringing one of his compositions. This was of Bob Major, and the peal was duly rung by a handbell team, who received the award.

MR. HARRY STRANGWARD

Mr. Harry Strangward, for many years tower captain at St. Mary the Virgin's, Nassington, Northants, passed away peacefully at his home on June 23rd, 1968, aged 83 years.

Harry was taught to ring at his native Nassington just before the turn of the century, and during his 69 years as a ringer he taught countless numbers of young and not so young to handle a bell. At the time of his death he left a good band of ladies to carry on in the noble art, all in their early teens, together with one or two older ringers, who ring regularly for services and attend Branch meetings.

Prior to the formation of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Nassington was not affiliated to the local Deanery Association but on February 14th, 1925, at a meeting at Alwalton, Harry, together with five other Nassington ringers, joined the newly-formed Guild. Harry took part in only one peal, Grandsire Doubles, his favourite method, in 1939. He was well loved by all who knew him.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Foster), president of the Oundle Branch, on June 27th, followed by interment in the local cemetery. The Vicar spoke of Harry's love and devotion to the church and to the art of bellringing. During the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles in his memory.

SILSOE, BEDS. OUTING

It was a beautiful, sunny Whit Saturday morning when Silsoe ringers and friends set out for their 17th annual outing. The area chosen this year was Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire.

The first ringing of the day was at Colsterworth, where we found a very interesting church having associations with Sir Isaac Newton. A sundial carved by him at the age of nine was among the many things to be seen. Then to Great Ponton, where the heavy five were a little difficult for the younger ringers.

The villagers of Barrowby were to be our hosts for the next two hours. After a pleasant ring on the light six lunch was taken at the Rectory, kindly prepared by the Rector's wife and her very willing band of helpers.

After such an excellent lunch everyone enjoyed the long run to Gosberton, where there is a fine church and lovely bells, and the ringing here was of an excellent standard. So on to Surfleet, a chance for many of the ringers to ring on 12 bells for the first time.

Tea was taken at the Garden Restaurant at Springfields, Spalding, and this was followed by another relaxing ride to March. Before ringing, the Vicar gave us a short history of his church and pointed out to us the fine angel roof. The last ring of the day was at Doddington and, after the usual refreshments, Silsoe was reached at about 11.30 p.m.

Our grateful thanks go to all who met us, especially to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Gayner-Harris and the helpers at Barrowby, to the coach driver and last, but by no means least, to our organisers, Des Brazier and Colin Mann.

M. M.

CALL CHANGES

DOINGS IN DEVON

Seven competitions will be taking place in Devon during July. The 6th is a blank day so far as we can hear, but the 13th sees two —the Bridestowe Cup at Bridestowe, on the A.30 road just beyond Okehampton, and the East Portlemouth Shield at Kenn, near Exeter. This shield is competed for in the tower of the holders. On the 20th the fine old six at Shaugh (pronounced Shaw) Prior will be going to the Shaugh Prior Shield, and visitors in the Plymouth area will find not only good ringing but lovely scenery, for Shaugh is a superbly-sited village clinging to the edge of the Moor, where it takes a plunge into the lovely wooded Plym Valley, near the famous Dewer Stone. On the same day is the Down St. Mary Shield competition in another very pretty village not far from Exeter.

Three more festivals come on the 27th; at Stoke Gabriel on the Dart, where visitors will see one of the finest yew trees in the country; at Shebbear, where the Devil is buried under a boulder on the village green and the bells have recently been restored and put in fine order; and at Poughill, north-west of Exeter. This last village is one of the little shibboleths which Devonians maintain in order to identify foreigners. The parish of the same name in North Cornwall is pronounced "Poffle"; this one is pronounced in a manner only acquired after many years of residence in the county, but nearer to "Poyill" than anything else. It has a pretty light Taylor six which go very well.

We hear glowing reports of the competition run by Beric Bartlett at Lustleigh on June 22nd: the first three teams were all below 20, and Down St. Mary managed to redeem a little of the glory lost at Bishopsteignton by beating Plymstock with a very fine peal with 12 1/3rd faults: Plymstock had 17 1/3rd and West Alvington 18 1/3rd.

J. G. M. S.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

One tower in Surrey, three in Kent and two in East Sussex were on the programme for Guildford Cathedral outing on June 8th. At Oxted, the first tower, the party of 30 or so ringers were met by Mr. A. Newnham. A fair percentage of the ringing at all towers was rounds and call changes to cater for our profusion of learners.

Leaving Surrey, we were met at Westerham (our heaviest ring of the day) by Mr. J. O. Weller. Edenbridge, which followed, had the best bells of the day. Thank you, Mr. Leigh, and congratulations on a spotlessly clean ringing room!

After lunch at Edenbridge it was a pleasant ride to Wadhurst, where one of our experts learned his ringing and practised his carpentry. We were met by Mr. Charles Bassett and two other local ringers. Another good Sussex eight was at Withyham. We went back into Kent for tea at the Elizabeth Barn, Tunbridge Wells, and our last tower was at Tunbridge Wells (a majestic eight), the ringing including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge and Double Norwich.

M. K.

ELMORE, GLOS.—On June 5th, 1,320 Doubles: Miss S. M. Perry 1, R. J. Page 2, M. N. Amphlett (cond.) 3, Miss J. G. Pillinger 4, D. I. Tomlins 5, D. G. Whalley 6. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Page and a wedding compliment to the brother of the 4th ringer.

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THE COLLEGIATE SOCIETY IN DERBYSHIRE

THE 1968 week-end was the fourth full-scale excursion to sample other people's bells and, in retrospect, it was vintage stuff. The band met in Oakham on the Friday afternoon and despite a delay which cut into the ringing time the first tower set the tone for what was to come. Oakham bells are a fine, full-toned 22 cwt. eight and we rang Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge. Visitors who follow may care to remember that Deputy Ringing Masters of some standing can be left swinging above the tenor box here if they do not appreciate deep-set bells. There is also a cunning device to chime the tenor when lowering in peal, but it is perhaps wise to rely on local knowledge for this.

Before reaching Derby that evening we called at Wymeswold to ring on the nice little 11 cwt. six and found that the vintners' phrase "travels well" could fairly be applied to these products of the Downham Market foundry. The last tower of the day was at Kegworth and we had been warned that the back seven only were ringable. However, the treble lacked but a stay and the purists allowed themselves to count the tower. The party was joined at this stage by friends from elsewhere and we closed on Derby in some strength.

The York Hotel, Derby, is a sound choice for train spotters; not so obviously, it attracts itinerant peal ringers and we found two well-known characters already in residence. The hotel is unique in my experience in that, while in bed at 6.15 a.m., one's attention is drawn to the fact that "the train now standing at Platform 3 is for Loughborough, Leicester and all stations to . . ." Useful, no doubt, for some.

A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE

Our first tower on Saturday morning was at Duffield, where we started well and rang Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Cambridge Royal. The ten might be described as a textbook example; fine, clear tone, audible in the tower, easy to handle; an appropriate reminder of the work of the founder of the Central Council.

With some diffidence, the only member of the company who had shaken George Brown by the hand led the way to St. Peter's, Belper, and we climbed the narrow stair of this gangling and rather gauche tower to find a ringing chamber just large enough to contain us. Nevertheless we liked the bells, a mellow octave of medium weight, and could have enjoyed a longer visit had not the timetable urged us on.

Crich St. Michael (our next tower) has a most interesting church standing high above the Derwent Valley with the old village clustered round it. The tower itself is handsome with a recessed spire complete with dormer windows, and, being a ground-floor ring, the fine interior is easily appreciated. The standard of ringing slipped somewhat here, although the final touch of London went well. Our resident traffic engineer having returned satisfied from the nearby Transport Museum, we motored rapidly down to the Anglers' Rest and up again to Wirksworth. After a fruitless search inside we found that the crossing tower is reached via outside steps and gently-sloping tunnel stair which lead to a ringing chamber which is interesting if only for the phonetic French on one of the large hatchments. The bells (a 14 cwt. eight) are tuneful but somewhat odd-struck and it was not until the second touch that the ringing achieved a reasonable rhythm.

A MACABRE YEW

What should have been a quick beer and sandwich lunch at Matlock Bath dragged on for over an hour, during which time half the party wolfed their ham and lettuce while the other half wilted visibly. However, we were just about on time at Darley Dale, where frustration and indigestion gave way to quite vigorous touches of Plain Bob Triples, Superlative and Stedman. We made our way out of the church past the extraordinary and faintly macabre yew tree, which, for those who appreciate accuracy in these things, is 33 feet in circumference at four feet from the ground.

Turning back through Matlock we made for Ashover, where the Church of All Saints possesses a beautifully sonorous 18 cwt. eight housed in a 15th century tower. These bells have a high reputation and after ringing them we felt bound to endorse it. Ground-floor rings after lunch are always welcome but at Ashover there is a certain tendency to wander off and look at the many interesting things the church contains; the alabaster tomb of Thomas Babington (whose family built the tower) is particularly fine.

In Clay Cross there are pit-head baths—"one of the many exemplary structures put up by the Miners' Welfare Commission," and the Church of St. Bartholomew designed by Stevens in 1851. To divert one's attention from the remainder one may ring on the eight cwt. six and be amply compensated. Coming from a six-bell tower—at least nominally—our critical faculties tend perhaps to be sharper on that number, but we could find no fault with the tone and handling of Clay Cross bells and we enjoyed them. Touches of Norwich, Cambridge, London and Plain Bob were rung here.

CHESTERFIELD IN POURING RAIN

Traversing the battered landscape we came to North Wingfield, where St. Lawrence's Church is set on a windy hill. The available notes say that Double Norwich failed and that the Grandsire was "rubbish" and so the kindest comment would be that it was the ringers, not the bells, who were at fault. Regaled by apocryphal stories of how the spire came to be twisted in the first place, we arrived in Chesterfield in the pouring rain and it was a rather tired band that caught hold to ring. This no doubt was the reason for the ragged and uneven ringing that followed and why we failed to do justice to the bells.

Our last tower for the day was the light six at Old Whittington, where the ringing chamber has the feeling of a Chinese box puzzle—the only way to progress is to remove a ringer, whereupon the space is automatically taken by someone else. For those with a taste for the bizarre the stained glass portraits of Gladstone and the Earl of Shaftesbury in the north aisle of the church cannot fail to attract.

After an abundant meal in Chesterfield we returned to base and found the day's peal tally was one lost, one gained. After a certain amount of "Well, we crossed over at the back and then I forgot how to catch my sally . . ." and other unlikely tales, we (or some of us) went gratefully to bed—and heard once more how things were doing on Platform Three.

Sunday morning's programme looked fearsome on paper and came to demand a strong constitution and sound digestion. Before breakfast we set off at a sharp trot round the corner, for all of 500 yards, to ring at St. Andrew's for the 9.15 service. With such a nice, easy-going ten we enjoyed ringing our staple Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Royal. Breakfast was anything but leisurely and by 9.45 a band was ready to ring at St. Peter's and a fast touch of Stedman was followed by Yorkshire Surprise Major. Next stop was at the Cathedral, where we were welcomed by the resident band and joined them to ring for Eucharist.

Coffee, communal crosswords and Chinese chow followed before we set off for Lichfield. Despite, or perhaps because of, the presence of a Ben and a Sam, the Eng. Lit. class remained sadly confused over which Johnson they were supposed to know about before we got there. We arrived in time to ring for afternoon Evensong and were delighted with this magnificent ten.

We were sorry to leave Lichfield so soon, but we had yet another service deadline and by 5.45 we joined the resident band at St. Margaret's, Leicester. Grandsire Caters, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus were enjoyed in very friendly company before we set off for home. The last stop of the day was, appropriately enough, at the George, Wisbech, and, having eaten all the toasted cheese in the house, we passed on.

Our thanks are due to David House for sound administration and inspired tower selection, and we are grateful to all those who gave us permission to ring, who met us and who rang with us.

D. P. M.

SUMMER RINGING IN DUBLIN

During the summer months ringing in Dublin will be as follows:—

Sundays St. George's 10.30 a.m., 6.30 p.m.; Christ Church Cathedral 10.30 a.m., 3. p.m.; St. Patrick's Cathedral 10.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m.; John's Lane 12 noon.

Practices are held in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and at John's Lane first Tuesday in each month at 8.30 p.m.

MISFORTUNES BEFELL THE OXFORD SOCIETY

The outing of the Oxford Society this year took place on June 22nd, the weather being extremely miserable with frequent rainstorms. A seven o'clock start was required to enable the journey to the first tower to be made at a leisurely pace. On arrival at Kettering, members gazed at the Parish Church with thoughts of the pleasant ten inside. What a pity! The secretary had told the party as they left Oxford that permission to ring on this Northamptonshire ten had not been granted.

The journey continued to Oakham, via Uppingham, where a transport cafe provided breakfast. An attempt for an early morning drink at a nearby public house failed, as the drinking contingent arrived at the saloon bar door well before ten o'clock. The glorious eight at Oakham were put to good use, though it was feared that ringing here might also have to be cancelled, as on arrival the belfry door was found to be locked. Eventually, after a long argument with the clockwinder and his greyhound, the party was allowed up into the tower.

With hearty appetites, members journeyed on to Peterborough, but were saddened to learn on arrival that no lunch had been arranged. After splitting up to make their own arrangements for a meal, the party assembled at St. John's Church, where a warm welcome was extended to them.

Back in the coach everybody began to look forward to tea and a ring on the good ten at St. Paul's, Bedford. Alas! No tea had been arranged, and Bromham had been substituted for Bedford's ten-bell tower. The final tower of the day was at Buckingham, and the party were met by three old friends—Bill Yates, George Holland and Jim Linnell. After a good ring on the heavy bells an enjoyable social evening was spent in the usual manner.

Thanks go to the secretary, Mr. Philip Walker, for the work he put in to make the outing a success. And it was a success, even though there were fewer towers than had been expected.

A STAMFORD SIX.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—On June 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Bushell 1, Miss W. R. Austin 2, Miss P. Thomsett 3, F. J. Dadson 4, J. B. Clarke 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. Rung prior to Evensong on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

DATE TOUCH

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.—On June 17th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: E. H. Langley 1, T. R. Hart (first of Major) 2, Violet L. Castle 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, B. C. Castle 5, F. M. Bowers 6, C. G. Bryant 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8.

ABERGAVENNY, MON. — On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Horsington 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, G. Lewis 3, R. Stephens 4, S. Edwards 5, M. Roberts 6. Rung half-muffled at a memorial service for Basil Thomas, a much-respected churchman and ringer at St. Mary's for many years.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 23rd, 1,320 Carlisle Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N. Bennett 2, Carol Cousins 3, Amanda Powell 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method by all except conductor. For Matins.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On June 17th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: F. Harris 1, T. Jones 2, L. Mainwaring 3, B. Giddings 4, T. Bound 5, R. Hatcher (cond.) 6. First in the method 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,344 Ealing Surprise Major: Mrs. Beryl M. Shuttleworth 1, Anne Harris 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, P. N. Mackley 4, D. R. McLean (has now "circled the tower" to quarters since the rehanging) 5, P. J. Bagshaw 6, E. Shuttleworth (cond.) 7, Mr. Smith 8. First in method by all except the conductor. By N.U.S.C.R. for Evensong on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Clark (first quarter) 1, D. A. Powney 2, J. Palmer (first quarter) 3, F. G. Bloomfield 4, A. Enticott (first quarter) 5, B. D. Sims (cond.) 6. Rung on St. Barnabas' Day for Choral Eucharist: a compliment to Rev. Austin Thomas on his recent ordination.

CALDECOTT, RUTLAND.—On June 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (four methods/variations): J. C. Hudson 1, Cynthia E. Barnett (first as cond.) 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, R. N. Scholes 4, C. J. Groome 5. For the Flower Festival.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol Whittaker 1, Jane Lawrence 2, C. Grandidge 3, Margaret Warford 4, R. R. Warford (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1 and 3.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On June 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major (tenor covering): Mavis Wilson 1, N. M. Newby, scn. (cond.) 2, J. E. Burics 3, F. H. Crawley 4, V. Forshaw 5, J. Bagnall 6, J. Blackburn 7, W. Wall 8, K. M. Price 9. For the induction of the Rev. G. W. Brassington, B.A., as Vicar.

DEPTFORD, LONDON. — On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Taylor 1, Miss M. Chambers 2, Miss J. Spurgeon 3, J. Bull 4, J. H. Lott 5, M. R. Wycherley (cond.) 6. For children's service.

ELSTOW, BEDS. — On June 25th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. P. Wood 1, Rosemary A. Hartley (first in method) 2, Charlotte M. Harris 3, R. L. Piron 4, A. D. Norman 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Caroline Jones 1, R. M. Palmer 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, D. W. Wyatt 4, G. R. Hills 5, A. R. Martin 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4. For Evensong.

ILMINSTER, SOM.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. R. Welch 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, R. Welch 3, R. Dean (cond.) 4, E. White 5, T. Hill 6, G. Nevill 7, B. Brown 8. A wedding compliment to Miss D. E. Carbin and Mr. B. J. Gummer.

KINGSDON, SOM.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Welch 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, R. Parker (cond.) 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Dean 6. Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of the 2nd and 5th ringers, married at this church on June 4th, 1938.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. P. Hull 1, Bryony P. Moorby 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. Lucas 1, G. Lucas 2, Miss J. Hills 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6. Most methods 1, 2, 4. Rung prior to the christening of Zoe Elizabeth Fleckney. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Gray 1, K. Lucas 2, Miss J. Hills 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6. For Evensong. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: W. White 1, G. Gray (first "inside") 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6.

QUARTER PEALS

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Kelly (first quarter) 1, Patricia Mundy (first "inside") 2, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 3, W. E. Mashiter 4, A. W. Johnson 5, C. Pouncey 6.

MARSTON, OXFORD. — On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Page 1, L. R. Porter (cond.) 2, M. Bolton 3, N. D. Deam 4, R. H. Jones 5. For Confirmation.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On June 23rd, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Adelaide Day 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp 3, Mrs. D. A. Day 4, R. Preston 5, O. Homewood 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Manton (cond.) 9, A. French 10. First on ten bells for 1 and 10. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT. — On June 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Jane Bryant 1, Mira Ford (first "inside") 2, Ann Bryant (first "inside") 3, Joan Exeter 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Denise Wingrave 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (four meth./var.): Denise Wingrave 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Susan Rayner 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. F. Hunt 6. First in four methods 2, 3, 4. Both a wedding compliment to Ray Yardy (former vice-captain) and Angela Bower, married this day at Chilvers Coton, Warks.

NAILSEA, SOM. — On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. R. Short 1, Miss E. Pouncey 2, L. Derrick 3, Miss G. Brearley 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss D. Carter 1, Mrs. M. Foskett 2, S. Foskett 3, J. J. George 4, W. R. Curtis (cond.) 5, R. Pengelly 6. For Trinity Sunday.

RANDWICK, GLOS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Screen 1, Sara Cornock 2, Pat Buckland (cond.) 3, J. Taylor 4, R. A. Screen 5, R. Barnett 6. For the Bisley Deanery Mothers' Union 1968 Festival Service.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS. — At St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, on June 9th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: S. Cole 1, Patricia Rogers (cond.) 2, Carole Patey 3, J. Cooper 4, J. Seager 5, M. Young 6, C. Longden 7, J. Hartley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert Kennedy, and for evening Mass. By S.U.G.C.R

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Judith M. Corby 1, Lucile M. Corby 2, C. Bassett (first in method) 3, P. J. Simmonds 4, P. A. Corby 5, Doris E. Colgate 6, A. J. Corby (cond.) 7, D. W. Woodcock 8. Also on June 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. W. Woodcock 1, Doris E. Colgate 2, P. A. Corby 3, C. Bassett (first of Surprise) 4, Judith M. Corby 5, P. J. Simmonds 6, R. T. Pankhurst 7, A. J. Corby (cond.) 8.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on June 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Deborah Bishop 1, Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, J. W. Rea 5, K. J. Rider 6, A. Bishop 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8, A. E. Bagworth 9, D. M. Hughes 10. Rung by members and friends of the Cathedral Society as a token of appreciation to the late Jack A. Waugh for his service to this cathedral over many years. Rung prior to the Trinity Ordination. Also on June 16th, 1,320 Little Bob Maximus: M. T. Sprackling 1, D. M. Boniface 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, L. C. Way 5, A. S. Bishop 6, K. J. Rider 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8, C. M. Meyer 9, C. T. Richards 10, J. W. Smith 11, H. W. Rogers 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

STAFFORD. — On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Wiggin 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, T. G. Williams 4, N. Holland 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, R. K. Mowforth (cond.) 8. For Matins, the Mayor attending in State. Also on June 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: K. Daniels (first of T.B.) 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, Jennifer Beech 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, N. Holland 7, F. Beech (cond.) 8. For Trinity Sunday, and sixth wedding anniversary of 2 and 4.

STOW, LINCS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Miss P. Denton 1, Miss R. Thorpe (first in method) 2, Mrs. J. Bull 3, B. J. Bull 4, J. F. Underwood (cond.) 5, A. Denton 6. For Eucharist, and as an engagement compliment to Miss P. Denton and Mr. S. Gratrick.

TEYNHAM, KENT.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): J. Hemsley 1, Margaret Jenner 2, O. Webster 3, B. Butler 4, A. Leeves (cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. W. T. Slack 1, H. R. Jacobs 2, N. G. Hughes (first Treble Bob "inside") 3, S. M. Jack 4, A. J. Mason 5, B. R. M. Johnson (first Treble Bob as cond.) 6. First Treble Bob 1 and 2. Rung by the Winchester College Society. First of Treble Bob by men in the school only. Also on June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Janet Yeates 1, Sandra Pearce 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, F. W. Sherfield 6. A greeting to Christopher David Stone, born June 13th, 1968.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. B. Steele 1, J. P. Sale 2, D. J. Morgan 3, D. Robinson (cond.) 4, I. G. Morgan 5. For Ascension Day. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. J. Fox 1, J. P. Sale 2, Anne Henman 3, I. G. Morgan 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. For the Feast of Corpus Christi.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Peterborough Guild annual dinner will be held this year at Rothwell on October 26th.

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild is holding a half-day bellringing school at Islip on September 28th.

Mrs. Palfrey has been appointed to succeed her late husband, Mr. Harold Palfrey, as tower master at Corston, Somerset.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. E. Enticknap, of Wonersh, is in the Albert Ward of the Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford, having recently undergone an operation. Ringing at Wonersh has in consequence been cancelled. An announcement of its resumption will appear in due course.

Boys from King's School, Worcester, who have just renovated the four bells at Spetchley Church, would like to make their ringing five times more interesting by adding a fifth bell. The notes of the existing bells are B, C, D and E flat and the best splice would seem to be a bell striking F, of diameter 20 inches or so. Any offers or suggestions would be welcomed by Mr. P. Cattermole, King's School, College Green, Worcester.

The peal rung at Froyle was the first of Doubles on the bells and was rung as a greeting to Christopher David Stone, born on June 13th, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stone, of West Meon, where Mr. Stone is tower captain. The conductor, Mr. C. E. Bassett, has now rung a peal in each tower of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild while holding the post of District Secretary.

The peal at Leeds Parish Church reported in the issue of June 7th was inadvertently duplicated in the issue of June 14th.

Corrections.—The composer of the peal at Warnham (page 490) was Giles B. Thompson. Peal at Billingshurst: ringer of 4th Geoffrey C. Rix; ringer of 5th Timothy Banner.

The Rev. Roger Keeley has accepted the living of Whiteparish, Wilts. The date of his institution and induction has not yet been settled but it will not be until the autumn. To his regret, Whiteparish has only three ringable bells.

In the recent report of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild quarterly meeting the name Upminster inadvertently appeared for Yetminster. It was the newly rehung six at Yetminster that was the cause of many favourable comments.

The inscription on the 5th bell at Lardisland reads: "To commemorate the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, June 2nd, 1953." By coincidence, the recent College Youths' peal of Glasgow there was rung on the anniversary of this event.

The ringers of the peal at Hartest, Suffolk, who rang for the 81st birthday of Arthur W. Rolfe, who donated the treble bell at this tower in 1963, would like to express their good wishes to him for many more happy ringing years. This peal was rather belated as a previous attempt was unsuccessful. The two first-pealers—Brian Coley and David Tamberlin—are to be congratulated on ringing seven methods "inside" for their first peal.

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THE BATH FESTIVAL, 1968

A party of some 80 visitors to the Bath Festival had a morning tour of the Mid-Somerset area on June 24th, viewing the churches at Batcombe, Bruton and Evercreech.

At the last named a short programme was laid on including a brief introduction to English church bells and the evolution of change ringing. Practical demonstrations of change ringing were given to parties visiting the ringing room to see the ringers in action. The mechanics of a bell and how it is rung were illustrated with the use of the Wrington model bell.

The ringing programme included some simple call changes on six bells followed by rounds on the ten bells, in which the junior members of the local band took part, Stedman Triples and two touches of Grandsire Caters.

Despite the inclement weather, quite a number ventured to the top of the tower, where the bells can be heard at their best, and by the end of the programme all who wished had been able to see the ringers in action.

The party mainly comprised visitors from European countries and America and, from the expressions of appreciation of the programme received, it would seem that our ancient art proved an intriguing subject.

Ringers taking part were the local band assisted by Messrs. R. G. Beck, V. Savage, P. Hull, J. Badman, C. Wainwright and Mr. and Mrs. P. Jones. H. J. S.

LANCHESTER'S WHIT MONDAY

Three towers in three different counties were the objective of Lanchester, Durham, ringers on their second annual outing, held on Whit Monday.

We left Lanchester in pouring rain for Cotherstone, in the North Riding of Yorkshire. Good striking was not in evidence on the light six due to the length of rope, and one ringer found it easier to reach the sally by kneeling on the floor to ring.

After lunching at Brough we moved on to Appleby, in Westmorland, which for most of the party was the first ground-floor ringing experienced. Our efforts were an added attraction to the annual spring fair.

Finally came Great Salkeld, Cumberland (6), and this Saxon church turned out to be the most popular of the day. A churchwarden proved to be an amiable host by allowing non-ringing members on to the tower roof to sample the marvellous view of the Pennines.

Mr. Alan C. Walker, the organiser, thanked the respective Vicars and churchwardens for the use of their bells. A. H. W and A. C. W.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

A 34-seater coach, in place of the 20-seater ordered, resulted in Nottingham University Society having 23 spare seats for their outing into Lincolnshire on June 22nd.

After ringing at Bottesford (8) and Barkston (6) the eight at Sleaford were found to be a little tricky to ring due to the 75 feet draught, but a course of Yorkshire and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were managed.

In the afternoon the rather difficult five at Ashby-de-la-Launde and the fine six at Martin-by-Timberland, followed by a first-class tea at the Vicarage, prepared us for the best bells of the day at St. Giles', Lincoln. Here three "short courses" of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. On the light eight at Harmston a course of Ealing Surprise was achieved.

P. N. M.

NEW GUILD SECRETARIES—No. 1



The new general secretary of the Surrey Association of Change Ringers is Mr. Colin H. Cook.

After three years as secretary Mr. Bill Parrott has retired through pressure of business. Before then he had served 15 years as secretary of the Northern District.

The new man has served as assistant general secretary for two years and previously spent two years on the Southern District Committee. He was taught to ring at St. Katharine's, Merstham, by Alec Cheasley, captain, and gained further experience at other local towers. Through the encouragement of Southern District ringers he rang a number of quarter peals. His first peal was for the East Grinstead and District Guild at Fairwarp in Sussex. The conductor then was Alan Baldock, now general secretary of the Sussex Association.

Through his friendship with Edenbridge ringers he joined their annual outing and met the young lady who later became his wife.

He now lives at Caterham, a town without bells, but only two miles away are the five bells of St. John's, Coulsdon, and his first tower, St. Katharine's, Merstham, is four miles over the North Downs.

For those wishing to correspond with him, his address is as follows: 63, Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey, CRO 5PG. Telephone No. 46218.

LAVENHAM RINGING DAY

Upwards of 60 ringers from Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambs, Lincs and Notts, visited Lavenham for the 157th anniversary of the augmentation by two trebles on June 22nd. This ringing day has been observed regularly except for the war years and the rehanging of the bells. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Yorkshire Surprise, with rounds and call changes for learners.

MORE RINGING IN NEW ENGLAND

The new bells at Smith College were put to good use recently when a band of ringers from the area spent three days at the Northampton school. Although most of the practices were, of necessity, silent, there was good opportunity for open ringing. One of the silent practices was started late in the evening only to be interrupted at midnight by a curious campus policeman, who, needless to say, was a non-ringer!

Good progress is being made by the Smith College ringers, despite the fact that the bells have been in for a very short time. The typical enthusiasm of the Americans is here, writes our correspondent, and everyone seems to learn quickly and well. Self-criticism is the key to the success which has been made so far. A firm foundation is essential here, as the two Smith stalwarts, Dr. and Mrs. Dickinson, will be away on sabbatical leave next year.

The ringers were very kindly entertained during the week-end by Miss Margaret Rawson, who is the daughter of the well-known Leicester ringer, Mr. Ernest Rawson. Margaret is learning to ring at Smith and is making very good progress.

This was the second of a series of week-end meetings held in the New England area, and the progress that was made bodes well for the future of American ringing. It is a pleasure to thank the Smith ringers for their hospitality. G. D.

WESTHOUGHTON'S SURPRISE BAND

The peal of Westhoughton Surprise Major rung at Westhoughton, Lancs, on June 22nd, was the culmination of six months of sustained effort by the Sunday service band. Five of the band are below the age of 18 and four of them attend Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School. In the last two years these young ringers have made remarkable progress and have rung a variety of Surprise methods.

The conductor, Mr. G. Fothergill, would like to congratulate them, through the columns of "The Ringing World," on the excellent standard of striking achieved during the peal: in particular, the ringing during the second hour of the peal approached perfection. A tape-recording of the first hour of the peal was made, and this will give the band the opportunity to recapture at least a part of a memorable occasion.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER

Wingfield (Suffolk) ringers celebrated Charlie Brown's 50 years as a ringer by a very pleasant evening on June 27th.

Miss Betty Syrett arranged a celebration peal for the evening and this was duly rung in 2 hours and 53 minutes with Charlie ringing the treble. Afterwards the company retired to the King's Head for a really splendid supper and were joined by the locals, including Mrs. Brown. Charles was presented with a cigarette lighter, and the Master of the Guild, Mr. George Pipe, thanked him for his services to Suffolk ringing. Altogether a very convivial evening, summed up by Leonard Last's final toast "More tomorrow!"

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
EARDISLAND. Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., June 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
6th place bobs. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Frank C. Price	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	John H. Fielden	7
David E. Rothera	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

George W. Massey	Treble	†John C. Sheppard	5
*John S. Walton	2	Richard C. Taylor	6
†David J. Gay	3	Raymond E. J. Baker	7
Michael G. Bartlett	4	David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Rutland "inside." † First of Rutland.
Rung in memoriam Senator Robert Francis Kennedy.

MIDSOMER NORTON, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

John C. Sheppard	Treble	David J. Orledge	5
George W. Massey	2	Raymond E. J. Baker	6
David G. Massey	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
Michael G. Bartlett	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a farewell to the Rev. Andrew Rowe on his departure from the parish after five years as curate.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., June 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	‡§Robert Parker	5
†Brenda M. Bindon	2	†Raymond F. Arscott	6
†Marian J. Beale	3	†§Keith E. Beale	7
*Mervyn A. Arscott	4	Albert W. Dyer	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples. ‡ First of Triples "inside." § 25th peal, 25th peal for the Association. First on eight bells as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Raymond F. Arscott.

(Taunton Branch)
RUISHTON, Taunton, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Rung in six methods: Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington and Grandsire and three variations, Cliffford's Pleasure, April Day and Dedworth.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

*David A. Adams	Treble	‡Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Keith E. Beale	2	†Rodney A. C. Cross	5
†Adrian F. Arscott	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal, first attempt. † Most methods/variations to a peal. ‡ First of Doubles "inside."

(Taunton Branch)
SAMPFORD ARUNDEL.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 extents in eight methods Stedman, St. Simon (two), St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Plain, Rev. St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and eight variations: Eynsham, St. Albans, St. Leonard, St. Paul, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Dedworth.
Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

Raymond F. Arscott	Treble	*Mervyn A. Arscott	4
*Brenda M. Bindon	2	Keith E. Beale	5
*Adrian F. Arscott	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* Most methods/variations to a peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Adrian F. Arscott.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., June 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Thomas J. Lock	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	6
C. Michael Orme	2	Robert L. Piron	7
*Charlotte Harris	3	†Thomas W. Goodyer	8
Kathleen A. Marriot	4	Alfred E. Rushton	9
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	5	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise Royal.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt. in F sharp.

Kathleen A. Marriott	Treble	*Walter G. Knight	5
John W. Sinfield	2	C. Michael Orme	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Thomas W. Goodyer	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal in the method.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Jennifer M. Taylor	Treble	†Trevor Newlands	5
Paul Williams	2	David Rennolds	6
*John W. Collard	3	James R. Taylor	7
*Bruce Martin	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*Christopher Lovatt	Treble	†Michael J. Parker	5
†Rosemary A. Spicer	2	Richard C. L. Brown	6
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
†Rosemary E. White	4	†George Astbury	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples.
Rung as a compliment to Barbara Davies, Rosemary Spicer and Rosemary White on completing their courses at Alsager Training College.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Bernard F. L. Groves	Treble	Gerald Moorhouse	5
Derek F. Yates	2	Arthur E. Whiting	6
*Peter R. Harrison	3	Lawrence J. Haines	7
†Ronald F. Andrew	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal. † First of Treble Bob "inside."

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Harry W. Howard	Treble	†John R. Scott	4
†David Allman	2	†Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John Moore	3	†Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 25th peal on the bells, and has now "circled the tower" twice to peals. † 50th peal together. The conductor has now "circled the tower" six times to peals.

SEIGHFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods: Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, and six variations: Fortune, Marchington, St. Columb, Southrepps, Old and Kennington.
Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

William H. Watkin	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	3
Anthony R. Trickett	2	Frank R. Morton	4
		John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Scott.
The conductor's 50th tower for a peal.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
CASTLE DONINGTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Edward, King and Martyr.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*Jane Gidlow	Treble	Robert Corah	4
John E. Collins	2	W. Arthur Fletcher	5
Arthur F. Hall	3	Anthony C. Saffell	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur F. Hall.
* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor. First of Bob Doubles by all the band. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Anne Lander and Stephen Huson.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATON.
STAINDROP, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

Joanna Mount	Treble	Colin C. Monson	5
Ruth M. Horwood	2	Peter H. Gardner	6
Jean M. Berriman	3	M. Alec Beaumont	7
Andrew G. Craddock	4	Malcolm E. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.
Rung on the occasion of the A.G.M. of the Durham University Society of Change Ringers.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANWICK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

*Michael F. Stallard	Treble	Robert D. Bellamy	4
Christopher D. Corby	2	Philip S. George	5
Jeremy D. Tarrant	3	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Bonham.
* First peal at first attempt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., June 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Susan Rothera	Treble	*Philip J. Rothera	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	James L. Towler	7
Keith W. Brown	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Christopher Starbuck. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major.

FOBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Alfred J. House	Treble	John W. Stephenson	5
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Michael J. Hallett	3	James L. Towler	7
Bernard C. Sadler	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Jennifer M. Andrews	Treble	W. Keith Whittell	5
Heather McArthur	2	†Adrian G. Semken	6
*Martin H. Whittell	3	Alan R. Andrews	7
Harry D. Lister	4	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Composed by James Hunt. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal in the method. † Has now "circled the tower."

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHIDDINGFOLD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*Malcolm M. Powell	Treble	*Michael J. Church	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
*David D. Smith	3	*George Francis	7
*David J. Tubbs	4	*Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Tom Page.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY.
GOOSTREY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

*Philip Gosling	Treble	*Christopher J. Morey	4
*Leona C. Roper	2	Philip W. Gay	5
Felicity Ashford	3	Michael J. Robinson	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Robinson.
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	Thomas Cullingworth	6
*Margaret E. Oram	2	†Colin J. E. Wyld	7
Christopher T. Osenton	3	†Malcolm Barden	8
†Anthony J. Leeves	4	George E. Evenden	9
*George F. Cantrill	5	†Alastair D. Macfadyen	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Alastair D. Macfadyen.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First on ten bells.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Derek Slater	2	Martin L. Howe	6
Robert W. Hinde	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Malcolm Barden	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by J. B. Fenton. Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Simon A. B. Wigg	Treble	Doris E. Colgate	5
Margaret E. Oram	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
John W. Euston	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Tony Lewis	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
Rung as a welcome to Susan Amanda Jenner, born on June 16th, 1968, following a service at which a memorial to Preb. Treacher was dedicated by the Bishop of London.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., June 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

George Fry	Treble	Doris E. Colgate	5
Ian H. Oram	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Margaret E. Oram	3	Stanley Jenner	7
*Philip J. Simmonds	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Susan Amanda Jenner, born on June 16th, 1968; also as a compliment to George Fry and Coral Spiller on their engagement.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
Margaret E. Oram	2	*Thomas W. Goodyer	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Herbert E. Audsley	7
Tony Lewis	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

*Peter S. Philpot	Treble	Cyril W. Beeching	4
*Stephen J. Marsh	2	John B. Keeler	5
*Leonard G. Huckstepp	3	*Dawn V. Petts	Tenor

Conducted by John B. Keeler.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung with the band's best wishes for Tracy Ann Roell, first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beeching.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Christopher J. Easton	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
Jennifer L. Quaife	2	*†John Pladdys	5
Judith M. Corby	3	*Tony Lewis	Tenor

Arranged by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to George Fry and Coral Spiller on their engagement, and to Stan and Ann Jenner on the birth of their daughter.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WESTHOUGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Neil T. E. Burnett	Treble	John Illingworth	5
Albert Greenhalgh	2	R Keith Lister	6
James Cunliffe	3	James E. Andrews	7
Roy Jolley	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal in the method. Rung by the Sunday service band.

WESTHOUGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR
(No. 2096 H. and M. Collection)
—38—14—56—38—14—1238—56—38. l.e. 12 (14263857).

MILES PLATTING, Manchester.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Joyce Gardner	2	Kenneth R. Davenport	6
G. Richard King	3	Sidney Hough	7
Derrick A. Davenport	4	Geoffrey R. Gardner	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

John Walden	Treble	A Stephen Taylor	7
Judith M. Corby	2	Cecil W. Pipe	8
John Freeman	3	Norman V. Harding	9
Richard Hayes	4	Russell S. Morris	10
Vivian Nutton	5	Brian D. Threlfall	11
Timothy G. Pett	6	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper	7
*Hazel A. Arrowsmith	2	Richard S Starkie	8
Susan D. Cowan	3	†John K Foot	9
David F. Moore	4	Peter S. Bennett	10
Geoffrey H. Pullin	5	John H. Fielden	11
*Michael Pilgrim	6	†Geoffrey C. Sparling	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells for the Society. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., June 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

*Julia Sanders	Treble	Peter W. Felton	6
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	2	Norman Summerhayes	7
Arthur D. Barker	3	Christopher H. Rogers	8
*Jennifer E. Pearce	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
Thomas J. Lock	5	Norman F. Felton	Tenor

Composed by Andrew Hudson. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung during and in honour of the visit of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Syon Park to open Britain's first National Gardening Centre.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

ROCESTER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	David J. Midgley	5
*John K. Smith	2	Raymond Ballard	6
Norman Sherratt	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of London Surprise Major "inside."

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

George W. Ridgway	Treble	E. Frederick Gobey	5
Sheila Parsons	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Norman W. Attaway	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Ron Hughes	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
Rung for the 13th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. A. J. Day to the benefice of Measham, also as a birthday compliment to him.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Richard J. Warrilow	Treble	Norman W. Attaway	5
*Edward R. Fairbrother	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
John K. Smith	3	Frank Beech	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* 25th peal together.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Frank T. Blagrove	5
Albert E. Diserens	2	Christopher H. Rogers	6
Cyril F. Low	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Robin G. Leale	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 VECTIS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Barry J. Davies	Treble	*Ronald K. Russ	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
David C. Brown	3	William Birmingham	7
Alan R. Pink	4	*Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. (Wratten No. 30.)
Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method.
Rung for the Feast of St. Peter.

VECTIS SURPRISE MAJOR
B. —38—14—1258—16—14—1238—56—78. Bob 4ths. f.c.h. b. d. o.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

KING'S NORTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Richard Hayes	Treble	*James Crowther	6
*Judith M. Corby	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Cecil W. Pipe	3	*Kenneth Lawson	8
*Enid Lawson	4	Andrew J. Corby	9
Roderick W. Pipe	5	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter with St. James.
On Tues., June 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

Sheila M. Anthony	Treble	David Stainsby	6
Rosamund M. Rawlings	2	Simon Humphrey	7
Richard A. G. Inglis	3	William L. Exton	8
R. Brian Mills	4	*Ian V. J. Smith	9
Edmund Shuttleworth	5	Walter Nichols	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* First peal of Stedman and of Caters.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS. Suffolk.—At the Norman Tower of the Cathedral Church of St. James.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	John W. Blythe	5
Alan Feaver	2	*Charles Stannard	6
Shelagh R. Collins	3	Norman V. Harding	7
John A. Underwood	4	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Surprise. Arranged for ringers of treble, 2, 4 and 6 of the Cathedral company.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Rev. Peter N. Bond	Treble	Stephen F. High	4
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Michael J. Parker	5
Thomas J. Brock	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

HARTEST, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., June 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Court, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Cyril W. Hancock	Treble	*David Tamberlin	4
*Brian Coley	2	John A. Underwood	5
Richard Rose	3	Maurice Rose	Tenor

Conducted by John A. Underwood.
* First peal
Rung as a belated 81st birthday compliment to Arthur W. Rolfe, donor at the treble bell at this tower.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

*Richard J. Hall	Treble	Christopher Ricketts	5
*Gillian Armstrong	2	John H. Prytherch	6
†Alwyn R. Lewis	3	Richard L. Underwood	7
Elizabeth Watkins	4	Paul A. Williams	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Paul A. Williams.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATON.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, E.C.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,344 Rutland and 1,248 each Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 90 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Roger D. Bailey	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	5
Robin R. Churchill	2	*Peter G. Holden	6
*Maureen J. Carruthers	3	John Pladdys	7
Audrey R. Alexander	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* First peal of spliced.
Rung as a second birthday compliment to Jessica, born July 2nd, 1966.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods and two variations: 720 each of Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew and Rev. Canterbury, Old (var.), Kennington (var.), Grandsire, Plain Bob and Rev. St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Robin J. Collis	Treble	Robert J. Crocker	3
Robert Newman	2	Philip G. Taylor	4

Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Senator Robert F Kennedy.

FROYLE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Sally E. Stacey	Treble	Ramon A. Stone	4
David G. Hatherly	2	Charles E. Bassett	5
Alan A. J. Buswell	3	Basil E. Pink	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Martin Powell	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Roderick J. Lees	6
Margaret A. Swain	3	Robert Edwards	7
A. Bryan Ellsmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* 25th peal. 100th peal on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Roger Harper	Treble	David Nichols	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Neil Donovan	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	Stuart R. Armeson	7
*Christopher D. Walker	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt.

(Beverley and District Society)
HESSLE, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Thelwall and Childwall Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond H. Sharp	Treble	Rev. Frederick Ross	4
Roderick R. Horton	2	*Robert H. Jordan	5
Alan H. Bridges	3	†Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* First peal in seven methods. † 175th peal.
Rung with the congratulations of the band to the Rev. and Mrs. F. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sharp on the birth of daughters, and to the conductor on gaining the Degree of B.Sc. in psychology from Hull University.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

Lawrence J. Haines	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Alan F. Scholfield	3–4	Giles B. Thompson	7–8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., June 16, 1968, in 1 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6		

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RISLEY, Derbyshire.—At 85, Derby Road.
On Wed., June 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Denis R. Carlisle	1–2	David J. Marshall	5–6
Gordon A. Halls	3–4	David W. Friend	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATON.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Teesside.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*James A. Burton	1–2	Enid Lawson	3–4
Kenneth Lawson (cond.)	5–6		

* First handbell peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—In the belfry of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap.
On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Ten extents of Kennington, eight of Norfolk, 12 each of Old and Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Maureen J. Carruthers	1–2	Christopher J. Easton	3–4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6		

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

David F. Moore	1–2	Peter J. Staniforth	5–6
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3–4	*Alfred Ballard	7–8
Robert B. Smith	9–10		

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* 100th Surprise peal on handbells.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Tomlinson (first away from tenor) 1, Beryl Chisholm (first "inside") 2, F. Rogers (first "inside" and in the method) 3, C. Haycock 4, A. F. Hall (cond.) 5, R. J. Gosling (has now "circled the tower" to quarters) 6.

APPLEFORD, BERKS. — On June 22nd, 1,320 Southrepps Doubles: C. A. Richards 1, K. C. Fraser (first "inside") 2, R. Poole 3, A. R. D. Cope 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R. T. Fenton (first quarter) 6. First in method by all the band, and for the Society. By Culham College Ringing Society for their annual dinner.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Waterhouse (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Bassett 2, A. Hemsley 3, F. J. Lambert 4, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. Weller 6. Rung after a farewell presentation to the Rev. E. Somerville-Collie, retiring after 11 years as Vicar.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM. — On June 23rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Heather A. Walters 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, H. F. Brown 3, Diana M. Bridle 4, E. T. Lee 5, A. E. Cox 6, R. C. Kippin 7, P Bridle (cond.) 8. A 43rd birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel M. Atack 1, J. P. Hull 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Irene E. Shanks 4, Juliet S. Stoy 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6, N. Thomson 7, G. W. Shanks 8. Rung prior to the induction of the new Vicar (Rev. John B. Hall).

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Brough (first quarter, age 12) 1, Margaret A. Eyre 2, P. Mary Beach 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6. Rung in memoriam Rev. C. A. W. Pegler, Vicar of Greasley from 1958–1963.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. — On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Liz C Duncan 1, Sally Cobb 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, M. C. Austin 4, C. G. Wright 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman 7, R. E. J. Dennis 8.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Friggens (first attempt) 1, D. A. Bedford 2, E. M. Jones 3, T. C. Bowley 4, P. K. Goodhew (cond.) 5, D. N. Collins 6 A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Price, a ringer at this tower.

ILTON, SOM.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Horsey 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, S. Welch 3, R. Welch 4, R. Dean (cond.) 5, B. Spiller 6. A farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Prior, ten years as hosts at the Wyndham Arms, Ilton.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Garley 1, R. J. Cowley 2, N. F. Pearson 3, D. C. Buckby 4, E. G. Johnson 5, A. E. Garley (cond.) 6. As a tribute and in memory of C. A. Blaxley, for many years a local ringer.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (20 methods): Susan Gay 1, P. W. Gay (cond.) 2, Felicity Ashford 3, D. J. Midgley 4, R. J. Ballard 5, Caroline Stewart 6. Also on June 24th, 1,259 Doubles (three methods): Leona Roper 1, Jacki Quickfall 2, Susan Gay 3, M. Robinson (cond.) 4, C. Morey 5, P. Gosling 6.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Toon 1, Mrs. S. E. Newby 2, G. Elwell 3, J. T. Turner 4, C. Newby (first "inside") 5, N. M. Newby (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS. — On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. C. Allgrove 1, Mary R. Brown 2, D. C. Brown (cond.) 3, W. Birmingham 4, R. W. Hare 5, F. E. Adams 6. A farewell tribute to Rev. W. Palmer after 19½ years' service as Vicar.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Catherine Reed 1, M. Rigby 2, J. Machell 3, R. Grant 4, A. Long 5, J. Ellams 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, S. Rees 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE BADDOW, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. N. Thompson (first quarter) 1, Miss W. E. Rathbone (first "inside") 2, Mrs. C. K. Cooper 3, P. K. English (first quarter) 4, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 5. To welcome the birth of a daughter (Catherine Elizabeth) to Caroline and Andy Lambert, the former being a local ringer.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's Church, on May 26th, 1,200 Doubles (eight methods): P. S. Royds-Jones 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R. Alexander (cond.) 3, J. Pladdys 4, P. G. Holden 5.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hilliard 1, P. H. Langton 2, W. Moore 3, M. Goakes 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For morning prayer and as a tribute to Canon R. J. P. Peyton-Burbery, a former ringer, who has retired.

QUARTER PEALS

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Lucas 1, Mrs. E. Hull 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, Miss J. Hills 4, D. Stott 5, G. Hull 6. For Evensong.

ORTON, WESTMORLAND.—On June 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Bagnall 1, A. Capstick 2, F. H. Crawley 3, —— 4, G. Tembey 5, A. Metters 6, K. M. Price 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8.

PENDOYLAN, GLAM. — On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): C. Aldridge 1, Ruth Havard 2, F. W. Corney 3, G. J. B. Stickland 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, J. James (first quarter) 6.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on June 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 3, Mrs. F. W. Lewis 4, W. Sidwell (first in method) 5, P. J. Shipton 6, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 7, F. W. Lewis 8. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, Flora Stocker 2, Faith Riley 3, D. Wilson 4, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 5, W. T. Perrins 6, F. E. Collins 7, L. T. Perrins 8. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, A. W. Fry 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, D. Wilson 4, W. E. Cheater 5, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 9th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: Marie Hatswell 1, A. Neal 2, Ruth Gordon 3, R. Harper 4, A. Holroyd 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8. Half-muffled as a tribute to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAM.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Hutchings 1, G. T. Williams 2, R. C. Williams 3, D. R. L. Jones (cond.) 4, W. R. Brabham 5, W. J. L. Groom 6. Rung by members of staff of Glamorgan establishments of further education.

SAPCOTE, LEICS. — On June 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. W. Harvey 1, Cynthia M. Wells 2, R. W. Smith 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. After Matins.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Newsum 1, Mrs. F. Burke (first "inside") 2, D. Marshall 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, M. Marshall 6. A 40th weddding anniversary compliment to the tenor ringer.

STAFFORD. — On June 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Wiggin 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, C. Hone 3, Ruth Fairbrother 4, E. Fairbrother 5, T. Williams 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, A. E. Garbett 8, N. Holland 9, R. K. Mowforth 10. For morning service.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Hill 1, I. S. Merry 2, H. Hill 3, J. Watkins 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Horton (Storrington) 1, Florrie E. Wyman (Dormansland) 2, W. H. Trewin 3, R. A. Large (Tonbridge) 4, H. Heard 5, W. R. Manser (Barming) 6, D. J. Gay (cond., Weston-super-Mare) 7, H. Stacey 8. To mark the birth of Susan Amanda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jenner, of Tunbridge Wells.

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SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): P. Gosling 1, Jaqueline Quickfall 2, C. Morey 3, Felicity Ashford 4, P. W. Gay (cond.) 5, W. H. Watkin 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Father Broom, priest at Swynnerton Catholic Church.

THURLASTON, LEICS. — On June 19th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Joyce Pickering 1, Valerie Watts 2, Jane M. Tooby 3, G. Pickering 4, G. Dudley 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Pickering.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Coral D. S. Spiller 1, Eileen Chilcott 2, G. Fry 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, D. W. Woodcock 5, L. T. Pope 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, V. J. Benning 8. Also on June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila M. Dobbie 1, Eileen Chilcott 2, L. T. Pope 3, V. J. Benning 4, G. Fry 5, J. Chilcott 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, D. W. Woodcock 8. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Coral D. S. Spiller 1, Eileen Chilcott 2, Yvonne Burgess 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, W. Rogers (cond.) 5, G. Fry 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, V. J. Benning 8. For Festival of Flowers and congratulations to Stanley and Ann Jenner on the birth of a daughter, and to Coral Spiller and George Fry on their engagement.

TAUNTON, SOM.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. K. Whatmore 1, Miss M. E. Norman 2, Miss L. M. Dade 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. Rung prior to the civic service.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS. — On April 29th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: L. A. England (first on ten) 1, G. W. Massey (cond.) 2, G. G. Salmon 3, R. W. Rice 4, W. S. Rice 5, G. Hebden (first Royal "inside") 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, M. G. Bartlett 8, D. G. Massey 9, R. C. Taylor (first of Cambridge Royal) 10.

WALTHAM, LINCS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Parker 1, F. Kennington 2, J. Willows 3, J. Parker 4, D. Kennington 5, A. Pashley (cond.) 6. In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Willows; also for the 20th anniversary of the wedding of ringer of 4.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Miss J. Turner 1, Mrs. D. Smith 2, Mrs. J. Marshall 3, Miss C. Etherton 4, N. Carter 5, R. Smith 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, D. D. Smith 8. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Holland 1, Jill Gordon 2, Jill Land (first "inside") 3, M. Eastman 4, D. Land (cond.) 5, R. G. Smith 6, R. G. Bell 7, S. Land 8. For Confirmation.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: S. F. Cooper 1, J. L. F. Floyd (cond.) 2, Christine T. Wilkins 3, Leah D. Floyd 4, R. E. Gerhardy 5, S. Mallett 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. G. Milroy.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Moxon 1, P. Everest 2, J. Igglesden 3, R. Everest 4, F. Budgen 5, C. Moxon 6, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 7, R. Sherlock 8. For Evensong.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS. — On March 17th, 1,344 Westhoughton Surprise Major: N. T. E. Burnett 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, J. Cunliffe 3, R. Jolley 4, J. Illingworth 5, R. K. Lister 6, J. E. Andrews 7, G. Fothergill (cond.) 8. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Carter 1, P. Carter 2, E. S. J. Hatcher 3, D. Parks 4, S. Taylor 5, P. K. King (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Worrall (first quarter) 1, R. Carter 2, S. Taylor 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, P. Carter 6. For morning service.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At King's College Hostel, on June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Maureen J. Carruthers 1–2, C. J. Easton 3–4, J. Pladdys (cond.) 5–6. First "in hand" by 1–2 and 5–6.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS. — On June 14th, at Sunny View, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Heath 1–2, A. E. Austin 3–4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5–6, T. F. Varney 7–8.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Wareing 1, K. Hughes 2, T. Sharp 3, K. Warner 4, R. Cousins 5, A. Crowson 6, A. M. Faulkner (cond.) 7, J. Cousins 8. Half-muffled after morning service as a last tribute to Jack A. Waugh.

YATTON, SOM.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 2, Marjorie Legg 3, G. Prescott 4, S. G. Smith (50th quarter in tower) 5, I. Derrick 6, J. Brain 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Gatward, regular worshipper at Yatton Church.

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ANDERSON.—At Preston Hospital, North Shields, on June 25th, 1968, to Jack and Iria (nee Thomson), a daughter, Hazel. 4316

NIX.—On June 17th, 1968, to Pat and George, a daughter, Helen Judith, a sister for Angela. 4311

ENGAGEMENT

FRIEND—GWILT. — The engagement is announced between Ian, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Friend, of Gnosall, and Margaret Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gwilt, of Newport, Shropshire. 4329

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LAND.—The address of Pauline and Gordon Land is now 63, Queensdown Gardens, Brislington, Bristol BS4 3JD. 4315

NEWBOULD.—The address of Alan Newbould is now 27, Ellers Road, Leeds 8. Phone: Leeds 624304. 4319

POWELL.—The address of Roger W. Powell is now 87, Kendal Road, Dollis Hill, London, N.W.10. Tel. 01-452 3058. 4338

TELEPHONE NUMBER

BULL.—The telephone number of Janet and Brian is now changed to Radcliffe-on-Trent 3674. 4307

PERSONAL

Sincere thanks to E. Ann Sadler (Keighley) for introducing us to bellringing, and we wish her much happiness in her forthcoming marriage to the Rev. Frazer Williams.—Liz, Kate, Maureen and Ian (Kildwick, Yorkshire). 4297

"Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them."—Psalm cxix. 165.

HOLIDAYMAKING IN SCOTLAND between July 27th and August 10th.—Any ringers willing to join two other ringers in visits to towers, contact Box No. 4252, "Ringing World" Office, Guildford. 4252

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MISCELLANEOUS

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE
Flower Festival

Bells (8) available. July 12th, 7–9 p.m.: July 13th, 3–7.30 p.m.; July 14th, 10.30 and 6 for service.

Teas in Church Hall each day. 4323

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SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting
SATURDAY, JULY 13th.

Wye (8) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea in Ashford Parish Hall, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ashford (8) 6.45–8.15 p.m.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 4204

ST. MARY'S, BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX

A Flower and Bell Festival will be held on July 20th in this lovely church. Refreshments all day. Ringers are especially welcome. Bells 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. **Note the date.** 3962

FLOWER FESTIVAL
St. Mary's, Campsall, Doncaster.
July 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Doncaster and District Society meeting at Campsall, Saturday, 20th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Light refreshments available. All welcome 4313

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION DINNER

at Moor Court Hotel, Amberley, on Saturday, September 28th. Tickets (25s.) from Mrs. M. A. Wratten, 19, Ravensgate Road, Cheltenham (s.a.e., please). 4317

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Wimborne Branch Dinner

Friday, August 2nd, Canford School, 7.15 for 7.45.

Tickets £1 (excluding drinks) from Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, before Friday, July 26th. 4322

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual cricket match, Tanfield, July 20th. **Meet at Tanfield Church 2 p.m.** Names for tea to Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, Chapel House, Gibside, Burnopfield, Newcastle. 4306

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Due to Expo 68, the following changes have been made to the meeting programme: July meeting is cancelled; August, learners' meeting at Buxted; September, Barcombe (unchanged); October, Henfield; November, Wivelsfield and Keymer.—J. M. Hills, Hon. Div. Sec. 4276

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, July 13th, at 7 p.m. (Postponed from July 6th.)—E. R. T. B. 4309

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—At the A.G.M. for 1967/68 the following officers were elected for the coming academic year: President, Mr. S. C. Wells (Grey); Master, Mr. M. A. Beaumont (Van Mildert)); treasurer, Mr. C. Moore (University); secretary, Miss M. Nicholson (Trvelyan), 39, Normandy Avenue, Barnet, Herts. 4325

RINGER wishes to join touring group, August, to improve D. Norwich Court, etc. Morris traveller. 8 handbells. — Box 4301, "The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford. 4301

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise practice at St. Mary's, Shalford, Thursday, July 25th, 7.45 p.m. to 9.30. Special methods: Ealing, Rutland, Pudsey. — F. W. Housden, Tel. Guildford 63844.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at St. Martin's, Epsom (10) on Wednesday, July 24th, 7.30–9 p.m.—J. P. O. 4341

YORK MINSTER.—Tuesday evening practices cancelled for summer. Recommence September 10th. 4320

MEETINGS

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hemington on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Rev. A. G. Durston, The Rectory, Hemington.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4281

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Wingerworth, July 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Miss S. Heeley, Wynnstay, Nethermoor Road, Chesterfield. Tel. Clay Cross 3340. — Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 4300

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden and Litlington, Saturday, July 13th. Bells: Guilden Morton (6) 3 p.m.–4.15 p.m.. Service, Litlington, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Litlington Vicarage, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, and Litlington (6) from 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4289

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Bentley Common, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood, Essex. 4205

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Little Horkesley (5), July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to D. E. Culham, 3, Gardenfield Cottages, Little Horkesley, Colchester. 4268

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—There will be a practice meeting at Sheepstor (6) on Saturday, July 13th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec. 4254

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey. 4277

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District.—Meeting at Datchworth (6), July 13th. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 4295

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 4298

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M Pring, 14, The Lindens, Greenacres, Aylesford, Kent.—M. L. H. 4218

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Ringwould (6) on July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Harrison, Bruemar, Front Street, Ringwould, Deal, by Thursday, July 11th. 4308

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—An out-of-the-Branch meeting will be held at Marsden on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 4304

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.— Quarterly meeting, July 13th. Bells: Gaulby 1.15–2 p.m., King's Norton 2–2.45, Foxton 2–3, Gt. Bowden 2.30–3.30, Market Harborough 3 to service at 4.30. Tea in the Old Grammar School 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Bingley, 32a, Coventry Road, Market Harborough. Annual dinner, September 28th, at Stanford Hall, University Hall of Residence, Leicester. Tickets later.—A. J. Poynor, Gen. Sec. 4293

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, All Saints', Church Street, Isleworth, July 13th, 2.30–4.30. Service 4. Tea, Parish Hall, 4.30–6. St. Mary's, St. Mary's Road, Ealing, 6.30–7.30; Christ the Saviour's, Ealing Broadway, 7.30–8.30. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4231

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — A.G.M., Adderbury (8), Saturday, July 13th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Reeves, Belle Vue, Tanners Lane, Adderbury, near Banbury. 4273

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beenham, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury. 4294

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Elton, July 13th. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough, by 10th. 4302

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Summer meeting, Wansford (6) and Thornhaugh (5), July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Yarwell (4) available 3–4 p.m. only. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday previous. 4305

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Empingham (6)) July 13th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Scholes, Wakerley Road, Harringworth, Corby, Northants. 4312

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham and Newark.—Joint meeting, July 13th, Orston. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells evening. Staunton bells 3–4 and evening. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Quens, Whatton. 4164

EXPO SUSSEX 68

South of England Showground, Ardingly.

JULY 19th and 20th

10.30 a.m.–6.30 p.m. each day.

An exhibit on bells and bellringing has been arranged by the Sussex County Association. This exhibit will be one of the most comprehensive ever staged in this country.

A competition for change ringing and tune ringing on handbells will be held. By the generosity of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank a ring of eight bells will be hung in a steel tower and demonstrations of change ringing will be given by members of the Association at intervals throughout the exhibition.

The bells will be available from 6.30 p.m. on Saturday to all ringers who are in the ground before that time.

R. V. Johnson, Lavenham, Anstye, Haywards Heath. 4342

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District. —Ringing meeting at St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting in the Turner Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 4221

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Striking Contest will be held at St. Mary's, Thakeham, on Sat., July 13th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea at 5.30. Bells (6) available for general ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to the Divisional Secretary or to Mr. B. Farhall, New Cottages, Thakeham, Pulborough.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 4279

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Ringing practice will be held at Kenwyn (8), Truro, on Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. All visitors welcome.—K. L. Mossop. 4310

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Ringers' Sunday, Brighstone, July 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 4336

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on July 16th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: July 16th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; July 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 30th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; August 6th, Southwark Cathedral. All at 6.30 p.m. — J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 4337

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Wimbledon on Wednesday, July 17th, at 7.30.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4284

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Stanton Drew (5), Saturday, July 20th. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4339

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Bunbury, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th. —W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4326

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Grappenhall Branch) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, July 20th. Warburton bells (8) 2.30 to 4.30. Tea at Flixton 5. Ringing at Flixton until 9. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Riddle, 57, Overdale Crescent, Flixton, M/CR (Tel. 01 748-6880) by Wednesday, July 17th. **No name, no tea.**—M. Thomson, Branch Sec. 4330

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Atherstone on Saturday, July 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation of Miss Crawley-Boevey, at The Gatehouse, Merevale; help given with transport. Other towers available: Grandon 10 a.m., Polesworth 11, Witherley 1.30 p.m., Mancetter 2.15; each for ¼ hour. Bring own lunch. Names for tea, important, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4333

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Somersham on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court Bob Minor and York Surprise Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4328

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Pentlow, July 20th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Belchamp St. Paul bells available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Finch, School House, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4283

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, Hatherop (6), July 20th, 5.30 to 8 p.m.—J. Pearse, Hon. Sec. 4321

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—Joint meeting with Aylesbeare Branch at Heavitree, Exeter, on Sat., July 20th. Bells, Heavitree, 2.30. Service, Heavitree, 4. Tea, own arrangements. Cathedral 6–8. 4161

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton-St. Nicholas, July 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Followed by Moreton-on-Lugg 7 p.m to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. V. Powell, 21, Ethelstan Crescent, Hereford, by 17th. 4285

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Michael's, St. Albans, July 20th, 3 p.m. and service. Tea 5.15 in Abbey Institute. Abbey bells 6.30–8.30. Special methods, respectively, Pudsey Major and Cambridge Max. Names for tea to me at 23, Culver Road, St. Albans.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4216

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Bredgar, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Rev. S. M. Evans, Bredgar Vicarage, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 4267

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Hythe, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. J. Birch, 5, St. Nicholas Road, Hythe, by Thursday, July 18th. 4215

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—By invitation meeting at Mitcheldean, Glos. on July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Paton, 8, Orchard Close, Mitcheldean. Gentlemen and children welcome. 4272

LANCASHIRE ASSSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Grappenhall Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, July 20th. Ringing at Warburton 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea at Flixton at 5 p.m. Ringing at Flixton in the evening until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Riddle, 57, Overdale Crescent, Flixton, Manchester (Tel. 061 748-6880) by Wednesday, July 17th. **No names, no tea.**—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 4324

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Twyford, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 2.30 Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Ashby Folville bells in the evening. Names for tea to J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray, by the 17th, please. 4303

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Illston-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4335

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Haxey, Saturday, July 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Stedman Slow Course Minor and Bob Doubles.—George L. C. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4331

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Kenninghall on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, July 17th. 4327

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on July 20th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 4312

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at King's Bromley, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4287

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Silchester tower open after tea. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, July 16th, please. 4299

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Surprise practice at Stevenage on Tuesday, July 23rd, 7.30–9 p.m. —Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 27th, at Cudham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Biggin Hill. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 24th. 4334

Mr. ALFRED BALLARD'S RECORD

100 Peals of Surprise "In Hand"

The well-known Leicester Guild ringer, Mr. Alfred Ballard, has just completed 100 peals of Surprise "in hand." It was 21 years ago that his first was rung, which was the first of Surprise Royal rung on handbells and was conductwed by the late Harold J. Poole. Of those who took part in the 100th peal, only Mrs. Jill Staniforth rang in the first.

His firsts include Yorkshire Royal, York Royal, Lindsey, New Cambridge Royal, New Durham, Albanian and Spliced Surprise Royal. On 12 bells there are the firsts of Cambridge, Yorkshire, York, New Cambridge and New Durham Surprise Maximus. Mr. Ballard also took part in the record peal of Surprise on handbells—10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal.

His list:—

Minor.—Cambridge 2, York 1, Durham 1.

Major.—Cambridge 28, Yorkshire 7, Superlative 3, New Cambridge 2, York 2, New Durham 1, London 2, Bristol 1, Lincolnshire 1, Aldenham 1, Whitwick 1, Fordham 1, Ullesthorpe, Zeiah 1, Quornden 1, Rutland 1, Spliced Surprise Major (three methods) 1, four methods 2, nine methods 1, twelve methods 1.

Royal.—Cambridge 22, Yorkshire (includes 10,440) 3, York 1, New Durham 1, New Cambridge 1, Lindsey 1, Albanian 1, Spliced Surprise Royal (two methods) 1.

Maximus.—Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1, York 1, New Cambridge 1, New Durham 1.

LATE NOTICES

ST. MICHAEL'S FOBBING, ESSEX

Flower Festival

Fri., Sat., Sun., July 26th, 27th and 28th. Visiting bands welcome. Ringing at any time except during organ recital, Saturday afternoon. 4334

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Meeting at Aldford, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. R. Weaver, School Lane, Aldford, near Chester, **by Wednesday, July 24th.** 4333

EXPO SUSSEX '68

SUSSEX, while not being listed among our larger English counties, has many features—scenic, ecclesiastical and civil—to attract people to within her borders. Remember that John Goldsmith, founder of "The Ringing World," and Canon Simpson, who introduced five-tone tuning, were Sussex men. The population explosion of the south-east of England has resulted in the Sussex Church Campaign—a far-seeing organisation to provide new churches, schools and halls so that the rapidly-expanding population of the parishes can have facilities for both physical and spiritual needs.

Expo Sussex '68, which is part of this campaign, is the greatest event of its kind ever to be held in the south of England. It is to be on the 50-acre site of the Sussex County Show Ground at Ardingly (which is on the B.2028 branching from the A.22 at East Grinstead) on July 19th and 20th.

This exposition of Sussex, past, present and with peeps into the future, has been treated with imagination and skill. Every activity that can be thought of has been covered.

As Expo sprang from an ox being given for roasting and has grown into the vast organisation it now is, so the bellringing side has expanded from one band performing on handbells to a large and complete exhibition under four headings, put on by the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers. The western ends of our Sussex churches have risen to the occasion magnificently in presenting their art to the many thousands of visitors that will pass through their hands. Specially chartered aircraft and ships are bringing our Continental visitors, who are coming from every European country, including Finland, as well as our Canadian and American friends.

The four branches of the Ringing Exhibition are: the craft of the bell founder; the art of change ringing; a handbell ringing competition; tower bellringing.

The exhibition opens with details of the two oldest bells in Sussex — one of them Roman. The mediæval period will be represented by a full-size model of an 11th century bell and another showing the way it was moulded. It is probably 700 years since a bell has been moulded by this technique in this country. This will be followed by examples of 24 Sussex bellfounders' work. A scale model of a mediæval foundry will show how the majority of Sussex bells were moulded and cast. The manufacture of bell metal will be explained from the native ores to the alloy itself. The formation of moulds for letters forming inscriptions and the construction of the mediæval head mould will be displayed together with a full-size model of a mediæval bell illustrating the names of its various parts. Five-tone tuning will be explained by a diagram, which will also show the distortion of the bell's shape caused by the vibration of the partial tones. Adjustable tuning forks and the method of eliciting bell tones will also be demonstrated. Attached will be a small foundry where sand and loam moulding and the casting of small handbells will be carried out. Waste wax moulding will also be demonstrated. To bring this section up to date the British Welding Research Association are putting on an exhibit dealing with the welding of cracked church bells.

The next section will deal with the art of bellringing. First, visitors will be able to see how bell ropes are made. Then there will be motivated models showing the development of the ringing fittings through the centuries. In the discussion area, ringers will be available to demonstrate on handbells and tape-recorders the answers to any questions our visitors may ask. They are even prepared for explaining the reason for the open handstroke lead. The organisation of the ringers will be explained and there will be a stand devoted to "The Ringing World" and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

The third section will be a handbell ringing competition, both tune and change, adjudicated by Mr. E. A. Barnett. This is the first time such an event has been staged in the county and it should bring out much latent talent.

Finally, the fourth section is the show piece, thanks to the great interest and co-operation of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. By its aid it will be possible to see the bells swinging and the ringers in action as a complete unit. It is fitting that a model example of this foundry's work should be on show, for the majority of Sussex bells come from it. The show piece is a ring of eight (tenor 4¼ cwt. in E) hung in the Liverpool fashion in a steel tower which represents a breakthrough in tower design. Up to now the cost of building a masonry or brick tower has been many times the cost of the bells it eventually contains. Now the reverse is true—the tower costs less than the ring of bells. The aim of the Expo tower is to convince church architects that a tower can now be constructed on sound engineering principles, adaptable and clad to match any church building. We in Sussex are proud to show the world such a tower.

The bells will be rung throughout the exhibition by selected Sussex bands under the Master of the Association, Mr. R. V. Johnston. Exhibition standard of ringing prevents an open meeting of ringers during Expo, but such a meeting will take place at its close. Notice is given in this issue.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District Striking Contest

Rochester District's striking contest was held this year at Hartlip (6). The six bands were required to ring 240 changes of a method of their own choice. After all the bands had rung, there was general ringing until the service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. Green, himself a ringer.

Approximately 70 sat down to tea, after which there was a general discussion as to the exact definition of a "Sunday service band." This was a direct result of one of the competing bands being made up of ringers who ring for Sunday services at other towers in addition to the tower for which they were entered. A committee was formed to look into this problem and to draw up a precise set of rules.

Mr. A. P. Cannon (judge) then gave his decisions and comments on the ringing, the results being as follows: 1 Rainham (Grandsire Doubles) 45 faults, 2 Bobbing (Plain Bob) 52, 3 Tunstall (Grandsire) 65, 4 Minster (Plain Bob) 95, 5 Northfleet (Grandsire) 105, 6 Eastchurch (Plain Bob) 115.

More general ringing went on well into the evening. W. R. A. and L. M.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual ringing week-end of the Truro Guild was held on June 15th, when the neighbouring county of Devon was visited. Those participating were G. W. Riddy (Constantine), Margaret A. B. Weston (Cranstock), C. W. Linington, W. S. Pryor and D. Stephens (Helston), A. Beattie and Barbara J. Duck (Kea) and D. B. Carder (Perranarworth). Mrs. Linington and Mrs. Riddy also accompanied the party.

The first stop was at Liskeard for coffee, then on to Cornwood for a picnic lunch. In the afternoon ringing took place at Dean Prior, Dartington, Broadhempston and Cockington (all six-bell towers). Sunday ringing was at Berry Pomeroy (8) for morning service and at Stoke Gabriel (6) for evening service.

After leaving the hotel at Paignton early on Monday morning, ringing took place at Cornworthy and Dittisham before a ploughman's lunch. The afternoon's ringing was at Halwell, Harberton and finally South Brent.

The party are grateful to the incumbents and ringers of the towers concerned. M. W.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Records Committee

APPENDIX D

The following will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise methods as far as the end of 1967.

1.—NUMERICALLY ORDERED TABLE

A.—Surprise Major Methods

1D Norwich (mx) —34—14—12—38—34—38—34—1.
2D Long Eaton (mx) —34—14—58—16—34—1458—34—1.
3D Xenophon (b) —36—14—1258—16—34—1458—16—7.
4D Marlborough (l) —36—14—1258—36—14—38—14—5.
5D Okehampton (f) —36—14—58—16—34—1458—36—3.
6D Eastwood (b) —38—14—1258—36.14—14.38—56—7.
7D Witney (b) —38—14—58—16—12—1458.36.14.56.7.
8D Mablethorpe (d) —38—14—58—16—12—38.12.36.12.3.
9D Keynsham (b) —38—14—58—16—14—58.36.12.56.7.
10D Kew (a) —38—14—58—16—34—58.16.34.56.3.
11D Kenwyn (b) —38—14—58—36—12—38—36.14.7.
12D Hastings (j) —38—14—58—36—34—58—16—3.
13D Guiseley (b) —38—1458—12—36—14—58—16—7.
14D Mangotsfield (l) —38—16—12—16.34—14.58.14.36—3.
15D Amesbury (e) —38—16—12—36—12—58—56—3.
16D Aldbourne (e) —38—16—12—36—12—58—56—5.
17D Aldermaston (e) —38—16—12—36—12—58—56.34.5.
18D Crowan (e) —56—14—56—36—14—3458—12—1.
19D Highworth (f) —56—14—58—38—34—38.56—36.5.
20D Verney (d) —58—14—56—16—12—58.16—16.7.
21D Okeford (f) —58—14—56—36—14—58.14—12.5.
22D Melksham (f) —58—14.56—56.1238—14—38—16—1.
23D Aquitania (d) —58—16—12—1236—14—1458—14—7.
24D Keystone (b) —58—16—12—36.14—14.38—12—3.
25D Knowle (e) —58—16—12—38—12—38.14—12.3.
26D Kea (e) —58—16—12—38—12—38.56—36.1.
27D Pendeen (d) —58—16—56—36—34—38.14—12.7.
28D Grimsdyke (mx) —58—16—56—38—14—38—56—5.
29D Helston (f) —58—16—58—38—12—58—56—3.
30D Belfast (mx) 34—58.14—12—38.12—14.38.16—12.3.
31D Hertford (mx) 34—58.14—12—38.12—14.38.56—34.1.
32D Otford (a) 38—38.14—12—38.14—14.58.14—36.7.
33D Cleeve (f) 38—56.14—56—38.14—14.58—36.14.7.
34D Hadleigh (a) 38—56.14.58—12.38.14—14.58.14—14.7.
35D Eversfield (e) 58.34—16—12—36—14—58—16—5.

B.—Surprise Royal Methods

36D Westminster (a) —34—14—12—30—12—30—12—30—12—3.
37D Jugsholme (mx) —30—14—12—30.14—14.50.16—16.70.58—18.3.
38D Kegworth (f) —50—14—56—36.14—14.50.14—14.50.14—14.5.
39D Dodford (b) —50—16—70—18—12—30.14—14.30.14—14.9.
40D Wexham (b) —70—18—1250—36—14—50—16—70—18—9.
41D Vintry (f) 30—30.14—12—30—14—30—36—50—14—9.
42D Nobottle (d1) 30—50.14—12—36.70—14.58.16—16.70—16—9.

C.—Surprise Maximus Methods

43D Westminster (a) —34—14—12—31—12—31—12—31—12—31—12—3.
44D Feering (b) —3T—14—12—3T.14—14.3T.14—14.3T.14—14.3T.14—34.E.
45D Winchester (b) —3T—14—125T—36—127T—38—149T—50—16—7T—10—E.
46D Halifax (b) —5T—14.5T—5T.36.14.9T.14.58.9T.14.9T.70.18—18.9T—18—1.
47D Wembley (f) —5T—16—12—36—14—3T—16—3T—16—3T—16—3.
48D Stoodley (a) —5T—16—12—36—14—5T—16—147T—18—7T—18—7.
49D Manitoba (b) —7T—18—9T—10—12—3T—14—5T—16—7T—18—E.
50D Saskatchewan (b) —9T—10—12—3T—14—5T—16—7T—18—9T—10—E.
51D Deansgate (a) 36—56.14.5T.12.5T.36—14—5T—16—7T—18—9T—38—9.
52D Oldham (a) 3T—3T.14—12—3T—14—5T—16—7T—16—7T—36—7.
53D Ashton (b) 3T—3T.14—12—3T—34—5T—16—70—36—7T—16—3.
54D Newgate (f) 3T—3T.14—12—3T.14—14.5T.16—16.7T14.58.14.9T.14—14.9.
55D Eldon (f) 3T—3T.14—12—3T.14—14.5T.16—16.7T.18—18.9T.18—38.9.

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2.—TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES

A.—Surprise Major Methods

Method	Date	Place	
Aldbourne		Rung in Spliced	16D
Aldermaston		Rung in Spliced	17D
Amesbury		Rung in Spliced	15D
Aquitania	6-5-67	Buckland	23D
Belfast	11-11-67	King's Langley	30D
Brislington	22-12-67	Stratton St. Margaret	50C
Cleeve		Rung in Spliced	33D
Crowan		Rung in Spliced	18D
Eastwood	4-3-67	Eastwood	6D
Eversfield	17-8-67	Willesden	35D
Grimsdyke	16-11-67	Harrow Weald	28D
Guiseley	4-11-67	Guiseley	13D
Hadleigh	27-4-67	Willesden	34D
Hastings	31-8-67	Rusper	12D
Heathcote	27-7-67	Willesden	44C
Helston		Rung in Spliced	29D
Hertford	21-8-67	Bushey	31D
Highworth		Rung in Spliced	19D
Kea		Rung in Spliced	26D
Kenwyn	28-1-67	Buckland	11D
Kew	12-10-67	Willesden	10D
Keynsham	28-10-67	Deddington	9D
Keystone	16-12-67	Raunds	24D
Knowle		Rung in Spliced	25D
Long Eaton	29-4-67	Long Eaton	2D
Lydney	14-10-67	Cirencester (Watermoor)	24C
Mablethorpe	11-5-67	Willesden	8D
Malmesbury	8-4-67	Malmesbury	13C
Mangotsfield		Rung in Spliced	14D
Marlborough		Rung in Spliced	4D
Melksham		Rung in Spliced	22D
Norwich	8-4-67	Staines (St. Mary's)	1D
Okeford		Rung in Spliced	21D
Okehampton		Rung in Spliced	5D
Otford	16-12-67	Headcorn	32D
Pendeen	11-2-67	Chipping Norton	27D
Urchfont	3-6-67	Urchfont	19C
Verney	26-8-67	Easton Neston	20D
Wight	4-3-67	Putney	65
Witney	9-3-67	Witney	7D
Xenophon	1-4-67	Kingsclere	3D
Yatton	29-7-67	Yatton	6C

B.—Surprise Royal Methods

Method	Date	Place	
Dodford	9-7-67	Daventry	39D
Jugsholme	14-5-67	Daventry	37D
Kegworth	15-9-67	Daventry	38D
Nobottle	25-6-67	Daventry	42D
Vintry	29-10-67	Daventry	41D
Westminster	9-3-67	Watford (on handbells)	36D
Wexham	26-12-67	Slough	40D

C.—Surprise Maximus Methods

Method	Date	Place	
Ashton		Rung in Spliced	53D
Deansgate		Rung in Spliced	51D
Eldon	2-2-67	Birmingham Cathedral	55D
Feering		Rung in Spliced	44D
Halifax		Rung in Spliced	46D
Manitoba		Rung in Spliced	49D
Newgate	5-1-67	Birmingham Cathedral	54D
Oldham		Rung in Spliced	52D
Saskatchewan		Rung in Spliced	50D
Stoodley		Rung in Spliced	48D
Wembley		Rung in Spliced	47D
Westminster	23-1-67	Bushey (on handbells)	43D
Winchester	12-8-67	Winchester Cathedral	45D

Footnote.—The place notations of Melksham Surprise Major and Winchester Surprise Maximus were incorrectly published with the peal reports.

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53462			2			"A"
63542		"A"				
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The Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset

OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton

TAUNTON is the county town of Somerset, lying between the Quantock and Blackdown ranges of hills in the Vale of Taunton Dene. It lies on the River Tone which rises in the Brendon Hills above Wellington and joins Somerset's main river, the Parret, at Burrowbridge, where King Alfred is alleged to have burnt the cakes on the Isle of Athelney. Not far from the Parret is the site of the Battle of Sedgemoor and fugitives from this were brought before the notorious Judge Jeffreys at the infamous Bloody Assize in Taunton.

From a distance the pink towers of the Parish Churches of St. James and St. Mary dominate the centre of the town, and holidaymakers have ample time to contemplate their elegance on summer Saturdays when queueing on the A38 at either side of the town. St. Mary's tower at 163½ feet is the tallest parish church tower in Somerset, slightly less than Downside Abbey (166 ft.) and the central tower of Wells Cathedral (182 ft.). Nikolaus Pevsner called it the "grandest of all English parish church towers" and its detail design merits some attention.

The church dates from the 13th to the 16th centuries and is of red sandstone and Ham Hill ashlar. It has double aisles of six bays, a most unusual feature, and the nave has a richly-decorated king-post roof dating from Tudor times. The tower has a fine fan vault and was rebuilt from the ground in 1862 by Ferrey and Sir G. G. Scott. (An interesting point is that the stones were raised by a system of pulleys, the rope being drawn by a donkey walking up Hammet Street, which is shown in the photograph.) It features set-back buttresses ending in pinnacles standing clear of the wall below the battlements. The crown would be top-heavy without the filigree battlements and filigree top pinnacles which give a lace-like effect. Above the west window there are three tiers of three-light windows, all pierced with Somerset tracery, with quatrefoil friezes below and flanked by shafts and pinnacles.

Within the taller bell stage hang 15 bells. Three are semitones hung "dead" and used by an electro-pneumatic carillon apparatus. The remainder form a ring of 12, tenor 30 cwt. in D (recast in 1861 by George Mears). Originally there were five bells and a sixth was added in 1816. Two trebles were added in 1840 to complete the octave. After the tower was rebuilt two more bells were added and the 7th recast in 1885. In this year is the first record of a peal on the bells, 5,079 Stedman Caters, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, for the Oxford Guild. Unfortunately this was false and was later withdrawn. Thus the first true peal was Grandsire Caters for the College Youths in 1894. The local band also rang a peal that year, Grandsire Triples, and proceeded to ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters until the Great War, 13 peals in all. In 1920 the bells were augmented to 12 and the late Albert Walker called the first peal of Stedman Cinques in the county in 1923, rung by men from Bristol. Since then only four peals have been rung: one of Cambridge Maximus by W. Pye in 1931 and three more of Caters. The last was Stedman Caters in 1947.

After this the tower was found to be badly cracked and extensive repairs were made in 1949. However, the bells were not rung for eight years. Ringing only began again in 1955 and is now limited to one hour's duration. This is a direct consequence of heavy bells being hung at the top of a relatively slender tower which has many features that could fall off. It is to be hoped that this fundamental mistake is never repeated in these times since to have some first-class bells in a magnificent tower and to be unable to ring them without restriction is a fairly galling situation. However, the fundamental aim of ringing for service can be achieved, and the inscription on the tenor bell makes a suitable ending:

"Come when I call to serve God all
I sound to bid the sicke repent
In hope of life when breath is spent."

COMMENT

Behind Great Companies—Leadership

THERE is always something thrilling in hearing a really competent band at work: in the sound of the City of London echoing Stedman Cinques, or the bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, pounding out Surprise Maximus. There has been in the past, and probably will be again, criticism of those who seek to push the standard of their ringing as near to the human limit of perfection as possible, but whatever the rights and wrongs of the dispute (and if anything has been proved by recent correspondence it is that the distinction between "Sunday service ringer" and "peal ringer" is a false one) the Exercise would surely be poorer for not having the example of really fine ringing.

Various factors have promoted the growth of great companies: the close proximity of towers; a long tradition, as in London and Birmingham, of ringing on the higher numbers; but, above all, leadership—not just the skill of a Ringing Master, but that quality which can instil enthusiasm and discipline into others. Some of the great leaders of the past may serve to remind us of the importance of this gift: John Ashley Freeman, who trained his Lincoln band to a high degree of skill on twelve bells and in the field of Spliced Surprise; Harold Poole, of Leicester, the strength of whose personality was known and respected by people in many walks of life; John Worth, of Cheshire, who was taken from us suddenly last year, and who could always be relied upon to smooth over any discord that might arise; Derek Ogden, who died at a tragically early age, and whose band are even now setting up new records in Spliced Royal and Maximus.

These men, giants not only in their skill as ringers, but also in their capacity as human beings, have their successors today, but not nearly as many as the Exercise needs. There is, in fact, something approaching a crisis of leadership, which extends from the traditional centres of ringing down to the isolated parish church. Sad experience tells us how swiftly a band can disintegrate if it is leaderless or if discord arises or if the wrong sort of man is in charge. Every tower is trying to attract more recruits; let us also hope for the devoted leaders required to train them and to build up new companies.

R.A.G.I.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Warning about Adequate Insurance of Bells

The 77th annual general meeting was held at Taunton on June 29th. The weather became sunny and hot and ringing took place at 23 local towers during the morning and evening. At 2.30 approximately 90 members and visitors attended the annual general meeting in the Corfield Hall, next to St. Mary's Church.

Opening the meeting with prayer, the Master (the Rev. H. F. Warren, of Exford) asked those present to remember the names of members who had died since the last meeting. Thirteen apologies for absence were received.

The minutes of the 1967 annual general meeting, having been circulated to those present, were taken as read and signed. There were no matters arising but the meeting approved of the revised procedure. Following the change in meeting date last year from Easter Monday, the annual reports had been available to all Branches by early June. Therefore the reports of the Master, secretary, treasurer, peal secretary and diocesan adviser on the care of the bells were all taken as read and adopted.

The Master's report referred to the deaths of two valued older members in George Coles and Jack Pugsley, who was the last founder member of the Association. The procedure adopted in the Dunster Branch to improve the number and quality of new members was described for guidance. Progress had been slow but membership had shown a marked increase and six new towers were now practising change ringing. A revision of the Association Form of Service had been made and would be printed when the Bishop's sanction had been obtained. Bell restorations had been put in hand at Dunster and Brompton Regis.

A BELL FOR TRINIDAD

Mr. J. H. Gilbert, general secretary, reported continuing progress in all fields. Two vice-presidents had resigned on leaving the diocese. Work was in hand to find a Somerset bell for a school in Trinidad and this had been successfully concluded in 1968. (In fact the bell in question was on the platform for all to see.) Ringing courses had been instituted and more instructors recruited but there were still several vacancies. Extra copies of "The Ringing World" had been distributed in connection with the rededication of eight bells at Batheaston and two subsequent features on Somerset towers. Striking competitions were increasing in popularity, and this was commended. Since the report was written the Association had become a Corporate Friend of Wells Cathedral. A new stock of certificates were to be ordered and people with more than 40 years' continuous membership were to receive special mention in future reports.

The treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor, reported a slight increase in the General Fund balance with results as shown above. He reiterated his appeal for subscriptions to be paid in early so as to provide funds for the year's working.

Mr. H J. Sanger, advisory expert, reported an inspection at 15 towers and emphasised the importance of providing adequate insurance cover for bells and fittings. Two maintenance points which continually arose were "loose crown staples" and "dry pulleys." Too little attention was paid to the general maintenance of bells and it was felt to be the duty of all incumbents to see that a competent steeplekeeper was appointed.

PEAL STANDARD HIGHER

The peal secretary, Mr. G. W. Massey, reported that the peal total had exceeded 100 for the third year in succession, mainly due to the efforts of resident bands. More Doubles than ever were rung, but the Grandsire Doubles total was the lowest for 50 years, denoting the raising of standards. Notable peals included 16-Spliced Surprise Minor by the Chilcompton band and Spliced Surprise Major in 160 methods and 23 methods (all the work) by Tony Peake's band. The first peal on the bells had been scored at Chiselborough, St. Audries, Tintinhull and Withypool. Quarter peal ringing also maintained a high level, with 276 in 119 towers; according to Alan Buswell's list this puts Somerset second in the "table."

1967 STATISTICS

Ringing members (211 towers)..	1,852
Hon. life and associate members	34
Affiliated towers	224
Investments and General Fund balance	£550
Bell Fund balance	£440
Peals rung	109
Quarter peals rung	276

There was little comment on the reports, which were adopted en bloc. The secretary than gave an account of the Central Council meeting at Worcester, stressing the importance of the new Decisions on Doubles variations and the debate on "The Ringing World." Several of those present asked for assurance that a list of the Doubles variations still permitted would be published quickly. The peal secretary promised to make available to interested conductors any information he could obtain on this matter.

Mr. J. Brain expressed the hope that we had seen the end of dissension about "The Ringing World," which was so essential to the continuation of the Exercise. The paper had improved out of all recognition and he thought the work put in by the Editor had been taken too much for granted. Accordingly he proposed that the Association should convey their congratulations to the Editor on his election to life membership of the Central Council and on the improvement in the paper. This was carried unanimously.

Discussion then took place on the subject of a donation to "The Ringing World" since this was no longer tied to peal fees. It was decided that this must be left over until the next meeting, when it would be known what funds were available from the year's working.

MIDSUMMER MEETING AGAIN

The election of officers and Central Council representatives produced no changes and all elections were unanimous. However, fixing the next annual meeting date produced some discussion. It was agreed that the "experiment" of a midsummer meeting should continue for at least another year, although this year's attendance was considerably fewer than on previous Easter Mondays. There were many factors, such as holidays, haymaking and Taunton's traffic conditions which could prevent members from attending a Saturday meeting. Accordingly the date for 1969 was fixed as June 21st at Axbridge or Wedmore. This date would also avoid a clash with the Glastonbury pilgrimage.

Under any other business it was proposed that the Association consider establishing a library. This was supported and referred to the Branches for detailed discussion prior to a committee decision next year. The secretary urged members to book October 19th for the annual dinner at Cheddar, when Canon Felstead would be the guest speaker. The inclusion of additional features in the annual report was received favourably, and the admonitions on safety in the tower were strongly emphasised. The meeting closed at 4.15 with prayer.

The Master then conducted a service in St. Mary's Church at which the Rev. M. J. Odlum, chairman of the Taunton Branch, gave a thoughtful address on the uniqueness of man, having been created by God in "His own image" and the need to respect each other's individuality whilst living in amity. The service was preceded by a course of Stedman Cinques on the 30 cwt. twelve and followed by tea in the Corfield Hall. Further ringing took place until 9 p.m. The thanks of all were conveyed to local secretary Arthur Reed and his many helpers.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

The ringing arrangements worked well and thanks are accorded to those who did duty as Ringing Masters in sundry towers. It is regretted that North Curry bells could not be rung as advertised, due to a visit by the Bishop, but we were grateful for permission to ring at 23 other towers. The business meeting was held with despatch since all the reports were previously printed. The lack of numbers has been mentioned. I must, however, again draw attention to the deplorable habit of visiting ringers who ring at the towers opened by the Association and then proceed to visit other towers in the Branch whilst the meeting is in progress. This is a growing practice which it is not possible to prohibit, since any ringer can write to a tower secretary for permission to ring, but it is undoubtedly discourteous to the host Association. Those concerned may consider themselves enterprising, but it can only be hoped that good sense will prevail.

Finally, a note of regret that Max Heymann could not attend as planned—he was going to write this report! J. H. G.

BATH RINGERS' DEVON OUTING

In the pouring rain a small group of people could be seen clustered around "the tree" in the village of Corston, Bath, on the morning of May 25th. This was the start of the annual outing, but by the time Taunton was reached the rain had stopped and when we arrived at the first tower, at Milverton, we found the charming village basked in warm, spring sunshine. From these pleasant bells we journeyed to Wiveliscombe (another fine ring) and a passable course of Cambridge Major is remembered.

After crossing the Exe at Stuckeridge Bridge, our convoy, some eight or nine cars in all, plunged off the main road along one of those lanes for which Devon is famous—narrow, picturesque and blessedly free from traffic. We did meet one lady: she pulled in to the side of the road with a smile to let the first car pass: by the time the eighth car had gone by I believe the smile had been replaced by a look of utter bewilderment! A picnic lunch was eaten at the Gidleigh Arms, a convenient hostelry miles from anywhere. "Where's the village?" asked the youngest member of the party, who found it difficult to believe there just wasn't a village! On then through more lanes, twisting and turning. ("Are we practising for the Monte Carlo Rally?" asked one driver.) But at length the convoy arrived at Chawleigh, where we found a really splendid six, rung from the ground floor.

Next came Chulmleigh, where the melodious ring of eight (24 cwt.) seemed to sound best to the music of Stedman. We were privileged to be joined by the local tower master and under his guidance some of us tried our skill at "real Devon call changes"—a somewhat nerve-racking experience for the uninitiated.

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BELLHOUSES AND CHESTER CATHEDRAL

Maintaining an Ancient Tradition

By the Very Rev. G. W. O. ADDLESHAW, Dean of Chester

THE plan to build a bellhouse for the bells at Chester Cathedral revives a very ancient tradition. For when the bells first became usual in churches, they were hung in a tower or campanile, standing on its own, detached from the church to which the bells belonged. Famous early examples are the round bell towers of the churches in Ravenna, dating from about the tenth century, and the round towers of Celtic monasteries in Ireland and Scotland. The ancient English name for a detached bell tower is a bellhouse, a name that first appears in late Anglo-Saxon times. Although after the rise of Romanesque architecture the usual practice was to hang the bells in a tower structurally part of the church, the tradition of the bellhouse did not disappear. The two most famous cathedral bell towers in Italy are bellhouses, the Leaning Tower at Pisa (180 feet high) and Giotto's campanile at Florence (292 feet high). Incidentally, the heaviest of the bells in the Leaning Tower at Pisa is hung away from the side that leans over. The highest tower in Italy, the Torazzo at Cremona (397 feet high) is the bellhouse of the Cathedral.

BELLHOUSES ON THE WELSH MARCHES

Although in most English mediæval churches the bells are hung in a tower that is part of the church, bellhouses were commoner than is usually realised, particularly in the eastern counties and on the Welsh marches. It is the examples on the Welsh marches that we are concerned with here, as they are nearest to Chester. The church at Henllan, Denbighshire, has its bells in a bellhouse, and the tradition of the bellhouse is particularly strong further south in Herefordshire. Stone bellhouses, for instance, dating from the 13th century can be seen in the churchyards at:—

Bosbury—60 feet from the south side of the church.

Garway—15 feet from the north-west corner of the church and joined to it by a stone passage built in the 17th century.

Ledbury—a few feet away from the north side of the church.

The old church at **Richard's Castle** in the north of the county has a 14th century bellhouse, standing at an angle some 16 feet from its east end. Over the border from Herefordshire at Bronllys, Breconshire, is a bellhouse, also standing at an angle a few feet away from the east end of the church. It was rebuilt in the last century, but in style it resembles these early Herefordshire bellhouses.

With the exception of that at Ledbury, those bellhouses have four-sided pyramidal roofs. The Ledbury bellhouse has a spire. That and the top stage date from 1732 and are the work of the Worcester architect, Nathaniel Wilkinson. The sturdy looking bellhouse at Bosbury once had a spire, but it was removed in 1812; so also did that at Richard's Castle. The Ledbury bellhouse and spire has a much too spruced up appearance and, architecturally, is disappointing. For the best example in the West Country of a bellhouse with a spire one has to go over into Gloucestershire, to Westbury-on-Severn.

Herefordshire not only has stone bellhouses. At **Holmer** is a 13th century bellhouse a few feet way from the south side of the church, with a timber framed top stage dating from the 16th century. Two of the most well-known Herefordshire bellhouses, at **Pembridge** and **Yarpole**, are timber framed structures, with the lowest stage of stone. The Pembridge bellhouse stands 48 feet from the north side of the church and is octagonal in shape. It rises in three diminishing stages, with hipped and pyramidal roofs. Photogenically it is the most exciting of the Herefordshire bellhouses, particularly from the east side, where it is seen in a frame of yew trees. Yarpole's is much smaller and stands 49 feet away from the south side of the church. It has a pyramidal roof, crowned with a lantern. The village takes great pride in its bellhouse and in 1967 restored it at a cost of £1,000—highly creditable when the population is only about 300.

There is no contemporary evidence as to why a parish in any particular case chose to hang its bells in a bellhouse. But it is usually that it was done on grounds of economy. It was often cheaper to build a separate free standing tower rather than add a tower to an existing church. Aesthetic reasons may also have led to the choice of a bellhouse. There is no doubt that a bellhouse in a churchyard, as the examples at Pembridge and Yarpole show, add greatly to the interest and appearance of the churchyard and the church. They give them both something distinctive. Garway is another instance of how, on architectural grounds, a bellhouse improves the look of a church and its surroundings. The church here was originally a Celtic monastery. By the 12th century the Celtic monastery had disappeared and it had become a parish church belonging to the Templars, who built a circular nave as was usual in their churches. This was replaced by the present rectangular nave soon after the bellhouse was built. The top stage of the bellhouse was rebuilt in the 17th century and has a pyramidal roof. The colour of the stone and the angle at which the bellhouse stands to the church make the complex of buildings at Garway one of the most attractive on the English-Welsh border.

BELLHOUSES BELONGING TO CATHEDRALS AND CHURCHES

But the examples so far given of mediæval bellhouses are those belonging to parish churches. Did cathedrals or abbeys in England in the Middle Ages ever have a bellhouse? The answer is yes. Indeed, if in a great church the only place available for the bells was the central tower, the Middle Ages often preferred to hang the bells in a bellhouse. They were very conscious that hanging bells in a central tower could be a risky thing, as a tower poised on the four piers and arches of the crossing was structurally the weakest part of the church.

The only cathedral still to have a bellhouse is **Chichester.** The bellhouse, called Raymond's Tower, stands on the north side of the Cathedral and was finished about 1436. The remains of a 12th century bellhouse can still be seen at **Llandaff**, a little to the south of the Cathedral.

Four other cathedrals once had bellhouses:

Old St. Paul's. What the Elizabethan antiquary, John Stow, calls "a clochier or bellhouse" stood north-east of the Cathedral, and was taken down in the reign of Henry VIII. On top of its timber spire was a statue of St. Paul.

Norwich. (A monastic cathedral.) A large bellhouse, some 50 feet square, stood west of the Cathedral in the outer court of the monastery. It dated from the 13th century and either collapsed or was demolished about 1573.

Salisbury. A bellhouse in three receding stages with a spire was built at the same time as the Cathedral on the north side. It was taken down about 1790 during Wyatt's rearrangement of the close.

Worcester (A monastic cathedral.) A bellhouse or "clochium," as it was called, was built north of the Cathedral in the 13th century and appears to nave had a spire some 200 feet high. It was taken down about 1647.

Four Benedictine abbeys had a bellhouse, Westminster Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds, and, in the West Midlands, Tewkesbury and Evesham. At **Westminster Abbey,** the bellhouse, some 75 feet square and with a spire, stood on the north side. In it were hung the five bells, one of Henry III's important gifts to the Abbey. It was taken down in 1750 and the site is now occupied by the Middlesex Guild Hall.

The abbeys at Bury St. Edmunds, Tewkesbury and Evesham had a parish; and on one side of the abbey church was the churchyard, where the monks and parishioners were buried. The bellhouse of each of these abbeys was in the churchyard; and also in each of the churchyards at Bury St. Edmunds and Evesham were two churches built by the monks for the parishioners. Incidentally, not all the bells of these abbeys were in the bellhouse. Some were in the tower of the abbey church.

At **Bury St. Edmunds** the churchyard was on the south and west sides of the abbey church; and here were the two churches built by the monks for the people of Bury, St. Mary's, now the Cathedral, and St. James'. A gatehouse called St. James' Tower was built in the middle of the 12th century in the precinct wall leading into the churchyard. In this gatehouse in the Middle Ages was certainly one of the abbey bells, the fire bell rung as a fire alarm. Since the dissolution of the monasteries, the gatehouse has been the bellhouse of the adjoining St. James' Church.

At Tewkesbury and Evesham the churchyard was on the north side of the abbey church. At **Tewkesbury** the bellhouse was at the entrance to the churchyard. It was taken down in 1817 and a school, still standing, built on its site. Part of the bellhouse is said to be incorporated in the school. Judging from old illustrations, the bellhouse was an undistinguished building. Yet it attracted the attention of Turner, and in the north choir aisle of the abbey is a painting by him, showing the bellhouse and the abbey church.

The **Evesham** bellhouse is a most impressive piece of architecture, and the finest bellhouse in England. It was built about 1530–32, of golden coloured stone from Broadway by the

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Bellhouses—continued

Abbot, Clement Litchfield, and is virtually all that is left of the great abbey. The churchyard at Evesham was in two parts, the eastern part, now a public park going down to the Avon, for the monks, and the western part for the parishioners. In this part are two churches built for them by the monks, All Saints' and St. Laurence's. The bellhouse stands between the two parts of the cemetery. Its bottom stage is an archway leading from one part to the other. The bellhouse is 110 feet high. It has double angle buttresses and the eastern and western faces, that looked on to the two parts of the cemetery, are lavishly panelled. The top stage is crowned by an embattled and pierced parapet and eight tall pinnacles. In it is now a ring of 12 bells. The 18th century Worcestershire topographer, Thomas Nash, described the bellhouse as being "a very beautiful, regular and well preserved structure" and having the appearance of great magnificence." He is certainly right.

Chester Cathedral only became a Cathedral in 1941, after the dissolution of the monasteries. Prior to that it was the great Benedictine Abbey of St. Werburgh. The proposal to build a bellhouse for the Cathedral has to be seen against the background of the history of bellhouses on the English-Welsh Border and in abbey churches.

The bellhouse will be no stranger to the Border, for its design recalls in a modern idiom the regional characteristics of the Border's bellhouses, particularly those at Pembridge and Yarpole.

Its site beyond the Cheshire Regiment Memorial Garden, in what was once part of the Abbey Churchyard, is the place where in the Middle Ages an abbey bellhouse would have stood. As often happened in the Middle Ages, the bellhouse is a safer way of dealing with the problems of the Cathedral bells than retaining them in the central tower and, on the whole, more economical.

A bellhouse, as is the case with bellhouses belonging to churches in England and in Italy, will be a most striking feature of the Cathedral and its surroundings. In years to come it may well be seen as one of the most exciting architectural additions made to Chester in the second half of the 20th century.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

For a variety of reasons the Northern District met, not at Benington as planned, but at Norton a week earlier. Ringing commenced at 5.45 p.m., gradually improving until Stedman Triples could be rung before the business meeting.

Mr. A. R. Agg was elected to the chair and the meeting rose in silence in memory of Mr. Michael D. Trigg, whose death made the election of two new officers necessary. Mr. John Leeming was elected as District Ringing Master and Mr. J. S. Dear to the county committee.

Three new members were elected—D. Scales and D. Warren (Aston) as probationary members and Mr. A. Horton (Hitchin) as a full member. Meetings were proposed for Barkway and Barley in August, Ardeley and Sandon in September and Aston and Benington in October.

Under "any other business" Mrs. R. Spicer asked if a District cricket team could be found to challenge another District. Mr. M. R. Worthington asked if a District Surprise practice could be arranged. After some discussion it was decided that such a meeting could be helpful and that to help it get off the ground it should be advertised in "The Ringing World."

Ringing continued under the direction of the new Ringing Master. Amongst methods rung were Yorkshire, Superlative, Stedman, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. Ringing continued until 8.30. M.R.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

South-Western Division Divided

THE 89th annual general meeting of the Essex Association was held on Spring Bank Holiday, June 3rd, at Chelmsford, 110 members and friends being in attendance.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung for an hour before the service. The Very Rev. Hilary Connop-Price conducted the service, with the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford preaching a very inspiring and impressive sermon.

The business meeting followed in the Chapter House with the Master, Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, in the chair.

On opening the meeting the Master made two apologies to the members. Firstly, through a misunderstanding with "The Ringing World," it was regrettable that the notice for the annual general meeting appeared for only two weeks, and secondly, due to a delay at the printers, the annual reports were not circulated to the members until immediately before the meeting. However, the members agreed that the meeting should continue with the agenda as presented in the report, despite not having time to digest the contents properly. After Standing Orders had been adopted, visitors from Kent and Hertfordshire were welcomed. Apologies for absence were received from H. Pratt, J. Armstrong, Capt. Denson, J. Clark, A. J. House, J. L. Towler, P. Bedford and Miss H. Snowden.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, after which they were adopted as a correct record.

In presenting the accounts, the treasurer, Mr. P. J. Eves, stressed how necessary it had been to raise the members' subscription to 5s., as even now the Association was only just managing to keep its head above water. To save money he suggested that the District secretaries should economise on the wording of Notices in "The Ringing World," as last year this bill had increased quite considerably.

Mr. C. K. Cooper, the report editor, apologised for the lateness of the report, but, unfortunately, once again printers had to be changed, which did not help matters. After drawing attention to a few mistakes which had appeared in the report, he thanked all those who had been of invaluable assistance to him in compiling the report.

LOYALTY, DISCIPLINE AND DUTY

In the annual report the Master expressed how pleased he was to see in his travels around the county plenty of young folk with an enthusiasm for the art and a healthy interest in the affairs of the Association. He also detected a desire for change and more efficiency. He pointed out, however, that in these days of change the main objects of the Exercise should not be forgotten. Firstly, that they continue the calling to worship people of Essex, and secondly to promote fellowship within the Association for the good of and advancement of all bands of ringers. He was disturbed, however, by the number of ringers who flourish for a time and then are seen no more. He respectively thought that they still had to learn how to instill loyalty, discipline and a sense of duty for the work of the Church so that all efforts were more rewarding. The Master finally added that the success of the Association depended on all members pulling their weight.

A ringing competition had been held at Roydon and for the third year in succession St. Leonard's, Colchester, won. The Dagenham band came second, and Dr. Armstrong and his young band are to be congratulated on such a creditable performance. The Association once more provided ringing during Chelmsford Cathedral Festival. At this function five quarter peals had been successfully rung but, due to an unfortunate delay, the peal attempt never really got off the ground.

During 1967, 98 peals had been rung, six less than in 1966. 141 "firsts in the method" and 31 "first pealers" were recorded. This is the highest number of first-pealers that has been recorded in any one year. Worthy of special mention is the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Dagenham, when four members scored their "first" and three members their "first of Major," also, by the same band, a peal of Kent T.B. Major. On January 28th ladies from the South-Eastern Division scored a first ladies peal for the Association. The leading peal ringer was the Master, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, who rang 30 peals, and Miss Y. A. Murray led the ladies by scoring 15 peals.

NEW DISTRICT FORMED

On putting forward the motion on the split of the South-Western District of the Association into two smaller Districts the Master made it clear to the meeting that the purpose was to approve or disapprove the split in principle and leave the actual headache of specifying which towers will go where to a special committee set up for the purpose. Mr. D. Cobb, the proposer, said that the size of a District would not be decided on by the number of towers but by the actual number of members within the District. The South-Western has 300 members, nearly 175 more than any other District. Mr. Hallett thought that both the Southend area and the south-western corner of the county were strong enough to stand on their own and that by doing so would do a great deal of good for the Association. This proposal was voted on and the motion was carried.

It was also decided that the subscriptions for honorary members should be abolished. The proposers said that this position, in their opinion, was of an honorary nature and should be bestowed on people in recognition of their interest in the Association's work, as an honour—therefore, it followed that they should not be asked for a subscription, but rather that, if they should so wish, they could donate as much as they wished.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. F. B. Lufkin was again elected Master and Miss H. Snowden as Deputy Master. Unfortunately Mr. Snowden was unable to be present at the meeting as she has had a serious operation, but all good wishes went to her for a complete recovery.

Other honorary officers elected: Secretary, P. W. Saltmarsh; treasurer, P. J. Eves; auditors, Miss V. Cross, G. H. Isgar; trustees, J. Clarke, P. J. Came and D. A. S. Symonds.

Mr. R. C. Heazel, Past Master of the Association, could not accept the Association's proposal of making him a life vice-president. He felt that it was a working job and at present he was very busy in other activities. The Master said that Mr. Heazel was not in any way being disrespectful and he hoped that the members would respect his wishes until such time as his private life was better suited to accept the office. However, Mr. H. Turner was unanimously elected as a life vice-president. Life members elected were: H. Turner, E. Sitch, S. Holgate and A. Honeywood sen.

Under the heading of any other business the Master informed the members that this year the dinner would be on October 19th, and that they had made a gamble and hired a band for the evening in the hope of attracting more people, especially younger members, to attend the dinner.

The meeting was then closed and lunch was served in the Cathedral Hall by members of the South-Eastern Division. Towers round and about Bocking and Halstead were open during the afternoon and evening, and tea was taken at Bocking, kindly prepared by the Bocking ringers under the leadership of Mrs. Mr. Moore. J.A.Q.

Letters to the Editor

A DOUBLES QUANDARY

Dear Sir,—I cannot understand the logic of the last paragraph in your article "Clarifying Doubles Variations" ("Ringing World," page 482)

April Day, as I have always rung it, consists of Plain Bob with a Grandsire single as a call. This, surely, is in accordance with the third paragraph in the same article, since the call is "not part of the plain course of another method." If, as the last paragraph states, we recognise that spliced extents have been rung, may I ask what the methods spliced together were? If they were Plain Bob and Grandsire, then we have (a) accepted half-lead splicing, (b) allowed a spliced extent in which a plain lead of Grandsire does not occur. If it is argued that we have rung Reverse St. Bartholomew between the half-leads, this makes nonsense since Reverse St. Bartholomew does not occur as a method in the Central Council Doubles Collection.—I remain, sir, confused.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Worcester.

Note.—April Day is an extent of Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob Doubles. Under a different name, Reverse St. Bartholomew is a method much older than our modern Grandsire Doubles: a plain lead of Reverse St. Bartholomew is now used as the single in our modern Grandsire Doubles. Reverse St. Bartholomew is a method which conforms to the C.C. Decisions on Regular Doubles Methods. Together with several other methods it was not included in the C.C. Collection published in 1955; this Collection, like the Major and Minor Collections, has never been claimed to be a complete collection of all regular methods. —Editor.

"QUEEN VICTORIA TREBLE BOB"

Dear Sir.—The correct name for the method rung to a peal at Beenham, Berks, on May 29th as Queen Victoria Treble Bob ("Ringing World," June 28th, page 508) is Sprotborough Delight. As such it was included in a peal at Cawthorne, Yorks, on January 30th, 1965. The Beenham peal is, however, the first 5,040 in the methods, as claimed.

It was suggested in a letter to "The Ringing World" in February, 1963, that this notation might be called Queen Victoria but the writer (Mr. Bishop) gave no reason for his suggestion. It would be interesting to know what made him suggest this name, and whether he has any evidence of the method ever having been rung prior to the Cawthorne peal.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Cheltenham, Glos.

6,000 RINGERS TO CATER FOR

Dear Sir,—You cannot run a journal with a committee constantly at variance amongst themselves, and I appeal for a little bit of commonsense and statesmanship on both sides. The committee should be reminded that they are there to cater for 6,000 readers, not to spend all their time trying to score cheap points off one another at our expense.

No one need get worried about the appendix that was published. It was quite the most boring document I have read for years, except to emphasise the small minds of some of those at variance, who ought to remember that Rome was not built in a day.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

PAYMENT FOR WEDDINGS

Dear Sir.—I wonder how many bellringers have analysed their reasons for joining and pursuing this ancient art?

Is it because they enjoy it merely as a hobby, do they regard it as a duty to their their church, or is it just another way of obtaining a few extra shillings on the side?

Those who fall into the last category will know that I am referring to the system of payment for ringing the bells at special functions, particularly weddings.

This is usually in the order of around £5, paid, in the case of weddings, by the parties concerned, so if there are six ringers they each receive 16s. 8d., eight ringers each receive 12s. 6d., and so on.

To my mind this is sheer avarice; why is there not an unwritten law (or written one, for that matter!) that all money received should be paid into church funds?

There is no compulsion for **anyone** to ring at weddings, and therefore there is no valid argument in favour of being paid for sacrificing an hour or so on a Saturday afternoon. Most ringers, I hope, ring for the love of ringing—or do they consider they should be paid for Sunday service ringing?

Certainly those who wish for bells to be rung at their wedding should expect to pay, just as they do so for the choir and organist to be present, but I strongly contend that it should be the **church**, and not the individual, which benefits.—Yours sincerely,

G. ROBINSON.

Coventry.

Note.—My attention was drawn to a lady in Surrey who recorded her wedding fees on her Income Tax return.—Ed.

A GUILD FOR NORTH AMERICA

Dear Sir.—In recent months there has been much discussion of the desirability of having a Guild of Change Ringers in North America. There is evidence of new enthusiasm among American ringers which should now be unified.

The Guild would serve at least two important purposes. First, it would give each ringer a sense of belonging to a fraternity of ringers throughout the Continent, and, second, it would help to ensure that each visiting ringer has the maximum opportunity to join with local ringers in fostering the art of change ringing in the New World.

Membership of the Central Council would further strengthen existing ties between English and American ringers.

I therefore propose that each N. American tower should elect a person who should send me details of the state of ringing in his own tower and any other information which might be useful in the consideration of the preliminary details involved in setting up the Guild. Other ringers who have any information or suggestions are also urged to contact me so that the North American Guild of Change Ringers may be established as soon as possible.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY DAVIES.

Brandeis University,
Waltham, Mass., U.S.A.

TAKEN A RINGING PAPER FOR 75 YEARS

Dear Sir,—Congratulations on your years as Editor of "The Ringing World"—a fine job well done. Having taken a weekly ringing paper since 1893, now 75 years, I look back with pride to the many improved factors we have in our midst. A lad I taught at Sunbury and Hersham 60 years ago (Albert Diserens) is still active and I notice another pupil of mine (Roy Collins), of Chobham, now of Farnham, still carrying on the good work.

Just lately my doctor has taken a sudden new interest in my health, for he has called here five times in the last five weeks and is coming again next Wednesday. I cannot walk much and in fine weather I am taken out in a four-wheel chair round some of the quiet roads nearby. Since last September I have not ventured as far as our main Post Office as my doctor states my heart, at nearly 85, is tired, and I am bronchial and with Paget's Disease these last 15 years.

In recent years my contributions have been short and to the point, chiefly to get the correct information which people tell me is of interest.

The Editor has a tough job and ringers have no idea of the snags and pitfalls he is liable to suffer. I don't like Surprise ringing or spliced ringing; my limited time gave me little chance to delve into so many methods. Every week seems to produce false changes in peals, etc., and we have too many methods. Plain Bob has many composers in recent years, but all the best compositions were composed prior to 1914.

Still, you are safe in the chair I hope for a few more years yet, so here's wishing you good luck, good health and all good wishes.—Yours very sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

Note.—The Editor thanks Mr. Shepherd and the many others who have sent congratulatory letters.

A NEW ZEALAND REQUEST

Dear Sir,—I wonder if one of your readers could help me. When I was a young lad in Wales I used to belong to a team of handbell ringers. Now I would like to form a team myself but on inquiries it would appear that there are no bells available. Does anyone have a set which they would let me have at a reasonable price? A children's handbell team would be quite a novelty out here as there is only one other in New Zealand, so any help would be very much appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. JAMES.

113, Shakespeare Road,
Takapuna,
Auckland 9, N.Z.

ALSO AGAINST

Dear Sir,—I also voted against the Doubles motion at Worcester, and as we are assured that no restriction is being placed on the scope of Doubles ringing would welcome some explanation on just how future performances are to be submitted to "The Ringing World" for publication.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON.

Truro, Cornwall

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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TINTED COVERS AND THE SHILLING "RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir, — In all the years I have taken "The Ringing World" I have never had cause to criticise the committee appointed by the Central Council, but I feel that over the last two or three years the attitude has changed considerably.

In my opinion, I am very much afraid that the decision taken by "The Ringing World" Committee is going to spell "Dunkirk" for this journal. Agreed, it does make the paper attractive to have a tinted cover, but to my knowledge all ringers buy "The Ringing World "for the news it contains of bells and bellringing in general. I feel that the continued use of "Tinted Covers" plus the increase in price to one shilling will reduce the sales of "The Ringing World." and this should not be allowed to happen under any consideration.

May I refer to the time of the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who in 1911 started printing "The Ringing World," which paper (in those days and until his death) **satisfied** the requirements of the ringers up and down the country who purchased it at (whisper it very quietly) 2d. per copy.

As far as I am aware there have never been any complaints, or suggestions for alterations to the paper, until approximately the last three or four years, and this includes the names of well-known ringers of the past, such as the Rev. Canon Coleridge, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Alderman Paddon-Smith and last, but not least, Albert Walker and many others.

Now this fancy cover is helping very much to put the finances of the paper in the **red** (like the little red star often seen on bank statements).

By cutting out the fancy cover there would be an immediate saving of £40 per week. I would like to point out to the committee that it would be best to cut your suit according to your cloth.

A pleasing profit was made in 1966, but in 1967 experimenting took place with a coloured issue when there was a deficit of £500. Now, in only four months—January 1st to April 30th, 1968—there is another tremendous loss of £438. Where is the continued loss going to end—in bankruptcy?

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, one of the pioneers of the paper, after much hard work (with others) built up a considerable balance for "The Ringing World." Is this balance to dwindle away because of the "fancy dress"? I agree with Mr. Bayliss when he calculated the loss which would occur during 1968 as over £1,000. No wonder he had a shock—and so did I! **Is this the way to prosperity?**

Sales drives have been tried out in the past with little success. My view: cut out the fancy stuff for a start—go back to the original cover—and keep the price as low as possible. It is appreciated that printing costs have gone up, but 50 per cent. in the last two years seems rather high. Unfortunately we have no control over this, or postal increases.

Another item which has surprised me is the amount received for publishing quarter peals. In May this year—£37 for quarter peals (quite good) and £5 for peals (disgraceful. don't you agree?). This, I think, calls for a "peals levy," and I am sure someone could be found in each Association (such as a retired ringer) to be responsible for the collection of this "levy" from conductors of peals. This would bring in welcomed extra money to the accounts, especially as it has already been pointed out that approximately four and a half pages of the paper are given over each week to the publication of peals (no income at the moment from these). **One shilling per rope** is a small amount to pay for the pleasure of approximately three hours of ringing enjoyment (the price of half a pint).

"The Ringing World" has been coming into my home since the first copy that "J. S. G." produced in 1911. In 1920 I was demobbed from the first world war, and after my father passed away in that year I continued taking "The Ringing World" each week. This is 48 years, and I have enjoyed reading the journal each week over these years (almost a lifetime). I have not been an active peal ringer for the past 30 years due to circumstances beyond my control, but I have always endeavoured to be loyal to "The Ringing World." I hope to continue taking "The Ringing World" until December (paid up), after which date I shall think very seriously of cancelling my copy, and I'm afraid I shall not be alone. This I shall regret, but I am sorry I have no confidence in the present policy of "The Ringing World" Committee, who, in my opinion, are trying to produce a paper which will prove to be uneconomical.—Yours faithfully,

HECTOR G. BIRD.

East Brent, North Somerset.

Editor's Note.—We are always glad to hear from readers of long standing. If he had been at Worcester Mr. Bird would have seen that the Council was certainly not willing to go back to the old style "Ringing World," though we are glad to note that he at least found it satisfactory. But the selling price would have had to go up, because we should not have had the increased circulation which has come with the modernisation.

There was no need for anyone to have a shock about the deficit. Until income was increased, by price rise or circulation, or both, an extra £40 a week was bound to turn the profit into £1,000 deficit. If all that has been called for lately had been adopted, the deficit would be five or six times greater.

We would be only too glad for any Association to help by collecting a peal levy for us. We cannot afford the administrative cost of collection, neither can we insist on a levy unless the Council so decides and accepts the risk of incomplete records.

In our experience there have always been critics of "The Ringing World" and its committee. It is much easier to criticise than to devote time and effort, week after week, to produce a paper with due regard to the budget.

DORSET HONOURS BILL SHUTE'S 60 YRS. OF RINGING

Saturday, June 29th, was a very special day, when friends from far and near gathered at Hampreston, near Wimborne, to do honour to the well-known Dorset ringer, Mr. W. C. Shute. About 100 people were present, including, of course, many members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, but also some who had travelled much further—from Somerset, Hampshire, Sussex, Essex and Worcestershire. More would have come but for other engagements (it was a favourite day for church fetes), and among the apologies were those from the president (Mr. W. C. West) and the Master (Rev. R. N. Longridge) and the chairman of the North Dorset Branch (Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore).

A service in the church was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. H. Monds, with Mr. J. Morrison as organist, and an address was given by the Rev. T. F. Brewster, R.D. Then everyone went over to the schoolroom, where Mrs. Vacher and Mr. and Mrs. King and helpers had prepared a wonderful spread. Later the local schoolchildren gave an entertainment of tunes on handbells and recorders, and their efforts were a great credit to their teacher, Mrs. Howard, and the headmaster, Mr. Pressley.

In the schoolroom later Mr. R. King, in welcoming the company to Hampreston, spoke appreciatively of the vast number of Mr. Shute's pupils. Mr. L. Lockyer, chairman of the Wimborne Branch, presided over the gathering and mentioned the affection and esteem in which Mr. Shute is held. He praised his achievements and his services to ringing, including over 40 years as Ringing Master of the North Dorset Branch.

Mr. Shute will have something to remind him of the occasion Many of his friends had clubbed together and bought him a transistor radio, which was appropriately handed to him by Mr. Jim Ralph, who had known him as long as anyone else in the room—for just about 60 years. Mr. Shute thanked all concerned with the occasion and was loudly applauded.

So now, when ringers from all over Dorset, and in other counties as well, listen to the bells before the news on Sunday mornings they will think of their friend, Bill Shute, doing likewise, and will wish him "good listening" as well as good ringing for many years to come.

M. M. C.

A WILTSHIRE GOLDEN WEDDING

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Urchfont on July 6th was made memorable by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, of Chirton, who were celebrating their golden wedding.

Following the tea provided by Mr. G. Heath, the local captain, and his helpers, Mr. and Mrs. Smith cut the cake, which had been generously provided, and their health was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. Heath, who recalled that Mr Smith had also been a ringer for 50 years. Later in the meeting it was proposed that Mr. Smith's name be submitted to the Guild Committee for life membership.

Forthcoming events announced at the meeting were: August meeting, Heytesbury, on August 3rd; Striking Competition, first Saturday in September (draw 2.30); October quarterly meeting, Warminster, October 5th.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar (the Rev. T. Salisbury) for conducting the service, the organist (Mr. Lester Eves), the choir and the caterers. Ringing continued until 7.30 and included Cambridge Surprise Major.

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Bells of a 13th Century Church

A School Project

TRAVELLERS along the Worcester to Stratford-on-Avon road hardly notice Spetchley, a village of about 100 souls, lying in attractive parkland just outside the Worcester City boundary.

Opposite the half-timbered forge and standing high above the road is the Parish Church, almost invisible among the yew trees which surround it. Built in the 13th century, the church is very small and simple in design but is famous for the tombs of the Berkeley family, which fill the chantry to the south of the choir with a blaze of heraldic colour. As in several of the churches in the hundred of Oswaldeslow, the church was built without a tower and probably had, originally, a timber belfry similar to those still in existence at Kington or Whiteladies, Aston. In the seventeenth century the present tower was built within the western end of the nave and the four mediæval bells were hung in a massive frame.

The bells remained untouched until 1904, when it had become unsafe for them to be rung, and in that year James Barwell and Company strengthened the old bell-cage and rehung the bells with new fittings, which remain in good order. It is unlikely that the bells were much rung after 1914 and certainly there has been no regular team for many years.

In 1960 a few young ringers patched up the fittings and rang the bells on a few occasions, and what is thought to be the only quarter peal on the bells was rung in that year by a band of schoolboys, whose average age was 14 years—

On Friday, May 6th, 1960, in 35 minutes,
1,272 COURT BOB MINIMUS
Tenor 5 cwt. in B minor.

James E. Pullon	1
Michael J. Fellows	2
Martin D. Fellows	3
Paul Cattermole	4

Rung to commemorate the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Anthony Armstrong-Jones.

It is recorded that such was the quantity of dust and twigs which descended during the ringing that the treble ringer was forced to wear a sou'wester as protection! The ringing room was then immediately below the bells and very noisy, and the ropes fell awkwardly, the tenor rope being only four inches from the wall.

In 1967 the Rev. R. Kingston, Vicar of Spetchley-with-Whiteladies, Aston, and Churchill-in-Oswaldeslow, inaugurated a scheme for a complete restoration of Spetchley Church and asked the headmaster of the King's School whether it would be possible for boys from the school to help put the bells in order. Accordingly, work began in September, 1967, with the removal of about 15 cwt. of dust, dead pigeons, twigs and droppings from the bell chamber. When the floor boards were eventually uncovered they were discovered to be completely rotten and unsafe and were removed and burned, and a platform was erected from which work could proceed on the bells and fittings.

After a general cleaning, the fittings were found to be in excellent order with the exception of one stay and one slider. Much-needed tightening of loose bolts was done, and faulty ropes were spliced and replaced. The ringing conditions in the belfry would have been even worse than before, as the layer of dust and twigs which had insulated the sound of the bells had now gone, together with the ceiling of the ringing room.

Eventually it was decided to lower the ropes to the ground floor. This made it possible to draw the ropes into a reasonable circle and, by using 24 feet of polythene drainpipe, the tenor rope was placed in a more manageable position. As the western door is the only entrance to the church, the congregation has to pass through the rope circle on its way



into church, but with careful rope-handling this presents few problems.

The bells are, in the opinion of the antiquary, H. B. Walters, all of pre-Reformation date, but only the third is inscribed. This bears in crowned capitals the inscription "Sancte Petre, ora pro nobis" and has the famous "Royal Head" foundry marks. The tenor weighs about 5 cwt. and the notes of the bells are E flat, D, C, B, an odd and rather plaintive combination. If they can find a suitable smaller bell the boys would like to hang this as a treble to make a ring of five.

On Sunday, June 23rd, the church was used for the first time after restoration and the bells were rung by the King's School Society of Change Ringers before and after the service. Call changes were rung by three boys, Paul Hassan, Christopher Pickford and Simon Webb, and one master, Mr. P. Cattermole. Also present were Michael Fardon and Charles McDevitt, who, although not ringers, had spent most of their Friday afternoons for the last nine months in the dust of Spetchley tower doing the necessary repairs. At the service the lesson was read by Mr. P. Cattermole, and the Vicar thanked the boys for their efforts in the tower. After the service all were entertained by the Vicar and Mrs. Kingston to a splendid lunch at Whiteladies, Aston, Vicarage.

On Sunday, October 13th, there will be a service of thanksgiving for the restoration, attended by the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester, and the bells will again be rung.

THE LADIES' GUILD

It was a glorious afternoon when the members of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild held their meeting at Northaw on June 29th. Ringing was a little delayed owing to a wedding but first-comers gathered round the ancient font to ring out the bride and bridegroom. Even though the attendance was not very large some good ringing was enjoyed.

A picnic tea was taken on the village green opposite the church, the unique method of brewing tea causing much interest.

During the business meeting, also held on the green, members learned with regret that Miss Valerie Ware, the vice-president, will shortly be leaving to take up a teaching appointment in Germany. Our best wishes go with her and we hope to see her during school holidays. E. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch Meeting

The June meeting of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Chisledon on the 15th, attracted a good attendance, including a high proportion of young people. This latter feature, which is usual now at these meetings, is a tribute to the towers of Marlborough, Aldbourne and Chisledon, where the patience and understanding of the older ringers is reaping such rich reward.

Under the direction of Mr. F. Read (Ringing Master) the tuneful six of the Church of the Holy Cross were put to good use until the Guild service, which was conducted by Mr. Bowman (lay reader), with Mr. A. Keen as organist.

Tea was provided in the Youth Club with typical Chisledon lavishness and was thoroughly enjoyed. This being the half-yearly meeting, the minutes were read by Miss H. Jones (hon. secretary) and adopted without comment.

A discussion on the venue for the annual outing in September centred around the Wincanton or Clevedon areas. On being put to the vote Clevedon was chosen.

The Rev. R. Keeley gave a short résumé of the meeting of the Central Council, with particular reference to the new tinted cover of "The Ringing World". It was agreed that when it comes to the Marlborough Branch's turn to provide a photograph, that of St. Michael's, Aldbourne, should be chosen. This church, with its magnificent tower, dominating as it does the whole of Aldbourne, was acclaimed as an excellent choice.

Mr. G. Newman (chairman) thanked all who had helped in the day's arrangements and extended a warm welcome to the visitors. He also announced that Miss Heather Jones, the talented secretary, had recently become engaged to Mr. M. Rouse, of Chilvers Cotton, Nuneaton, and, on behalf of the Branch, offered heartiest congratulations. Both Mr. Rouse and Miss Jones are keen ringers and it was through this mutual interest that they met while Mr. Rouse was on a visit to Aldbourne. Best wishes, Heather, for a long and happy future. W. A. E.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The weather might have been a little less hot and sticky on June 15th, as old Welwyn Church has a small ringing room and this was the tower for the St. Albans District meeting that day. However, ringing took place until the service at 4.30 p.m. A buffet tea was served in the Scout Hall and turned out to be far more enjoyable than the conventional sitting at tables.

Mr. Vic Frost was in the chair for the business meeting. All present stood in silence in memory of Father Clare, of South Mimms, who died of a heart attack on Sunday night. There was a request for no flowers or letters, so a donation was sent to the British Heart Fund.

The secretary spoke about the District dinner arranged for December 7th. Tickets will probably be limited to 65, so it will be first come, first served; the price will be 30s. each. For the younger members who cannot afford this, the barbecue is going ahead on September 7th: tickets will cost 5s. each, so everyone should be able to make that!

Two further District practices have been arranged—Kimpton on July 5th and North Mymms on August 7th. The next District meeting will be held on July 20th in St. Albans—St. Michael's in the afternoon and the Abbey in the evening.

After the votes of thanks, evening ringing continued until 8 p.m., with a short interval when the 7th rope decided to break! A new rope was fitted and methods up to Spliced Surprise were rung. J. A. F.

HALF PEALS

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On June 15th, 2,640 Pl. Bob Minor Margaret Adams 1, Katherine Thorley 2, J. Pilgrim 3, J. Gibson 4, M. Thorley 5, V. Bedford (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On June 29th, 2,520 Plain Bob Royal: A. J. Davidson 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, A. Locke 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, F. M. Bowers 5, J. P. Coad 6, A. F. Burley 7, G. W. Taysom 8, C. G. Bryant 9, A. Carveth (cond.) 10. A peal attempt called round.

KEWSTOKE, SOM.—On June 29th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J House (first touch longer than 200) 1, Miss J. J. Murrell 2, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 3, D. Powney 4, R. J. Purnell 5, G. W. Land (cond.) 6. A peal attempt brought round because of a failing tenor rope.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On June 27th, 2,898 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Mrs. C. Chennell-White 2, K. Sansom 3, N. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, C. Chennell-White 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Rung to mark the opening of the St. Peter's Church Festival of Flowers, Art and Music.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On June 17th, 1,320 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, St. J. Perry 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, R. F. Taylor 4, J. J. Prentice 5, E. J. Lockwood 6. A farewell to Mr. W. M. Bennett, former churchwarden and clerk to Gipping R.D.C., who is taking up a post in Zambia.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Udall 1, S. E. Davis 2, T. Wylie (cond.) 3, M. E. Hearnshaw 4, G. W. Hawksworth 5, P. Attwood 6. Also on June 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. E. Davis (cond.) 1, C. Davis 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, D. Davis 4, B. Bateman 5, T. Wylie 6.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hornby 1, E. J. Philips 2, B. J. W. Foley 3, A. M. S. Stracey 4, A. Stracey 5, J. H. Philips 6, J. A. D. Woodford 7, S. D. Butcher 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Sidney Cadle, ringer at this church, who died on June 21st, aged 80.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On April 25th, 1,258 Little Bob Major: Linda Shaw 1, Bessie Holmes 2, Marjorie Yarnold 3, R. Chambers 4, H. Wagstaff 5, M. Phipps 6, D. Whetton 7, H. Rooke (cond.) 8. A farewell tribute to J. Frank Smallwood on his departure for London.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Peckham 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, R. Philpott 3, R. Hutchings 4, R. Price 5, E. Booth 6, D. Grimwood (cond.) 7, J. Price 8. For Evensong.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Ford (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Christian 2, Miss C. Lay 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 5, I. Whitear 6. For Evensong.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, J. H. Bowden 2, W. Cholwill 3, R. G. Pearce 4, R. W. Hill 5, C. Bishop 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, W. Bond 8. Rung for the engagement of Margaret E. Chilton and Stanley Snyder, both of Newark, Nottingham.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On June 18th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: T. Castka (first quarter) 1, J. Beasley 2, K. Clipsom 3, S. Bell (cond.) 4, M. Hawkins 5. Also on June 25th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Miss D. Smith 1, J. Beasley 2, T. Castka 3, K. Clipsom 4, M. Hawkins (first as cond.) 5.

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples D. Simmonds 1, C. Roper 2, R. Bampton 3, L. Bruce 4, P. Davis 5, P. Brown 6, C. Herbert (cond.) 7, A. Hicks 8. Rung as a wedding compliment for Judy Barr, a ringer at St. Paul's, Burwood, and Frank Dearne.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Vine 1, J. E. Baker 2, R. Kennard 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, W. Cull 5, D. H. Thorpe 6. In memoriam T. Wickens, ringer of this parish.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: P. Dickinson 1, G. H. Walker 2, M. Wareing 3, A. Ottaway 4, A. R. Crowson 5, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 6. Rung for Chigwell School speech day service.

DORNEY, BUCKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Jackman 1, S. Hare 2, R. Hare 3, C. Finch 4, F. R. Scott 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6. Rung for the church's flower festival.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST BRENT, SOM.—On June 25th, 1,440 Double Court Minor: B. Wylde (first in method as cond.) 1, S. Brown 2, G. Marchant 3, J. Brain 4, C. Clarke 5, M. Stone 6. First in method 2, 3, 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. J. Pike 1, G. W. Bisnop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J. H. Napper 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For the Wallingford Deanery Mission Service.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Arnold 1, T. Roberts 2, C. Banham 3, C. Goodman 4, O. Claxton 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. For the festival of flowers.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Elsmore (cond.) 1, Miss R. A. Collins 2, Mrs. E. M. Turner 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, J. A. Collier 6, P. R. Collins 7, E. Oliver 8. For Confirmation service.

GROTON, MASS, U.S.A.—On May 21st, 1,302 Plain Bob Triples: W. C. Loring, jun. (first quarter) 1, P. L. Chandler 2, A. G. K. Seibert 3, S. B. Prudden 4, H. J. S. Cheever 5, F. C. Price 6, T. Goodyer 7, R. S. Young 8. First quarter Plain Bob Triples 2, 3, 4 and 5.

GWINEAR, CORNWALL.—On June 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): E. H. Langley 1, Violet N. Castle 2, T. J. Bell 3, B. C. Castle 4, A. J. Davidson 5, A. Carveth (cond.) 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Furness 1, D. Goss (first on eight) 2, M. Goss 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Furness 5, P. Taylor 6, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 7, B. Doe 8. First of Grandsire Triples by all except the conductor. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Webster 1, O. Webster 2, H. Deacon 3, J. Hemsley 4, Margaret S. Jenner (first as cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. Rung for Evensong and also as a 6th birthday compliment to Miss E. Jenner, sister of the conductor.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. C. Godfrey 1, Miss A. Godfrey 2, B. B. Dibben 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5. In memoriam Emily Phillips, S.R.N., friend of ringers and a true Christian.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. M. Howells (first quarter) 1, T. J. Southam 2, I. Desborough 3, Mrs. H. Y. Price 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Harding 6. Rung half-muffled prior to Evensong in memoriam Senator Robert Kennedy.

KINGSDON, SOM.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Bowron 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, Miss L. Leggat (first Bob Minor) 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Parker (cond.) 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sarah D. Taylor 1, G. C. Reynolds 2, P. G. Badcock 3, P. J. Reynolds 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5, E. C. Hoar 6. First quarter 1, 4. Rung by Chesham, Bucks, Sunday service band as a 21st birthday compliment to Gillian M. Hoar.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. White 1, K. Lucas 2, P. M. Fleckney 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. For morning service. Most methods by a local band. Also on July 2nd 1,280 Doubles (four methods): W. White 1, K. Lucas (most methods) 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Most methods by a local band.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Whitmore 1, R. Russell 2, M. Hawkins 3, P. Abbott 4, S. Bell (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Graham Bell.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On June 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Machell 1, Jennie Brown 2, R. A. Grant 3, P. Royds-Jones 4, J. Elliams 5, D. G. Hollis 6, M. J. Young 7, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 8. First Surprise Major 1, 3. For Evensong.

LINSLADE, BEDS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's): B. Peddar 1, J. Dass 2, C. Radcliffe 3, A. Jeffs (cond.) 4, K. E. Jackson 5, J. Greitel 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On June 2nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Cooke 1, Felicity Cooke 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, Ruth E. Havard 4, F. W. Corney 5, M. Pilgrim 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, P. A. Williams 8. For Evensong. Also on June 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Anne Cooke 1, Felicity Cooke 2, Judith Ashcroft 3, N. A. James 4, P. S. Reading 5, N. W. H. Simon 6, D. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, C. P. Quartley 8. Rung after the induction of the Very Rev. G. Phillips as Vicar of the Parish of Llandaff.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on June 16th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: C. Bassett (first on ten) 1, J. W. Smith 2, Miss J. Qualfe (first in method) 3, P. J. Simmonds 4, P. J. Spice 5, E. J. Ladd 6, M. H. O'Callaghan 7, T. Lewis 8, K. J. Rider (cond.) 9, Miss D. L. Colgair 10. For Evensong.

MADELEY, STAFFS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (20 methods): C. Morey 1, P. W. Day (cond.) 2, Felicity Ashford 3, D. J. Midgley 4, R. J. Ballard 5, Susan Day 6.

MELLING, LANCS.—On June 18th, 1,680 Doubles (seven methods): J. Glen 1, Miss K. R. Lloyd 2, K. Lewin 3, P. Coddington (cond.) 4, A. White 5, R. Stokes 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Society of Rambling Ringers will be commencing their 18th annual tour in Norfolk and Suffolk on July 27th.

Brian Reed, of Ealing, has gained a first-class honours degree in mathematics at Sussex University. Congratulations!

The evening meeting of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild at Colton on June 15th attracted 50 ringers.

The peal at Netherton, Worcestershire (page 550) was not the 100th peal on the bells but the 100th peal for A. B. Ellsmore.

Miss Valerie Ware, of Neasden, the vice-president of the Ladies' Guild, is leaving shortly to take up a teaching appointment in Germany.

The last three bells to complete the new ring of eight at St. Helen's, Pinxton, Derbyshire, will be dedicated on September 15th. The Association has purchased the treble and the effort has been largely one of "do it yourself."

Derby Cathedral bellringers opened their tower to the general public on July 13th to help forward the £1,000 promised by Derbyshire ringers towards the Cathedral Restoration Appeal. They are following it up with a "Bellringers' Party" at Risley on August 10th.

The band who rang the peal at Sevenoaks on June 29th would like to thank Mr. W. H. Dobbie for standing in at very short notice.

"I hope the paper will pay its way as it's worth every penny!"—Robin Brown, Wakefield.

Would all holders of the Ringers' Diary please note the following change of date of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's annual dinner from October 19th to October 26th.

For the first time the Oxford Guild has a member with 70 years' membership. He is Mr. Harry Miles, who joined the Guild in 1898 and is now living at Lelant, Cornwall.

Twenty-four churches were represented at the joint meeting of the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the Society of Sherwood Youths at Bottesford on June 29th. They came from as far apart as the west coast of Scotland and Hailsham in Sussex.

The Rev. and Mrs. Peter Newing have had an enjoyable three weeks in Eire and wish to express their thanks for the excellent hospitality during their visits to eight towers and on other occasions. Peter acted as locum for the Vicar of Killarney and he has already been offered a locum for next year by the Rector of Doneraile.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

BISHOP BREAKS HIS RULE

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 30th, a most important occasion took place for the "handful of people" who live in that beautiful little village of Grosmont, high up in the north of Monmouthshire.

For on that hot, sunny afternoon came their Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Stephen Erryl-Thomas, to rededicate the rehung ring of six bells.

Many visitors, too, journeyed to Grosmont to join in that service of thanksgiving. And what a lovely journey it was—through fields bright green with growing corn, woodlands carpeted with the pink of foxglove and wild rose, and hedges graced with "plate-like" creamy elderflower. So we gathered together for the service, packing the church, local people and ringers from far and wide.

After the rededication the local band rang two lots of rounds, and then the Bishop, in friendly manner, chatted to us from the pulpit. He said that he had made a rule **not** to attend dedications of any kind for at least the first two years of his ministry, but he just **had** to break that rule when he had heard of the noble efforts of the Vicar, the bellringers and the parishioners of Grosmont. He had been amazed to hear of their hard labour in lowering the bells themselves, transporting them to London themselves and making the new frame themselves, also installing new girder foundations, a new ceiling and new staircase! In all, saving some £700 out of the £2,000 to be found. He thought their efforts deserved every possible praise and he was so very glad to break his rule to reward such toil and hard labour and to join in that joyful service.

After this service the local ringers, together with the visitors, all ascended the tower and enjoyed the "go" of the rehung bells.

The Vicar, the Rev. A. W. M'Adam, and the Lord Bishop together made their way up to the ringing room to talk to the ringers and encourage them in their efforts.

Judging by the keenness of the Grosmont ringers, yet another tower is sure of its bells calling out, Sunday by Sunday, across the beautiful fields and woodlands for many, many years to come. J. S. K.

TEN-YEAR SILENCE ENDED

Among those who have rung at all the Hampshire towers four bells and upwards, is Mr. G. K. Dodd, of Highclere, this coming about with the reopening of the belfry at Chawton, near Alton, after a ten-year silence due to a ruling by the P.C.C.

Wednesday, June 26th, enabled many ringers to enjoy these bells when two parties visited the tower from 7 until 9 p.m. To those instrumental in the reopening of this tower our heartiest congratulations. Why cannot more ringers, either as individuals or through their Associations, follow this lead given by members of the Alton and Petersfield District and defeat the closed shop policy?

Thank you, Chawton. G. D.

OUTING TO BROTHER'S PARISH

The Rev. L. Standley, Vicar of Ulceby, Lincs, arranged for his ringers to visit his brother's parish, Harmston, on June 28th. The outing proved most enjoyable and ringing was generally of a good standard on this light, easy-going ring of eight. Later at the Thorald Arms there was a typical end to a typical ringers' outing.

NEW GUILD SECRETARIES—No. 2



THE REV. LAWRENCE R. PIZZEY

Succeeding Mr. Andrew Beckwith as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Suffolk Guild this year is the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey, who is now serving his title as assistant curate at St. Mary's, Bramford, Suffolk. He was ordained last Michaelmas, having received his theological training at Westcott House, Cambridge.

Mr. Pizzey's home tower was St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and he started ringing in September, 1960. The following year saw him at St. John's College, Durham, and for three years he was with Durham University Society, filling the post of Deputy Master in 1963–64. He rang regularly with Durham Cathedral band, and during this period was able to visit most of the ringable towers in Co. Durham and Northumberland. His first peal was rung with Durham University Society at Houghton-le-Spring on March 19th, 1962.

For a year after leaving Durham he was teaching in Ipswich, and this provided him with opportunities for peal ringing. Of his 58 peals to date, 46 have been rung for the Suffolk Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION GARDEN PARTY

Whilst the sun did not exactly "shine on the righteous," the weather on the last Saturday in June was much better than could have been expected from the previous week. The garden at Goosnargh Vicarage is beautifully situated and, in spite of the fact that his wife was in hospital, the president made us feel very welcome.

Over 100 ringers, wives, children and friends gathered and all appeared to thoroughly enjoy the party. Refreshments, served as usual by the hardworking ladies, were appreciated, but certain ringers were known to be disappointed at being judged slightly oversize for the pony ride!

From the numbers who later descended on the local hostelry it seems that six-a-side cricket is a splendid means of creating a thirst.

BEDDINGTON LOOK FOR THE UNUSUAL

Beddington (Surrey) ringers' outing this year was to Essex and Suffolk on June 29th, and unusual things seen were the 4½ gallon ringers' jar at Halstead, reputed to be 300 years old, and the Angelus bell at Hadleigh, which is on the outside of the steeple over the clock-face. Said to be over 600 years old, it must rank amongst the oldest bells in the county. The Hadleigh bells made very hard work, and the ringing room was noisy, but Stewart Kimber managed the 28 cwt. tenor to Plain Bob.

A coincidence at Grundisburgh was to learn that Jim Pipe had gone on an outing to Croydon that day! Tea was taken at Woodbridge, where there are pleasant, slow-ringing bells.

The 70ft. draught to the ground-floor ring at Great Dunmow was surprisingly easy to handle and it was here that the highlight of the day—Beddington Surprise Major—was successfully rung. Coach handbells included a plain course of Plain Bob Maximus, even though the seats were somewhat awkward for ropesight!

Our thanks to Jim Cook for organising the towers and to Nigel Thomson for arranging the coach. P. D. D. T.

PETERSFIELD FESTIVAL

The St. Mary's, Buriton, and St. Peter's, Petersfield, handbell ringers were asked to perform at the opening service of the Festival of Flowers at St. Peter's Church on June 28th. They rang three hymns and two plain courses of Grandsire Doubles before a congregation of about 500, and it was their first performance.

The tower had been decorated by the ringers and was open to the public. The total number of visitors for the Saturday and Sunday came to 238, nearly all of whom went up a further two flights of steps to see the bells.

Musicwise the Festival was a great success and moneys collected for new churches and a new church hall amounted to about £200 each.

The flowers were arranged by the Liphook Floral Decoration Society and were exceptional as the colour scheme matched the stained glass in each window. K. S.

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING

"A fine day, interesting country, good bells and good humour were the ingredients for this memorable outing," writes W. F. S. concerning the Daventry Branch outing to the Swindon and Cirencester Districts on June 29th.

Ringing started on the musical six at Lechlade, followed by Highworth. After the lunch break at Swindon the party reassembled at Christ Church for Grandsire and Stedman Caters and call changes. A wedding brightened proceedings at Purton, where there is a fine heavy six, and Oaksey (6) provided a light relief. High tea was taken at Cirencester and the last tower of the day was North Cerney. The journey home was the excuse for the usual handbell efforts and after a thirst-quencher break at Chipping Norton Daventry was reached at 10.45 p.m.

A TOWER GRAB IN SYDNEY

About 20 ringers took part in a "tower grab" organised by the N.S.W. Branch on June 2nd, when all the "ringable" towers in Sydney were visited. The start was service ringing at St. Paul's, Burwood, concluding with evening service ringing at All Saints', Parramatta. Nine towers were on the programme and dinner was served at St. Mary's Cathedral.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill, E.C.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. in B.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	Raymond G. Cousins	7
Michael V. Chilcott	2	Michael P. Moreton	8
James Phillips	3	Alan R. Patterson	9
John Chilcott	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	10
James G. A. Prior	5	Philip A. F. Chalk	11
William T. Cook	6	John H. Crampion	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.
Rung in remembrance of Jack A. Waugh.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BATHEASTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., June 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Jane M. Dennis	Treble	David C. Hawkins	5
Peter J. Devrell	2	Julian E. Newman	6
Roger I. Kendrick	3	Alan F. Lee	7
Horace D. Taylor	4	Brian Sarll	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Julian E. Newman.
First peal on the bells. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and on the sixth birthday of Hugh J. G. Taylor, grandson of the ringer of the 4th, who has been a ringer in this tower for 59 years.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

D. G. Andrews (Trinity)	Treble	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	5
R. S. Bradley (Clare)	2	D. S. Bishop (Caius)	6
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	3	F. E. Haynes (St Cath's)	7
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Alan Scholfield.

STRETHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Tues., June 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	Treble	R. S. Bradley (Clare)	4
Merryn Hutchings (Newnham)	2	R. L. Underwood (P'house)	5
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	3	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.
First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band except the ringer of the treble. The ringers of the treble and tenor have now rung 25 peals together.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B.

Roy Worrall	Treble	*John Hall	5
*Mandi McCallion	2	David J. Midgley	6
Gerald Parsons	3	†David J. Danby	7
T. Felicity Ashford	4	†Raymond J. Ballard	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

MARKET DRAYTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Robert E. Dennis	5
G. William Critchley	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	George E. Thoday	7
David E. Rothera	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, all singles. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*Gordon K. Green	Treble	David Allman	4
A. Doreen Edwards	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
Stephen P. Newton	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Thurs., June 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Michael J. Fellows	Treble	Harold Taylor	5
*Geoffrey Bridges	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
Brian A. Tomlinson	3	Denis R. Carlisle	7
*Melvyn A. Rose	4	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome Victoria Cathryn Smart, granddaughter of Denis and Nora Carlisle.

FAIRFIELD (Buxton), Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., July 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Joyce Gardner	Treble	Alex Richardson	5
†Ann M. Smith	2	Burley P. Morris	6
*Susan E. Davis	3	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	7
*Geoffrey R. Gardner	4	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*J. Vernon A. Stedman	Treble	§John A. Laver	5
†Gillian M. Laver	2	§Peter J. Munday	6
‡Felicity S. Hamilton	3	§Tony Skilton	7
Alan D. Elsmore	4	§T. Brian Porter	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Tony Skilton.
* First peal attempt. † First peal. ‡ First of Triples. § First of Triples in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

Kenneth J. Darvill	Treble	Harold V. Frost	6
Donald G. Clift	2	Anthony R. Carter	7
*Frances Dodds	3	John E. Ewer	8
†Thelma Lynn Willis	4	Frederick D. Ellis	9
Christopher E. Forster	5	Bertram C. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Bertram C. Johnson.
* First peal of Royal † First peal. First of Royal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Walter H. Dobbie	2	Roy D. Mills	6
A Stephen Taylor	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Richard Hayes	4	*A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* 150th tower in Kent for a peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. H. Hayes, mother of the ringer of the 4th.

BOBBING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two different extents each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

George A. Naylor	Treble	*Frank J. Dadson	4
Wendy R. Austin	2	Richard J. Bushell	5
Pamela A. Tomsett	3	Brian E. Jemmett	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. D. Rashid, after his induction by the Bishop of Dover.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Norwich S., (2 and 3) London Surprise, (4) Surfleet Surprise, (5) Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Jennifer L. Quaife	Treble	Derek Slater	4
Judith M. Corby	2	John A. Howard	5
Richard Hayes	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Anthony the Martyr.
On Wed., July 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
216 plain courses. Tenor 7 cwt.

Rachel J. Sinden	Treble	†Dawn V. A. Petts	3
*†James Hedgcock	2	†Pamela E. Powell	Tenor

Conducted by Pamela E. Powell.
* Has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minimus to Royal.
† First of Minimus. First of Minimus in the method by all the band on the bells and for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., June 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

William A. Theobald	Treble	Derek Butterworth	6
John H. Fielden	2	George E. Thoday	7
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Ralph G. Edwards	8
Robert E. Dennis	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
David E. Rothera	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Thurs., June 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5068 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

J. Edward Cawser	Treble	Alfred Ballard	7
Peter J. Staniforth	2	Shirley Burton	8
Thomas J. Lock	3	*Thomas W. Goodyer	9
David F. Moore	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	10
Jack P. Kesterton	5	E. Alan Jacques	11
Murray A. Coleman	6	Herrick B. Bowley	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (No. 14.) Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Thomas J. Lock	Treble	Shirley Burton	6
David F. Moore	2	Herrick B. Bowley	7
W. Ernest Rawson	3	*Thomas W. Goodyer	8
Alfred Ballard	4	E. Alan Jacques	9
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	5	Peter J. Staniforth	Tenor

Composed by William Pye Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

MELTON MOWBRAY, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

J. Edward Cawser	Treble	A. James Poyner	6
Beryl E. Cawser	2	*B. Stedman Payne	7
Alan Evans	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	8
Murray A. Coleman	4	Ian V. J. Smith	9
James R. White	5	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 100th peal of Surprise.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

John M. Jelley	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Philip A. Mason	6
*Monica M. Jelley	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Richard S. Bradley	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 50th peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., June 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

William John V. Conduct	Treble	Dan S. Pont	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Frank Chambers	6
John K. Smith	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

H. George Hart	Treble	Ruth M. Foreman	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	*Thomas W. Goodyer	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	G. William Critchley	7
Alick Cutler	4	†Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal in the method. † 1,000th peal.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., July 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Anthony K. Fortin	6
Dorothea M. Robotham	3	Thomas W. Goodyer	7
John R. Southey	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

*Heather A. Walters	Treble	Richard J. Bowden	7
Shelagh R. Collins	2	†Peter G. W. Newstead	8
Elizabeth Timmins	3	Richard G. Stevens	9
Philip N. Tubbs	4	Robert C. Kippin	10
John Hartless	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
Frank L. Harris	6	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First of Stedman.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 of Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb.

George P. Adams	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Janet House	2	Martin Cubitt	6
David G. Adams	3	Peter Adcock	7
Kevin S. Hohl	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by David E. House.
First peal in the four standard Surprise methods for the Association and by all the band except the conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Peter Adcock, Association Ringing Master, who was married in this church the following day to Hilary Webb, a member of the local band.

KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise. (2) Cambridge and Beverley Surprise. (3) Oxford T.B.. (4) Double Court. (5) St. Clement's. (6) Kent T.B.. (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Stephen F. High	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
Frederick C. Gunton	2	Michael J. Parker	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by J. Barry Pickup.
Rung for Kessingland Festival Week.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G sharp.

Rosamund M. Rawlings	Treble	*Roger M. Day	5
Peter N. Mackley	2	Simon Humphrey	6
*J. Martin Rice	3	Ian V. J. Smith	7
B. Stedman Payne	4	David R. McLean	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by David R. McLean.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, Notts.—At the Church of St. George.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

*J. Martin Rice	Treble	Paul J. Bagshaw	4
Rosamund M. Rawlings	2	David R. McLean	5
Peter N. Mackley	3	Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* First peal of Minor. Most methods to a peal of Minor by all except the ringer of the 2nd.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Alan R. Pink	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
Christopher C. Clarke ..	2	Bertam J. Coggins	6
Charles Coles	3	Thomas W. Goodyer ..	7
Peter H. Mackie	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., June 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL
Wakefield version. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Patrick I. Chapman	Treble	Roger W. Smith	6
Richard F. B. Speed ..	2	David J. Marshall	7
Graham C. Paul	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Barry E. Saunders	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.
Rung to welcome the arrival of Charlotte Jayne Hendry on Thursday, June 27th, 1968.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., June 14, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Roger W. Smith	5
Patrick I. Chapman ..	2	John K. Foot	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	3	David J. Marshall	7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	4	Richard F. B. Speed ..	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 75th peal.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Patrick I. Chapman	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	4
Kilby R. Holtom	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	5
Roger W. Smith	3	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

Frederick G. Beddow ..	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst ..	5
*M. Cecilia Evans	2	Richard E. Morris	6
Jennifer M. Beech	3	Frank Beech	7
Reginald H. Newton ..	4	Philip J. Evans	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip J. Evans.
* First peal "inside."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, Notts.—At the Church of St. George.
On Mon., June 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents of St. Simon, 13 of St. Martin and 15 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

*John Housden	Treble	David Oliver	4
Arthur Newell	2	Neil Handley	5
Trevor Kirkman	3	Graham Fisher	Tenor

Conducted by Neil Handley.
* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor.

SWINDERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods: All Saints', Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and eight variations: Marchington, Rushall, Northrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Seighford, April Day and Kennington. Three extents each.
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr.

Mrs. Joyce M. Marsh ..	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
F. William Midwinter ..	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
W. Gordon Marsh	Tenor		

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Proctor, a local ringer.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Jane H. Peacock	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Philip G. Erith	6
Cecil W. Pipe	3	Michael J. Howes	7
Alan J. Munnings	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
First peal in the method by all the band.

WINGFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., June 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents Oxford T.B. and Plain and three extents Kent T.B. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Charles Brown	Treble	William H. Cracknell ..	4
Robert E. Lester	2	George W. Pipe	5
Leonard E. Last	3	George C. Filby	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Pipe.
Specially arranged to mark 50 years' ringing by Charles Brown.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

R. Ian Vaughan	Treble	Albert W. Bond	6
Janet E. Blake	2	James H. Lilley	7
Robert H. Newton	3	Anthony K. Fortin ..	8
Reginald V. Johnson ..	4	*†James M. Hills	9
*Alan R. Baldock	5	Arthur Newton	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by Robert H. Newton.
* First peal of Caters. † 25th peal. First on ten bell and in the method as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CALSTOCK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Peter A. Rawles	Treble	Anthony Locke	4
Rev. Gordon W. Ruming	2	Anthony J. Davidson ..	5
Wilfred C. Boucher ..	3	Arthur J. H. Sandy	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Fifteen callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

F. Malcolm Bowers ..	Treble	H. Miles	4
Marion L. Lidgey	2	M. Peters	5
*T. Roy Hart	3	*Timothy J. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by F. Malcolm Bowers.
* First peal of Doubles and of Stedman.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	Treble	†John H. Stanning	5
Kathleen E Fletcher	2	Eric J. Booth	6
*Robert C A. Philpott	3	David W. Grimwood	7
Daniel T. Matkin	4	Colin C. Conway	Tenor

Conducted by David W. Grimwood.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First "inside." First of Triples as conductor.
Rung as part of the Patronal Festival celebrations.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Treble	Roger Baldwin	5
Patrick Page	2	Philip Stevens	6
*Betty J. Daysh	3	E Winifred Keys	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat, June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
Robert Edwards	2	Michael J Fellows	6
Arthur V. Pearson	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., June 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*Catherine R. Slater	Treble	*John J. Durham	7
*Josephine M. Haskins	2	*Robert A. Beresford	8
*Richard J. Chantler	3	Ronald H. Dove	9
*William P. Haskins	4	†Ronald J. Snack	10
Arnold Cole	5	*Ronald R. Warford	11
*Suzanne J. Withers	6	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 16 lb. in E.

*John P. Ottaway	Treble	†Michael G. Dodson	5
†Robert A. Beresford	2	†Richard J. Chantler	6
†Roger G. Green	3	†Laurence F. Palmer	7
†John I. Durham	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by J Reeves. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First of Surprise Major.

THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,088 Bristol, 1,152 Yorkshire, 960 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland, with all the work for every bell.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Anne P. Leigh	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	5
Alan E. Hartley	2	A. W. Alan Leggett	6
Frederick A Munday	3	David S. Johnson	7
Michael Staniforth	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 17 methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton. (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (4) Plain Bob, Single Oxford, (5) Double Bob, Fulbeck, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 8 lb. in A.

*Gillian R. Cleaver	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
†Robert A. Beresford	2	†Suzanne Withers	5
†Roger G. Green	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First tower bell peal at first attempt. † First in 17 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—In 08, Queens' College.
On Wed., June 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	1-2	C. M. Tuckett (Queens')	5-6
*A. T. Winter (Christ's)	3-4	A F. Scholfield (Clare)	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Alan Scholfield.
* First peal "in hand."

CAMBRIDGE.—In G1, Selwyn College.
On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

R. L. Underwood (P'house)	1-2	R S. Bradley (Clare)	5-6
A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	3-4	V Nutton (Selwyn)	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Alan Scholfield.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLASTON, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Tues., June 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	Brian Harris	5-6
John R. Scott	3-4	Frank R. Morton	7-8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Brian Harris.
First peal of Major "in hand" by all except the conductor.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sun., June 23, 1968, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	John R. Scott	3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6		

25th peal "in hand" by all the band.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At 5, Peet Street, Friarsfield.
On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Cambridge Surprise and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges	1-2	Michael J. Fellows	3-4
A. Colin Banton (cond.)	5-6		

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Trevor A. Cross	1-2	Christopher T. Osenton	5-6
Edward J. Beer	3-4	Stuart Sandford	7-8

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., June 27, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6		

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan McFall	1-2	Robert B. Smith	5-6
Peter J. Staniforth	3-4	*Bernard F. L. Groves	7-8
Alfred Ballard	9-10		

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal "in hand."

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BEESTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., June 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 8 in C.

*Rosamund M. Rawlings	1-2	*Ian V. J. Smith	5-6
†Peter N. Mackley	3-4	Simon Humphrey	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal "in hand." † First of Major "in hand." First handbell peal for the Society.

MERTON, LONDON.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Newton (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Seabright (first quarter) 2, Mrs. E. Arnold (first quarter) 3, G. Hawkes 4, F. Seabright (first quarter as cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Butcher 1, R. Poston 2, J. J. Webb (cond.) 3, F. Oakley 4, R. A. Brewer 5, K. Tyler 6. A wedding compliment to Wendy Cox and Leslie Meadows (ringers at this church), married this day at Kempley, Glos.

NASSINGTON, NORTHANTS. — On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Fitton 1, A. Waller 2, R. Newby 3, A. H. Hinton 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Strangward.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Wood 1, B. Burton 2, R. G. Seymour 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, R. Holness 5, A. Peacock 6. For Confirmation service.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. George's Church, on June 23rd, 1,320 London S. Minor: May Graham (first of T.B.) 1, Joy Askew 2, G. White 3, J. Pardoe (first London) 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, S. Pardoe 6. For Evensong.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.—On May 12th, 1,320 Killamarsh T.B. Minor: G. J. Newman 1, Mrs. S. C. Lawrence 2, A. Else 3, L. Gascoyne 4, D. Culling 5, S. C. Lawrence (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of fifth.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: D. Sloman 1, Miss J. Hills 2, G. Lucas 3, Miss P. Halliwell 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, D. Balcham 6 First Surprise 2, 4. First Surprise on bells.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pack 1, Miss M. Judge 2, Miss P. Winch (first Triples) 3, Mrs. E. S. Palin 4, F. C. Farnsworth 5, A. Swatton 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, B. E. Jemmett 8. Rung for Patronal Festiva..

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Roberts 1, K. Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, A. Betsworth 4, A. Reeves 5, B. Walton 6, D. Hatherly (first Triples as cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Confirmation service. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, D. Hatherly (50th quarter) 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hughes 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, J. Read 8. Rung for the Festival of Flowers whilst the tower was open to the public.

ROTHWELL, W. YORKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hudson 1, D. Hudson 2, M. Nunns 3, R. Brown (cond.) 4, E. G. Cox 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3. Rung for the annual civic service. Also on July 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Massam 1, S. Emmet (first quarter) 2, M. Nunns (first Major) 3, I. North 4, Patricia Lockwood 5, E. G. Cox 6, A. Newbould 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8. An engagement compliment to Alan Newbould and Patricia M. Gardiner.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. R. Hart 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, J. J. George 3, W. R. Curtis 4, B. C. Castle (cond.) 5, E. H. Langley 6.

SANDY, BEDS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. N. Smith 1, Karen Baker (first quarter) 2, A. S. Smith 3, D. Carr 4, C. Blaine 5, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 6.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On June 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. M. Minns 1, Gillian Radley 2, D. W. Bee 3, Julie Radley 4, A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 5, C. J. Sharp 6. Rung in honour of SS. Peter and Paul.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): F. R. Scott 1, G. R. Shedden 2, W. R. Hare 3, C. Finch 4, D. C. Brown 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Solemn Eucharist service.

STOKE DAMEREL, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. M. Pearce 1, J. F. Steere 2, S. G. Peirce 3, A. Frost 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, J. C. Mitchelmore 6. For Whit Sunday Evensong. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. M. Pearce (first as cond.) 1, A. Frost 2, J. F. Steere 3, G. E. Mudge 4, S. G. Peirce 5, E. J. Cann 6. A birthday compliment to A. Frost.

STRANTON, DURHAM. — On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wetherston (first quarter) 1, J. Payne 2, D. Blows 3, H. Timlin (first quarter) 4, E. Trundley 5, W. Maughan (cond.) 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Owen 1, N. S. Blamire-Brown 2, Jean Digby 3, D. Digby 4, R. J. Wilsher (cond.) 5, Margaret Evans 6. For the Patronal Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: P. C. Coward (first on eight) 1, Pamela Sturdy 2, Jennifer Bell (first "inside") 3, C. J. Bell 4, S. Poole 5, D. A. Chapman 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. G. Excell 8. For Matins.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX. — On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. V. Hales 1, Mrs. M. H. Wood 2, P. W. Mills 3, E. E. Davey 4, P. L. Wood (cond.) 5, W. F. Downs 6. For Matins.

TUDINGMILL, CORNWALL. — On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Davidson 1, Violet N. Castle 2, T. R. Hart (first Stedman Triples) 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, B. C. Castle 5, F. M. Bowers 6, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 7, E. H. Langley 8. Rung on the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Moore 1, J. Chalk 2, E. Wright 3, M. Wareing 4, J. Eyre 5, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 6. First with complete local band. Rung for 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. J. Adams.

WARMINSTER, WILTS. — On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosalind Payne 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, Ruth Jones 3, L. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, A. Payne 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, A. Bull 8. A compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Johnson on the birth of their second daughter, Caroline Trevor.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Pearce 1, Sandra Pearce 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Reginald Percy Chester, late churchwarden.

WESTON-BY-WELLAND, NORTHANTS. — On June 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Bell 1, Miss E. Hall 2, F. Crosier 3, R. Russell 4, D. Attley (cond.) 5.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Sally Holland 1, R. D. Bell 2, M. Eastman 3, S. Laud 4, W. Arnold 5, W. G. Paul 6, R. G. Smith 7, D. Laud 8, R. G. Bell 9, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 10. Rung at the conclusion of the flower festival, a compliment to Lucy and Ray Smith on the birth of a son (Jonathan Mark).

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS. — On St. Peter's Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. West 1, A. F. Leleux 2, J. P. Sale 3, H. Bryan 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Perkin 1, S. G. Peirce 2, J. C. Mitchelmore 3, D. R. Bould 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, D. G. M. Pearce 6.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Minor (London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B.): P. J. Gagen 1, W. W. Cousins 2, D. P. Gagen 3, R. Newson 4, J. E. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,320 Minor (two methods): M. Burn 1, Deborah Bishop 2, W. J. Cooper-Bailey 3, Caroline Madge 4, A. F. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Lebon 1, J. Hemsley 2, O. Webster 3, Margaret S. Jenner 4, B. Butler 5, A. Leeves 6.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. D. Gray (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. M. Roffe 2, R. Brighton 3, D. F. E. Hall 4, L. Brighton 5, J. M. Roffe (cond.) 6. For morning service.

POMPEY REVISITED ON ALEC ROSE'S DAY

The sun shines on the righteous, said some, with smugness. Others muttered darkly, and with more aptitude perhaps, about the devil looking after his own. But, for whatever reason, the sun did its very best for St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on June 29th, after ten days of almost continuous wind and rain.

After a shaky start at St. Nicholas', Brighton, where several of the party were introduced to the ten-bell beat, the coach proceeded to Portsmouth. The television cameramen were out in force, but we switched off our smiles on realising that they were ready for the return of Alec Rose. One had almost forgotten how excellent are the ringing conditions at Portsmouth and, revelling in the glorious sound and "go" of the Cathedral ten, some creditable Grandsire Caters were rung. The nearby Dolphin Hotel is recommended to any visiting bands for its service and cooking—the lunch and tea here undoubtedly set the seal of success on the whole day.

After the youngsters had visited the fun-fair we moved on to Portsea's magnificent tower, arriving as the last bride of the day was leaving. The lovely octave was much enjoyed, and there was time to glimpse the masts of H.M.S. "Victory" between the battlements, reached by a dizzy climb over the bells.

The evening included ringing at Shoreham and Hurstpierpoint. Thanks go to local secretaries and incumbents and to Paul Fox, who made the arrangements. **H. R.**

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BIRTHS

ARNOLD. — To Christine (née Mason), S.R.N. (late Nuneaton Nursing Cadet Service and Southampton Royal South Hants Hospital staff, formerly of Chilvers Coton and Southampton belfries), wife of Peter, the beautiful blessing of a son, Andrew Brian (7 lb. 9 oz.) at Fenwick Hospital, Lyndhurst (New Forest), on July 5th (birthday anniversary of his maternal great-grandfather). First grandchild and nephew respectively for Evelyn and Stanley Mason (Nuneaton, Warks) and Muriel (Southampton), great-great-nephew for Miss Charlotte Curtis (aged 94), of Southbourne, paternal cousin of Sarah Louise McLaren (Dibden Purlieu, Hampshire), born June 10th, 1968. 4350

HENDRY.—On June 27th, 1968, to Pat and Barrie, at Harpole, Northampton, a daughter, Charlotte Jayne. 4341

LING.—On July 4th, 1968, to Olga and Michael, a daughter, Miriam Charlotte, sister for Andrew. 4372

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

YOUNG—SIMS. — The wedding of Bob and Sylvia will take place at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on July 27th at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the service. 4347

MARRIAGE

MACKENZIE—ARROWSMITH. — On July 6th, 1968, at St. Peter's Church, Wootton Wawen, John and Hazel. Future address: 18, Main Street, Whittington, near Lichfield. 4346

GOLDEN WEDDING

ELKINS—EDWARDS.—On July 18th, 1918, Alfred Richard Elkins to Mabel Emily Edwards, both formerly of Farnham, Surrey. Present address: 44, Beeston Avenue, Altrincham, Cheshire. 5365

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY C.R.

Please note that the Annual Dinner has been arranged for Saturday, October 19th. All ringing and dining arrangements, including cost of tickets, will be published later. 4340

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK
Flower Festival

Fri., Sat. and Sun., Sept. 13, 14 and 15. Bells available, Sat., Sept. 14th 2.15–5 p.m., 6.30–8.45 p.m. Short service Fri., Sat., 5 p.m. Refreshments, Market Hall. Ringers are especially welcome. 4344

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Reports.—Copies of the 1966 and 1967 Reports, containing 39 and 35 compositions respectively, are obtainable (price 2s. 6d., including postage) from: E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton 4366

RINGER wishes to join touring group, August, to improve D. Norwich Court, etc. Morris traveller. 8 handbells. — Box 4301, "The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford. 4301

RINGING TRIP of Gloucestershire, last week in October, Sunday—Friday. Apply to S. R. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, Yorkshire, not later than August 15th. Enclose stamped addressed envelope. 4364

WYMONDHAM ABBEY RINGING DAY. —Saturday, July 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Teas provided after short service at 4.15. All welcome. Names, please, to T. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham. 4261

YOUNG LADY, Sandwich Course Student, seeks accommodation within reach of Keston area of Kent for one year from September. Please ring 01-894 7261. 4381

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District. —Advanced practice at Grayshott (8), Friday, July 19th, 7.30–9 p.m. 4383

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Hinton St. George (6) on Saturday, July 20th, 7–9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 4338

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Heswall, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 4336

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Atherstone on Saturday, July 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation of Miss Crawley-Boevey, at The Gatehouse, Merevale; help given with transport. Other towers available: Grandon 10 a.m., Polesworth 11, Witherley 1.30 p.m., Mancetter 2.15; each for ½ hour. Bring own lunch. Names for tea, important, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4333

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Somersham on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court Bob Minor and York Surprise Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4328

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Michael's, St. Albans, July 20th, 3 p.m. and service. Tea 5.15 in Abbey Institute. Abbey bells 6.30–8.30. Special methods, respectively, Pudsey Major and Cambridge Max. Names for tea to me at 23, Culver Road, St. Albans.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4216

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Bredgar, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Rev. S. M. Evans, Bredgar Vicarage, Sittingbourne. — T. Barton. 4267

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Huxey, Saturday, July 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Stedman Slow Course Minor and Bob Doubles.—George L. C. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4331

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Meeting at East Carlton (6) on July 20th. Service 4.15 p.m. Ashley (5) available 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. J. Wallace, 4, Almshouses. 4356

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Castle Ashby (5) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Dunn, The Menagerie, Castle Ashby. 4385

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Preshute, Saturday, July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Own tea arrangements, please 4337

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Doynton and Abson, Monday, July 22nd, 7 to 9 p.m.—R. H. D. 4343

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Practice meeting at Wanborough on Monday, July 22nd, 7.30–9 p.m. 4368

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Northern District. — Surprise practice at Stevenage on Tuesday, July 23rd, 7.30–9 p.m. —Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at St. Martin's, Epsom (10) on Wednesday, July 24th, 7.30–9 p.m.— J. P. O. 4341

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— S. and W. District.—Ten-bell practice at Isleworth on Wednesday, July 24th, at 7.45 p.m. M. J. Palmer. 4378

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Learners' practice meeting, Cossington (5), Friday, July 26th. Ringing 7.30 p.m. 4345

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Horsington (6), July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 4348

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Axbridge (6), Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg. 4369

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at St. Decumen's (6) on Saturday, July 27th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 4376

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Crypt at 5. Names, please, to K. G. Spavins, 44, George Street, Woburn 4355

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Meeting at Aldford, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. R. Weaver, School Lane, Aldford, near Chester, by Wednesday, July 24th. 4333

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Prestbury (rehung 8), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (at nominal charge) to G. Moorhouse, The Hillock, Dale Brow, Prestbury, by Wednesday, July 24th. 4329

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch — Summer meeting, Holsworthy, July 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Visitors welcomed. Names to Mr. R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by July 22nd.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Bishop's Stortford District).—Joint meeting at Harlow Common (8), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.—G. Blake, K. Westwood, Hon. Secs. 4335

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Combined practice, Albury, July 27th, 6–9 p.m. No notification necessary, but it is hoped ringers will turn up in good numbers.—Y. L. Eloie, Dis. Sec. 4377

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—Practice meeting, Churchstoke, July 27th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. to 4.30. Teas Chirbury. After tea, Forden bells (6). Names for tea to L. Colley, Wilmington, Marton, Welshpool. 4387

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 27th, at Cudham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Biggin Hill. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 24th. 4334

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch Kenyon (8) on Saturday, July 27th. Ringing 2.30–5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing till 8.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. Osborne, 19, Wellfield Road, Culcheth, near Warrington. Strictly no name no tea.—A. J. I., Sec. 4386

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Guiseley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, Leeds, by previous Thursday, please. 4374

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Congerstone, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Five bells. No service. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting and ringing in the evening at Market Bosworth (8) Names, to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage (Tel. 516), must be in by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 4370

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Edenham, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Holmes, The Garage, Edenham, near Bourne, Lincs, by July 22nd. Special method: Superlative.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4371

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 27th, Fittleton bells 3 p.m.: Netheravon from 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 4367

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Towers and members interested in the District outing to be held on September 28th should forward definite numbers by this meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Woodhead, 12, Church Street, Edwinstowe, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 4361

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Worlingworth (8) on Saturday, July 27th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mrs. M. Page, Canpanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk, by Wednesday previous. 4359

A Record of Peals Rung by Peter Laflin

PETER LAFLIN rang his first peal at Debenham, Suffolk, on May 26th, 1906; it was a peal of Plain Bob Major, to which he rang the 2nd bell. There was a strong Sunday service band at Debenham at the time, and in the following year, 1907, they rang a local band peal of Superlative Surprise, Peter on this occasion ringing the 4th. In 1909 he moved from Debenham to work in Birmingham for a year, where he rang in the first peals of Aston Major and Royal, both being composed and conducted by John Carter. He returned to Suffolk after the period in Birmingham and continued to ring peals in the area until the enforced break of five years due to the 1914-18 war. It is interesting to note that in the two peals immediately before and after this war he rang next to Edward Jenkins, with whom he rang almost 250 peals.

In 1919 Peter emigrated to Canada, where he lived for almost five years before returning to England and settling in the Manchester area, where he lived for the rest of his life. His first peal in the North of England was in July, 1926, Superlative Major at Pendleton, conducted by his friend Edward Jenkins, who had also moved to the area. In April, 1927, Peter rang the 3rd to the record peal of 17,824 Oxford T.B. Major at Heptonstall, with Ted again conducting (from a non-observation bell!). The following year both were in the unsuccessful attempt for 22,096, which was lost after 10½ hours, when the tenor bearings dried up.

Allen F. Bailey, one of the famous brothers from Suffolk, was also living in Stockport at the time and introduced Peter to handbell peal ringing in 1928. The handbell band formed at Stockport about this time is probably one of the best that the country has ever known. Many peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques were rung, including the first on handbells both in Lancashire and Cheshire of Stedman Cinques. The band also rang many peals in even-bell methods, notably Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Double Norwich Court Bob. In this sphere, too, they set up new records by ringing the first peals of Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Maximus on handbells in Cheshire. (Oxford T.B. Maximus was lost in the last course shortly before the band broke up in 1940.)

After the second world war Peter continued his ringing with the "Cheshire Band" under the leadership of John Worth. The band at this time was building up for the record peal of Bristol Surprise Major, ringing a 10,080 in 1948, and finally 21,600 in 1950, when Peter was 61 years old.

In later years Peter often rang "second tenor," and at the age of 68 rang the 7th to Pitman's 30-Spliced Surprise Major, which was then rung for the first time. The following year he rang the 9th at Ashton-under-Lyne to the first peal of Londinium ever to be rung. In 1963 Peter decided to retire from peal ringing, although he continued to ring regularly on Sundays and practice nights until the end of 1967, when it became very difficult for him to climb the many steps to St. George's belfry, where he had rung for over 30 years. His list of peals is appended:—

TOWER BELLS

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1, three methods 1, seven methods 1, 25 methods 1. Total 5.

Triples.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 14. Total 19.

Major.—Plain Bob 20, Double Norwich C.B. 32, Kent T.B. 18, Oxford T.B. 10, *Aston 1, *Handsworth 1, Surprise: Aldenham 2, Belgrave 1, Bristol 57, Cambridge 32, Claybrooke 1, *Deva 1, Ealing 1, Glasgow 1, Lincolnshire 6, London 47 Londonderry 1, *Macclesfield 3, New Cambridge 2, Norfolk 1, Pudsey 4, *Ramsey 1, Rochester 2, Rotherham 1, Rutland 3, *Stockport 3, Superlative 26, Watford 1, Wye 1, Yorkshire 19, three methods 1, four methods 7, six methods 2, seven methods 1, eight methods 4, nine methods 2, 11 methods 1, 12 methods 13, 13 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 16 methods 4, 25 methods 1, 30 methods 1. Total 339.

Caters.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 7. Total 13.

Royal.—Plain Bob 5, Kent T.B. 5, Oxford T.B. 3, *Aston 1. Surprise: Belgrave 5, Bristol 2, Cambridge 34, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, London (No 3) 28, *Ludgate 1, Metropolitan 1, New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 2, Rochester 4, Rutland 3, Superlative (No. 2) 1, Yorkshire 13, two methods 1. Total 112.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 7. Total 8.

Maximus.— Kent T.B. 4, Oxford T.B. 1. Surprise: Belgrave 2, Cambridge 24, Lincolnshire 1, *Londinium 1, New Cambridge 2, Pudsey 1, Rochester 1, *Southwell 1, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 16, two methods 1. Total 56.

Tower total 552.

* Indicates first peal in the method.

Long peals: 10,080 Bristol S. Major
17,824 Oxford T.B. Major.
21,600 Bristol S. Major.

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 4. Total 5

Major.—Plain Bob 4, Kent T.B. 6, Oxford T.B. 5, Double Norwich C.B. 3. Total 18.

Caters.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 18. Total 24.

Royal.—Plain Bob 9, Kent T.B. 8, Oxford T.B. 12, two methods 1. Total 30.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 7. Total 8.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1. Total 2.

Handbell total 639.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, July 27th, at Ripe (5), 3–4.30 p.m. Chiddingly (6) 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh. 4373

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Soberton, July 27th. Bells 3 till 9. Tea 4.40 in the White Lion. Service 5.30, followed by the business meeting in the church. Names for tea to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth, by Thursday, July 25th, please. 4382

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Burton-in-Kendal on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Harry S. Barnes, Hutton House, Burton-in-Kendal, via Carnforth, not later than Wednesday, July 31st. 4358

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Old Coulsdon, Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Saysell, 13, Hartley Old Road, Purley, by July 31st.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 4353

The E.G.M. of the Liverpool University Society will now be held on Saturday, November 9th.—Pat Jenkins 4349

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE

Forty-five ringers from North Kent took part in Newington-next-Sittingbourne's traditional Spring Bank Holiday outing, and were ringing promptly at 9 a.m. on the easy-going eight at Marden. Then came Kilndown (the six have been restored in recent years), and only two of the party "chickened-out" of climbing the vertical iron ladder to the ringing room. Springy ropes and a long draught made Ticehurst (6) bells rather a handful.

Probably it was due to the effects of the lunch at Wannock Gardens, but justice was not done to the fine-sounding six at Alfriston. Ringing improved at Laughton (6) and tea was enjoyed just outside Uckfield, followed by good ringing on the very pleasant eight here. Finally came the eight at Buxted, where the hum of the bells was very noticeable. The journey home was broken in the heart of the Kentish hopfields at Beltring for liquid refreshments.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Hazel Mitchell for her able organisation and to incumbents and ringers who met the party. L. M.

OUR MOST NORTHERLY RING

THOSE ringers who like to explore the remote corners mentioned in Dove's "Guide" will have seen that there is a ring of eight in Inverness. Possibly a few have wondered what they are like and imagined that they would be slowly deteriorating in a neglected tower, even although most people in the South (i.e. south of the border) will fail to realise that Inverness is more than 100 miles from the next ringing tower (Dundee) and more than 200 miles from England.

I first made contact with the bells of Inverness in the summer of 1958 when I was staying in Edinburgh before taking up work in South Wales. The ringers at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, where I was ringing, decided to have a summer outing to Inverness if it could be arranged, and as I was to have a few weeks' holiday fairly near there I was asked to go as an advance party to check that the bells were ringable.

The bells are a Warner eight with a tenor of about 20 cwt., hung old-style in plain bearings on a part-wood, part-metal frame. I found them in pretty fair condition apart from one or two broken stays and a fair amount of pigeon trouble. After the usual greasing, tightening, repairing and tidying, the bells went fairly well and the Provost of the Cathedral (the Very Rev. J. Pennell) kindly gave me the use of his bathroom to tidy myself up before feeding me and despatching me home, saying he was looking forward to our visit. The only local use that was being made of the bells then was that the Ellacombe apparatus was regularly used for chiming. Unfortunately I missed the summer outing but I gather that it was a success.

ANONYMOUS SMASH

When I returned to Edinburgh in 1961 a second outing was arranged and took place in the summer of 1962. The only real change in the tower was that a visiting peal band from South of the Border had neglected to swing back the excellent hinged ladder giving access to the roof before they raised the tenor and had thus smashed a perfectly good piece of equipment. Let them blush in anonymity but also provide an object lesson. Before starting to ring in a strange tower unless given clearance by a local ringer, one must **always** check that there is nothing fouling the bells.

Shortly after this a much more interesting development occurred. A new local man, Mr. David McLean, took over the care of the tower and bells and became interested in the idea of forming a local band. He had begun to teach himself to handle the bells but had naturally not made any great progress as he had never had any experience of a raised bell. In the ensuing years mixed parties from the Edinburgh and Glasgow towers went to Inverness on several occasions, usually only groups of three or four, and a few times visitors from Inverness visited Edinburgh. In between times the Inverness band, whose numbers rose rapidly to an enthusiastic six or seven, endeavoured to ring by themselves. Inevitably, we began to hear a mournful tale of broken stays when we saw them, but the amazing fact is that in spite of what most ringers would regard as impossible conditions for learning, the new recruits stuck at it and before too long were able to ring recognisable rounds. They then became eager to learn the rudiments of change ringing.

CHANGED APPEARANCE

During this period what was most encouraging for us was to see the change that took place in the tower. When I first saw it, the ringing room was dingy and dirty. There were gaps between the ringing room ceiling and the tops of the windows, which made the bells uncomfortably loud for the ringers. The stairs were badly worn and everywhere was the usual mess left by the pigeons.

Gradually everything was changed. The ringing room was decorated and carpeted. The ceiling was made more soundproof. The stairs and the hinged ladder have now been repaireed and heating has been installed. In fact the place is now a credit to the band. Equally good has been the care of the bells, which are now regularly maintained and lubricated.

Recently the ringers have had some luck in that a few change ringers from England have been working in Inverness. As a result they have been able to start learning Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, which is surely an achievement as great as learning any of the more advanced methods under easier conditions. Unfortunately a recent attempt for a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles by a band of ringers from Inverness and Edinburgh came to grief, but we hope that we may have something to show soon.

Ringers touring in Scotland in summer should keep in mind that the Inverness practice night is a Friday and that they can always be sure of a warm welcome then or on a Sunday. For other ringing arrangements they should get in touch with Duncan Wheeler, 81, Bruce Gardens, Inverness. Telephone: Inverness 32091 (daytime) or Inverness 35331 (at night).

M. P.

SALISBURY GUILD

Melbury Ormond was the venue of the West Dorset Branch meeting on June 22nd. This small village on the north border of the Branch is rich in history and is known to have had four bells in 1552. A treble was added in 1966 and now there is a ring of six bells, which were kept busy until the service conducted by the Rev. A. G. Watling.

Tea was prepared by local ringers in the Village Hall, and Mr. C. W. Powell presided at the business meeting. The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Lyme Regis on September 21st, but there are practice meetings at Evershot on August 14th and Bradpole on September 10th. Some 30 members, including visitors from North Dorset and Wimborne Branches and the Bath and Wells Association, were present in the evening.

J. D.

Bath Ringers in Devon—continued

especially those of us who did not appreciate the subtle difference between "upward" and "stand"! However, we felt that even if our efforts would not have been worthy of one of the handsome certificates with which the towers of so many of these Devonshire churches are decorated, at least we did not disgrace ourselves too badly!

Then followed Chittlehampton—the Church of St. Hieritha—surely a new dedication for most of our records? But before this a picnic tea was taken in a conveniently large lay-by—quite a professional affair, with paraffin stoves, kettles, fresh-cut sandwiches—everything in fact but the kitchen sink! Chittlehampton is only a small village but it possesses a spacious village square worthy of a market town, and the magnificent tower is surely the finest in Devon, if not in the West Country. Unfortunately our ringers did not do justice to the bells.

Our last tower was at South Molton (a fine ring of eight, 24 cwt., in an equally fine church), where the non-ringers could admire the floral decorations for a christening the next day while the ringers enjoyed themselves aloft.

And so ended yet another outing—one which this year was tinged with sadness; it was the first since the death of our much-loved tower master, Harold Parfrey, and I think he was in most people's minds during the day. But who can say that he was not with us in spirit? And under the quite splendid guidance of his widow, who was only the previous evening formally elected tower master at Corston, the members of the tower—nearly all of whom Harold had taught to ring—showed that they were determined to do their best to maintain the standards he had always insisted upon.

M. J. de J.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Manchester University Guild were: President, A. B. Tomlinson: Ringing Master, C. L. D. Munday; secretary, Miss E. A. Johnston (permanent address 2, Redcliffe Drive, North Ferriby, Yorks); treasurer, R. N. Jones.

A STORY FOR RINGERS

THE RETURN

YOUNG JOE paused for a moment from his decorating and stood back to admire his handiwork. In the far distance could be heard the local Parish Church bellringers at practice and, over the last half-hour, Joe's awareness of the sound had increased. Had it really been three years since his own interest had declined? His hands, once calloused and hardened were now soft—and paint-stained. He resumed his self-appointed task—a little more reluctantly now, it seemed.

Joe had learned to ring ten years earlier and, seven years, 398 towers and 97 peals later, for some unaccountable reason his interest in the art had waned. Things got so bad in fact that he even cancelled his "Ringing World" and apart from a couple of "Evercreech" each Sunday, bellringing played no part in his life.

His ringing friends in the tower paid little attention to his loss of interest. "He'll be back sometime," they said, no doubt classifying Joe as one of the "nomads" who drift in and out of the Exercise at irregular intervals. Very occasionally someone would half-heartedly inquire across the smoky atmosphere of the local "Whatever happened to old what's 'is name?" This normally brought the non-committal answer "Don't know, think he got spliced, y'know," at which point everyone nodded knowingly and continued supping.

Suddenly Joe flung down his painting brush—something, we shall never know what, had stirred within him the urge to ring once again. Minutes later he was strolling towards the church. "Wonder what they'll ring," he mused. "Don't think I can still remember even Cambridge."

At the church he mounted the stairs with trepidation, and once the evening's greetings had been exchanged, the Ringing Master inquired hopefully, "Can you do Grandsire?" "I think so," Joe said meekly, and caught hold of the fourth. With some difficulty numerous courses of Grandsire Doubles were "done," Joe feeling somewhat exhilarated by the rather poor but none the less enthusiastic ringing. Some time later he left the practice to cries of "Thank you" and "Come again."

"I've done it," thought Joe as he wound his way back through the now darkened lanes. "I've made a come-back . . . . I wonder if there's a meeting anywhere local on Saturday . . . . really must order "The Ringing World" again . . . . join the local Association . . . . find the local practice nights . . . ." He rambled on until he reached home.

"Now," said his wife icily, "you can just finish painting the bedroom." "Sorry, luv," said Joe, "I don't think I'll have time—now."

ANON.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

APPENDIX TO DOUBLES COLLECTION

The following regular methods to be added:—

III (a). One hunt, four-lead plain course

43P Rev. St. Bart. Bob	3, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 3, 123
44Q Chase Bob	3, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 3, 145.
45P Rev. St. Sebastian Bob	3, 145, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 145, 3, 123.
46P All Saints' Bob	345, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 345, 123.
47R Rev. Union Bob	5, 1, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 123.
48R Rev. St. Julian Bob	5, 1, 125, 3, 5, 3, 125, 1, 5, 123.
49R Rev. St. Faith Bob	5, 1, 5, 123, 5, 123, 5, 1, 5, 123.

III (b). One hunt, three-lead plain course.

37S Poyle Slow Course	3, 1, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, 1, 3, 123.
38U — Bob	3, 1, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 1, 3, 123.
39V — Bob	3, 1, 5, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1, 3, 123.
40U — Bob	3, 1, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 1, 3, 123.
41S Yeoveney S.C.	3, 1, 5, 3, 145, 3, 5, 1, 3, 123.
42U — Bob	3, 1, 125, 3, 145, 3, 125, 1, 3, 123.
43T Colne S.C.	3, 145, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, 145, 3, 123.
44V — Bob	3, 145, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 145, 3, 123.
45V — Bob	3, 145, 5, 1, 125, 1, 5, 145, 3, 123.
46V — Bob	3, 145, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 145, 3, 123.
47T Crane S.C.	3, 14, 125, 3, 145, 3, 125,145, 3, 123.
48V — Bob	3. 145, 125, 3, 145, 3, 125, 145, 3, 123.
49T Runemede S.C.	345, 1, 5, 1, 345, 1, 5, 1, 345, 123.
50V — Bob	345, 1, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 1, 345, 123.
51U — Place	345, 1, 5, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1, 345, 123.
52V — Place	345, 1, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 1, 345, 123.
53T Harmondsworth S.C.	345, 1, 5, 3, 145, 3, 5, 1, 345, 123.
54V — Place	345, 1, 125, 3, 145, 3, 125, 1, 345, 123.
55V — Bob	5, 1, 5, 1, 145, 1, 5, 1, 5, 123.
56T Boveney S.C.	5, 1, 5, 123, 125, 123, 5, 1, 5, 123.
57V Freethorpe Bob	5, 1, 5, 123, 145, 123, 5, 1, 5, 123.
58U Casthorpe Bob	5, 1, 5, 123, 345, 123, 5, 1, 5, 123.
59U Londonthorpe Bob	5, 1, 5, 3, 345, 3, 5, 1, 5, 123.
60T Bedfont S.C.	5, 1, 5, 3, 125, 3, 5, 1, 5, 123.
61T Eton S.C.	5, 1, 125, 3, 125, 3, 125, 1, 5, 123.
62V Kelleythorpe Bob	5, 1, 125, 3, 145, 3, 125, 1, 5, 123.
63V Manthorpe Bob	5, 1, 125, 3, 345, 3, 125, 1, 5, 123.

The following named irregular methods to be added:—

III (a). One hunt, four-lead plain course.

50P Quirister Bob	3, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1, 125, 1, 3, 123.
51B Camelion Bob	3, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1, 125, 1, 3, 125.
53A Blaisdon Bob	3, 1, 125, 123, 5, 123, 125, 1, 3, 125.
54P Morning Star Bob	3, 145, 125, 1, 5, 1, 125, 145, 3, 123.
56A Dragon Bob	3, 145, 125, 123, 5, 123, 125, 145, 3, 125.
59A Huntley Bob	345, 1, 125, 123, 5, 123, 125, 1, 345, 125.
60P Minster Bob	345, 145, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 145, 345, 123.
71R St. Owen Place	5, 1, 125, 123, 5, 123, 125, 1, 5, 123.
72B Eynesbury Bob	5, 1, 125, 123, 5, 123, 125, 1, 5, 125.
74O Wainfleet Place	5, 145, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 145, 5, 123.
77O Chevasse Place	5, 145, 5, 123, 5, 123, 5, 145, 5, 123.
80O Maltby Bob	5, 145, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5, 145, 5, 123.
84O Callender Bob	5, 145, 125, 3, 5, 3, 125, 145, 5, 123.

III (c). One hunt, three-lead plain course.

78V Cowthorpe Bob	5, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 5, 123.
79U Gunthorpe Bob	5, 1, 125, 123, 345, 123, 125, 1, 5, 123.

Bobs for the above method are:—
A to J as in the Collection.
O is an Old Doubles single, observation bells 3, 4, 5.
P is a plain lead of Plain Bob above the treble, observation bells 3, 4, 5.
Q is a Grandsire Extreme, observation bells 2, 3, 4, 5.
R is a Grandsire Single above the treble, observation bells 3, 4, 5.
S to V are 145 instead of 123 at the lead-end. Call BBPP or BPPB or PPBB or PBBP each three times.

VARIATIONS ON PLAIN DOUBLES METHODS

APPENDIX TO C.C. DOUBLES COLLECTION

Variations on Plain Doubles Methods.

(a) Using a Grandsire single instead of the standard call for the method. Observation bell 3, 4 or 5, when making seconds over treble.

	Plain Course	Variation
1	New Bob	Hendred
2	St. Vedast	S. Brewood
3	Huntspill	Radlett
4	Blaisdon	
5	Westminster II	Burton Joyce
6	St. Hilary	Brightwell
7	Blackburn	Lillingstone
8	Dragon	
9	St. Nicholas	Lapley
10	St. Remigius	Horsley
11	Winchendon	St. John
12	Huntley	Obediah
13	St. Simon	Eynsham
14	St. Osmund	St. Ninian
15	St. Martin	St. Leonard
16	Eynesbury	St. John Baptist.

(b) Using an Old single. Observation bell 3, 4 or 5 making seconds.

	Plain Course	Variation
21	Plain Bob	Old
22	Shipway Place	St. Boniface
23	R. Canterbury	St. Columb
24	R. St. Bartholomew	Fortune
25	R. St. Sebastian	St. Guthlac
26	All Saints'	Marchington
27	Minster Bob	Wolsey

(c) Using a Plain Bob bob. Observation bell 2, 3 or 4 when four blows behind.

	Plain Course	Variation
31	R. Canterbury	Southrepps
32	St. Nicholas	St. Giles
33	St. Remigius	Church Greasley
34	Winchendon	St. Miles
35	Huntley	Ezneih

(d) Using a R. Canterbury Bob. Observation bell 2, 3 or 4 when four blows behind.

	Plain Course	Variation
41	Plain Bob	Kennington
42	St. Simon	St. Albans
43	St. Osmond	St. Ambrose
44	St. Martin	St. Paul
45	Eynesbury	St. John Evangelist

(e) Using a Grandsire Extreme. Observation bell 3, 4 or 5 making seconds.

	Plain Course	Variation
51	Plain Bob	Hudibras
52	Shipway	St. Barnabas
53	R. Canterbury	Campion
54	R. St. Bartholomew	S. Augustine
55	All Saints'	St. Hilda
56	R. St. Sebastian	St. Polycarp
57	Minster Bob	Bodicote

(f) Using a Wallflower single. Observation bell 3, 4 or 5 making seconds.

	Plain Course	Variation
61	New Bob	St. Merryn
62	St. Vedast	Chippingham
63	Huntspill	Hadham
64	Blaisdon	
65	Westminster II	Stoke Bardolph
66	St. Hilary	Sandford
67	Blackburn	Arnold
68	Dragon Bob	Sulgrave
69	St. Nicholas	Shareshill
70	St. Remigius	St. Cleer
71	Winchendon	Ryton
72	Huntley	Omega
73	R. Union	St. Laud
74	R. St. Julian	Wroughton
75	R. St. Faith	Susanmead
76	St. Owen	
77	St. Simon	Elford
78	St. Osmund	St. Felix
79	St. Martin	Austrey
80	Eynesbury	St. Wenceslas

(g) Using an Antelope single Observation bell 3, 4 or 5 making seconds.

	Plain Course	Variation
91	New Bob	St. Samson
92	St. Vedast	Stowey
93	Huntspill	Oake
94	Blaisdon	
95	Westminster II	Epperstone
96	St. Hilary	Standlake
97	Blackburn	Sevalcliffe
98	Dragon Bob	Rousham
99	St. Nicholas	St. Mary
100	St. Remigius	St. Cecelia
101	Winchendon	St. Crispin
102	Huntley	Laverstoke
103	R. Union	St. Kenelm
104	R. St. Julian	Simpson
105	R. St. Faith	Spindlebury
106	St. Owen	
107	St. Simon	St. Jude
108	St. Osmund	St. Austell
109	St. Martin	St. Laurence
110	Eynesbury	St. Stephen

(h) Using a Pink single. Observation bell 3, 4 or 5 making seconds.

	Plain Course	Variation
121	New Bob	Cwmdu
122	St. Vedast	Tal-y-llyn
123	Huntspill	Catnedine
124	Blaisdon	
125	Westminster II	Iffley
126	St. Hilary	West Hanney
127	Blackburn	Ardingly
128	Dragon Bob	Darwin
129	St. Nicholas	Heyford
130	St. Remigius	Sarratt
131	Winchendon	Chilton
132	Huntley	Dummer
133	R. Union	St. Firmin
134	R. St. Julian	Aspley
135	R. St. Faith	St. Eadburga
136	St. Owen	
137	St. Simon	St. Ignatius
138	St. Osmund	Amersham
139	St. Martin	Churchill
140	Eynesbury	St. John Divine

(To be continued)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chiltern, the youngest of the 15 Branches of the Oxford Guild, held its annual meeting at Edlesborough on April 20th, when the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. J. K. Shadrack (Edlesborough); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. J. White (Aston Clinton); Joint Ringing Masters, Messrs. L. Floyd (Wendover) and L. R. Woodruff (Aston Clinton); Guild General Committee, Mr. D. G. Wheeler (Aston Clinton).

The Master (Canon C. E. Wigg) conducted the service and presided at the meeting. It was reported that rehanging was contemplated at Great Missenden and Marsworth.

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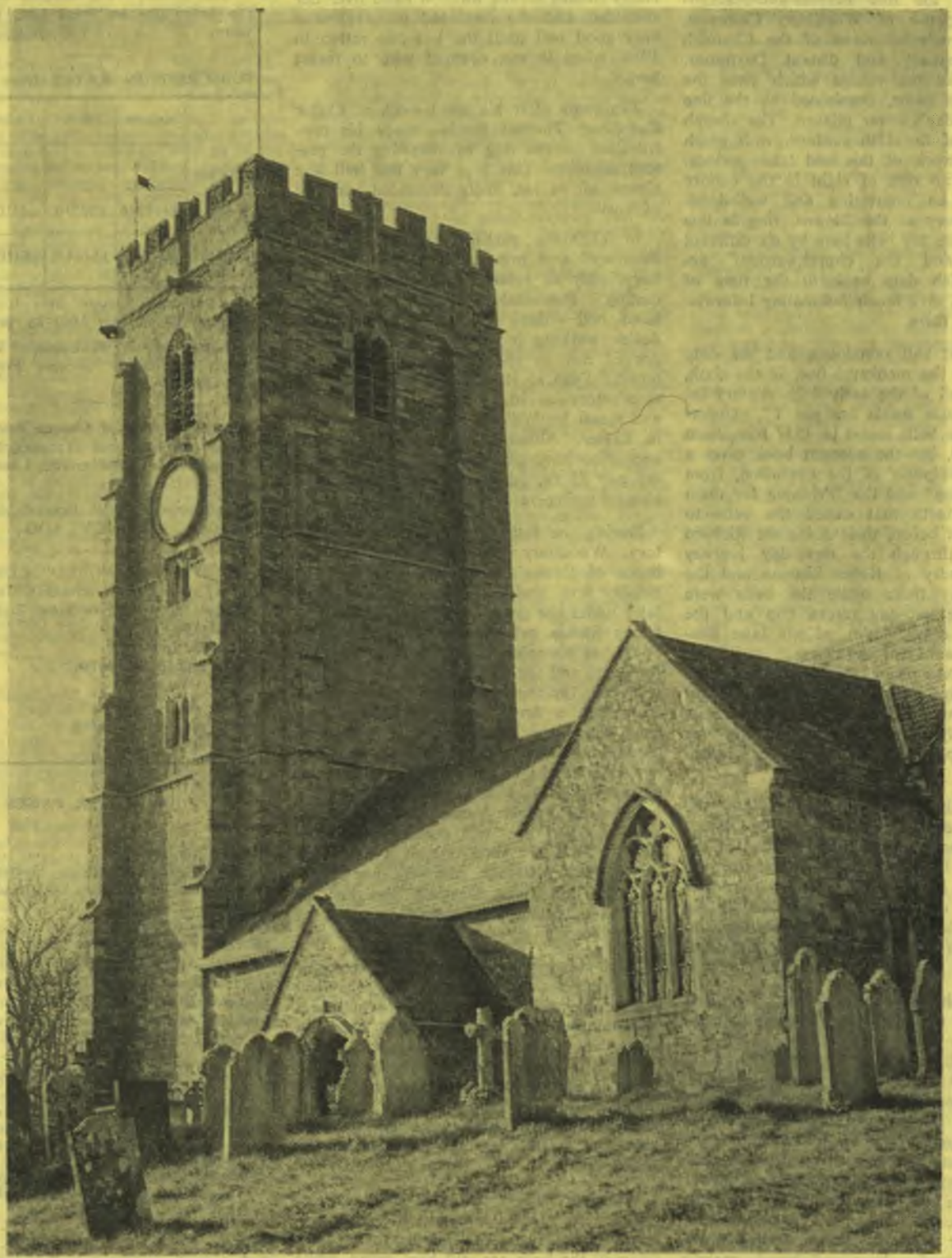
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The Church of St. Swithin, Woodbury, Devon

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Swithin's Church, Woodbury, Devon

SUMMER visitors to the corner of Devon between Exeter and Sidmouth well know the fine heather-and-bracken-covered expanse of Woodbury Common, with its wonderful views of the Channel, the Exe estuary and distant Dartmoor. Below it lies the village which gives the Common its name, dominated by the fine tower in today's cover picture. The church is mostly of the 15th century, with much good woodwork of this and later periods.

There is no ring of eight in the county with such an interesting and well-documented history as the 24 cwt. ring in this tower. There are bells here by six different founders, and the churchwardens' accounts, which date back to the time of Henry VIII, give much fascinating information about them.

The oldest bell remaining, and the only survivor of the mediæval five, is the sixth, a Bristol bell of the early 16th century inscribed "Sancta maria ora pro T". Unfortunately two bells recast in 1557 have been again recast, but the account book gives a graphic description of the operation, from their "striking" and the "drinking for them that went forth that caried the bells to Aishe Priors before their going att Richard Bussell's", through the three-day journey to the foundry of Roger Semson and the five-day stay there while the bells were cast, to the two-day return trip and the triumphant entry, "It'm pd att Jane Bussell's homeward for drynkyng . . . iiij d." Fourteen oxen drew the bells there and back, and five men went with them. Roger Semson, some of whose bells survive at Talaton, Plymtree and Luppitt not far away, was paid £23 18s. 2d., in four instalments.

In 1605 the second of the five (now the fifth) was recast by Thomas Byrdall II, of Exeter; Thomas's son, John, the last of the old line of Exeter founders, recast the present fourth in 1624, the year of his death. The earlier of these two is inscribed in the foundry's old black-letter with big capitals; John put his initials on his bell in his usual very ornate letters.

The parish was kept very busy with bell repairs all through the 17th century: in addition to these two another bell, the fourth of the old five, was recast in 1611, and in 1629 the tenor also needed recasting. By this time Thomas Pennington II was working in Exeter, and the accounts give us a clue to the site of his foundry—"for putting open the gates to goe downe over Northen Hey, 4d." When the bellfounder came to see the bells, when they took the tenor down, when they loaded her, and at every other stage of the operation there was an item for beer and bread—mainly beer. The total comes to 10s. 2d., a formidable gallonage in 1629.

This tenor became crazed during the late 19th century, but at the rehanging in 1897 Harry Stokes shrank an iron band over her shoulder, and she remained in use and a very good bell until the last restoration in 1956, when it was deemed wise to recast her.

Ten years after his great work at Exeter Cathedral, Thomas Purdue made his contribution to the ring by recasting the present seventh. This is a very fine bell like almost all of his, finely decorated and full of music.

In 1720 the parish bought a bell "at Bonehay" and brought it back to Woodbury, only to return it to Exeter for recasting. Presumably this was a second-hand bell — there is still a scrap metal dealer working in Bonhay in Exeter—and proved not to splice with the ring until recast. Even so it seems to have been unsatisfactory, as in 1737 the treble (of six) was recast by William Evans, of Chepstow, in Exeter. Although the wardens do not appear to have paid for the recasting, they did pay £2 6s. 7d. "for expence in 4 days about tuneing ye tribble Bell."

During the latter part of the 19th century, Woodbury became famous as the home of Devon's finest bell-hanging businesses, first under William Hooper and later under the great Harry Stokes. In 1897 Harry Stokes rehung the Woodbury bells in one of his splendid oak frames with pits for eight, and the following year two trebles were cast for the empty pits by Mears and Stainbank, a firm with which Stokes had long been associated and with which he was to form a family connection, when his son married the daughter of A. A. Hughes. Harry Stokes had very few equals in the building of timber frames, and for many generations ringers will continue to know that "a Stokes frame" means a frame in which neither timber, ironwork nor workmanship was ever skimped, designed as well as any, and far better than most, of its period.

That being so, it is surprising that the Woodbury frame lasted only 60 years, but the trouble was that the foundation timbers were allowed to become infected with rot, and when the frame needed repair it was decided to bring the bells lower in the tower to reduce the tower-sway which made this sizable eight somewhat heavy to ring. In 1956, therefore, they were rehung in an iron and steel frame by the Whitechapel foundry.

Woodbury has a good tradition of change-ringing, and although the band suffered a severe loss on the death of John Glanvill the bells are still kept going, while touring bands always find them well worth a visit.

J. G. M. S.

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OXFORD FESTIVAL

Rival Offers for St. Peter's-in-the-East Bells

DECISION DEFERRED

INTEREST was added to the annual meeting and festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford on July 6th by two applications for the bells of St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford, for which the Guild had paid £500, with another £400 outstanding.

Letters of application had been received from Stanford-in-the-Vale and Bodicote. The rival merits provided an interesting discussion, but it was felt that the proper procedure was to refer the matter to the General Committee with representatives of the two towers present. Perhaps a decision will be reached at the autumn meeting at Bletchley.

The Master (Canon C. E. Wigg) presided and the meeting was attended by the Bishop of Dorchester (the Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday).

Mr. Frederick Sharpe was asked to give details of the two towers. Stanford-in-the-Vale, he said, had a heavy six with an 18 cwt. tenor hanging in a very shaky tower. The bells had been removed and the tower repaired. The parish had to raise money for recasting the bells as two were hopelessly cracked, and the third also had to be recast. There was now a good tower to put the bells in, with plenty of room. They had a band of ringers in the Vale—a good call change Sunday service band. Recently they had recruits.

The claim of Bodicote was that they had a young and enthusiastic band who would like their bells augmented from five to eight. The present bells would make any added to them sound mediocre. The tower was very low and the sound was projected down by sound louvres hung very steeply.

Concluding, Mr. Sharpe said they had in one a desirable place to put the bells, and in the otner a tower that would require drastic alteration. If they let Bodicote have the bells they ought to get some understanding that they would do something to the tower.

Mr. A. J. N. Rance thought that as each of these applicants had a ring of bells the Guild ought to wait for somebody who had no bells and wanted a ring.

In reply to a question Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer) said that £1.000 would be required from whoever had the bells.

VALUE OF METAL

Mr. Sharpe said the total weight of bell metal at Stanford-in-the-Vale was 54 cwt., which at to-day's price would bring in £1,350. Bodicote's bells weighed 31 cwt. and would be worth £775. It would seem that Stanford was in the better position. Permission had to be obtained from the Chancellor to sell these bells, and he would have the final say.

Mr. W. H. Coles said, as ringers, they hoped to hear of new churches being built with provision for a tower. He wondered if, with the London overspill coming to Bletchley, there would be a large congregation of people without any bells.

The Master (Canon C. E. Wigg) did not think there would be any towers capable of holding the bells.

Mr. C. R. Mills (Faringdon) moved that the bells be offered to Stanford-in-the-Vale.

Mr. W. G. Wilson suggested that it be referred to the committee to talk about it.

Mr. W. Hunt commented that the Vale of the White Horse could do with a fill-up. There were only two other rings of eight in the Branch and these bells would give it a real boost.

Mr. C. F. Herbert (Banbury) thought that meeting was not the place to make a decision, and that both towers should be given an opportunity of expressing their opinions.

Mrs. Rance then moved that the matter be referred to the General Committee for a complete discussion. Mr. Hunt seconded, and this was agreed to.

TROPHY FOR STRIKING

At the annual meeting it was suggested that a trophy should be purchased for the striking competition. Mr. Butler said he had made inquiries about cups and it was suggested that one suitable could be purchased for £15.

The Master, the treasurer and Mr. Butler were appointed to report.

Mrs. Rance, however, felt unhappy. "Is there any point in going forward with this when the diocese is going to be divided?" she asked.

The Master: We cannot tell what is going to be in the future.

Mrs. Rance: Would it not be wiser to wait until we know?

Mr. A. Diserens suggested that the decision be left to the autumn meeting. This was agreed to, but it was understood that the committee would meet in the meantime.

UNSEEN REPORTS.

The printed reports had not been distributed before the meeting, and Mr. A. D. Barker proposed that they were taken as read. While the meeting agreed to this, a point made by Mr. Butler that the right to comment on any of the reports be allowed at the autumn meeting was accepted.

The treasurer, however, was called upon to report on the finances and he said they were £20 better off in the General Fund, and the reserve fund was about £80 better off. Since then they had paid £500 for the bells of St. Peter's-in-the-East and small amounts for insurance, dismantling and conveying the bells to a place of safety. If he did not get any money back for these bells he would have to pay another £400.

The report showed that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £2,200, of which £1,835 was in the Restoration Fund. The St. Peter's-in-the-East Fund now stood at £238, but this had not been included in the Guild General Fund.

SAME TEAM OF OFFICERS

The officers were re-elected as follows:—Master, Canon C. E. Wigg; Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. general secretary, Miss R. M. Cross; hon. librarian, Rev. E. P. Wood; stewards, J. Baldwin (Wantage), W. Hunt (Newbury) and H. Oglesby (Burnham); report editor, Mr. P. Walker; Central Council representatives, Messrs. P. Walker, F. C. Price, H. J. Diserens and W. Butler.

The meeting confirmed the election of 287 new members during the year. "A very good haul," commented the Master. "My hope is that the fish will not slip out of the net. We welcome them into the fellowship of the Guild."

A recommendation before the meeting was that the annual subscription be raised to 5s. in 1969. The hon. general secretary reported that she had received a letter from the Central Bucks Branch objecting, and asking that the subscription be retained at the present figure of 3s. 6d.

The matter was referred to the autumn meeting.

STATISTICS

Branches	15
Ringing members	1,762
New members in 1967	287
Peals rung	212
Total General Funds	£2,200
Restoration Fund	£1,835

POINTS FROM THE REPORT

The Master, who had travelled 1,600 miles in attending 22 Guild meetings, called attention to the desire to revise the rules, but pointedly added: "Rules in themselves cannot, however, produce the kind of fellowship and mutual helpfulness which we should expect to find in an Association such as ours. I am convinced that the heart of the matter must be in the unselfish co-operation of individual ringers. The more we can meet together and get to know each other, the better will the professed objects of the Guild be served."

The Deputy Master, who visited six Guild branches and attended seven meetings, said he had been asked to report on bells and their gear in 20 churches in the diocese. Eight were in Berkshire, four in Buckinghamshire and eight in Oxfordshire. There were three instances of tower oscillation and four of major structural damage to masonry by defective bell gear. Nine towers sought advice on rehanging their bells, two on recasting, three on augmentation and 12 on sound control.

The hon. general secretary's report of the varied activities of the Guild stated that the division of the diocese and its effect on the Guild was discussed at the Branch secretaries' meeting. The reports from the Branches indicated that it was generally felt at that time that it would weaken the efficiency of the Guild if it were divided into three to correspond with the proposed new diocese.

Another matter discussed was the charge made by some P.C.C.'s for peal attempts in their towers. The officers of the Guild said they would do what they could about the fees but that it was a question for the parishes concerned to decide. It was pointed out that if the fees were imposed in an effort to limit the ringing then a simple "No" by the incumbent would be just as effective, or, alternatively, the limitations of the number of attempts allowed per year.

The membership of the Guild was given as: Life 32, honorary 59, ringing 1,762. During the year 31 non-resident life members had been elected and there had been 17 losses by death.

THE SERVICE

The service in the Cathedral had the traditional dignity. It was an imposing procession of robed ringers who formed the choir headed by the Deputy Master, who acted as crucifer. In front of the clergy the Guild banner was carried. Mr. Kemsley, from Winslow, was the organist, but the number of boys from his choir attending was depleted through an outbreak of chickenpox. The service was conducted by the Master, the Deputy Master read the lesson and the preacher was from the North Berks Branch, the Rev. Sidney Allso, of Radley. The singing was full-throated—a gladsome noise— and the service started with the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God, who livest."

The Vicar of Radley, in his address, said that he was not going to talk about bells, as they knew far more about that subject than he did, but what he was going to do as a parish priest was to express the appreciation of all parish priests in the diocese for what bellringers had been doing for many years and were continuing to do. It was a source of real encouragement and inspiration to see a group

(Continued overleaf)

HANDBELLS

RANDWICK FESTIVAL ATTRACTS DISTANT TEAMS

THE Stroud meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Randwick on June 15th combined with the fourth annual Randwick Handbell Festival, and after a service at the Parish Church proceedings were transferred to the Archway School, Paganhill.

Among the guests of honour was Miss E. Harper, of Stockport, who had recently given the 2nd bell of the Randwick ring of six, recently augmented by two trebles.

Other guests included Mr. John Slater, from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Mr. Charles Rouse, the secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Mr. John Partington, the secretary of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, who explained the work of that Association. The secretary and main organiser of the Festival was Mr. Edward Cribley, who is also Ringing Master of the Stroud Branch. He also arranged for the tape recording of the afternoon's music.

Many of the handbell teams had come from a considerable distance. In previous meetings at Randwick Village Hall each team had come up to the stage to play its repertoire for the day, but with the increased space available at the Archway School each team was able to remain by its own table, for which foam rubber covers had been kindly given by Mr. Gibbard, the leader of the High Wycombe team.

Altogether nearly 100 handbell ringers were present and at least as many non-ringers were in the audience, so that well over 200 persons, more than expected, were present on this sunny and warm afternoon. The teams included the Leigh Sinton Handbell Ringers directed by Frank Barnett, from near Worcester; St. Andrew's, Shrivenham, near Swindon, who brought some interesting and melodious Dutch bells; two teams from Bredon, Worcestershire (the Junior team and the "Old Crocks"); Stokesay Handbell Ringers, from near Craven Arms, Shropshire; a team from High Wycombe, directed by Mr. Gibbard; and the Charnwood Handbell Ringers, from near Loughborough. The other teams were of more local origin, namely the Bisley Handbell Ringers, two teams from Whitminster Primary School, Mr. Cyril Wratten's team from Cheltenham, who demonstrated advanced change ringing, Tewkesbury C. of E. Primary School, who gave an interesting demonstration of plain hunting with the ringers themselves moving positions, Mr. Alec Howell, of Stonehouse, with his home-made carillon, Rich's Ringers, from Haresfield, and the Amberly W.I. Ringers.

The music, as might be expected, produced a considerable variety of entertainment. The most frequently submitted piece this year was "Edelweiss" from "The Sound of Music," though not all the teams had a chance to play it!

The Festival is non-competitive, and next year's Festival has also been arranged for the Archway School on July 5th. However, as the Stroud Branch meeting at Randwick and the Handbell Festival are now both capable of standing on their own feet, they will be held on separate days so that handbell ringing can start much earlier in the afternoon, without the need for a church service as well.

Tea was also served at the school, the catering arrangements being made by Mr. P. Blanch, of Paganhill Bakery, and the tea was served by a number of ladies under the direction of Mrs. J. Cribley.

Inquiries from teams who would like to join up with next year's Festival will be welcomed at any time. Information can be obtained from Mr. E. Cribley, Winter's Fold, France Lynch, Stroud, or from Randwick Vicarage.

N. R. M.

OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL — continued

of people give their time and to discipline themselves to enjoy themselves as a team, especially today, when they found that many of their ringers were young people.

Opinions had changed over the past 20 years. When he then went to his first incumbency it was his first contact with bells and ringers. Then all their ringers were elderly people and that applied to the majority in the Diocese of Lincoln. Today in his own parish there was a preponderance of young people who imposed upon themselves self-discipline to work as a team. This was the same as existed among people who played chamber music together or in an orchestra—self-discipline and hard work.

Another reason was that bells made a joyful noise, and Sunday by Sunday they were making known in the parish that there was not merely a meeting but a group of people had met to ring and praise God together. The bells rang out and made a joyful noise and incumbents were very grateful to bellringers who turned out Sunday by Sunday. "Thank you very much."

CARE FOR OTHERS

"Now I want to refer to a danger that faces all of of us. I don't want to see your ringing just as an end in itself. Go on being keen ringers and try to be more and more proficient, but remember it is just one department of your life as a Christian. What the world needs today among all Christians is to recapture what Our Lord said, to care for other people. You remember those two great commandments—duty to God and to other people. It means not only to see all the problems of life, but all the people in this world as God's people and then try and care for them as God cares for you. Although we give a proportion of our time to worship, remember this is a small part of our lives as followers of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

"What people need is this world today is to be treated as individuals. There are many more people with troubles and anxieties than ever before, and it is sad to see that the Church is not a unit of people in which they can unburden themselves and get rid of their worries. I regard as the most important people in the world today those who care.

"Enjoy your ringing: give your time to it so that you can be disciplined to give your time, your prayers and your worship, but above all don't forget to give some of your time to other people."

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon in Christ Church Hall was preceded by a social gathering. The toast of "The Queen, the Visitor of Christ Church" was honoured on the call of the Master. Mr. Noel Diserens submitted the toast of "The Visitors." This was responded to by Mr. Philip Gray, who said it was a very great pleasure to come to Oxford because one had the opportunity of seeing a Diocesan Guild very well run and also seeing how a festival should be run. He did not know anywhere in the county where it was done better. It was also his privilege to thank the Guild for the welcome to the visitors and for the ringing opportunities given at the Festival. This was not the only Guild Festival—there would be one at Bristol on October 28th, when they would have more ringing bells than Oxford.

Mr. Gray said he would like to say a few words about the future. What did a Guild like this expect to achieve in 25 years' time, because it was 25 years since he became a member of the Guild. The thing about ringing was that it was a basic art which went on for 52 Sundays in a year. The hardest thing in ringing was not to ring complicated methods but to ring on 52 Sundays a year.

ENDED RURAL ISOLATION

During the past 25 years the world about them had changed and ringing had changed and made a great advance. Two things that had affected ringing were higher education and the motor car. Probably why Oxford last year was a leading Association was its pioneering path in higher education, and the motor car had enabled more people to learn with less difficulty. What was more, the motor car had ended that dreadful isolation from which so many rural towers had suffered.

Higher education had had its influence by the development of improved teaching methods of ringing and by the holding of ringing courses. He thought the first course was held in Somerset ten years ago, and now they had heard from the Central Council that there was an offer to provide films, records and film strips.

A change in recent times had been the advance of the affluent society and whatever they might think, there was now a much higher standard of life. He did not think this had happened in the belfry; one must admit that there were a great many ringing rooms which were not much better than pig sties, and if the ringing room was dirty, what was it like higher up in the tower? Their belfries should be very much better and their bells maintained at a standard of engineering that they required in other walks of life.

There had also been the development of management technique and he expected some of them had been on courses. They should run their belfries and Branches in a business-like manner.

HELPFUL PUBLICITY

The Master, in reply, called attention to the series of articles in the "Oxford Times" about bellringing that had been a great help to the Guild. He thanked their hard-working editor (Mr. P. Walker) for a very good report and congratulated Mr. Alan Pink on conducting his 500th peal for the Guild.

Proposing the vote of thanks, the Deputy Master said first and foremost were the Dean and Chapter for the free use of the Cathedral and that hall; then there was the steward (Mr. Lewington) and his staff and the Cathedral staff (Mr. Holloway, head verger); the Oxford clergy and the captains of ringers for the use of bells, and Mr. P. Walker, who made the ringing arrangements; Mrs. Kemsley (from Winslow), the organist; Miss Daphne Pollard for sale of tickets; and finally the general secretary and the general treasurer.

Continuing, Mr. Sharpe said for the past 12 months there had appeared in "The Oxford Times" a series of articles by Keith Robinson on bells and their ringers and he had emphasised the part young people paid in their ringing and church life. This had brought about a tremendous amount of interest in bells and had resulted in his book, "Church Bells of Oxford," being sold out except for Parts II and IV. He advised ringers wanting to read the book to borrow either from the Guild Library or the Central Council Library.

THE 30th RINGER TO SCORE 1,000 PEALS

Mr. T. J. LOCK COMPLETES IN 40½ YEARS

WIDESPREAD congratulations have been extended to Mr. T. J. Lock, of North Mymms, on ringing his 1,000th peal. The happy event took place at Willesden, and in the band was his great friend from "down under," Mr. T. W. Goodyer, and his assistant secretary of many years standing in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Miss Ruth Foreman.

Tom learned to ring at Woolton Hill, Hants, in 1924 and was taught by Mr. H. Ballam, who now lives at Basingstoke. About this time he was attending Newbury Grammar School but in 1927 he moved to London and was articled to a quantity surveyor. He was fortunate to become attached to the Willesden tower and it was here that he rang his first and his 1,000th peal; the actual date of his first peal was December 20th, 1927.

He moved among a distinguished coterie of ringers and Tom acknowledges with gratitude that he benefited early on through such ringers as the Kilby brothers, William and George Pye, C. T. Coles, J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner, G. W. Fletcher and C. W. Roberts and, more recently, A. Cutler and J. R. Mayne.

His record of service to the Middlesex County Association is conspicuous and the offices he has held are: N. and E. District Ringing Master 1935–1939, N. and E. District secretary 1939–1958, general secretary 1957 to date. He is a member of 38 ringing bodies.

So far he has rung in 978 towers and these are situated in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and America. In all but three of the counties in England he has rung peals which have been rung in 350 different towers and he has "circled" four eight-bell towers, one ten-bell and one 12-bell tower to peals.

Tom organised the Great Adventure II tour and proved to be a popular leader, unholding



the best traditions of English ringing in a modest and dignified way.

His membership of the Central Council dates back to 1946, when he served for three years. He was re-elected as a representative of the Middlesex County Association in 1951 and has served continuously ever since. Upon the death of Mr. A. C. Hazelden he was appointed convener of the Biographies Committee, a position he still holds.

Tom and Kathleen Lock celebrated their silver wedding in 1966 and they have two sons. Mrs. Lock is a past president of the Ladies' Guild.

THE SELECT BAND

With Mr. T. J. Lock completing his 1,000 peals there are now 30 ringers who have rung 1,000 peals. Of these, 12 are alive.

Alive: H. E. Audsley, P. J. Border, J. Bennett, A. P. Cannon, W. J. Cotton, G. E. Fearn, N. Golden, E. Jenkins, T. J. Lock, J. L. Millhouse, W. F. Moreton and C. W. Roberts.

Deceased: F. Bennett, J. H. Cheeseman, C. T. Coles, J. E. Davies, W. H. Fussell, J. George, K. Hart, E. Morris, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, E. Pye, G. R. Pye, W. Pye, Rev. F. E. Robinson, I. G. Shade, J. Thomas, G. Williams and J. Worth.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The half-annual meeting and striking competition of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Willersey (6) on June 29th. This was the first time the Cheltenham Branch had held a striking competition and six bands entered, but unfortunately Prestbury had to withdraw on the day due to one of their band having been injured in an accident.

The test piece was 240 Minor or Doubles with at least 20 whole pulls of rounds either before or after. The bands were allowed a few minutes of rounds before the test piece to get the feel of the bells and to adjust the ropes if necessary. The Willersey bells went well although they caused some difficulty to the bands ringing Minor.

The St. Mary's, Cheltenham, team, captained by Mr. W. Farmer (Branch chairman), ringing Kent Treble Bob Minor, won the competition with 103 faults and will now represent the Branch in the Association competition to be held in September. The second team, also from St. Mary's, Cheltenham, and ringing Kent Treble Bob, captained by Mr. C. Wratten (Association treasurer), had 161 faults. Leckhampton (Stedman Doubles) were an unlucky third after a bad trip towards the end of their test piece spoilt some excellent striking (176). Charlton Kings (Grandsire Doubles) came fourth with 262 faults. The Willersey band did not picture in the judges' results owing to a calling error.

During the afternoon ringers not competing went on to Childswyckham (6) to ring or listen to the competition in the churchyard. The Willersey church fete was also held on the same afternoon and a band of young ringers from Bishop's Cleeve entertained the visitors with tunes on handbells.

The competition ringing was followed by a service taken by the Rev. Peter Newing, with Mr. Barnaby Bell as organist. Afterwards an enjoyable tea, prepared by ladies of the village, was served in the Vicarage garden.

Miss E. M. Bliss (Association chairman) took the chair for the half-yearly meeting. Mr. H. Schofield, who was assisted in the judging by Mr. G. Drew, then gave the results and commented on the striking of the various teams. The meeting decided to accept a challenge from the Cirencester Branch to play them at skittles and, as the Association Ringing Master was going to captain the Cirencester Branch, Miss E. M. Bliss was asked to captain the Cheltenham Branch.

Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies who had prepared the tea and also to the judges.

M. L. M.

TRURO GUILD FESTIVAL

The idyllic surroundings of St. Winnow Church, on the east bank of the Fowey River, provided a perfect setting for the Summer Festival of the Truro Guild on July 6th. Throughout the afternoon and early evening the sound of the bells echoed through the valley to rounds, call changes, Doubles Cambridge and London Minor.

St. Winnow, in common with others towers in this rather isolated part of Cornwall, is not affiliated to the Guild, having strong association with the South East Cornwall Association, with its traditions of competitive ringing. The welcome accorded to the Guild was indicative of the more unified thinking of the two bodies, and this provided the theme for a fine address from the Vicar, Canon H. Miles Brown. Himself a ringer, he recalled learning to ring at St. Nicholas', Saltash, which was originally a stronghold of prize-ringing, and he also learned half-pull change ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, under the guidance of the late Tom Myers. Canon Miles Brown explained, therefore, that he had experience on both sides and was able to draw a parallel of the growing tolerance between the two types of ringing and the modern movement towards unity between all branches of the Christian Church.

The perfect summer weather enabled Mrs. Brown and her helpers to serve tea on the Vicarage lawn. The 70 Guild members attending immensely enjoyed a social hour in these beautiful surroundings, with a magnificent view over the church to the river beyond at full tide

Other towers were open for ringing and the bells of Lanteglos-by-Fowey, St. Veep, Bradoc, Lostwithiel and Lanlivery were all sounded by the Guild members attending, those members being representative of all the six Branches of the Guild.

101 T.B. METHODS

Dear Sir,—It is a pity that Mr. Poole did not check his figures before writing to "The Ringing World" (see letter, page 522). If he had done so he would have found that the half-lead change of Ely Delight is 16, and that of Whatton-in-the-Vale 36. Also, of course, with a lead-head of 65324 the method would not appear in the C.C. Collection.

A small point about the peal in question is that it was rung on the 31st and not May 3rd, as published.—Yours faithfully,

R. BRIAN MILLS.

CHURCH CLOCKS
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Letters to the Editor

AN 80-YEAR-OLD IN WASHINGTON'S PEAL OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have only just returned from my visit to America and Canada and have seen the report of the peal rung at Washington (page 470) Having met Rick Dirksen. I am not surprised at the very factual way the peal was reported. He gave me the impression of being a very friendly person but of a rather retiring disposition.

In the first place, there were seven "firsts," all by local ringers. Secondly, even here in England with all the assistance that is available it is considered quite an accomplishment to conduct a peal of Major for the first time, and Rick called this with all the assurance of a veteran. Thirdly, all seven are to be congratulated on the way they handled their ropes and sustained concentration during the whole of the peal—evidence of the standard their various instructors inculcated, especially the value of knowing their course bells.

There were three occasions on which the peal might have been lost. One when a Cathedral guide opened a door, followed by a party of very talkative visiting clerics behind him; this brought a sharp exclamation from the conductor. (The gate at the bottom of the lift had previously been carefully locked.) Another when the clock boomed the hour of four. The peal was rung with the bells muffled, only the small hammers being in operation. Another when the ringer of the seventh in a split second replied "Yes" to a query.

At my time of life (80) one is not supposed to be bashful, but on the call "Stand" to see six young ladies waving their arms and kicking their legs in the air, full of ecstatic excitement and using their lungs to some purpose, was a pleasing scene I had not previously experienced. I must admit I myself felt very elated. A red-letter day for all.

Congratulations—a good peal well rung.—Yours faithfully,

G. R. GOODSHIP.

SAFETY IN TOWERS

Dear Sir,—A most unfortunate accident happened recently on a visit to a Somerset tower by members of the Exeter Cathedral band of ringers. The rope used to suspend the ropes used for ringing, in the centre of the tower, slipped off its hook and the heavy weight attached to it fell on the head of the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Wreford), causing injury which necessitated a hospital visit for five stitches to be inserted in the skull, an accident which might have killed a child.

On visiting the next tower a similar arrangement was found, and in addition to the rope hooks suspended some 15 feet above the ringing chamber floor was an iron marling spike (point downwards) with a thin piece of wire supporting this and the eight ropes.

The accident could well have been avoided, and I sincerely hope that all towers with this type of rope arrangement will without delay make sure that the end of the suspending rope is permanently fixed to a wall fitting so that in the event of the rope not being properly hooked into position the centre rope hooks can drop no further than, say, seven feet from floor level.—Yours sincerely,

N, MALLETT.

A BIRSTALL EPISODE

Dear Sir,—After a disgusting episode in the belfry of our church on Sunday evening, July 7th, I feel that I must point out this behaviour.

On the Sunday in question a group of ringers came into our church and practically took over the evening's ringing whilst my own band had to stand on one side. They did not

(a) Introduce themselves;
(b) Ask permission to ring;
(c) Stay to the service (which seems the common practice today anyway);
(d) Thank us for the privilege of being able to ring.

I have no idea who these people are or where they come from; all that I know about them, by overhearing their talk, is that they were an organised group of ringers who were ringing in various towers in Leicestershire.

It might be asked why I said nothing to them regarding this matter, but in a downstairs ring in full view of the church congregation and the church dignitaries one does not start an argument. This certainly would not have happened had it been our practice night.

Prior to this incident I have never had sympathy with towers who do not allow visitors to have a ring, but if this happens to be the conduct of some visiting ringers one can not entirely blame them. However, may I assure all future visitors to Birstall that, as in the past, there will always be a warm welcome. —Your faithfully,

J. M. MORLEY,
Tower Captain.
St. James the Great, Birstall, Leics.

DEDICATION DATES

Dear Sir,—I was most surprised to see in your report that the Prestbury (Cheshire) bells had been dedicated on June 29th. I was rather disappointed as I fully intended to go to this service. Surely the local band or the church authorities could have published the dedication date! The open day fixed for July 27th does not suit me and probably will not suit others; however, the fact remains that I would have liked to have been at the dedication. The presence of the Bishop of Chester alone demanded a good gathering and I sincerely hope this was achieved! May I appeal to all ringers to publish the dates of the dedication or re-dedication of their bells?—Yours faithfully,

JOE THORNLEY.

Bolton.

APOLOGIES OVER BENINGTON

Dear Sir,—I wish to apologise to those ringers who travelled to Benington on July 6th for their disappointment at finding no meeting in progress. It was found necessary to cancel the meeting after submitting the advertisements to "The Ringing World." Despite clear instructions asking for the first notice to be withheld it appeared in the issue of June 28th.

Further instructions were hastily dispatched to prevent publication of the second notice a week later. These were evidently delayed in the post by the work-to-rule on the railways.—Yours faithfully,

C. ANNE AGG,
Secretary, Northern District,
Hertford County Association.

A STAPLEFORD ECHO

Dear Sir,—The appearance of a further letter concerning the Stapleford incident is surprising, particularly as the author claims to be against further publicity for the matter. However, since he has seen fit to raise it again, may I make one or two further observations.

While, of course, the opinions of bell-hangers' representatives will generally be accepted, nobody imagines that they have a monopoly of expertise in these matters. Certainly cases such as Stapleford, where professional recommendations apparently appear to some ringers, rightly or wrongly, to be, so to speak, ill-founded, cannot lend strength to the apparent claim for a "divine right" to pronounce finally on the desirability of ringing at certain towers.

The damage to the chime hammers is obviously to be deplored but it is nothing to do with the condition of the tower or bells, only the carelessness, under some stress one suspects, of those ringing them. It would have been more to the point and far more interesting if, instead of this seeming attempt to cloud the issue with an item which should have been included in the original and obviously hasty report, we could have been told just what might be the effect of ringing on the bells and their tower.

That the parish has so few people that it cannot afford the "restoration"—whatever that entails—is a familiar story. One would have thought that in ten years, even if they have not managed a startling increase in population, they might have saved enough cash to get some work under way. Edington, not so very far away on the other side of the Plain, has a population of only 500 or so greater!

Fund-raising is, nevertheless, a problem and one wonders if it is not time that ringing Associations and Guilds—one hesitates to suggest the Central Council, who seem to have enough problems!—got down to some constructive work in this field to assist the Church's responsibility to some of its less fortunate rings. Their present purpose seems, with few exceptions, to be primarily bodies for whom peals may be rung, which to some might appear to have little connection with the purpose of church bells or the work of the church.

In conclusion, sir, may I echo your correspondent's appeal for common sense, congratulate him on having rung at this tower and look forward to the time when others may emulate him.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN C. SAWTELL.

Holt, Trowbridge.

RINGING ON THE IRISH SEA

Dear Sir,—The reference to handbell ringing on the Irish Sea (page 485) is interesting but is not a "first." I regret I know little of what earlier ringing was done but I recollect the late William Short, of Clent, Worcs, telling me that he once went over to Ireland and that he and some others rang handbells on the ship. He told me this in about 1935 but I do not know how many years before that the ringing took place.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL CHAMBERS.

Durban, S.A.

P.S.—If my memory serves me correctly, the method was Stedman Caters, and a full peal was rung.—C. C.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Letters—continued

OAKHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—After reading the letter in "The Ringing World" of July 12th on "Diameter No Guide to Tenor's Weight," I was particularly interested in the remarks made by Mr. P. Amos concerning the weight of Oakham tenor. I am afraid he has not got all his facts straight concerning this ring. Having been acquainted with it for over 50 years, I think there is a misunderstanding as regards the weight of the tenor.

In 1910, from the information I have, the old ring of eight was in a poor condition, as also were the frame and fittings. This resulted in a complete restoration, which was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon. The eight bells were recast in December, 1910, and rehung in a new iron frame and dedicated on February 24th, 1911, the tenor weighing 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

In the early 1920's a very unfortunate incident occurred which necessitated the recasting of the tenor by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the new bell being 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb., the weight of the present day tenor, and not 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb, as Mr. Amos claims. At this time the founders were not too happy about the 7th bell and decided to recast her at the same time. The bells are a magnificent eight, and I was privileged to ring on them when a schoolboy at Oakham, although the opportunities were limited. Often I had my thoughts diverted from my late evening studies on practice nights by the lovely music of Stedman Triples coming from the spire some 100 yards away.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

VECTIS SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Reported on page 549 of "The Ringing World" issue of July 12th, 1968, is a peal of 5,056 Vectis Surprise Major, the first peal in the method. Using the place notation accompanying the peal report I confirmed that the false course heads quoted as b, d and o, are correct. However, the composition used has confused me. We are told the composition was one by Richard F. B. Speed. We are also told it is composition "Wratten No. 30." On looking through Cyril Wratten's "Collection of Surprise Compositions" I find that composition No. 30, although suitable for certain B Group methods, is neither suitable for b, d, o combination of false course heads nor is it composed by Richard Speed! Wratten No. 30 is in fact composed by the late A. J. Pitman and is suitable for the combination b, d, k false course heads.

Perhaps Mr. Pink will enlighten us as to which composition he really used for the peal and also publish the figures for those interested, particularly since the Wratten Collection does not appear to contain a composition suitable for the b, d, o combination of f.c.h.'s—Yours faithfully,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Marchwood, Hants.

SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Bishop's list (page 542), all the 2nds place methods listed are at present unpealed and unnamed. I should like to hear, too, further details of the 4ths place methods, especially as I believe that from each one can be evolved two methods (variations?) one with 2nds place bob and one with a 6ths place bob. —Yours faithfully,

D. C. JACKSON.

Totton, Hants.

Unusual Accident on Exeter Cathedral Outing

THE Exeter Cathedral ringers held their annual outing on July 6th. Normally this is quite routine and the usual practice of assembly at a point and being conveyed from tower to tower with the usual enjoyable ringing is followed. This year we started to follow this pattern and we duly arrived at Bridgwater to ring at the church, but although the door was open there was no one to meet us. We waited patiently for 20 minutes but no one arrived and so we assumed that because the door was open we were expected but that they were unable to meet us. Accordingly, we carefully made sure that the chimes were free and prepared to lower the ropes, which were connected to the ceiling on a hook, as is the custom in many towers. We were collected, of course, in the tower and the coil was released to lower the ropes, but what we did not know was that the hook was heavily weighted with a core of iron two inches thick and about three inches long. This came as such a surprise to the man handling the rope that it was pulled way from his hand and unfortunately our Ringing Master, Fred Wreford, was immediately under the spot and the weighted hook crashed on his head. This necessitated hospital treatment and the insertion of five stitches in his scalp.

This raised two morals in my mind: first of all, one should never interfere in a tower without the local representative being there to supervise the safety precautions, and secondly, great care should be taken by the people who install these collecting devices that they are not a hazard to people in the tower. In this particular case we had written to the Ringing Master of the tower, who had given permission properly. He had also been reminded that we would be arriving on this day but, unfortunately, he had not noted the engagement in his diary and did not appear at the tower until ten minutes before we had finished ringing.

This unfortunate incident made us examine very carefully the rope collecting systems in the subsequent towers at Cheddar, Congresbury, Chew Magna and Yeovil. At Congresbury (unless it has been changed since we were there) we found that the weight used to bring down the hook from the ceiling was in fact an iron marling spike. Without a shadow of doubt if this incident had happened at Congresbury Fred Wreford would not be alive today. It makes you shudder when you think of the damage it could do.

We are happy to say, in this case, that although Fred must have had a very severe headache he recovered sufficiently to enjoy the ringing at the next four towers and did full justice to the very good lunch at the Bath Arms Hotel in Cheddar and the wonderful tea provided at the Blue Boar Hotel at West Harptree.

All the towers visited had heavy rings and in general we rang the standard methods of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. The ringing was of quite a good standard and we were particularly pleased with the three leads of Bristol at Chew Magna and the Stedman Caters at Yeovil. We joined the party of ringers from Wrington and Cambridge Royal was attempted but could not be got under way.

We had quite a few youngsters in the party and it was a very pleasing thought that they enjoyed their day so very much without causing an annoyance to anyone, compared with the group of young people outside the Yeovil church who were making a nuisance of themselves to all and sundry because they had nothing better to do.

It was jointly agreed that the outing had been a great success and we are very grateful to the incumbents for their permission to ring the bells.

C. P. Y.

MALVERN LINK'S NEAR-NORMAN ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

Five cars containing ringers from Malvern Link, Worcestershire, and their friends had a half-day's outing in neighbouring Herefordshire on July 13th.

The aim of the outing was not only to ring in a number of new towers but also to admire the architectural beauty of some of the Herefordshire churches.

The first church visited was at Abbey Dore—a magnificent Early English building. This was a Cistercian abbey—dissolved in 1535—and all that remains are the crossing, transepts, chancel and adjoining chapels. The interior fittings date from the 17th century, when the church was restored, and the whole is a perfect example of Early English architecture and 17th century fittings. The small south-east tower contains a light ring of six by Rudhall. Not so far away is the famous small Norman church at Kilpeck—known to all students of architecture. Unfortunately it has no tower or ringable bells.

From Abbey Dore the party wound its way along the beautiful Golden Valley to Peterchurch to ring on the very good Taylor six. This church, in what is a rather unattractive linear-like village, is almost pure Norman, with double chancel, an apse, but no aisles to the nave. Here the local Vicar met the party and the offertory from the ringers was received by him. The next tower (again a ring of six) was at Madley. This is a superb 13th and 14th century sandstone church which, like the other churches, was very well kept. The bells did not do justice to the church and the bell frame moved rather alarmingly when the bells were rung. There is a local band though, and they are to be congratulated in keeping the bells ringing.

Most members of the party then had a picnic tea, in spite of rather inclement weather, and then met again at Hereford Cathedral with its Norman and Early English architecture and its unfortunate West Front by Wyatt in 1786. In spite of the long climb to the ringing chamber, one baby was carried up there in her carry-cot and slept quite peacefully for nearly an hour! Here the touring band were met by some of the local Cathedral band, which meant that Grandsire and Stedman Caters could be rung.

Incumbents and local ringers are thanked for allowing the Link ringers the privilege of ringing their bells, and the next half-day architectural-cum-ringing venture is anticipated with pleasure.

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OUTINGS

SPALDING RINGERS AT YORK MINSTER

Ringers and their friends from Spalding and district had a very pleasant outing on July 6th. Leaving Spalding at 7 a.m., at 10.15 39 people alighted at St. Nicholas' Church, Thorne, near Doncaster. Plain Bob and Stedman were rung on the eight bells with Bernard Tyrrell as captain. Our next stop was at St. Stephen's, Acomb, where Derek Jones conducted London, Cambridge and Kent on the light six.

Members made their own arrangements for lunch in York and then journeyed to Huntington for various touches on the six bells at All Saints' under the guidance of Cyril Burrell.

The highlight of the day was the opportunity to ring for an hour at York Minster before the Diocesan Choirs Festival at 6 p.m. Ron Noon conducted courses of Grandsire Cinques and Kent Maximus; beginners and less experienced ringers had their opportunity to ring rounds on the 12.

On the return journey a stop was made at St. John's, Scunthorpe (8), where Frank Taylor conducted. Supper was much appreciated in Lincoln at 9.30, and the tired but happy party reached Spalding just before midnight.

Our thanks go to those who met us, and Ron and Joy Noon, who with help from Derek Jones made all the arrangements.

LIVERPOOL'S POST-EXAMS OUTING

Liverpool University Society went into Flintshire for their annual post-examination outing. Hawarden's was the first tower, where Martin Snape and the veteran Merseyside ringer, Joe Ridyard, joined the party.

At Flint a course of Bristol was successfully completed on the tiny eight. Permission had been granted to ring at Halkyn but the key could not be found, so the lunch hour was spent befriending farmyard animals.

Before ringing at Northop the Society watched the village cricket team and later, during the lowering of the bells, no less than three batsmen were out. We hope this was not a reflection on the standard of our striking!

Other towers visited were Hope (6) and Buckley (8), where methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to a number of Surprise Major. The party then made its way back to Liverpool. Thanks are due to the secretary for his organisation of the towers and weather. No one else had such faith in the sun. P. J.

READING UNIVERSITY AT LOUGHBOROUGH

R.U.S.C.R. regard their outing to Loughborough and Leicester on June 19th as the most successful for a long time. An early start was made at 7.45 a.m. and morning ringing was at St. Edmund's, Northampton.

After lunch came a conducted tour of the bell foundry with an opportunity to ring the bells. We failed to ring a half-course of Cambridge Royal (the pièce de résistance of the outing); Stedman Caters and Grandsire Triples were successful.

All Saints', Loughborough, was regarded as the highlight of the outing. Although members of the local band said we rang the bells well, we ourselves felt that full justice was not done to them, even though touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung quite well.

Gill's home tower, at Great Birstall, was then visited. Here the select band rang their Spliced Surprise (Quedgeley, Cambridge and Yorkshire) while the rest had to be content with Grandsire and Plain Bob. Our final tower was St. Margaret's, Leicester, and the outing ended with a sit-down meal in Leicester before the coach trip back to Reading and work! L. M. G.

KNOWLEDGE TEST

A METHODS QUIZ

Here are 20 questions to test your knowledge of methods. All questions can be answered from information contained in appropriate Central Council publications.. Answers will be published in the issue of August 30th.

1. What Principle is named after the first known publisher of works on change ringing?
2. Name a method for odd numbers which has St. Simon below the treble and a Grandsire extreme above.
3. In Kent Treble Bob Maximus, how many times is seconds place made during the slow work?
4. Which internal place is common to all legitimate Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise Minor methods?
5. In Little Bob, how many ways are there of coming down to the front?
6. Name the seconds place lead-end variation of a method which has Kent Treble Bob work above the treble and Cambridge below at all stages from Minor upwards.
7. Gainsborough is to Little Bob what ? is to Crayford Little.
8. Name the first Double Surprise Major method to be pealed.
9. How many consecutive dodges are there on the front in St. Clement's College Bob Royal?
10. A lead of Plain Bob Major and a lead of Bastow Little produces a course of how many changes?
11. Premier is to Bristol what ? is to Double Norwich.
12. Yorkshire has Cambridge work above the treble and Pudsey has Cambridge below, so Cambridge could be described as Yorkshire above and Pudsey below the treble. What method has Pudsey above and Yorkshire below? (Its basic stage is Royal.)
13. Primrose is to Cambridge what ? is to Superlative.
14. What is the maximum number of consecutive dodges on the front (or the back) of a Surprise Major method?
15. St. Lawrence Bob is a method which extends through all stages from its basic stage—Minor. It can be described as all wrong hunting above the treble and plain hunting below with an internal half-lead pivot place. The Minor stage is called by a different name (undoubtedly older), what is this?
16. Yorkshire Surprise Major could be described as Cambridge Major above the treble and Cambridge Minor below. What Surprise Royal method could be described as Cambridge Royal above and Cambridge Minor below?
17. London Surprise Minor is ofter described as having the maximum amount of wrong hunting for a Treble Bob type method. Could this property be ascribed to London Surprise Major?
18. What is the name of the Plain Minor method with the maximum amount of wrong hunting?
19. Right place plain even-bell methods may be converted to the next odd number by adding a bell in the hunt. Usually the new method so formed bears the same, or similar, name as its parent, e.g. Single Oxford Bob Minor—Oxford Bob Triples; Double Norwich Court Major —Double Norwich Caters. There is one notable and historic exception to this naming system—what?
20. A Surprise Minor method, which has London below the treble and Cambridge above, unfortunately does not retain either London below or Cambridge above in its extensions. It has been pealed on tower- and handbells from Minor to Maximus. What method is this?

D. W. S.

USK OUTING

On a glorious summer's day, Saturday, June 29th, a coachload of ringers and friends left Usk on their annual outing, which this year was in Somerset.

Our first stop was at Chew Magna, where we found it a little difficult to get the true music from the heavy ring. At Midsomer Norton we were met by friends and thoroughly enjoyed our ring. After a leisurely lunch we went on to Warminster. Here the bells are immediately above the ringing chamber, so there is no excuse for even the slightest trip.

Following a cream tea our first stop for the evening was at Beckington. The Rev. H. T. Davies took a break from his gardening to greet us and lead the Belfry Office. The weight of these pleasant bells being much like our own brought the ringing back to standard. The day finished at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, and thence across the road to the Castle. We had a very enjoyable day and our thanks are due to all those who made us so welcome at their towers.

"HANGER-ON."

FRAMSDEN AND DISTRICT OUTING

Some 13 parishes were represented at the annual coach outing of Framsden ringers on June 29th. Towers visited were Croydon (12), St. Peter's, Croydon (10), Westerham, Wrotham and Rochester Cathedral. Some of the party had their first ring on 12 bells. Methods rung included Bob Maximus, Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major, Bob Major and rounds. Special thanks to Mr. Richard Stevens, who arranged practically the whole outing.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, RINGERS' OUTING

The St. Michael's, Heavitree, ringers recently held their annual outing and visited the towers at Revelstoke, St. Mary's, Plympton, Emanuel, Plymouth, and St. Andrew's, Plymouth. Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. Tea at Plymouth was provided by the Church Council and the ringers were met there by the Vicar of Heavitree, Preb. F. Coyle. N. M.

OBITUARY

REV. W. FAYLE PARR

Ringers from the Saxmundham district were grieved by the death on June 29th of the Rev. W. Fayle Parr, Rector of Benhall-with-Sternfield, aged 63 years. He was a most friendly man and was active as Rector of the two parishes.

Mr. Fayle Parr earned a first-class reputation: it was a privilege and pleasure for him to meet many ringers and to hear the bells he loved.

The funeral service took place on July 5th at Sternfield Church, when the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Rt. Rev. Leslie Brown, officiated. Neighbouring ringers honoured his memory with half-muffled ringing at St. Mary's, Benhall, on July 6th, when a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles was rung by Saxmundham ringers. A peal of Doubles in four methods was rung on July 8th by the Aldeburgh company. The Rev. W. Fayle Parr will be remembered with affection and respect by those who knew him. H. A.

DATE TOUCH

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On May 16th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: E. Pimlott 1, B. Schofield 2, G. Cooper 3, R. Andrew 4, A. Whiting 5, G. Moorhouse 6, A. McFall (cond.) 7, R. Smith 8. On the occasion of H.M. the Queen's visit to Marple.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On June 9th, 1,320 Minor (Pl. Bob and St. Clem.): D. Evans 1, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 3, P. Jones 4, D. L. Kerley 5, G. E. Kerley 6, D. G. Kerley 7, D. R. Scott 8. Also on June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): D. C Dabb (most methods) 3, D. L. Kerley 4, D. Evans 5, G. E. Kerley 6, J. Clatworthy (25th quarter as cond.) 7, L. R. Scott 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 7th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: Amanda Powell 1, Louise Powell 2, N. Bennett 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6, For Matins.

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (seven meth./var.): W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, F. Sismey 3, Ann Smith 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. K. S. Maris.

ASPENDEN, HERTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Barnes 1, Miss G. James 2, V. Tubby 3, A. Stracey 4, B. J. W. Foley 5, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 6.

ASTON, OXON.—On June 15th, 1,500 Doubles (six meth./var.): W. Butler 1, B. Coggins 2, D. Floyd 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. A wedding compliment to Terence Gregory and Elizabeth Long.

ASTON INGHAM, GLOS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Pl Bob Doubles: Christine Manns 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, Ann Butcher 3, L. Smith 4, Joy Tyler (cond.) 5, Patricia Stocken 6. A birthday compliment to Susan Tyler, daughter of the conductor and grand-daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. R. Flagg (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss S. A. Mayell (first in five methods "inside") 3, F. J. White 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, A. J. Callow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Atwell, of Barton St. David.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Law (first quarter) 1, Ann Collins (first "inside") 2, Judith Collins 3, R. Collins 4, R. Corke (cond.) 5, L. Noakes 6.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Dodd 1, P. Dodd 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, C. Barker 5, R. Martin 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, R. Fuller 8. First Bob Triples 1, 2, 5, 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Jordan, priest, one-time Curate of Bocking and Braintree, 29 years Vicar of Finchingfield and for the last 15 years a member of the congregation at Bocking.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Neal 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, R. Peckham 3, B. Martin 4, R. Pike 5, E. Booth 6, C. I. Jeffries (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. For Evensong.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On July 4th, 1,344 Six-Spliced Surprise Major (all the work): Judith M. Geiringer 1, Mandi McCallion 2, Elizabeth M. Emmett 3, A. J. Cox 4, R. O. Humphries 5, M. J. Platt (comp.) 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, S. C. Walters (cond.) 8. First Spliced Surprise Major 2, 3, 6, 7. Rung on the U.B.S.C.R. tour.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on June 30th, 1,260 Erin Triples: D. Rennolds 1, S. J. Bateman 2, B. Martin 3, T. Newlands 4, N. Dawson 5, J. W. Collard 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, H. Goss 8. First of Erin for all except conductor.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: I. R. Panton (cond.) 1, Maureen P. Colley 2, Linda M. Groves 3, M. P. Inskip 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, B. G. Brinkley 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BURITON, HANTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Maureen Tipper (first quarter) 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, Carol Stacey 4, K. Tipper 5, Sally Stacey 6. For the St. Mary's Church garden party.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On June 29th, 1,272 Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor: G. Miller (first quarter) 1, C. Grandidge 2, Jane Lawrence 3, Margaret Warford 4, R. R. Warford (cond.) 5, D. J. Baker 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CHAWTON, HANTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Reed (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Chennell-White 2, Lesley Read (cond.) 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, A. Kersey 6. First Doubles 2, 4, 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss R. A. Wykeham, daughter of Lt.-Col. P. G. Wykeham (churchwarden) and Mrs. Wykeham, to Mr. A. Ryder.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Dye 1, Miss A. M. Ayres 2, W. W. Rich 3, A. R. D. Cope 4, J. N. Money 5, G. K. Cook 6, F. W. Lewis (cond.) 7, T. Palmer 8.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' Church, on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Hawkins 1, Rosemary Cotton 2, Jean Henderson 3, D. Boniface 4, J. Wenban 5, S. Darvill (cond.) 6, L. Goodall 7, T. Polding (first quarter) 8.

CLUN, SALOP.—On July 6th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Gillian Bosworth-Smith 1, F. G. Beddow 2, Jennifer M. Beech 3, E. F. Wilkcox 4, N. Holland 5, P. R. Johnson 6, R. H. Newton 7, P. J. Evans (cond.) 8. For the Clun Flower Festival.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on June 16th, 1,649 Grandsire Cinques: R. C. Stevens (cond.) 1, G. Bosworth-Smith 2, C. Slater 3, E. W. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, M. Harrison 6, I. M. Parry 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, N. S. Brown 9, K. Taber 10, N. Steere 11, A. J. C. Brown 12. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Razzell on their silver wedding anniversary.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On July 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Glenda M. Beckett 1, Hilary Thick 2, Valerie M. Howard 3, Evelyn M. Hicks 4, J. A. Howard 5, M. P. Howard 6, D. Slater 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On June 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Bennett (first Minor) 1, B. Coggins 2, Miss M. Bird 3, W. Butler 4, A. E. Hicks 5, D. Floyd (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. C. Bennett.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On June 30th, 1,320 Doubles (66 meth./var.): R. H. Roberts 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Susan V. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. C. Banks 6. Rung by Totton G.S.R.S.

FLORE, NORTHANTS.—On June 18th, 1,440 Minor (four methods): R. Fonge 1, Miss J. Ashby 2, G. Cooper 3, B. Danby 4, E. Garrett 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. N. L. McLeod (first quarter) 1, E. W. Wycherly (first "inside") 2, P. Hughes 3, P. D. Sell 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5, T. P. Sell 6. For Burma Star Association service.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 7th, 1,283 Erin Triples: Deborah Bishop 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, M. J. Uphill 4, K. J. Rider 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Cotton.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Laura M. Grindrod 1, R. M. Luxon 2, Glynis E. Perry (cond.) 3, P. W. Dickinson 4, J. E. Murfitt (first Minor) 5, P. M. Cuckson 6.

GORING, OXON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull 1, M. Tull 2, N. Tull 3, Carol Tull 4, Mary Trent 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. Rung for the wedding of M. Napper, a member of the local band.

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Sudbury 1, G. Trendell 2, Susan Burdon 3, H. Moore 4, C. Gillingham 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Susan Spinks.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On July 7th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Valerie Haywood (first Major) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Carol Cousins 3, A. H. Long 4, K. Burgess 5, C. H. Macve 6, R. A. Grant 7, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kersey 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, Mary White 3, G. Noakes 4, L. Noakes 5, A. Ellsmore 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, C. Chennell-White 8. For Evensong by St. Lawrence's, Alton, band.

HARLAXTON, LINCS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. Pinchbeck 1, T. Relf 2, Miss A. Read (first "inside") 3, V. Evans 4, B. Hill (cond.) 5, J. Sharpe (first quarter) 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Writes "Oad Bater" (but not old-fashioned): "'The Ringing World' does not want mini-skirts, mini-minds or mini Miss Bellringers."

We regret the error in the heading on page 544. It should be "Colegate Society in Derbyshire."

The peal by a local band at All Saints', Stranton, Co. Durham, on July 6th, almost qualifies for the 60th anniversary of the first peal. This was rung on July 11th, 1908.

Mr. W. F. Stenson informs us that the article on St. Mary's, Nantwich, featured in the issue of July 12th, should bear the signature of Mr. Jack Bough, the towerkeeper, who has been ill most of this year.

The fourth bell in the quarter peal of Kent T.B. Major at Orton, Westmorland, on June 22nd (page 531) was rung by Mr. J. E. Burles. Our correspondent sends his apologies.

For a flower festival at Hordle, Lymington, Hants, on June 26th, ten flower variations of Doubles were rung. These were Columbine, Snowdrop, Narcissus, Anemone, Ranuncula, Forget-me-not, Evening Primrose, Daffodil, Bluebell and Pinks. (From Dodd—Jones' Doubles Collection.)

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Gosfield on July 2nd to celebrate the marriage of Miss Susan Spinks to Mr. Raymond Brooker. Susan has been a faithful ringer at Gosfield since the bells were dedicated in 1963, and before the quarter peal Miss H. G. Snowden presented her with a coffee table from the Guild of Ringers.

We learn that Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, Wales, has died. He was 87.

Mr. F. W. Lewis is compiling a list of peals rung at St. Mary's, Reading. He is anxious to find details of the band who took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 27th, 1742.

We hear that Miss Jennifer Murphy is returning to her native Australia this month. We feel certain that she has many happy recollections of her visit. Mr. Philip M. J. Gray conducted her farewell peal at Cromhall, Glos.

The band who rang in the peal at Eastchurch on July 13th would like to associate with it the name of David Hunt, who was to have taken part in the attempt. His absence was due to a serious motor accident. Best wishes are extended to him for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Norman Mallett, tower captain at Heavitree, Ringing Master for the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and Assistant Ringing Master at Exeter Cathedral, is leaving Exeter to take up a new appointment in the Plymouth area.

We were pleased to receive a note with his added subscription from Mr. Tower R. Taylor, who has been a "Ringing World" subscriber since the first issue and took his first ringing paper in 1909. Now living at Copnor, Portsmouth, Mr. Taylor started ringing at St. Nicholas', Harwich, in 1908, with A. J. Morris. A fine record!

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BELFRY GOSSIP

CREWE TENOR WHEEL

The ringers of Christ Church, Crewe, consider that the paragraph heading on page 526, in the issue of July 5th, reading "Crewe Tenor Wheel Collapses" to be outrageous, a deliberate distortion of the truth and an attempt at sensationalism which should never have been submitted for publication.

It is true that the peal attempt came to grief after only a short period of ringing with the tenor wheel partly broken, but to say that the wheel "collapsed" is to imply that the wheel was in a condition where it would give way at any time. From the appearance of the wood and the nature of the breaks it was obvious that the wheel was pulled apart; it did not fail—it was smashed!

In all probability the rope was allowed to slip the wheel at some point and the effort to recover control caused the damage. To say that a perfectly sound wheel collapsed is ridiculous; it throws unfounded suspicion on the stability of the other fittings in the tower and is an insult to the people who have maintained the bells over the years.

CREWE RINGERS.

"WRATTEN'S WRINGERS" 1968 TOUR

This year's tour promoted by Mr. Cyril Wratten resulted in 12 peals being scored and two failures. The intention was to ring a peal in each of the Surprise Major methods in the Ringers' Diary, with Melbourne being substituted for Cambridge in honour of Tom Goodyer.

Unfortunately, Bristol was lost at Congleton after three-quarters of an hour. The other failure was Cambridge Royal at Macclesfield. As a result 11 tower-bell peals were successfully rung of the 13 on the programme. A "bonus" peal of Kent T.B. Royal "in hand" (thanks to Bob Smith) helped to make up for the two losses.

SOUND CONTROL AT HEAVITREE

A successful experiment in sound control has recently been carried out at Heavitree, Exeter, Parish Church tower. The work has been necessary because of increasing complaints from residents of recently constructed houses in close proximity to the church. A form of permanent blocking was found to be impracticable and excessive in cost

Screens made to fit into each of the louvre openings, comprising 1½ inch thick polystyrene glued between half-inch thick marine railway on the weather side and half-inch blockboard on the tower side have been fitted. One side of the tower has been completely blocked, two sides at two-thirds the height of louvres, and the fourth half-way.

The total cost was £22 and involved an hour's work to fit. The effect is equal to permanent blocking, with the advantage that the screens can be reduced in size if required, or removed for maintenance work to the tower.

N. M.

ROSE OF ENGLAND T.B.

Fawley ringers like to keep abreast of the times. For the conferring of the accolade on Sir Alec Rose of Portsmouth, the method Rose of England Treble Bob was discovered in the four-way table of Treble Bob methods and was successfully attempted by the Fawley band without previous practice.

A SUSSEX WEDDING



The wedding took place at St. Mary the Virgin's, Felpham, on July 6th, between Miss Susan Marie Main, only daughter of Mrs. D. S. Main, and Mr. Patrick Martin Wills, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wills. Both bride and bridegroom have been regular ringers at Felpham for five years.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Donald Manners and the best man was Mr. Philip Stevens, Ringing Master of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association, who was also married at this church 18 months ago.

At the reception, handbells were rung by Chichester ringers, and on Sunday, July 7th, a quarter peal of Minor was rung by the local band.

[Photo by Devereux, Bognor Regis.

ASSESSMENT REDUCED THOUGH BELLS

A Surrey Valuation Court has reduced the rates assessment of Mr. Harold Bennett through the proximity of the church to his house.

His complaint is that the bellringers practise every Monday between 8 and 9 p.m. The church is opposite his house and when the windows are open it is impossible to hear the television programme.

Another complaint: "Marriages, christenings and other activities, with cars coming and going and the litter of confetti, all amount to a diminishing of amenities."

LAVENHAM RINGERS IN BEDFORDSHIRE

Lavenham ringers had a very enjoyable day in Bedfordshire on July 13th. There was a good selection of towers—Woburn and Husborne Crawley in the morning and, after lunch at Goldington, Bromham and Kempston. We returned to Goldington for tea and a ring on the light six there before finishing the ringing programme at Biggleswade. Our thanks list includes the incumbents and the friends who met us, Mr. Jim Edwards, our guide for most of the day, and the organiser, Mr. Arthur Haynes.

M. T. S.

A SILENT IPSWICH TOWER

In honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. Frank E. Wiseman a peal was rung at Tuddenham, Suffolk, on July 6th. Mr. Wiseman has been captain at Rushmere for the last 40 years, and all the ringers taking part in the peal, with the exception of Mr. Alan Bridges, were from Rushmere.

St. Andrew's Church, Rushmere, is just outside Ipswich and caters for a large population, so much so that the seating capacity has been doubled and more money is still required to pay for the work. Whilst this was being done the bells and the tower were inspected professionally and it was found that major work was necessary to the bells and considerable work on the tower. In view of the money due on the church extension it is impossible to put this latter work in hand in the immediate future and unfortunately ringing has had to cease.

LOOSE HEADSTOCKS AT HAVERFORDWEST

The attempt for the first peal of Major on the bells at Haverfordwest, Pembs, on July 6th was unsuccessful. After the quarter mark the seventh and, to a lesser degree, the tenor became increasingly difficult to ring and strike correctly and the bells were called round.

An inspection revealed the headstocks to be slightly loose and the seventh was also affected by woodworm. It is hoped that something may be done soon to remedy the situation and make these bells a joy to ring.

AN AMERICAN TOUR

In another column we publish Mr. G. R. Goodship's (of Grundisburgh) impression of the peal of Major at Washington Cathedral. At Washington Mr. Goodship had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. Tom Goodyer and Mr. Frank Price. He also went to British Columbia and spent a pleasant evening with Mr. E. E. Lee at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, and a very interesting hour or two at Arundel Avenue with Mr. Izard after ringing at Victoria Cathedral, B.C.

"GO SLOW" COUNTERED BY ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE

The British Railways' "Go Slow" operating on July 6th necessitated the Farnham District finding an alternative to its Isle of Wight tour. The energetic hon. secretary, Mrs. B. R. Simpson, was able to provide a trip along the Hampshire coast and into the New Forest.

Our first call was to the ancient Abbey at Romsey, with the added attraction of the birdseye view of the interior from the triforium gallery. Our next tower was at Lymington, which has a musical octave and maritime associations, and then on to Milford-on-Sea. Then Bournemouth for lunch and ringing on the eight at St. Peter's before visiting Christchurch Priory. An attraction to the uninitiated and ringers alike was to see through a glass panel in the door the great 12 bells turning in their massive wooden frame. Tea was then taken before a short journey to Sopley (with its light six) and then on to Ringwood, where ringing for the day ceased with the failing daylight. One more call—to revive those flagging energies and loosen human, other than iron, tongues; then homeward, tired but happy.

Thank you, Beryl.

R. B.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	Ian M. Holland	7
Alan J. Frost	2	Rodney B. Meadows	8
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Martin C. Faulkes	9
Richard S. Starkie	4	Michael P. Moreton	10
Brian Bladon	5	Alan R. Patterson	11
Thomas J. Southam	6	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TAUNTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	Allan Tubb	5
Cecil T. Clarke	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Frank D. Mack	7
Derek Jewell	4	*R. George Fisher	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* First peal of Stedman. 50th peal as conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	Jeffrey L. Claughton	5
Linda Ellison	2	Robert L. Piron	6
Sandra L. Goodship	3	Dennis Knox	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	John W. Sinfield	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wylde. Conducted by John W. Sinfield.
Rung as a compliment to Jeffrey L. Claughton and Sandra Goodship on their engagement.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In six methods, comprising 1,440 each of London (No. 3) and Rutland, 720 Clifton, 480 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 102 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*Rosemary Tailby	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
†Lawrence J. Haines	2	‡Alan F. Scholfield	7
Robert B. Smith	3	§Alan McFall	8
Basil Jones	4	‡Richard A. G. Inglis	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by L. J. Haines. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Spliced. ‡ First of Spliced Surprise Royal. § First of Spliced Surprise Royal on tower bells. First of 6-Spliced Surprise Royal for Bernard F. L. Groves, on the bells and for the Guild.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Christopher J. Jones	Treble	Keith Walpole	5
Pamela Key	2	Ian Friend	6
Michael Thomson	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
Roy Worrall	4	John Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung as a compliment to Ian Friend and Margaret J. Gwilt on the occasion of their engagement.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent each of Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*John Moore	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
David A. Godfrey	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal on the treble.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Simon, to Ruth and Tom Smith on July 2nd, 1968.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATON.
HARTLEPOOL, Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

Janet Warwick	Treble	Jack Roach	6
Ann Lawson	2	George S. Deas	7
Enid Lawson	3	Michael Maughan	8
Denis A. Bayles	4	Philip H. Tocock	9
Roland Park	5	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
First peal of Lincolnshire Royal by all the band and for the Association.

STAINDROP, Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Town	Treble	George S. Deas	5
*Ann Lawson	2	Kenneth Lawson	6
Enid Lawson	3	James Crowther	7
*David Town	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Hazel, infant daughter of Jack and Iris Anderson, and Christopher John, infant son of Mary and Graham Hall, both born on Tuesday, June 25th, 1968.

HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham.—At the Church of All Saints, Stranton.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Margery Maughan	Treble	Dennis G. Blows	5
Robert Webster	2	*Edward J. Trundley	6
Janet Payne	3	John Pladdys	7
James Burton	4	William Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Baulcomb. Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal. 25th peal on tower bells as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 4th.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

John G. Gipson	Treble	Christopher M. P. Johnson	5
Hilary Muirhead	2	Brian D. Threlfall	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

STANWICK, Northants.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

*Michael F. Stallard	Treble	Robert D. Bellamy	4
Christopher D. Corby	2	Phillip S. George	5
Jeremy D. Tarrant	3	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Bonham.
* First peal at first attempt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Mary Roast	Treble	Peter J. Eves	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Joe E. G. Roast	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	Keith W. Brown	7
Dennis A. S. Symonds	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., July 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Rosemary Myers	Treble	†Jonathan G. Rose	4
*Rosemary Snawdon	2	†John G. Riley	5
†Jennifer Murphy	3	Philip M. J. Gray	Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Minor in three methods.
Rung as a farewell to Miss Jennifer Murphy, a regular member of the Stoke Bishop Sunday service band, who is returning to her native Australia during July.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*Frederick W. Ellis	Treble	Geoffrey Dodds	7
Harold V. Frost	2	Eric Edmondson	8
†Katherine S. Hardy	3	Anthony R. Carter	9
†Elizabeth M. Barber	4	Robert E. Hardy	10
†Christopher Forster	5	Gerald Penney	11
†John E. Ewer	6	†David Redfearn	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12 bells. First of Cinques as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

*John Clark	Treble	Leonard Mannering	5
*Richard J. Birch	2	Peter D. J. Beal	6
Nicholas J. Chesson	3	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
*Philip Jackson	4	Brian E. Jemmett	Tenor

Arranged by Robert E. J. Dennis. Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.
* First peal of Major.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

Peter D. J. Beal	Treble	David P. Leworthy	4
Susan Rayner	2	†Howard Gardner	5
*Christopher Roberts	3	Nicholas J. Chesson	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.
* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.
Rung by a local band for the induction this day of the Rev. Peter E. Blagdon-Gamlin as Rector of this parish.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., June 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Margaret Crossthwaite	Treble	Stanley Anderton	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	Christopher Watson	6
Richard Palmer	3	Denis H. McCormick	7
Bernard Moss	4	Alan Gardner	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Margaret Anderton, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, and Harry Murphy, which took place at this church on the previous day.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Elizabeth Metcalfe	Treble	John Bagnall	4
Joseph Whalley	2	G. Alan Metters	5
James E. Burles	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price
* First peal in two methods.
Rung to mark the Flower Festival in the church.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Four extents of Plain Bob and one each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Oxford and Kent Spliced. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

Arnold S. Goad	Treble	John Hunt	4
*Ann Gardner	2	Raymond H. Martin	5
Hazel J. Nichols	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung on the Patronal Festival.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Christopher Venn	Treble	Michael W. Seymour	6
G. William Critchley	2	Frederick W. Goodfellow	7
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Albert R. G. Twinn	8
†Ruby M. Mullys	4	Michael J. Palmer	9
‡Patricia A. Copas	5	†Jeffrey Britchford	Tenor

Composed by Edgar Shepherd. Conducted by Michael J. Palmer.
* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First on ten bells "inside." First as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one extent Tenor 8 cwt.

G. John Collett	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Bertram J. Coggins	5
Peter Pearce	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 8 cwt.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	4
Peter J. Heritage	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Peter Pearce	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Annette J. List	Treble	Hilary Osbourne	4
Susan M. Holden	2	Peter G. Holden	5
Edward N. Patching	3	*James F. List	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung to welcome Sir Alec Rose on his return to Portsmouth.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 q. 11 lb. in E flat.

Shirley E. Ruddlesden	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	6
Roger W. Smith	2	Kilby R. Holtom	7
Richard F. B. Speed	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	8
Barry E. Saunders	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Hugh M. Johnson	5	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
Rung for the 90th birthday of Edith Pinfold, grandmother of Malcolm Chown.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	*Roger W. Smith	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Christopher C. Stokes	3	*Alan A. Paul	7
Raymond A. Vickers	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan A. Paul.
* 200th peal together.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., July 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with all the work of each method for every bell and 107 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Barrie Hendry	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Roger W. Smith	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Albert I. Pitman. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

WADENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Alan A. Paul	4
*Stephen B. Bell	2	Barry E. Saunders	5
Roger W. Smith	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

WANSFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 3 cwt. 19 lb.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
Alan A. Paul	2	Barry E. Saunders	5
Stephen B Bell	3	Roger W. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Roger W. Smith.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(St. Oswald's Society, Oswestry)

CHIRK, Denbighshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt.

Alan Watkin	Treble	David F. Parry	4
Keith A Morgan	2	R. Stuart Evans	5
J. C. Parry	3	Richard C. Hotchkiss	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by David F. Parry.

First peal for all six ringers.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

WYMSWOLD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., July 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*John Housden	Treble	‡Neil Handley	4
Arthur Newell	2	‡Reginald J. Stretton	5
†Trevor Kirkman	3	David Oliver	Tenor

Conducted by David Oliver.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside." ‡ 25th peal together.

LAXTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Fri., July 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*John C. Chambers	Treble	Thelma E. Staples	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	David R. Chambers	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. Nield (whose induction took place on July 3rd, 1968), his wife and daughter.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5049 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 13 methods: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Neasden Delight, (2) London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Sandal T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Killamarsh T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Norwich Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Mary C. Poyner	Treble	*Linda M. Wilkinson	4
*Harry Poyner	2	†S. Geoffrey Pick	5
William L. Exton	3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

* Have now "circled the tower" and are the first to do so.
† First peal in 13 methods.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon, July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., Kent and Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	Harold Stevenson	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

Rung for the birth of Carol Margaret Holmes, granddaughter of the conductor, on June 29th, 1968.

GOTHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Mon., June 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being five extents each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Martin, St. Simon, eight extents of Plain Bob and nine extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

John Housden	Treble	Trevor Kirkman	3
Arthur Newell	2	Neil Handley	4
David Oliver	Tenor		

Conducted by David Oliver.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BRADLEY, Bilston, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Martin. On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Clive M. Smith	Treble	‡§Elizabeth Timmins	5
Christopher J. Bennett	2	Richard B. Dorrington	6
*Alan J. Fletcher	3	§Philip G. K. Davies	7
†Stephen T. Yates	4	Richard C. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. ‡ 50th peal. § 25th peal together.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of St. Martin's Church.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret. On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Alan R. Andrews	Treble	Alan R. Bridges	5
Edward E. Davey	2	W. Keith Whittell	6
Harry D. Lister	3	William E. E. Pye	7
John L. Girt	4	Ernest W. Pye	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Barbara Jean Steward and Michael John Ward.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Clement. On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	Alan R. Bridges	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Cecil W. Pipe	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

TUDDENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Martin. On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

Robert Crooks	Treble	Ronald W. Steward	4
Dudley H. P. Buxton	2	John L. Girt	5
Alan R. Bridges	3	John W. Blythe	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Frank E. Wiseman to mark his 80th birthday.

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Grandsire, nine extents of St. Simon, eight extents of St. Martin and 13 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Jack Pilgrim	Treble	Adrian Knights	4
Ruth Woodman	2	Vernon Bedford	5
Stephen Bedford	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for the Rev. W. Fayle-Parr, Rector of this parish, who died suddenly on Saturday, June 29th, 1968.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Boys' Brigade H.Q. (St. Mary at the Quay). On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinchurst Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	Alan R. Bridges	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
James L. Towler	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George E. Symonds on his 94th birthday.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION
(The Reigate Society)
REIGATE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

*Amanda Hughes	Treble	Wilfred Dunn	5
Ambrose T. Shelton	2	Terry T. Jones	6
Keith G. Game	3	‡A. Patrick Cannon	7
†Carol Martin	4	*Geoffrey Knipe	Tenor

Conducted by Keith G. Game.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ Honorary member of Reigate Society. First in the method as conductor. First peal by the Reigate Society for 40 years. First on the bells since 1945.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
YATTENDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Three different callings. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

Jack C. Wimlett	Treble	Robert J Crocker	4
Peter L. Furniss	2	Reginald F. Crook	5
Michael Goss	3	Philip G. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. Taylor.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

CHILTON FOLIAT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., April 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OLD HUDIBRAS BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*Charles Taylor	Treble	Robert J. Crocker	3
Peter L. Furniss	2	*Robin L. Collis	4
Philip G. Taylor	Tenor		

Conducted by Philip G. Taylor.
* First peal in method/variation.

AMPORT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., July 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods. Plain Bob, Antelope and Grandsire, and 18 variations, Old, Kennington, St. Swithin, St. Cross St. Valentine, St. Margaret, Freeland, Jacobstow, Gresford, Harbury, Allestree, St. Quintin, St. Frideswide, St. Helen, Longparish, Keysoe, Ladbroke and Pink's.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*Philippa M. Tubbs	Treble	J. Ashmore Dodd	4
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Richard H. Youdale	5
Barry R. M. Johnson	3	Alistair M. Donaldson	Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. M. Johnson.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome Alec Rose home.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Margaret White	Treble	*Alan Clifton	6
*David S. Lockwood	2	*Michael Johnson	7
Anne P. Leigh	3	*Ian North	8
W. Eric Critchley	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
*Patricia Lockwood	5	Eric Robinson	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David G. Clarke and Sheila Law.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., July 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

Richard J. Chantler	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	5
John J. Durham	2	H David Holland	6
Robert A. Beresford	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Roger G. Green	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Sun., June 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	David C. Baker	4
*Rachel M. J. Atack	2	†Suzanne Withers	5
Margaret Warford	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Cambridge Minor. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" four times, and three times as conductor.

FELKIRK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, Norwich, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Richard J. Chantler	Treble	John J. Durham	4
*Roger G. Green	2	*Michael G. Dodson	5
*Robert A. Beresford	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

(Beverley and District Society)
HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, East Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents St. Clement's and four extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*Alan Spivey	Treble	*‡Ross A. Bradley	4
†John L. Birdsall	2	C. L. Digby Munday	5
Roderick R. Horton	3	Robert H. Jordan	Tenor

Conducted by Robert H. Jordan.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal. ‡ First of Minor. First as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ann Jordan.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., July 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Frances Fairbank	1–2	*Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Thomas W. Goodyer	7–8
Cyril A. Wratten	9–10		

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Royal "in hand." First of Royal "in hand" as conductor. First peal on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., July 5th, 1968, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 2, Church Street.
On Tues., June 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
John Morris	3–4	Michael Vernon	7–8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., July 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Richard A. G. Inglis	1–2	Peter J. Staniforth	5–6
David F. Moore	3–4	Alfred Ballard	7–8
Terence A. Thornber	9–10		

Composed by Charles F. Sedgley: Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to David F. Moore on being awarded his Degree at Liverpool University.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
LONDON.—In the belfry of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap.
On Sun., June 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Two extents of Norfolk, 10 of Old and 30 of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Maureen J. Carruthers	1–2	Christopher J. Easton	3–4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6		

First peal in more than one method "in hand" by all.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—In the belfry of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap.
On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations: Four extents of April Day, six each of Southrepps, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, four of Norfolk, eight each of Old and Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Maureen J. Carruthers	1–2	Christopher J. Easton	3–4
John Pladdys (cond.)	5–6		

HAVERFORDWEST, PEMBS.—On July 6th, 1,408 Pl. Bob Major: A. R. Trickett 1, S. P. Rogers 2, Rev. R. W. Thomas 3, J. Prytherch 4, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 5, P. C. Rogers 6, A. C. Boorman 7, P. A. Williams 8. First of Major on the bells. A peal attempt called round.

HEMINGTON, SOM.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hawkins 1, Miss J. M. Durston 2, H. Hawkins 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, I. P. Cox 5, Rev. A. Durston 6. An engagement compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 10th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): R. W. Price 1, H. J. Payne 2, J. D. Cheesman 3, D. H. Stone 4, J. M. Britchford 5, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Angela Ayres.

HORDLE, HANTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (ten "flower variations"): Mrs. M. Lewis 1, Faith Riley 2, Rosemary Simpson 3, Flora Stocker 4, A. Nunn (cond.) 5, M. Williamson (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Flower Festival. Most methods to a quarter by all the band.

IRNHAM, LINCS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. W. Pinchbeck 1, W. A. Holmes 2, C. F. Baxter 3, J. R. Holmes 4, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 5. Rung in memory of Mr. J. T. Baxter, B.E.M., father of the ringer of 3rd and grandfather of the conductor.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Katharine Salvage 1, J. P. Hull 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, D. M. Wilkins 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On July 7th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Carol Thompson 1 Ann H. Whaley 2, A. C. Walker 3, R. Young (first attempt) 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, D. E. B. Reed 6. For Evensong.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On July 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mears, jun. (first away from tenor) 1, R. Mears, sen. 2, P. F. Romney 3, P. R. Board 4, C. W. Tidwell 5, E. H. Amey 6. By Charminster St. Mary's ringers.

LOCKING, SOM.—On June 30th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): P. Kelby 1, June Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE KENT.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, G. J. Neilson 4, B. G. Butcher 5, R. G. Baldock 6. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, B. G. Butcher 4, Elizabeth A. Todd 5, R. G. Baldock 6.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. J. Coombs 1, R. Perry 2, J. E. Newman 3, A. C. Perry 4, P. J. Devfell (cond.) 5, P. Blacker 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOM.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (12 methods): P. J. Devrell 1, J. E. Newman 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. J. Orledge 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

MONTACUTE, SOM.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Legget (first quarter) 1, I. Read 2, D. Irwin 3, G. W. Parkin (first "inside") 4, G. W. Rendell (cond.) 5, A. Woodhouse 6. To congratulate the 3rd ringer on his 21st birthday.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON. — On June 23rd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sear (first quarter) 1, Linda Cozier (first "inside") 2, P. Lucas 3, T. Smith 4, I. Ross (cond.) 5, Jane Wyatt 6.

PEMBROKE.—On July 7th, 1,296 Pembroke Delight Minor: Betty M. Rogers 1, S. P. Rogers 2, A. R. Trickett 3, J. Prytherch 4, P. C. Rogers 5, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 6, P. A. Williams cover. First in the method for all. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 16th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: Ann Smith 1, Joan Parker 2, M. Parker 3, W. Smith 4, G. Davis 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service. Also on June 29th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: W. Smith 1, Ann Smith 2, B. Branston 3, M. Parker 4, R. Rogers 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. A welcome to Peterborough for Robin and Janet Rogers. Also on July 7th, 1,440 Norwich S. Minor: G. Davis 1, W. Smith 2, Sara Woolley 3, F. Sismey 4, Ann Smith 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Evensong and a farewell to Sara Woolley who is returning home.

QUARTER PEALS

PITMINSTER, SOM.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (21 meth./var.): M. A. Arscott 1, A. H. Reed 2, J. Cornelius 3, K. E. Beale (cond.) 4, R. F. Arscott 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. Most meth./var. by all.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Nash 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, A. House 3, F. May 4, T. Sharp 5, A. Faulkner 6, J. Laker 7, W. Ward 8. To welcome the birth of Julian Daniel Bedford and to mark the 59th birthday of Frank May.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: A. Simpson 1, S. Adams 2, A. Fowkes 3, A. Newell 4, N. Handley 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, J. Eborall 7, L. Butler 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At the Church of St. Peter, on June 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: Thelma-Lynn Willis 1, S. Taylor 2, C. Forster 3, A. Carter 4, F. W. Ellis 5, A. Wilby 6, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 7, G. Penney 8. For Confirmation service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sarah Pickles (first quarter) 1, Thelma-Lynn Willis 2, J. T. Davey 3, Monica Shelley 4, C. Forster 5, G. H. Foster (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Polly Pickles and Alec Rose home from foreign parts.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On July 7th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: M. E. Lewis 1, J. Prytherch 2, Rev. R. W. Thomas 3, A. R. Trickett 4, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 5, P. A. Williams 6. For Parish Communion.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Adrienne Evans 1, N. Rogers 2, Wendy Ellis (first as cond.) 3, A. Ellis 4, J. Rampley 5, M. Baldry 6. Rung for the Youth Service. Average age 14 years 10 months.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Beach 1, Ruth Horwood 2, P. Mary Beach 3, H. Parker 4, D. J. Beach 5, S. Wright 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Harley (first quarter) 8.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On June 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rhoda Housden 1, Jill M. May 2, F. W. Housden 3, S. G. Ponting 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, D. J. Tubbs 6. A welcome to Rev. Denis Dugdale on his appointment as curate at this church.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On June 9th, 1,380 Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on June 16th, 1,260 St. Hilary's Bob Doubles: same band. Also on June 23rd, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: A. Lazzerini 1, R. Mills 2, D. Lazzerini 3, B. Mills 4. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Huntspill Bob Doubles: same band. Also on July 7th, 1,280 Coxwell Place Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5.

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SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On July 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Verona C. Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, G. E. Fearn 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, V. Green 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

STEPPINGLY, BEDS.—On June 18th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. F. Olney 1, D. A. Eddy 2, T. P. Harris 3, R. A. Ward 4. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells. For the dedication of the new pulpit.

SWINDERBY, LINCS.—On June 6th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Proctor (first quarter) 1, F. W. Midwinter 2, W. G. Marsh 3, M. W. Harrison 4.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwyneth Pritchard (first quarter) 1, N. T. E. Burnett (first Doubles in method) 2, J. E. Andrews (first Doubles as cond.) 3, D. C. Makin-Taylor 4, A. J. Illingworth (first Doubles) 5, G. A. Wells (first quarter) 6. For the anniversary of St. Peter's School, Swinton.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On June 30th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: D. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Camp 5, D. Kingston 6.

TRING, HERTS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Theresa Wright 1, R. G. Ouston 2, H. Collings 3, R. Gerhardi 4, C. J. Badrick 5, A. E. Archer 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOM.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Erica Pankhurst 1, J. H. Thompson 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, I. P. Cox 5, R. L. Coles 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 2nd as he starts a career in the Royal Navy.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Lynda A. Carr (first in more than one method) 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, Amette E. Bradbury 3, P. J. Franklin (first in more than one method) 4, D. R. McLean (25th quarter as cond. for the Association) 5, Joan C. McLean 6. First in two methods by all except the conductor. For Confirmation service.

UPTON, Wirral, CHESHIRE.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Green (first quarter) 1, T. E. Howarth (cond.) 2, E. Houghton 3, J. K. Rainett 4, J. J. Fox 5. A birthday compliment to Jeffrey J. Fox.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Hunt 1, Gail Cater 2, Anne Johnson 3, R. Cater 4, G. Hancock 5, Rev. N. Webb 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 7, J. Wackett 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On June 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Hoath 1, Susan Thomas 2, Jane Darby 3, June Whitcher 4, Sally Cobb 5, G. Walker (first on ten bells) 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. E. J. Dennis 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, J. Murfitt 10. For Matins.

WELTON, LINCS.—On July 7th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: 1. M. Minns 1, Julie Radley 2, Kathleen Fox 3, D. W. Bee 4, C. V. Cade 5, A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 6. First of Kent by all except 5th ringer. For children's service.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Hilary F. Hinde 1, Jean L. Kimber 2, Olive D. Tester 3, R. W. Hinde 4, D. C. Manger 5, C. A. Tester 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, R. J. Lee 8. Rung to mark the christening of Catherine Joan, daughter of Sue and Robin Lee.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On June 17th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. A. Large 1, H. Heard 2, Valerie J. Howard 3, W. C. Shute 4, M. F. D. Burton 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6. A compliment to Margaret and Ray Large on their first wedding anniversary.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Mrs. J. M. Bull 1, Miss G. Radley 2, H. Radley 3, B. J. Bull 4, J. F. Underwood 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. To mark the 150th anniversary of Willingham School.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARKS. — On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. Chapman 1, Jill Riley 2, G. E. Ingram 3, C. R. Steed 4, F. C. Lyne 5, A. G. Foster 6. Jointly conducted by 5 and 6. For the wedding of Hazel Arrowsmith (a local ringer) to John Mackenzie.

WYE, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Clifton 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, R. Lucas 5, J. R. Cooper 6, G. Stewart 7, M. W. Marshall 8.

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BUTTERWORTH.—At Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale, on July 8th, 1968, to Derek and Judith, a daughter, Gillian Judith. 4392

NEWMAN.—To Sue and Ken, on July 9th, 1968, at St. Albans City Hospital, a son, Michael Geoffrey, a brother for Joanna and Richard. 4388

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BIRMINGHAM.—The address of William Birmingham is now Periam, 91, Rogers Lane, Stoke Poges, near Slough, Bucks. Tel: Farnham Common 3551. All friends welcome, especially enthusiastic gardeners! 4399

SMITH.—As from July 26th the address of Lawrence and Louise will be 17, Hurst Farm Road, East Grinstead, Sussex. 4408

IRIGG.—The address of Josephine, widow of Michael, is now 327, Jessop Road, Stevenage, Herts. All friends are thanked for the ringing tributes and kind messages of sympathy after Michael's sudden death in Spain. 4400

WILLIAMSON.—As from August 1st the address of Gill and Paul Williamson will be Staplegrove House, Taunton. 4415

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—By special request the bells of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C.1, will be rung on the occasion of the Thames River Pageant on Friday, August 2nd. Bells from 6.30 p.m. onwards. All members and friends welcome. Ring first and see the mammoth firework display later (9.30 p.m.).—E. H. K. 4412

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WYMONDHAM ABBEY RINGING DAY. —Saturday, July 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Teas provided after short service at 4.15. All welcome. Names, please, to T. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham. 4261

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Prestbury (rehung 8), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (at nominal charge) to G. Moorhouse, The Hillock, Dale Brow, Prestbury. 4329

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch — Summer meeting, Holsworthy, July 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Visitors welcomed. Names to Mr. R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Bishop's Stortford District).—Joint meeting at Harlow Common (8), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.—G. Blake, K. Westwood, Hon. Secs. 4335

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Combined practice, Albury, July 27th, 6–9 p.m. No notification necessary, but it is hoped ringers will turn up in good numbers.—Y. L. Eloie, Dis. Sec. 4377

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Edenham, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Holmes, The Garage, Edenham, near Bourne, Lincs. Special method: Superlative.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4371

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Monthly practice at Burnham, July 27th. Bells available from 6 p.m.—J. Muller. 4416

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SUFFOLK GUILD — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Worlingworth (8) on Saturday, July 27th Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk. 4359

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, July 27th, at Ripe (5), 3–4.30 p.m. Chiddingly (6) 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh. 4373

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Soberton, July 27th. Bells 3 till 9. Tea 4.40 in the White Lion. Service 5.30, followed by the business meeting in the church. 4382

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, Ash-in-Martock (6), August 3rd, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Hon. Sec. 4403

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth (8), Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, by July 31st. 4393

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Butlers Marston, Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. Kineton bells will also be open from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. only. All welcome. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, by July 31st, please. 4405

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Willingham on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Cumberland Bob and Lightfoot Surprise. 4406

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. — Evening meeting, Eaton (6), Leics, August 3rd. 4409

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Barkway (8) on Saturday, August 3rd, 5.30–8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4380

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. until tea at 5 p.m. (cups of tea provided). Business meeting follows and further ringing.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 4402

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting at Parbold on Saturday, August 3rd, 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 4394

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Newtown Linford, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards in Church Rooms, followed by meeting. Plenty of support required. All welcome. Pleasant setting. Bradgate Park. Names for tea essential to Miss J. Howitt, Johnscliffe Hotel, Newtown Linford, Leicester (Telephone Markfield 2228) by Wednesday, July 31st, please.—Ron Hughes. 4351

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South Eastern District.—Ringing meeting at Bury St. Edmunds and district, Saturday, August 3rd. Meet at the Cathedral Church at 2 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent, before July 29th. 4401

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth (6) on August 3rd. Ringing 3 to 4.20 and after tea till 8.30. Tea in Mechanics Institute (near church). Names for tea to M. King, Wentworth Vicarage, Wentworth.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 4407

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Old Coulsdon, Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Saysell, 13, Hartley Old Road, Purley, by July 31st.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 4353

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Rusper (not Lindfield), August 3rd. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting, followed by evening ringing. Names for tea to Mr. Moorey, The Old Farmhouse, Morris Farm, Holbrook, Horsham, Sussex (Tel. Horsham 62937) as early as possible, please. — Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 4410

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting at Rotherfield (8), Saturday, August 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. Morris, Rotherfield Post Office, Crowborough, Sussex, by August 9th. Names for the annual outing on October 12th to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, please. 4411

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting at Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Saturday, August 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Raymond Carey, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, York, by previous Wednesday. 4342

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

The annual general meeting of the St. David's Guild was held at the Cathedral on July 6th with members present from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Fishguard, Llandeilo, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. David's, St. Florence and Tenby.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. The Dean, the Very Rev. T. E. Jenkins, presided at the business meeting, which took place in the Cathedral Hall. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, officers gave their reports and several new members were proposed.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. Percy Griffiths (auditor) on becoming Mayor of Cardigan and to Mr. Richard Underwood on being elected secretary of the Cambridge University Guild.

Mr. John Prytherch was elected Guild secretary in place of Mr. Richard Warburton, who was not seeking re-election after seven years' loyal service in this office. All the other officers were re-elected. The next quarterly meeting has been brought forward one week to September 7th.

Then followed an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Jenkins and her helpers, who were warmly thanked by Mr. M. E. Lewis, after which members attended Evensong in the Cathedral, conducted by the Dean, before returning to the belfry to resume ringing until 9 p.m. B. M. R.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

There was a good attendance at an evening meeting of the Ilchester Branch on the good-going and musical eight at Huish Episcopi on July 5th. Ringing under the direction of Mr. Gordon Rendall (Branch Ringing Master) included rounds, call changes, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent T.B. Major. A touch of Grandsire by an all-ladies band was also rung. The Rev. W. W. Mee (Vicar) conducted the Belfry Office and is thanked for a successful and enjoyable evening.

ST. MARY'S, PETERBOROUGH, BANK HOLIDAY

SPRING Bank Holiday was a busy day for St. Mary's, Peterborough, ringers and their friends who joined them for their annual outing.

Arrangements for what has now become a very popular annual event were again in the hands of Geoff Davis, who made his usual thorough preparations to ensure that our visit to West Suffolk went without a hitch.

By rising at the crack of dawn a surprising number of ringers reached St. Martin's, Fornham, for a 9 a.m. start. The 6½ cwt. six were ideal starters for a long day's ringing and they sounded well to a good touch of Cambridge. Our second tower was a complete contrast, and the heavy five at Pakenham soon sorted us out and we managed nothing better than Plain Bob. The bells are anti-clockwise, although "Dove" does not list them as such. On then to Rougham, where the ringing chamber showed evidence of an active band and where Frank Sismey, our Ringing Master for the day, kept things moving in his calm and capable manner.

Bury St. Edmunds was our next stop, and after several laps of the local one-way system most of us reached the Norman tower. As almost all of us are from six-bell towers we were a little apprehensive, but the bells were easy to manage and with plenty of rounds and some Plain Royal and Kent Major our hour was quickly over. The ringing chamber had been recently refloored with linoleum and looked very fine. We were delighted to find Ann and Bill Smith waiting for us at Bury.

An excellent lunch was served to over 30 at the Everard Arms and at the end Alf Waller donned his presidential hat and thanked Geoff Davis in a few well-chosen words which won approval from all present.

During the afternoon we visited three eights, finding Horringer's a pleasant light ring, which we tapped along to Plain and Kent, and Long Melford, a little heavier, and again going well to these methods and Grandsire; Lavenham bells are so famous we almost dared not ring them and we did not do them justice.

After tea a nice light six at Cavendish went well to Norwich, and although Clare's eight were disappointing, the last tower of the day was at Haverhill, and these went nicely and the day ended as it began with some good ringing.

For several of us the ringing was continued the following evening, when we were allowed to ring at St. Peter's, Walpole, during the world-famous flower festival. A very high standard of ringing was maintained in this beautiful marshland church and this was appreciated by the many visitors.

Our thanks to all incumbents and tower captains and local ringers who gave up their time to meet us and make our visit so enjoyable.

R. S.

OBITUARY

MR. B. T. DAVIES

The death is announced of Mr. Benjamin T. Davies, parish organist and a bellringer for 60 years at Llangynwyd, Glam. His son, D. Walford Davies, took part in an in memoriam peal on July 15th.

MR. WILLIAM A. WOODS

The Suffolk Guild regrets to report the passing of another of its members, Mr. W. A. Woods, on July 13th, at Woodbridge. Billy Woods was a contemporary and friend of Charles E. Fisher, whose death was recorded earlier this year.

A six- and eight-bell ringer of no mean ability and a very precise striker, he did not score many peals. His name, though, was respected as a fine gentleman, both in Norfolk and in Suffolk, and we are the poorer for his passing. Our sympathy is extended to his family and the Woodbridge ringers. G. W. P.

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By G. K. DODD

"A LITTLE knowledge is a dangerous thing." We are constantly reminded of this in our daily lives, and in the case of amateurs attempting to rehang bells that have been derelict for many years a nasty accident could happen.

This is in fact the professional bellhangers' advice; they seldom attempt what we amateurs admit is only a "bodge up," but prefer to remove the frame and bells and start afresh. The result is usually a first-class job, and we ringers have the pleasure of ringing on bells that go well and when a recasting takes place also sound well.

But what of the many rings of bells that will never receive this attention? Already they must be near the 1,000 mark. Counting the four-bell towers, there are ten towers in Hampshire that are classified as unringable—whether genuinely so is a matter of doubt, but the only unringable tower to receive attention in the last few years has been Upper Clatford, a four-bell tower now augmented to a first-class six.

The others remain silent, but in most cases they can produce bellhangers' estimates. In one case there were two different estimates—to rehang the bells or to hang them dead for chiming. The difference is large and I think they would favour hanging them dead. No attempt has been made to raise the money and the present stalemate is likely to continue for many years.

As one of these so-called amateurs I have visited and tried these bells. They could be rung, but not with safety. I have advised them to have a professional job, but it is the usual story of more urgent needs.

LONDON EXAMPLES

Mr. Dennis Beresford, in his speech at the Cumberlands' dinner, urged his members to do something towards keeping these silent towers going in London, and let us face the fact that many of these towers are silent but not unringable.

I have visited an eight-bell tower in London with a year's silence through lack of oil and one rope missing. Another only required repairs to two wheels. I am glad to see that there are some enthusiasts who are taking Mr. Beresford's words literally and getting on and doing the job. It is pleasing to note that in both these towers the enthusiasts have been back with bands to ring for service.

But this does not only apply to London. I visited two towers recently in Wiltshire, and it was quite apparent that the bells required oil. At the second one the verger told us that the bells had not been rung for over a year and this became apparent when rubbish fell on our heads when we raised this good-toned 16 cwt. six. It is a pity that the tower grabbers are not more active around here as they are mainly responsible for keeping the bells in country areas ringing, if only on odd occasions.

The bellhangers obviously frown, and in fact go further than that on occasions with the amateur bellhangers. If these so-called experts open a tower up after some years of silence and an accident happens, who is responsible? Therefore, if the founders are asked to make an inspection and there is the slightest element of doubt, it is only in their interest to condemn the bells as unsafe until something is done, and the only way to guarantee complete safety is to rehang the bells, as any frame movement could endanger the tower, and in some cases it has done so.

A HAMPSHIRE INCIDENT

This is one side of the picture. Now, to quote the other side, this is what happened. An 18 cwt. Hampshire six were not going after 45 years' silence. They were on occasions rung for service by a Guild band and the Rector was keen for them to be rung as often as possible. Many visitors tried them and they were available at most Guild functions, Guild members rectifying faults as they developed. The "go" was not good; they were as is termed men's bells. Several quarter peals, however, were rung on them.

On the retirement of the Rector arrangements were under way to ring for the induction of his successor. The captain of the light six at the Rector's other tower advised against this on the grounds that as long as the bells were rung nothing would be done, but if we did not ring them he would raise the matter of rehanging before the P.C.C. and guaranteed to get them rehung.

We bowed to this request and for five years the bells remained silent, the new Rector firmly believing that they were unringable. He openly stated that he could never see the parish affording the cost. The District secretary took the matter up and a meeting with the architect was arranged. The bells were rung with the architect among them and then he asked "Why is it that you have been unable to ring them?"

Explanations were forthcoming and he said "Carry on as before," and he would, when the parish could afford it, advise rehanging. He added that it was better to ring them occasionally as they were than not at all. This applies to many rings of bells. There have been failures, as was the case of an Oxford Guild tower, where three ladies were in a band that rang a bob course of Cambridge Minor on easy-going bells. When the expert was called in he said they had square bearings and two missing stays.

Two other towers were investigated and passed over to the bellfounders; we hope that in years to come something will be done.

What is the action to take? I think this depends on the person who is making the survey and the condition of the bells. Most of my doubtful jobs have been with the church architect present at my request. (By doubtful I mean long years of silence.) I could quote cases but most of these have been published in "The Ringing World."

THOSE WITH NO KNOWLEDGE

I strongly advise that ringers with no knowledge of bellhanging should not attempt to restore bells that have been out of action for a long time. Rather they should try to find out why and then contact their Guild and belfry inspector, but always at the invitation of the incumbent or churchwarden. Many of these are afraid to spend money on bells because of more urgent needs, but would welcome a belfry inspector if they knew that his services were free.

There is another true saying, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and this rings true on many things. By all means make inquiries, stir up interest, but don't try to do anything unless you know what you are at. There is also the fear of stirring up local antagonism, so easily done with ringers who can be temperamental. The attitude in many cases seems to be, "I don't want to do anything; you stick to your own area and keep away from here."

Lack of ropes is also a disadvantage, but probably in most cases local captains or, in the case of Chute Forest where it became nationwide, offer their spares. In the majority of towers I have restored, ropes have been given by more fortunate towers and no expense has fallen on the church.

And so I feel that it is a good thing for the Exercise that ringers take an interest in getting bells into full use again. It benefits everybody—the church, the Guild and, over a period of years, the bellhangers—as often complete restoration is the final answer after the initial enthusiasm is raised.

There are cases—about half a dozen in my experience—where there is nothing wrong, and oil and fitting ropes are all that is required. Sometimes it is the ringers' fault; they have allowed such a situation to develop without fighting it tooth and nail. The closing of two Hampshire towers came through an indifferent incumbent and in the other a difficult P.C.C. In both cases the authorities, under pressure from local District officers, have relented, and we are pleased to know that both towers are now functioning.

OUTING REVIVED

After a lapse of over ten years, the band of Milton-next-Gravesend arranged an outing on July 13th. Almost all the local band went, accompanied by ringers from Ash, Gravesend and Northfleet. Starting at 8.30 a.m., the party went to Southminster in Essex, thence to St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Debenham in Suffolk, and to Great Dunmow in Essex. Gravesend was reached at 9.30 p.m. after a coach journey of over 230 miles, with lunch at Ipswich, tea at Great Dunmow, and ringing in the four towers. A welcome member of the party was Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, who started the band off on ringing after the tower at Milton had been silent for some years.

The local band is now composed entirely of teenagers, who have cleaned up the belfry and fitted the bells with new ropes in the last six months and who ring every Sunuday.

Great credit is due to Edward Stuart, who, at the age of 14, made all the arrangements for the tour, and also to the coach driver, who kept to time on an incredibly tight schedule. Already next year's outing is being planned.

K. C. G.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS

Thirty ringers and friends from St. Ippolyts had a half-day tour in North Bucks, extending from 1.30 until midnight on July 6th.

A surprise at the first tower, at Stagsden, was to have to remove a wheelbarrow before ringing could start. Good use was made of Chicheley bells before a salad tea at Newport Pagnell. It was unfortunate that such a pleasant ring as that at Bradwell should have a cracked and welded fourth. The effect was most entertaining as the bell thudded its way through the first few touches. From here we went to Loughton. The journey home was broken for refreshments at Husborne Crawley Our thanks to Mr. Louis Runnads for the arrangements and to the donor of the coach for his generosity.

ANON.

ODE TO A RINGER

He who rings changes has an ear attuned
To depth and timbre, resonance and time.
The grandeur of his toil can ease the wound
Of death and loss.

When Easter morning peals dispel the grey
Of Lenten fasts and Passiontide despair,
His artistry of sound declares the day
Of life and hope.

And when the changes he alone defines
Pour on the air new symphonies of joy.
Then craft with creativity combines
To praise and pray.

I did not know the meaning of "a tower."
Of "Grandsire," "Treble"—"Captain of a band"
I did not know a ringer had such power
To give and to command.

A NON-RINGER.

Appendix to Central Council Doubles Collection

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APPENDIX TO THE C.C. DOUBLES COLLECTION

(i) Using an Old Hudibras single, observation bell 3, 4 or 5.

	Plain Course	Variation
161	Plain Bob	Old Hudibras
162	Shipway	
163	R. Canterbury	
164	New Bob	
165	St. Vedast	
166	Huntspill	
167	Blaisdon	
168	Westminster II	
169	St. Hilary	
170	Blackburn	
171	Dragon	
172	St. Nicholas	
173	St. Remigius	
174	Winchendon	
175	Huntley	
176	R. Union	
177	R. St. Julian	
178	R. St. Faith	
179	St. Owen	
180	St. Simon	
181	St. Osmund	
182	St. Martin	
183	Eynesbury	

(j) Using a Ready Money single, observation bell 3, 4 or 5.

	Plain Course	Variation
191	Plain Bob	Ready Money
192	Shipway	
193	Rev. Canterbury	Woodhay
194	New Bob	
195	St. Vedast	
196	Huntspill	
197	Blaisdon	
198	Westminster II	
199	St. Hilary	
200	Blackburn	
201	Dragon	
202	St. Nicholas	
203	St. Remigius	
204	Winchendon	
205	Huntley	
206	R. Union	
207	R. St. Julian	
208	R. St. Faith	
209	St. Owen	
210	St. Simon	
211	St. Osmund	
212	St. Martin	
213	Eynesbury	

(k) Using a London single, observation bell 3, 4 or 5.

	Plain Course	Variation
221	R. St. Bartholomew	St. Blaise
222	R. St. Sebastian	St. Perpetua
223	All Saints'	St. Bede
224	Minster Bob	Abberley
225	New Bob	Stockingfield
226	St. Vedast	Ledgemoor
227	Huntspill	Woonton
228	Blaisdon	
229	R. Union	
230	R. St. Julian	
231	R. St. Faith	
232	St. Owen	

(l) Using a Thurlby single, observation bell 3, 4 or 5.

	Plain Course	Variation
241	R. St. Bartholomew	Thurlby
242	R. St. Sebastian	
243	All Saints'	Sturdy Hill
244	Minster Bob	St. Elwan
245	New Bob	
246	St. Vedast	
247	Huntspill	
248	Blaisdon	
249	R. Union	
250	R. St. Julian	
251	R. St. Faith	
252	St. Owen	

(m) Grandsire, New Grandsire, Antelope, New Antelope, Newark, New Newark, Wallaton, New Wallaton, using their own single, and bob as indicated by G—Grandsire, A—Antelope, W—Wallflower, P—Pink. Call BPBPSP or BPSPBP or SPBPBP twice.

	Plain Course	Bob	Variation
261	Grandsire	A	St. Quintin
262	,,	W	Daffodil
263	,,	P	Ladbrooke
264	New Grandsire	A	Fulmer
265	,,	W	Eastleigh
266	,,	P	Cowley
267	Antelope	G	St. Valentine
268	,,	W	Ray
269	,,	P	Jacobstowe
270	New Antelope	G	Woodborough
271	,,	W	Porchester
272	,,	P	Stowe
273	Newark	A	Saxondale
274	,,	W	Pinxton
275	,,	P	Waxham
276	New Newark	A	
277	,,	W	
278	,,	P	
279	Wollaton	A	Foxhill
280	,,	W	Coxmoor
281	,,	P	Jevington
282	New Wollaton	A	
283	,,	W	
284	,,	P	

(n) Using a Plain Bob bob and "all plain hunt" for an extreme. Call EBEP three times.

	Plain Course
291	St. Simon
292	St. Osmuund
293	St. Martin
294	Eynesbury
295	St. Nicholas
296	St. Remigius
297	Winchendon
298	Huntley

(o) Using a Rev. Canterbury bob and an extreme indicated by G—Grandsire bob, A—Antelope bob, W—Wallflower bob. P—Pink bob. Call EBEP three times.

	Plain Course	Extreme
301	Plain Bob	G
302	,,	A
303	,,	W
304	,,	P
305	R. Canterbury	G
306	,,	A
307	,,	W
308	,,	P

(p) Using a Shipway bob and an extreme as indicated in (o).

311	Shipway	G
312	,,	A
313	,,	W
314	,,	P

(q) Using a Rev. Canterbury bob and a single indicated thus: G—Grandsire single, A—Antelope single, W—Wallflower single. P—Pink single. Call SPBP or BPSP or BPSP three times.

	Plain Course	Single	Variation
321	St. Nicholas	G	Lonsdale
322	,,	A	St. Nicolas
323	,,	W	Hinton
324	,,	P	Brockenhurst
325	St. Remigius	G	Rye
326	,,	A	Stoneham
327	,,	W	Lydd
328	,,	P	Uphill
329	Winchendon	G	Lockerley
330	,,	A	Hordle
331	,,	W	Wessex
332	,,	P	Lyndhurst
333	Huntley	G	Over Wallop
334	,,	A	Bishop's Sutton
335	,,	W	Nether Wallop
336	,,	P	Mottisfont
337	St. Simon	G	St. Wilfred
338	,,	A	Southampton
339	,,	W	St. Katherine
340	,,	P	Winchester
341	St. Osmond	G	Sussex
342	,,	A	Hampshire
343	,,	W	Kent
344	,,	P	Vectis
345	St. Martin	G	St. Oswald
346	,,	A	Romsey
347	,,	W	St. Magnus
348	,,	P	Wykeham
349	Eynesbury	G	Septuagesima
350	,,	A	Ember
351	,,	W	Sexagesima
352	,,	P	Quinquagesima

Variations 321 to 352, together with 12, 16, 35, 72, 80, 102, 110, 132, 140 were rung in the peal at Upham on June 1st, 1968.

Also Alpha, which is spliced Huntley and St. Owen, and Candlemas, which is spliced Eynesbury and St. Owen.

(To be continued)

MAULDEN OUTING

An important annual event in Bedfordshire is the Maulden ringers' outing, and it is treated as seriously and gone about as earnestly as a day's work.

So on June 22nd those 45 happy souls who were privileged to partake in this year's trip to Wiltshire were up at around 5 a.m. (4 a.m. G.M.T.!) and at 6.30, as planned, a start was made. Steeple Ashton, some 105 miles distant, was reached almost exactly on schedule, and the exquisite beauty of this noble parish church thrilled the non-ringers as much as the excellent heavy ring of six bells did the ringers.

At Melksham the pleasant octave was just sufficiently difficult to handle to offer a challenge, and some good ringing was enjoyed. Lunch was taken at Trowbridge, after which the two splendid but vastly different eights at Bradford-on-Avon gave great satisfaction.

Perhaps the Church of St. Nicholas, North Bradley, is a little difficult to locate, and when several attempts to get near it, one of which almost resulted in the rear end of the coach knocking a corner off the tower, our driver finally pulled up at a point which offered an excellent view of the church across a quarter mile or so of pleasantly undulating country! The only snag was that the rain, which had been falling steadily for about two hours, now started to come down in torrents, and anyone who knows the size of a Wiltshire torrent will appreciate what this means!

However, the enthusiasm of the ringers was not to be so easily repressed, and after a quick look around for boats, rafts or any other sort of craft (all unfortunately unavailable) they boldly splashed their way towards the tower, whilst the driver watched their sorry progress with eyes that expressed all the malevolence but not the intelligence of the better-looking cod-fish!

An excellent tea at Westbury restored our spirits, and then followed the highlight of the day, for the 35 cwt. eight at All Saints', Westbury, were a real delight to ring.

Altogether a highly satisfactory outing with good ringing, splendid bells, good fellowship, fine organisation and a warm welcome everywhere. The weather? Well, who cares!

Sincere thanks to incumbents and local ringers for all their kindness, and to Ron Sharp and Keith Fleming for their excellent arrangements.

A. E. R.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ringing a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor preceded the June meeting of the Eastern District of the Hertford County Association at Aspenden, which is situated in one of the prettiest parts of the county.

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COMPOSITIONS

1,968 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By TIMOTHY G. PETT

W	5tns/S4tns	M	H	23456
			—	42356
	x		3	63245
	x		3	52364
	x		3	43256
	x		3	62345
	x		3	53264
S			S	62354
		S	2	23456

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23465	S	S	S	3
52436	—	S		
32456	S			3

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5,080 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by A. D. MACFADYEN

2345678	W	B	VI	M	H
46235	—			—	S
3426578	—				6
3467285	—	1			
63247	—			—	
26734	—			—	
3246587	—		—		6
45326	—			—	S
2435687	—				6
2458376	—	1			
52348	—			—	
35824	—			—	
2345678	—		—		2

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THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER & PAUL, EYE, SUFFOLK

OUR COVER PICTURE

S.S. Peter and Paul's, Eye, Suffolk

By GEORGE W. PIPE

A FINE church with an even finer tower, SS. Peter and Paul's, Eye, belongs to that small but handsome group which includes Bungay, Laxfield, Redenhall (Norfolk), Dedham (Essex) and to a lesser degree Woodbridge. Their feature—all 100 feet high or more with those flint-panelled, "rounded" buttresses, and in the case of Eye richly embellished on the west front.

In this ancient municipal borough, successively recorded as Aye, Eia, Haye, Ewya and Eya, we have evidence of the wealth and influence of John de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk. He and his wife were undoubtedly the chief contributors to the cost of the tower, built about 1465, and carved on the southern battlements we find the arms of this nobleman. Here we have the East Anglian Perpendicular style reaching its zenith, and happily inside the tower we need not be disappointed either.

First, a belfry of great character. Heavily beamed, with the walls covered with historic peal boards and famous names. Eye, of course, was the home of George Day and Sons, the well-known bellhangers of the 19th century, a business founded on a wheelwrights and joiners' in the late 1700s. It was no doubt for this reason that a great deal of ringing took place here just before the turn of the century; in fact, of the 106 peals recorded at Eye to date, 62 were rung in the years 1882–1914. And what a gallery of names! Washbrook, Robinson, Pitstow, Hounslow, Coleridge, Pye, Souter, Motts and many others. What wouldn't I give to hear that band ring Double Norwich on the bells!

Neither did the Days restrict themselves to the workshops, as a verse in the belfry testifies.

"The tenor was rung Ah! just the way
By our faithful friend, young Mr. Day
Who said 'my friends it is my aim
This peal to help you all to gain'."

Canon Raven, the bell historian, knew this tower well too, and another peal board records his passing in 1906.

The bells themselves are an old-fashioned mellow eight (tenor 19¼ cwt. in D. They are the third or fourth eight in Suffolk in origin, a typically "mixed bag" with a fine 15th century Brayser seventh. Through the efforts and inspiration of Claude Rush, who almost single-handed raised £1,700, the ring was restored in 1962 and the tenor recast by Mears and Stainbank. She used to weigh the traditional "twenty-four hundred"! and in more enlightened times came down to 22 and 21 cwt. Alas and alack, she tipped the Whitechapel scales at 18 cwt. 100 lb., happily discovered long after Jimmy Washbrook rang her!

The town, the church and the belfry are all worth a visit in this very delightful part of Suffolk.

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COMMENT

ARE UMPIRES NECESSARY? — By Anon

THERE are peal compositions available for some methods to which the criterion may be applied that certain mistakes in the calling will not become apparent. In Stedman Triples one such composition is given below; there are bobs and either one or three singles in blocks of six in 58 out of the total 60 courses when the observation bell, the 7th, is "in the slow," the same course-end will be obtained wherever the singles are called but the course may be false. The composition, which is more interesting to ring than it appears, was successfully rung at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on July 10th, when an umpire checked that all the calls were called and made in the correct sixes. In the previous three attempts, rung during the summer of 1967, there was no umpire but the conductor became conscious that he might fail to recognise an error of the type described.

In some popular compositions of Spliced Surprise Major, notably those using Cambridge type methods only or on the three-lead course plan using either Rutland or London in the 1st and 3rd leads, it is possible for the conductor, of even the greatest experience and highest integrity, to call the wrong method, never to realise his mistake because the same lead-head is produced whichever method is rung, and complete a false peal. One eminent composer/conductor has remarked that he is loath to attempt these compositions for this reason. At next year's meeting the Council, when debating the current review of rules, may consider that where practicable there should be umpires for normal length peals on tower bells when compositions of this nature are being attempted. There is a precedent for this in that the Central Council has for many years recommended that there should be umpires for all handbell peals.

One of the celebrated early peals of Stedman Triples, the second ever rung, was that of Henry Cooper, first rung on June 5th, 1819, at Shifnal, Shropshire, conducted by Cooper himself from the manuscript. It contained 582 calls including two special "turning singles" at the part-ends. The composition is printed in the early edition of Snowdon's "Stedman" (page 120) but as printed it is false, probably through an error in copying from an indistinct manuscript. However, the course-ends give a true peal in two equal parts with 580 ordinary bobs and singles, with the 7th undisturbed throughout. The late Mr. Joseph W. Parker of Sunderland corrected and rearranged the peal and this was first rung at Gateshead on November 5th, 1932, conducted by William H. Barber from the 4th. Two members of that band are still alive—John Anderson and William J. Davidson, both of Newcastle upon Tyne.

(Ref. "Ringing World," November 4th and 18th, 1932.)

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Composed by HENRY COOPER
Arranged by JOSEPH W. PARKER

231456	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13
412635		S	–	–	–	–	–	S	–	S
624315	S	–	–	S	–	–	–	S	—	S
346125	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
163245	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
231465	S	S	–	S	–	–	S	S	—	S
412536		–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
524613		S	–	–	–	–	–	S	—	S
645123	S	–	–	–	S	–	–	S	—	S
156243	S	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—
261453	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
412563	S	–	–	S	–	–	–	S	—	S
524316		–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
345621		–	–	S	–	–	–	S	—	S
653241	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
236451	S	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	—	S
462531	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
524361	S	–	–	–	S	–	–	S	—	S
345126		–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
153642		S	–	S	–	–	S	S	—	S
631452	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
416532	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
564312	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
345162	S	–	–	–	–	S	–	S	—	S
153246		–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
231654		–	–	–	–	S	–	S	—	S
612534	S	–	–	–	S	–	–	S	—	S
526314	S	–	–	–	S	–	–	S	—	S
365124	S	–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S
143265	S	–	–	–	–	–	–	S	—	S
231546		–	–	–	–	–	S	S	—	S

Repeat.
Contains 354 bobs and 226 singles.

LADIES GUILD A.G.M.

FURTHER THOUGHTS ON DISBANDING DISTRICTS

THE sun shone on the ladies for their annual meeting at St. Albans on July 6th, when some 46 members (with about 30 supporters of the other sex) gathered at St. Peter's. They came from South Wales and Kent, Lancashire and Devon, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and the Central District around London, and it was a great pleasure to renew old friendships, meet some who were pioneers in the movement 40 to 50 years ago, and make new friends among the keen and able younger ringers.

The service at 11.30 was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. H. W. A. Bradley, who, after welcoming us and complimenting us on our singing, gave us an address spiced with humour and vivid illustrations. Among the great gifts and possibilities with which we were born, he said, one we had developed was that we had learned to ring; we had learned to work in a team, and we played an important part in the work of the Church, which was a team of teams. Women have to be tactful and understanding, and often can bring into a tower something of those qualities. But it must not stop there. "If you have learned something from your tower—self-control, discipline, tact—if you leave it upstairs it will be a great loss to the Church, the nation, the world. We have seeds which can bear much fruit—it will be a pity if we keep them in the packet!"

A very well arranged buffet lunch was then served in St. Peter's Hall by Mrs. Darvill and the local ladies, after which the gentlemen went to ring at St. Peter's and the Abbey, while the ladies held their 48th annual general meeting.

The president, Mrs. Jacqueline King, took the chair, supported by Miss Doris Colgate (general secretary) and Miss Joan Beresford (treasurer). The minutes of the last meeting, held at Lincoln, were read and confirmed It was agreed that the very full account of this meeting, printed in "The Ringing World." should be stuck in the minute book as a record. Mr. T. W. White's presence at that meeting was recalled with pleasure. Two new members were elected—Miss Carol Parkhurst, of St. Stephen's, who had given some of the visitors a warm welcome that morning and rang with them, and Miss Linda Saunders, of North Mymms.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Only one nomination had been received for the office of president, and Mrs. E. Parfrey, chairman of the Western District, was declared elected. As she took the chair from Mrs. King she voiced the thanks of all to her for her good work for the Guild during her three years of office. Again only one nomination was received for the office of secretary. It was unthinkable that we should have anyone but Miss Doris Colgate, and there was general satisfaction that she was willing to continue in office; and the same was the case with Miss Joan Beresford and Mrs. Slade, the treasurer and auditor. Four nominations had been received for the three Central Council representatives, but Mrs. Parfrey withdrew her name, saying she felt we could not be better represented than by Miss Beresford, Miss Colgate and Mrs. Staniforth.

The hon. treasurer then gave her report, which she regretted had not yet been audited or circulated owing to late receipts from two Districts. To date, expenses amounted to £47 5s. 10d., income £48 8s. 9d., an excess of income over expenditure of £1 2s. 11d. Fifty more badges had been purchased and 28 sold during the year, showing a small profit; on the other hand eight had been lost. In the balance sheet £188 1s. 10d. was brought forward at the beginning of 1967 and £187 14s. 9d. carried forward at December 31st.

The hon. treasurer, continuing, gave a warning that the number of life members was gradually dropping and this would have an adverse effect on finance. Miss Beresford moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. She further proposed that the date of March 31st should be set for District subscriptions to be paid in to the treasurer, and after a little discussion this was passed.



THE NEW PRESIDENT

Mrs. Bette Parfrey, of 18, Meadlands, Corston, Bath, is the new president of the Ladies' Guild. She was born in Bath in 1930 and educated at the City of Bath Girls' School. At the age of 15 she learned to ring and joined the Ladies' Guild in 1948. She succeeded Miss N. G. Williams as secretary of the Western District and later served as vice-president for two terms of office—a total of nine years.

Mrs. Parfrey married Harold in 1951 and spent a very happy 17 years until his death last March. There are three children—June (15), Judith (11) and David (8). The girls ring and David can handle a bell. Recently Mrs. Parfrey succeeded her husband as tower master at Corston. So far she has rung 25 peals, most of them being for the Bath and Wells Association.

Throughout her life Mrs. Parfrey has been closely connected with the Church, having served for 21 years in the choir, group leader of the Young Wives for eight years and a member of the P.C.C. She is also interested in church floral arrangement.

"I feel most sincerely that ringers are part of the whole body of the Church and are privileged to be able to bear witness to their faith in the tower," she writes to "The Ringing World."

MIDLAND DISTRICT PROPOSAL

Mrs. Jill Staniforth then put forward a proposition by the Midland District: "That all Districts of the Ladies' Guild be disbanded as from December 31st of this year. One meeting to be held on the first Saturday of July in the form of a week-end ringing festival. In areas where ladies wish to meet at other times of the year, this may take place in the form of practice meetings." As a corollary, an alteration was proposed to Rule 4, putting the governing of the Guild into the hands of a reconstituted committee. This had only been circulated shortly before the meeting, and not all Districts had had the opportunity of discussing it with their members, so that some only heard of it for the first time at this meeting. Each District representative was asked to give her area's views.

The Western District, while they had great sympathy with the Midland, did not agree entirely and would prefer to hold their meetings; if there are elected officers in each District there is more chance of holding the members together. Lincolnshire District: Mrs. Richardson thought they would lose most of the members, especially from the rural districts, if there were no District meetings. Kent would also prefer to keep on as they are. South Wales had not had a meeting to discuss it, but the committee members had all written to Mrs. King strongly against it, and asked for at least a year's notice to think about it. Mrs. Hooton, for the Central District, sympathised with the Midland, having difficulty in keeping meetings going with a large area. Devon said succinctly: If the Districts go, then interest will go and the Guild will go. Mrs. Percy reported Sussex had a meeting the previous week; opinion was divided. They pointed out that it was going to be difficult and expensive for them to attend the annual general meeting in the north-west next year, and if this motion were carried a whole year or perhaps two would pass without their being able to attend a single Ladies' Guild meeting. The North-Western District proposed that 12 months should be allowed for the members to think about the suggestion. Mrs. Parfrey summed up by saying there was great divergence between the Districts; some were flourishing, other secretaries found it very hard going.

The amendment was proposed and seconded: "That the matter should be deferred until the annual general meeting next year for further thought," and this was carried by a large majority. Secretaries were asked to think really seriously about this and seek the opinion of their members, and send the reactions to Miss Colgate.

Next year's annual general meeting should be held in the N.W. District. After some discussion as to what form it should take it was decided to revert to the previous plan, with the committee meeting at 1 o'clock, towers open until the service at 3, tea at 4, followed by the meeting, and then towers open until about 8 p.m.—no dinner, but more time for ringing. Mrs. Andrew said she hoped to arrange this at Manchester. The 1970 annual meeting should be held in Kent, Sussex or the southern area.

Miss Colgate had displayed on the table a fine replica of the badge in the form of a wooden plaque, formerly belonging to the West Midland District, given by Miss Stella Hughes, who is now in South Africa. This was much admired. She also had there for anyone to read an excellent article written by Mrs. King in "The Western Mail." Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for allowing the Guild the use of his church, the bells and all the amenities, and for his sermon, which would be long remembered, to Miss Ware for the arrangements for the dinner, to Mrs. Darvill for the lunch, and to the incumbents and steeplekeepers.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The summer meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Cleobury Mortimer, where the church is well known for its "twisted" spire, on July 6th. Beneath this spire the tower contains a pleasing ring of six bells, which was put to good use by the small number of ringers present. Tea was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. A. Osbaldiston, of the local band, and Mrs. Oldroyd, wife of the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Oldroyd, who took the service. Fine weather added to the enjoyment of the meeting at this unspoilt country town.

J. B.

BELL FALLS AT EAST BERGHOLT, SUFFOLK

By CLAUDE RUSH

ACCORDING to a report in "The East Anglian Daily Times" of July 19th, the second bell of the ring of five at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, East Bergholt, Suffolk, fell from its bearings to the bottom of the pit during ringing practice on July 18th. It seems that Paul Scott, of Manor Cottage, East Bergholt, was ringing the bell at the time—they had been ringing for about five minutes.

The news item includes a photograph showing the bell lying on its side in the pit, with Paul Scott, Bill Brooks, Ken Fayers (all ringers), and Walter Crisp (conductor) standing by. Walter said that he had had 38 years' experience of East Bergholt bells and had not known such an incident before. All ringing has been stopped for the time being. There were about 100 visitors at the church when the bell fell—it is a church and district that attracts many visitors, as it is in "Constable's Country."

Anyone who has no knowledge of the ring of bells there might think that there is no particular interest in this incident, but East Bergholt's bells are unique—nowhere else are bells hung for full-circle ringing like these are.

LEGENDS OVER TOWER

One might say that the church has no tower. This would be incorrect. White's "Directory of Suffolk" of 1883 gives the height of the tower as 14 feet, the sums of money given towards the rebuilding of it being insufficient for its completion. Legend has it that several attempts to build it were frustrated by direct influence of the Evil Spirit so the work was given up in despair. Another tradition is that Cardinal Wolsey, who was born at nearby Ipswich, took much interest in the building of the church and that his fall from power put a stop to the work. He had promised to build a tower for this church and it was begun in 1525. Wolsey died in 1530 and nothing has been added to the tower work since.

So a wooden cage to take the bells was erected in the churchyard about this time, and this is the cage in which the bell fell a few days ago. There had been a cage—perhaps the same cage—in another part of the churchyard in the 15th century. It has been said that the Squire was annoyed by the sound of bells, so the cage was put where it is now so that the church itself came between the Squire and the bells, and thus the sound, for him, was reduced.

The bells form a heavy ring of five. The old treble was by Richardus Bowler and dated 1601: it weighed about 8 cwt. But the present treble is a Queen Victoria jubilee bell, 1887, by Warners, and hung by George Day and Son, Eye, Suffolk: it weighs about 12 cwt.

The second, Gabriel, was cast about 1450, is of about 12¾ cwt. and is the bell which fell.

The third is by Richardus Bowler (Colchester) 1601; reputed weight nearly 15 cwt.

The fourth, by Christopher Hodgson in 1688, is about 19 cwt.

The tenor, by John Stephens (Norwich) was cast in 1727 and its reputed weight is 25 cwt.

It would be wrong to say there are no ropes to these bells—ropes are used for chiming. But full-circle ringing is done without ropes or wheels, and the bells present a curious sight when set "up" with only themselves showing above the frame.

RINGING TECHNIQUE

To raise them the ringers stand on a platform—a shelf—beside the bells and first push the headstocks this way, then that, until the bells swing high enough for the ringers to push the bells themselves, their hands first on or about the soundbows and then, as the bells get higher still, on the lips themselves, where real control then begins, to the extent of setting the bells in the proper "up" position.

Ringing is normally by call—one might say "nod"—changes (remember the noise!), but on St. George's Day, 1821, 120 changes of singles were rung by Samuel Orris sen. (conductor) 1, William Bird 2, T. Stollery 3, Thomas Orris 4, Samuel Orris jun. tenor.

Recently an appeal has been made for funds for the repair and maintenance of the bell-cage, but the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Chisnell, will now be glad of additional financial help because of the recent incident and consequent extra expense. Quite a large sum is needed.

COVENTRY GUILD'S FIRST STRIKING CONTEST

As a result of the decision at the Guild annual general meeting held on April 20th last, a striking competition took place at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, on July 6th. Eight teams entered, being four from the Coventry Branch and four from the Warwick Branch. As this was the first meeting of its kind organised by the Guild, it was very much of an experiment. The time table was slightly disorganised by the late arrival of some of the bands. The first band to ring set a good standard with Cambridge Minor, followed by two bands ringing Bob Minor, three Grandsire Doubles, and call changes and one rounds.

The judges were Mr. Alan Bridges, of Derby, and Miss S. Ruddlesden, of Culworth: the third judge was indisposed and unable to attend. Bands were given choice of method. The principle applied was one minute penalty free, and nine minutes under penalty. This allowed 216 of Minor and 210 of Grandsire, which filled the time allotted very well.

Kenilworth proved to be the winners with 20 faults. Allesley were second with 27 and Chilvers Coton third with 28. The standard of striking was very good and those taking part seemed to have a lot of pleasure and enlightenment in judging the others bands' striking.

Undoubtedly the organising committee learned quite a lot from this effort. First, that the date was a bad choice, being so near the holidays and many bands were depleted for that reason and unable to compete. Those who had not taken part had an opportunity to ring before the service. St. Nicholas' band provided the tea, and after the presentation of certificates by the president to the winning bands further ringing took place at St. Mary's until 8 p.m.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION INCREASES SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Shropshire Association held its annual general meeting at Shrewsbury on July 13th, with ringing during the afternoon at St. Mary's (10) and in the evening at St. Chad's (12).

The service at St. Mary's was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. E. E. F. Walters, who joined us afterwards for tea in the Church Hall, but unfortunately was unable to remain for the business meeting. Tea was served by the Shrewsbury lady ringers and ringers' wives.

At the business meeting the Ringing Master, Mr. P. J. Evans, expressed disappointment at the poor attendance, only 33 sitting down to tea, and especially at the small number of resident members present. The treasurer, Mr. M. J. Orman, presented his report, which showed a loss of £18, and the statement was adopted.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. P. J. Evans; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. R. E. Morris; secretary, Mr. E. F. Willcox; treasurer, Mr. M. J. A. Orman; trustees, Messrs. F. G. Beddow and A. E. G. Owen; auditor, Mr. F. C. A. Bennett; Central Council representative, Mr. E. F. Willcox.

A motion was carried to raise the annual subscription for resident members from 3s. to 4s., and the fee for non-resident life members from 5s. to 10s. The meeting also decided to send a donation of £1 10s. to "The Ringing World."

Mr. F. C. A. Bennett, who took the chair, closed the meeting by thanking all concerned for the arrangements. P. J. E.

TWO BRANCHES MEET FOR HARDY FESTIVAL

Appropriately, a joint meeting of the Dorchester and Wimborne Branches was held at Dorchester on July 13th, during the period of the Thomas Hardy Festival. The Guild service in St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, with Mr. Harvey Easton as organist. Mr. Richard Duke, captain of St. Peter's ringers, read the lessons.

Tea was provided for 44 ringers. Canon E. B. Brooks, Branch vice-chairman, presided at the brief business meeting and welcomed ringers from the two Branches and visitors from North and West Dorset. Nine ringers from Bradford Peverell and two from St. Peter's, Dorchester, were elected members of the Salisbury Guild.

Ringing took place at St. Peter's Church and at Fordington St. George under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. F. H. Amey, and Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. B. Kear.

Towers represented were St. John's, Bournemouth, Bradford Peverell, Canford, Cattistock, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Evershot, Fordington St. George, Milborne St. Andrew, Morden, Poole, Preston, Ringwood, Swanage, Wareham, Wyke Regis and Yetminster.

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AFTERTHOUGHTS ON BELLS AND BELLRINGING

BY THE LATE PETER LAFLIN

Not a catalogue of peals. Nothing in strict chronological order. A reminiscence here and there. Having reached an age when most of my ringing experience must be behind me, an attempt to size up what it has all amounted to in my case.

P. Laflin, 1965.

1. Personal foreword.
2. Learners and learning.
3. Ringers and conductors.
4. Bells.

1.—FOREWORD

This following conglomeration of thoughts on the differing aspects connected with bells and bellringing in general is not put forward with the idea that any of them should be regarded as the only way of looking at the subject, but is roughly as it has occurred to me to see them.

Born in Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, and leaving this village for Debenham at the age of six, when my father changed his job, I cannot truly say that I remember the six bells at Stoke. Yet when later on at Debenham, upon hearing the back six bells there being rung, I can clearly remember exclaiming "Stoke bells!" And this must mark my first real acquaintance with them or any other bells.

However, at 13 years I gradually became aware of the regular practice on Monday nights at Debenham, and the ringing which always welcomed our procession from Sunday School to church on Sunday mornings. At this time I had been in the choir for a few years and had ample opportunities to see the ringers at work, the ringing being done from the ground floor.

Briefly then, at 13, and having left day school (this was in 1903), I frequently talked with William J. Groom, who was at that time the Vicar's gardener and lived quite close to our home. William had noticed that I was often "hanging round" the tower door on practice nights, and quite suddenly, in the abrupt Suffolk way, asked me if I wanted to learn to ring. This was my entry into a field of mental and physical enjoyment that has been my chief hobby and relaxation up to the present time. Bill Groom soon taught me to pull a bell, and with the help of others in a short time I was initiated into the mysteries.

William C. Rumsey, William Grimes, Alfred W. Grimes, George Rowe (senior and junior), George Rumsey, James G. Rumsey, William Ruffles, Percival Woods were all members of the Debenham band at that time, William Groom, W. C. Rumsey and W. Grimes taking turns at conducting and teaching. There were a number of learners, including Harry Perry, Bertie C. Ellis and myself. The above names, in addition to the Wightman family from Cretingham, made up an area band of ringers who became quite notable for their performances, at least locally, and such as myself were worked into the scheme as capabilities and opportunity allowed.

I should not omit the name of John Brady, a blind man, who nevertheless took part in 11 peals despite never having seen a bell rope; his splendid hearing made him a first-class striker and, I might add, critic; his ear was infallible.

Having given this short history to account for my commencement, I now hope to present some of the impressions gained over a long period of years on different aspects of bells and bellringing as they have appeared to me.



THE LATE PETER LAFLIN

2.—LEARNERS AND LEARNING

This depends to a great extent upon the teachers, although some learners, not many, seem to need little prompting once they have mastered the preliminaries of rope handling and proper control of the bell. These usually turn out to be the enthusiasts. Others, by far the greater number, need to be coaxed along, as it were, and more gently treated until confidence is gained. Some soon leave the scene, either unnerved by a too abrupt teacher or more likely because they discover that what they thought was going to be easy turns out to be more difficult than suspected, and therefore not for them. This class of learner, however, was more often than not persuaded to come forward without himself or herself having any particular liking for bells, and came forward more for curiosity than any real desire to learn.

A few are quite enthusiastic over the excitement of rope handling, being allowed to raise and cease a bell, and even to round ringing; but when called upon to get down to pencil and paper to learn how the bells work together are liable to lose interest. It is only a very patient and persuasive teacher who can pull such a one over this stumbling block until sufficient progress has been made to capture the learner's real interest. It is safe to say that at this point many have been lost to the Exercise.

For those who remain, if the band itself is progressive, an interest unfolds that will keep the learner going until the main difficulties of ropesight and of hearing one's own bell amongst the others is overcome; plain hunting is mastered, dodging and making places is recognised. By that time, other things such as work and good health permitting, the learner will become a useful ringer.

In rope handling, some use the left hand above the right and some the right above the left, the former being called a left-handed but I have not heard this spoken of ringer, the latter a right-handed ringer; to any extent of late years. It makes no difference anyway and is best left to the learner, as either way may be natural to him. I have noticed, however, that most learners are put to the right-handed way, and so in teaching some scores of youngsters to handle a rope I have done that unless the learner seems to have a feeling for the other or left-handed way. Being able to ring a bell myself either with left or right hand at the top, I have found no difficulty in adjusting my teaching to the learner's preference; in ringing myself I generally adopt the left-handed way as it was always my preference. The main thing to insist on is that the learner shall "keep a tight rope," that is, not necessarily pull too hard but to take the rope right down from the backstroke and to let the rope draw the hands up from the sally pull. Ringing with a slack rope floors more youngsters in the early stages than anything else.

As it is not my intention to write a treatise on bell handling I will now leave this subject, although it might come up again in discussing other aspects of the craft. Today, 1965, and for a few years now, there has been a College of Campanology, various courses have been run, all of which cover the subject of ringing from rope handling to composition. This is done in such a thorough manner that those who attend them can hardly fail to become expert from the learning stage onwards.

(To be continued)

THE TREBLE BOB PRINCIPLE

By D. C. JACKSON

VARIOUS inquiries have recently been made in the columns of "The Ringing World" concerning methods on the Treble Bob principle. Amongst other things, these comments indicate that it is not widely realised that Minor methods in which the treble follows a path which we call Treble Bob hunt are officially classified into four groups. These are:

(1) Treble Bob.
(2) Thirds Place Delight.
(3) Fourths Place Delight.
(4) Surprise.

There is no justifiable reason for listing these four groups in any order of complexity, nor is there any special credit in ringing one group, e.g. Surprise, in preference to another, e.g. Treble Bob. Indeed certain methods in the Surprise group are much easier to ring than those in the other groups. The only difference between these groups lies in the fourth and eighth figures of the place notation.

e.g. Mendip Treble Bob:
36: x. 34. **16.** x. 12. x. **16.** x, 14. x. 56. 2nds.

All T.B. methods have identical places here.

London Thirds Place Delight:
x. 34. x. **16.** x. 12. x. **36.** x. 12. x. 36. 2nds.

All 3rds P.D. methods have identical places here.

York Fourths Place Delight:
x. 36. x. **14.** x. 12. x. **16.** x. 12. x. 56. 6ths.

All 4ths P.D. methods have identical places here.

Cambridge Surprise:
x. 36. x. **14.** x. 12. x. **36.** x. 14. x. 56. 2nds.

All S methods have identical places here.

Thus there is little justification in our peal recorders annually listing Surprise peals in a category separate from other methods.

More specifically, Mr. Poole, in his letter ("Ringing World," 2,985, page 522) appears to have confused the place notation of the following:

Ely Thirds Place Delight:
x. 36. x. 16. x. 12. x. 36. x. 12. x. 36. 2nds.

Whatton-in-the-Vale Thirds Place Delight:
x. 36. x. 16. x. 12. x. 36. x. 16. x. 12. x. 36. [illegible]

Letters to the Editor

RINGING AT EXPO SUSSEX '68

Dear Sir,—No doubt better scribes than I will be writing of the wonderful ringing exhibition at the recent Expo Sussex, and the success which crowned the hours of work and inspiration on the part of Mr. Elphick and his helpers.

May I add my personal praise to those concerned with the thankless task of organising the ringing at the Expo belfry? The programmed touches of the day, all performed in public and on unusual bells, must have been quite a headache to achieve without treading on anyone's corns. When these were completed, the tower was opened to the hordes of tower-grabbers and stay-benders, myself included, each of whom had travelled vast distances or had some other reason for preferential treatment. Growing impatience and the odd case of jumping the queue were dealt with by the gentlemen in charge with tact at a time when their reserves of energy must have been severely strained.

The pleasure given to me and to the youngsters present by a few minutes' ringing might be some small measure of reward to them.

ANON.

MISS BELLRINGER

Dear Sir,—I think that if anything is to be done about this matter—and I feel that most of the Exercise think so—then it ought to be done at Guild or Branch level by the towers within the Guild or Branch.

They could each select a girl whom they think should grace the pages of "The Ringing World" and send her photograph in clothing or swim-suit to the Editor. By publishing a different photograph each week most of the Exercise would be satisfied and the pages of our journal brightened considerably.—Yours sincerely,

GRAHAM COLBORNE.

Reading.

P.S.—The Editor is wrong in his note (page 542) when he said someone had a grudge against Miss Sadowska. The letter was written purely in fun and not by myself, incidentally. —G. C.

"RATHER MISERLY"

Dear Sir,—I feel I must take up the cudgels against your correspondent, Mr. Hector C. Bird ("Ringing World," July 19th, 1968).

He apparently thinks that one shilling is too much to pay for this excellent weekly paper—and yet at the same time suggests that one penny per rope for peal ringers is a small amount (the price of half a pint, he says). What is his argument? I fully agree with him in regard to the peal fee—and in fact I would suggest that this is at least **doubled**, but to expect a paper such as "The Ringing World," with its wealth of news and its excellent cover pictures, to be sold at less than one shilling in these days of high printing costs, etc., etc., shows a lack of enthusiasm for the Exercise and, to my mind, a narrowness of outlook and a rather miserly attitude. Maybe my own enthusiasm for bellringing, inadept as I am, unfortunately, tends to colour my views on such matters, so I guess I should apologise to Mr. Bird if I have criticised him unjustly. —Yours sincerely.

G. EDMANDS.

Chilvers Coton, near Nuneaton.

THE DOUBLES DECISIONS or APRIL DAY AND ALL THAT

Dear Sir,—You Central Council chaps at Worcester have made a proper mess of the rules about Doubles methods and variations for us ordinary ringers. It seems that the majority of members were blinded by the pseudo-science of the vociferous few, who have persuaded the Council to use, one might say, an enormous hammer to crack the tiniest of nuts. There is much sense in the decision to separate methods from variations in peal reports, but the loss of identity of some of the popular simple variations is unjustifiable and unwise. It hits at and discourages the average Doubles ringer who knows and cares nothing about spliced ringing but wants his April Day or Clifford's Pleasure and other glamorous names, and will have little effect on the handful of multi-Doubles whiz-kids who are clever enough to find their own loopholes in the rules.

We in Somerset like to ring variations such as April Day, and it is the height of pedantry to suggest that this variation is spliced Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob. I would have more sympathy for the argument that Reverse St. Bartholomew is but a special case of April Day (or vice versa) with three calls and one plain lead in each part of the extent. Reverse St. Bartholomew has now belatedly and conveniently received the accolade of acceptance and publication by the Central Council after many years of being despised as "undesirable," as readers of the preface to the "Collection of Doubles Methods" will know.

If we are to accept half-lead splicing, and if the privilege of antiquity suggested in your footnote to Mr. Cattermole's letter is correct, we must be logical and admit that all the Grandsire Doubles we now ring is spliced Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew. After all, Grandsire Doubles can well manage with an alternative to its "modern" single, and by your reasoning there is more Reverse St. Bartholomew than Grandsire in four of our normal extents of Grandsire Doubles. I know that the motion approved by the Central Council dealt specifically with variations, but the question of half-lead splicing is an entirely separate issue. It is a pity that Mr. Blagrove did not do his homework on past Central Council Decisions before instead of after the Worcester meeting, but if he is correct in saying that splicing at the half-lead is an old Decision, and many will find this surprising, then it must apply to both methods and variations alike.

If it is ridiculous to interfere with our traditional Grandsire Doubles and other methods similarly affected, then it is equally ridiculous to spoil our pleasure by interfering with any of the simple variations. Think again, Central Council—and give us back our April Days.—Yours sincerely.

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

THE PEAL AT INVERNESS

Dear Sir,—It was my party that rang the peal at Inverness in 1962, referred to by your contributor "M. P" on page 574, but we have no wish to remain anonymous as we did not break the ladder leading to the tower roof. Perhaps M. P. would like to withdraw the veil from his own anonymity and either apologise for his hurtful accusation or state the grounds upon which it is based.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. LEALE.

Hampton, Middlesex.

CORRECTING WEIGHTS

Dear Sir, — Despite Mr. Amos's remarks (page 543), I should have thought that the weight of a bell can be assessed fairly closely from its diameter at the lip when taken in conjunction with its strike note.

It is a significant point that the two light tenors which Mr. Amos mentions as being 46 inches—Wootton and Claybrooke—have both been reduced in weight, and perhaps lowered in pitch also, by retuning, whereas his heavy example—St. Edmund's, Northampton—has not. Wootton and Claybrooke tenors are not the same note, as Mr. Amos states, but are almost a semitone apart (Wootton E flat/D and Clavbrooke E flat/E). Wootton's tone is what one might expect from such a thin bell but the Claybrooke tenor, on the other hand, is a lovely bell and belongs to a lovely ring. (These opinions are not just mine!)

Regarding the weight of the Oakham tenor, surely this bell weighed 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. when originally cast with the others in 1911, but was increased to 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. at a subsequent recasting. (Gillett and Johnston's weights.)

Whilst writing may I also respectfully correct the Rev. J. G. M. Scott? Poughill (Devon) is not a Taylor ring (page 543 again); the tenor was added and the bells were tuned and rehung in a new frame and fittings by Gillett and Johnston in 1947.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Twickenham.

PAYMENT FOR WEDDINGS

Dear Sir,—To my mind the fee paid for ringing at a wedding is a quite legitimate payment for a service given and not "sheer avarice" as suggested by Mr. G. Robinson ("Ringing World," page 562). Members of a band of ringers give up their leisure time, and in some cases their working hours, in order to give this service and should receive an appropriate fee.

It is my experience that most bands take (for the sake of argument) 5s. per head and put the remainder into their belfry fund; very often it is the only income. I have known individual ringers to protest that they do not wish to accept a fee, but there is nothing to stop them placing their fee into the church funds. This would please Mr. Robinson.

He goes on to say that there is no compulsion for **anyone** to ring at weddings. Isn't this exactly what captains of struggling bands up and down the country are up against? To have such a "law" such as he suggests would deprive them of the only incentive that they can offer to muster a full side and provide the best possible ringing.

Ringers who had intended to go somewhere else on a Saturday afternoon would not like to change their plans with absolutely no compensation. The ringing for a wedding might only take half an hour at the outside, but it can completely upset an afternoon.

If Mr. Robinson wants an axe to grind, let him start on the **standard** of ringing for weddings, as in a lot of cases the duration and standard leave a lot to be desired when considering the fee paid.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID M. HUGHES.

Liss, Hants.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Letters—continued

RINGING FOR WEDDINGS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Robinson's letter regarding payment for weddings, published in your issue of July 19th, seems to me quite fallacious. If he is saying that ringers ought to be paid to ring for weddings but should then donate the proceeds to the church, this is purely a matter for the individual conscience, and Mr. Robinson is at liberty to do this if he wishes.

To imply that choirmen and organists all do this seems doubtful, to say the least. To suggest further that those who believe the labourer is worthy of his hire when employed by an individual to ring for his wedding (for an amount which in all too many cases has remained static for donkeys' years) will be unwilling to donate their ability when employed by the church to ring for services is unrealistic. Mr. Robinson seems to have met ringers who ring for money only. I know plenty of ringers but I don't know any like that.

As for the statement that because there is no compulsion upon anyone to ring for weddings therefore there is no valid argument in favour of his being paid, I hope my boss doesn't wake up to the fact that there is no compulsion upon me to work.—Yours faithfully,

M. M. LEWIS.

Farnborough, Hants.

Dear Sir,—I feel I must offer a reply to Mr. G. Robinson's letter ("Ringing World," page 562), headed "Payment for Weddings."

Mr. Robinson obviously comes from a tower with plenty of ringers, many of whom have nothing to do on Saturdays.

Our own tower has been struggling to remain in existence for three years. Often I have to ask ringers from neighbouring towers to help out. They have to come several miles either by car or by public transport and the small amount they receive helps to pay for this transport. Our ringers receive 10s., 7s. 6d. of which they keep, the remainder goes to tower funds.

Our own young band very often have other things to do on Saturdays, although they all enjoy ringing. The sum of 7s. 6d. helps to persuade them to give up an hour or so to come and ring.

I believe, therefore, that payment for weddings is essential. Incidentally, if Mr. Robinson does know any ringers who ring "just for the money," perhaps he should drop a casual hint and tell them they will not get rich very quickly.—Yours sincerely.

PETER J. PRIVETT.

Horsell, Woking.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

Poor weather probably contributed to the low attendance at the Chertsey District meeting held at East Molesey on July 13th. However, ringing in the afternoon ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. D. Parsons. The Guild form of service (with the congregation in the choir stalls) was taken by the Vicar of West Molesey, the Rev. John Yeend.

A sumptuous tea, provided by the local Parish Council, preceded the short business meeting held in the Church Hall. It was decided to circulate a questionnaire to find out about the number of learners in the District, with a view to making Guild meetings more acceptable to them. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

P. J. P.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS — No. 39



JOHN INESON
(Yorkshire Association)

John Ineson is a choirboy at Dewsbury and, in response to the Central Council recruiting leaflet displayed in the vestry, he presented himself in the belfry and adjusted his age slightly to the recruiting sergeant. He was in fact just gone nine years of age as against his "nearly ten." Progress in the early stages was naturally rather slow because of John's extreme youth (even though the tenor is only 13 cwt. the lightest bell is nearly five cwt.), but thoroughness has produced a good handler, good enough to demonstrate to many who have been taught to handle subsequently.

John rang his first 720 before his tenth birthday and became one of the youngest to qualify for the Yorkshire Association. Since then he has made rapid strides in method ringing and is now ringing Cambridge Major. His first peal was on Easter Day this year, when he rang the treble to Double Norwich, and this was followed two days later by Plain Bob Major on an "inside" bell. He had no blisters, evidence of hands being put to good and proper use. More recently, but still before his 11th birthday, John scored a peal of Stedman Triples at the first attempt. This was at Cleckheaton, where he has attended, week after week, and given very effective assistance to senior Dewsbury ringers teaching a new band. On several occasions he has rung solidly through the whole hour and a half practice when needed. This calls for a great deal of mental and physical stamina from one so young.

The keenness and dedication of this youngster is a fine example to his elders. On Christmas Eve his duties involved his being in church over ten hours. He has a remarkable record of attendance and punctuality, and his enthusiasm has spread through his family—his father and younger brother have become ringers.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

It was a pity that relatively few members attended the summer meeting of the Frome Branch on July 13th at the Rev. A. G. Durston's tower, at Hemington. Ted Chivers was again muttering that we ought to consider cancelling this summer meeting, and he may well be right. The Rev. and Mrs. Durston and Jennifer and helpers provided a very nice tea for double the attendance and then, to embarrass us further, refused to accept anything towards the cost. We are all extremely grateful to them for their kindness.

The church service was most interesting. Providing a sort of one-man band, the Rev. A. G. Durston conducted the service, played the organ and sang with the rest of us.

Members rang methods they were capable of, like London, and some they were not capable of, which are called New Bob Doubles. These come in several variations, some of which come round and some which do not. To put the record right once and for all, when the Ringing Master says the 5th comes down first, he means the 5th comes down first later on to the front before the 4th. He does not mean the 5th comes down first straight away before the 4th. This simple explanation should help members!

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Porter (first quarter) 1, D. Wright 2, G. Walker (first Triples) 3, C. Hughes 4, A. White 5, K. Warner 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, F. Akers 8. For Patronal Festival service.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Witney and Woodstock Branch Outing

The Branch outing on July 13th was to Northants. The first tower was at Wootton, where the five bells were put to good use for 45 minutes. After the pleasing six at Dallington came St. Peter's, Northampton, where the eight bells were all cast in 1739 by the same founder. A peal board of 1897 had the unusual footnote that it was the first peal on the bells for 157 years!

After lunch a variety of methods was rung at Long Buckby and the party were intrigued by Weedon Bec Church, which is set between a viaduct and an aquaduct. Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were successfully rung on these good bells.

Tea at Towcester, and then Pattishall, where the Vicar gave the party a warm welcome and entertained with a recital on the exceptionally fine organ. The day's ringing ended at Towcester, where Cambridge Surprise did eventually come round, but despite this the ringing was enjoyed. The usual social evening was at Brackley.

Grateful thanks go to the driver, Alan Cornish, who rang at the towers visited and was a great help, especially at eight-bell towers. Thanks also to incumbents and tower captains.

E. R. V.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—On July 7th, at Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, 1,298 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Bennett (first quarter) 1, P. A. Etchers 2, A. Riley (first in method) 3, J. Jennings 4, R. M. Edwards 5, J. Brannan (cond.) 6. Rung for the Rose Queen's coronation.

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A CORNER FROM WALES

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD A.G.M.

THE holding of the annual festival at Knighton on July 6th was really a missionary enterprise and was successful in persuading the ringers at St. Edward's Church to join the Guild. Ringing also took place at Presteigne.

The Vicar (the Rev. I. R. Luther Thomas) conducted the service and preached, and the Archdeacon of Brecon (the Ven. D. G. Wilkinson) read the lesson. Over 60 sat down to tea in the Church Hall, served by the Mothers' Union.

The Archdeacon presided at the meeting and gave a special welcome to the many young people present. He apologised for the absence of the Bishop. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Messrs. Jack Bloxham, John Vaughan and W. Davies, who had died since the last meeting.

The Archdeacon then presented the shield and certificates won in this year's competition: Main—1 Cadoxton, 2 Newton Nottage, 3 Sketty; Supplementary Class—Glasbury.

The accounts were presented by Mr. Stan Edwards, who proposed that a further £40 from the Bell Restoration Fund be invested in Defence Bonds. This was carried, an amendment by Mr. Trevor Roderick, that it remain on deposit where it would bring in more interest, being defeated. The peal performance for the year was poor, only seven being recorded.

A NEW MASTER

Mr. Don Leach was the only nominee for the office of Master and was elected. Re-elections were: Hon. secretary, Mr. J. A. Hoare; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Morris; auditor, Mr. S. Edwards; Central Council representative, Mr. G. I. Lewis.

A notice of motion to review the working of the Guild and to draft a new constitution or set of rules to be presented to each District annual general meeting and then passed at the 1969 annual general meeting was proposed by Mr. J. Hodgetts and seconded by Miss C. Randall and was carried after discussion. The committee to carry this out consists of the Master and hon. secretary, Miss Randall, Messrs. Hodgetts, Edwards, M. R. Thomas and Eric Smith. The committee was also asked to consider dates of District meetings which would enable young members to attend more easily.

The hon. secretary in his report regretted that membership was stationary; there were many towers not represented at the meeting and also without ringers, which was of major concern to the Guild. The report was adopted, and the Archdeacon, from the chair, proposed that appreciation of Mr. Hoare's services should be recorded in the minutes.

The invitation to hold the 1969 ringing competition at Talgarth was accepted and also that the 1969 annual general meeting be held at St. Mary's Swansea. Two new members from Brecon, one from Swansea and the band at Knighton were elected.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association held a most enjoyable meeting at Grosmont on July 13th, and some 50 ringers gathered to try out this newly rehung ring of six bells.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. W. M'Adam, who told some interesting stories of various restorations done to the 13th century church throughout the ages. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Rural Dean of Raglan, read the lesson.

A high tea was served in what the people of this tiny village call their "town hall." Mrs. M'Adams and her helpers were sincerely thanked on behalf of the visitors by Mr. Reuben Clench.

The business meeting was held in the church and members were sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Fred Hannington, who was in Cardiff Royal Infirmary. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Paton, of Mitcheldean, were elected new members, and mention was made of the next meeting, to be held at Mathern on October 12th. The six bells at Skenfrith were also available during the day.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

The July meeting of the Guild was held at Balcombe on the 13th. After ringing from 4 o'clock till 5.30 p.m. members had a picnic tea in their cars owing to the inclement weather. At 6.30 the service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. May, who gave an enlightening history of the church instead of an address.

The meeting was held in the church. The chairman announced that arrangements had been made for the meeting on August 10th to be at Rotherfield. The September meeting on the 14th will be at Hever and will be combined with a stoolball match between two teams from within the Guild. The trophy will be a pin of beer, the only stipulation being that it must be consumed on the field of play. If it should rain this will probably be replaced by a darts match in the Village Hall.

Names will be collected by Mr. C. A. Bassett for the outing on October 12th, starting next month.

Thanks were given to the incumbent for taking the service and for the use of the bells, and to Eric Knapp for making the arrangements. George Fry and Coral Spiller were congratulated on their engagement. R. J. E.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The Ashford District meeting at Hythe on July 20th will rank as important in the annals of the Kent County Association, as a decision was taken to augment the Newchurch bells from five to six as the John Willis Memorial.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. A. Newman. The fine organ was played by Miss Anne Barber, and Mr. R. A. Birch read the lesson. A splendid tea for the 80 people present, representing 22 towers, was arranged in the Parish Hall by the local ringers, and the business meeting was mainly devoted to the John Willis Memorial. A vote of thanks to the workers of the day was proposed by Mr. W. Bayne, of Mersham.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

OUTINGS

Luton Ringers Visit Norfolk

For their annual outing on July 6th the Luton Parish Church ringers, with a number of old and valued friends, visited Yarmouth.

The long journey outwards was broken at Wymondham, but even this was a long hop (about 85 miles), and one found oneself wondering how long such a trip would have taken a century ago!

Readers of Charles Dickens will recall the return from London to Dotheboys Hall of Mr. Wackford Squeers and how he found it necessary to get out at every coaching inn to "stretch his legs," an exercise he was prone to take in the public bar, and how the colour of his nose spoke of the great benefit he derived!

However, in our luxurious modern coach the miles were eaten up as if by magic, and here we were at the beautiful old Abbey Church of Wymondham almost before we realised we had left home. Mr. Tooke conducted us to the belfry and soon the bells were going nicely to Bristol Surprise Major and Stedman Caters.

Another 30 miles and we were at Yarmouth, where most of the party were able to spend several hours on the beach, whilst others made the short trip to Winterton to sample the six bells at that isolated seaside place. Other joys were to follow, for Yarmouth has many attractions which the average visitor never sees, and we found 12 of them in the tower of the stately Parish Church of St. Nicholas.

Here Mr. Newstead made us very welcome and the bells were a real joy to ring, but perhaps Bristol on the back eight sounded best. For the matter of refreshment, during the day everyone had fended for himself, but the evening meal was a different matter and an excellent dinner was served at Cambridge, making a satisfactory conclusion to a splendid day's outing.

No words can express our appreciation of the kindness shown to us by the Vicars of Wymondham, Winterton and Great Yarmouth or our gratitude to the local ringers. Thanks also to our organiser, Basil Hulatt, and our driver, whose co-operation was wonderful.

Bredgar's First Outing

July 13th was the first real opportunity Bredgar (Kent) ringers had to ring bells other than their own, so they set out at 10.30 a.m., determined to make a good job of ringing at some of the local towers. After visiting Bobbing and Milton Regis, in Sittingbourne, they went on to Minster in the Isle of Sheppey. A picnic lunch and some doubtful splashing in the sea followed and then on to Eastchurch to ring after the induction service of the new Vicar.

A superb tea, very generously provided by the Minster ringers, was attacked and duly demolished, after which ringing took place on the pretty little six at Queenborough, where with the help of Minster friends 120 each of Bob and Grandsire Doubles was managed. All were loath to leave the Queenborough bells, as these were the favourites of the day.

At Tunstall it was quickly realised the differences between ringing on six and eight. It was a tired but happy party that arrived home.

As yet, Bredgar has call change ringers: they would like to thank all those who enabled them to gain such valuable experience, especially the Vicars of churches visited, and also the mini-bus driver.

Loughborough Foundry Visited

Castor, Peterborough, bellringers, accompanied by visitors from Glinton, Thornhaugh and Wansford, left at 8.30 a.m. on July 16th for their annual summer outing, which was spent in the Loughborough district.

The first stop was at the bellfoundry, where we were shown around and told how bells were made and finished in their various stages. Ringing on the foundry campanile bells followed until lunch at the Three Nuns.

The afternoon programme started at Hathern, where rounds and call changes were rung by our young and inexperienced ringers. At Copt Oak (6), where ringing was enjoyed by all, and at Markfield several Minor methods were attempted, assisted by two ringers from the village. Non-ringers were entertained here on the village green by Morris dancers from Gloucester.

After tea we visited Desford, where the ropes unfortunately were much too low. Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton, thanks to the invitation of the Kirkby tower captain, completed the evening ringing.

To tower captains and incumbents we extend our sincere thanks; also to the organisers and Mr. Hill, the coach driver. F. O.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT. — On July 1st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Mary Munt 1, P. C. Sinden 2, Pamela A. Court 3, R. A. Birch 4, K. Butler (cond.) 5.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Alton, Staffs, on June 29th, was Rowan S. Bradley and not Richard S. Bradley, as inadvertently submitted.

The composition of Stedman Caters on page 576 contains a misprint. The single at 16 in the middle of the ten-course block A should be two bobs.—Richard Inglis.

Mr. P. Amos complains that a misprint appeared in his article on the weights of tenors. That of Exton tenor should be 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb., the weight passed on to him by Messrs. Taylors after they had rehung the bells.

Will correspondents please note that April Day is not a variation but is Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Similarly, both Clifford's Pleasure and Northrepps are Reverse Canterbury and Reverse St. Bartholomew.—F. T. B.

The Dean of Chester's article on bellhouses (July 19th): The Cathedral Church of St. Edmundsbury is St. James' and not St. Mary's, which is a parish church. There was originally a third church, St. Margaret's, within the Abbey precincts but of this nothing remains.—C. W. Hancock.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on July 13th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: Kirsty Grant 1, D. C. Henderson 2, J. R. Rowson 3, J. R. Poole (O.A.) 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5, C. I. Rowson (O.A.) 6. For Founder's Day service.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sunday, July 14th, 1,260 Plain Minor (11 methods): L. P. Halling (O.A.) 1, D. C. Henderson 2, J. R. Poole (O.A.) 3, J. R. Rowson 4, A. K. P. Poole 5, C. I. Rowson (O.A.) (cond.) 6. For leavers' service. Both by the Abingdon School S.C.R.

AXMINSTER, DEVON. — On July 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Williamson 1, Angela Quick 2, D. Ellery 3, G. S. Morris 4, H. G. Keeley 5, M. Hiller 6, F. Knight 7, R. Keeley (cond.) 8.

BARNES, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Boulter (first quarter) 1, Mary Knight 2, M. Rigby 3, A. Long 4, N. Edwards 5, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 6.

BARRINGTON, SOM. — On July 15th, 1,440 St. Clement's College Bob Minor: M. R. Arscott 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, G. H. Baldam 4, R. F. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Anne Barber 1, K. Butler 2, Pamela Court 3, A. Binstead 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6. To mark the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Eastmead.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. T. Yeomans 1, Mrs. M. Marsh 2, P. A. Williams 3, J. Owen 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, M. J. Pryor 6, A. E. Marsh 7, C. P. Quartley 8. A compliment to John Owen who is on a visit from Canada.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS. — On July 12th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (five methods): G. F. Oliver 1, G. Davis 2, R. W. Spencer 3, F. E. Sismey 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 4, 5, and also as a farewell to Sara Woolley, who is leaving the district.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Palmer (first quarter) 1, Mary Roast 2, E. G. Roast 3, R. J. W. Housden 4, T. Spurgeon 5, P. J. Came 6, Yvonne Murray 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. Also on July 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. G. Roast 1, Christine Murray 2, Mary Roast 3, E. G. Roast 4, P. J. Came 5, Yvonne Murray 6, T. Spurgeon 7, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 8. Both rung for Evensong.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On July 3rd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (five methods): June Sinfield 1, W. Ayre 2, D. Redfearn 3, F. M. Byrne 4, J. R. Mayne 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. After meeting short for a peal attempt.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): R. P. Wood 1, Miss R. A. Hartley 2, Mrs. K. A. Marriott 3, B. G. North 4, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 5, A. D. Norman 6. First in two methods 2, 6. For Founder's Day at the Abbey School, Elstow.

QUARTER PEALS

ELING, HANTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Buchanan 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, J. Hartless (cond.) 3, T. Matcham 4, B. M. Mackrell 5, R. Buchanan 6. Rung before the induction of Rev. Charles Clisby Green, Vicar.

FARINGDON, BERKS. — On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): P. Anger 1, C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 2, J. Sawyer 3, F. Butler 4, C. R. Miles 5, J. Moore 6, A. White 7, D. Woodley (first quarter) 8. For evening service and a 65th birthday compliment to James Moore.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, B. Howard 2, S. Waters 3, W. Barrett 4, H. Carter 5, L. J. Clark (cond.) 6, D. Symonds 7, J. Lysons 8. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of the father of the ringer of the 5th, Mr. H. Carter.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On July 10th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: R. O'Neill 1, Judith J. Gilbert 2, D. Kelly 3, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 4, J. S. Seager 5, F. W. Cardwell 6, G. Pilkington 7, R. Farnsworth 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Wells 1, D. Jordan 2, J. Blond 3, H. Wells 4, N. Pollock (first quarter) 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. For Evensong.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On June 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Brenda I. Cox (first Surprise) 1, R. P. Wood 2, H. C. Weaver 3, H. D. Butler 4, C. J. Champion (cond.) 5, R. M. Cox (first Surprise) 6. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda I. Cox 1, R. M. Cox 2, H. W. Clark 3, H. D. Butler 4, C. J. Champion 5, H. C. Weaver (cond.) 6.

HELSTON, CORNWALL. — On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gay Meyrick 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, R. P. Pearce 3, A. J. Davidson 4, T. J. Bell 5, F. M. Bowers 6, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8. A birthday compliment to Harry Williams, the tower captain.

HILTON, DORSET.—On May 18th, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: T. F. Collins (cond.) 1, R. A. Bryant 2, P. R. Board 3, R. C. A. Philpott 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, R. N. Marlow 6.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On July 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. Carveth 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell (first of Minor as cond.) 5, A. J. Davidson 6.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On July 14th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): D. E. B. Reed 1, Carol Thompson 2, H. P. Thompson 3, R. Young 4, A. C. Walker (cond., 50th quarter) 5, Isabel Appleton 6. First in four methods 2 and 4. For Evensong.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Bailey 1, T. Wright (first as cond.) 2, W. Avery 3, C. Hagger 4, C. Meakes 5, R. Meakes 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Foster (first attempt) 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Gray 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. For morning service.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Ballam 1, P. Goodwin 2, C. Nunn 3, M. Brown 4, R. Palmer (cond.) 5, A. Barber 6. Rung for the Church Flower Festival.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On July 6th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: D. Willis 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, C. Kortwright 3, L. Childs 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Carol Hedges 1, Joan Cheney 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6. For Wake Sunday.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. George's Church, Jesmond, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Karen Arnold (first quarter) 1, May Graham 2, Joy Askew 3, S. Pardoe 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, J. Pardoe 6. For Evensong.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, R. A. Vickers 2, R. W. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, W. A. Yates 5, A. Thatcher 6. Rung for Padbury Feast. Also on June 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, F. Vickers 2, R. W. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, R. A. Vickers 5, A. Thatcher 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On July 10th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: R. A. Bryant (first Surprise) 1, T. E. Marks (first in method) 2, D. S. Beaufoy 3, F. Priddle 4, F. G. Sandy (first in method) 5, T. F. Collins (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

PUDDLETOWN, DORSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. J. Mears 1, T. F. Collins 2, R. A. Bryant 3, P. R. Board 4, C. W. Tidwell 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On July 14th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Josephine R. Patterson 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, Rev. M. S. Hart 3, K. J. Ryder 4, C. F. Mew 5, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 6. For Evensong and to mark the baptism of Robert James Waite, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Waite.

RANDWICK, N.S.W.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Margaret Dugdale 1, E. Blanch 2, Carol Adams 3, J. Sheehy 4, W. Watson (cond.) 5, B. Adams 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. Kneale, retiring verger of St. Jude's Church.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Stott (first Minor) 1, W. Ward 2, F. May 3, J. Worboys 4, A. House 5, P. Fleckney (cond.) 6. Also on July 14th, 1,260 College Triples: Kevin Lucas (aged 9, first on eight) 1, P. Fleckney 2, Janet Hallett 3, G. Lucas 4, T. Sharp 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House 7, J. Worboys 8. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On May 9th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: Louise Harvey 1, S. Sage 2, J. D. Smith 3, P. S. Oliver 4, A. Sharples 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. Albert Ford after many years' service as verger at this church.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Deborah Jerrams (first quarter) 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, A. E. Hicks 3, P. J. Heritage 4, D. Floyd 5, W. W. Franklin 6.

WORCESTER.—On May 11th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Rosemary Tailby 1-2, D. G. Franklin 3-4, L. J. Haines (cond.) 5-6. First Minor "in hand" by all.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Found in the "Wren's Nest," a peacock blue chiffon scarf.

"Ringing in U.S.A. is definitely there to stay and is getting stronger day by day." — Frank C. Price's impression after his last tour.

William Butler, of 26, Barfield Road, Thatcham, Berks, will be pleased to hear from any other Williams who are interested in a name peal.

The two sons of the Rev. H. G. Mitchell, Rector of Fulbeck, Lincs—Stephen (15) and Martin (18)—rang their first peal at Fulbeck Parish Church on June 29th. The conductor was Mr. James H. Musson, who had the pleasure of shepherding another first-pealer—William King—on a very enjoyable occasion.

Some 23 teams are expected to take part in the third annual rally of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, near Sheffield. A committee meeting is to be held at 1.45 p.m., when it is hoped that one representative from each registered team will be present.

A legacy has been left to St. Cuthbert's C. of E. Church, Prospect, South Australia, for a ring of bells. Inquiries are being made in England.

Mr. Tom Goodyer, after his very successful peal tour with "Wratten's Wringers," has been spending a week with Mr. G. W. Pipe at Ipswich.

Would any Geoffreys interested in ringing an all-Geoffreys peal of Surprise Royal please contact Geoffrey R. Drew, Monsal, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Glos. Information re preferences of method, place and time would be helpful.

Irate reader: "Surely you are paid to print peals, and not your opinions," after the Editor had altered a footnote. We are informed by the Records Committee that official "longest lengths" do not start until 6,720 changes.

Mr. Jim Hedgcock writes pointing out that the peal of 5,184 Plain Bob Minimus rung at Alkham, Kent (page 568) was the record length of Minimus yet rung to a peal. Will the peal secretary of the Kent County Association please note for record purposes.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

RECORD LENGTH OF MAXIMUS "IN HAND"

The greatest number of changes to a peal on 12 handbells was rung at Marple, Cheshire, on July 6th, when 13,140 Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Cam variation) was rung in 7 hours and 32 minutes. The peal was arranged and conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

136 DOUBLES PEAL WELCOME

A new record in Doubles methods for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was established by Mr. Derek C. Jackson at Binstead on July 13th, when 136 variations were rung. The occasion was to welcome the Rev. C. Edwards to the parish. The new incumbent listened to the last 1¾ hours of the peal from his garden and finally entered the belfry when "Stand" had been called to find out "what ringers were like after such a feat of endurance." Meanwhile Mrs. Edwards had prepared a truly magnificent feast for the band in the Vicarage and they cannot thank her enough for such splendid hospitality.

It had originally been planned to achieve 150 variations. Mr. Jackson, however, writes explaining how his hopes had been thwarted by Amendment 3 of the motion passed by the Central Council, which he states "indicates that we must now ring all 16 of the Grandsire-Antelope-Norwich variations in full, and that eight extents are no longer acceptable."

It was on May 1st that Mr. Edwards, of Testwood Parish, was inducted to Binstead. Then six members of Totton Grammar School Ringing Society, together with over 100 members of the congregation, travelled to Binstead for the service. Unfortunately an attempted quarter of May Day Doubles came to grief in the tenth extent, and the peal on July 13th was one of welcome.

ASHFORD GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

On July 6th the 23 cwt. eight at Ashford, Kent, were rung for the Founder's Day service of the Ashford High School for Girls by a band consisting of seven pupils of the school and one staff member. This was the first time for several years that a band from the school had rung for this service. The ringing had been organised by the staff member, Mrs. Jennifer Manger. The girls normally ring for Sunday services at various churches in and around Ashford.

PROGRESS AT BURGESS HILL

It was a red letter day for the band at St. John the Evangelist's, Burgess Hill, on July 14th when they rang a quarter peal for the dedication of the new daughter church of St. Edward by the Bishop of Chichester.

Ringing was by the regular Sunday service band with the exception of the conductor, Mr. Ken Knight, a former member, who now lives at Chichester. Three members rang their first quarter and one of them, Miss A. Lloyd, came in at the last minute and proved to be very efficient on the treble.

This was the first quarter peal on the bells for about three and a half years and says much for the hard work of the captain, Mr. D. Anderson, who has now plenty of learners. Thanks are also due to Mr. Ken Knight for his help on this and other occasions.

The bells are now out of action until about Christmas as they are being overhauled and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who installed them in 1904.

NEW GUILD SECRETARIES—No. 3



At this year's annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association Mr. Alan R. Baldock, of Westham, Pevensey, was elected general secretary in succession to Mr. R. H. Percy, who had held the post for 15 years.

A Sussex man, Mr. Baldock was born at Eastbourne in 1943 and from an early age has been connected with St. Mary's Church, having joined the choir in 1952. He was taught to handle a bell there by his eldest brother, Leslie, and the basic principles of change ringing were expounded to him by Mr. Harold Reynolds, the present captain of St. Mary's band.

Alan's first peal was Cambridge Major, to which he rang the treble at Steyning in 1961. It was conducted by Mr. Derek Sibson, the present secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Alan joined the Society in 1962, and his present peal total is 84, of which he has conducted 39.

In 1961 Mr. Roy Fuller restarted the band at Westham and it was through attending their practices that Alan met his future wife, Mr. Fuller's daughter Christine, and eventually married her in 1965. In 1966 the Fullers moved to Swanage, Dorset, and the choice of captain at Westham fell on Alan. Christine and Alan have now a baby daughter, Rachel, who was born in May this year.

Among the offices Alan has held is Ringing Master of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association, to which he was appointed in 1963. He has now graduated to the hon. general secretaryship, and the best wishes of many friends accompany him as he tackles the varied problems facing this big Association.

DETAILS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Perhaps one of the members of the Records Committee would care to explain how they came to accept the peal of 12,480 Pudsey S. Major rung at Loughborough on November 11th, 1967, conducted by R. J. Parker. No notice was given of this peal and the composition has not subsequently been published.—Yours faithfully.

Wheathampstead. BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

There was a big muster for the annual general meeting held at Adelaide starting on Saturday, June 8th. Upon arrival at St. Peter's Cathedral all were presented with little bell-name tags and beautifully printed programmes.

Ringing continued at the Cathedral until lunch time and in the afternoon at the City Hall and St. Andrew's, Walkerville. The City Hall has lost its personality. The "cage" wall has been removed, as have all the shelves round the sides. There is not much improvement in the bells.

At 5.30 p.m. the members assembled at the Mayoral Parlour at Walkerville, where Paul Evans' father, who is this year's Mayor, held a reception. An hour later the convoy of cars departed for the Marian Hotel, Mitchell Park, where a formal dinner was held.

On Sunday the bells of the Cathedral and Walkerville were manned for the service meeting, which started at 11.15 a.m. and was adjourned at 1.30 for a substantial lunch laid on by Mary Devonshire and the other South Australian girls and ringers' wives. Proceedings eventually finished at 3 p.m. with Jack Roper still president, R. Jolly secretary and Ken Minchinton treasurer. Tony Mann has the job of peal recorder and Ralph Clarke is "Ringing Times" editor.

Quarter peals were gained and lost at Walkerville and St. Peter's prior to evening service. Then all crowded into Richard Jolly's lounge for the evening. On the Monday eight strong men and true managed to score a quarter of Bob Major at the City Hall. Then up to the National Park for an excellent barbecue, which has become a tradition of A.N.Z.A.B. gatherings. J. M.

A SOMERSET WEDDING

Miss Susan Griffin was married by her father, the Rev. W. G. Griffin, at Angersleigh, Somerset, on July 20th, to Mr. Richard T. Smith, who formerly rang at All Saints', Newport. The five bells at Angersleigh were rung merrily for this happy occasion, the ringers including the Bainham family from Newport.

It was the first meeting for four years of the bridegroom with John Cornelius and Chris Bainham; the last time they met was when they were on tour with the University of Wales Society in 1964.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the St. Albans District on July 20th was held at St. Michael's (8) in the afternoon and the Abbey (12) in the evening. At the business meeting after tea in the Abbey Institute Mr. Bert Johnson took the chair.

Everyone was reminded of the barbecue to be held at St. Michael's on September 7th (tickets 5s. each). The next District meeting will be at Kimpton on August 17th. A new scheme will be in operation then; due to the number of people sitting around at six-bell meetings, six-bell quarter peals are going to be tried the same afternoon. So for the first six to arrive at Kimpton there will probably be another tower arranged with a view to getting someone through something new during the afternoon.

The final figure raised by the Wheathampstead sponsored walk in aid of their bell fund was £132.

A vote of thanks went to the Abbey girls for the excellent tea, the Vicar of St. Michael's for the service, Bob Hardy for playing the organ, and the Dean for the evening ringing.

WRATTEN'S "WRINGERS" PEAL TOUR

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Anthony J. Cox	Treble	Thomas W. Goodyer	6
Alan F. Scholfield	2	Howard W. Eggleston	7
Antony R. Kench	3	Peter Bridle	8
Diana M. Bridle	4	George E. Thoday	9
Cyril A. Wratten	5	D John Hunt	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Howard W. Egglestone	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
Diana M. Bridle	2	Michael J. Platt	6
Peter Bridle	3	Antony R. Kench	7
Anthony J. Cox	4	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

CHEADLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony J. Cox	Treble	George T. Cousins	5
*Michael J. Platt	2	D. John Hunt	6
Antony R. Kench	3	George E. Thoday	7
*Thomas W. Goodyer	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr 22 lb. in F.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	George T. Cousins	5
George E. Thoday	2	Howard W. Egglestone	6
Michael J. Platt	3	Thomas W. Goodyer	7
Diana M Bridle	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.

NEW MILLS. Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

George E. Thoday	Treble	Peter Bridle	5
Michael J. Platt	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Anthony J. Cox	3	Thomas W. Goodyer	7
Diana M. Bridle	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

GAWSWORTH. Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., July 10, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	*Peter Bridle	5
*Anthony J. Cox	2	Howard W. Egglestone	6
*Michael J. Platt	3	Robert B. Smith	7
*Thomas W. Goodyer	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in the method.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

D. John Hunt	Treble	George T. Cousins	5
George E. Thoday	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Anthony J. Cox	3	Thomas W. Goodyer	7
Howard W. Egglestone	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 6th. on the bells and for the Guild.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Peter Bridle	Treble	Michael J. Platt	5
Diana M. Bridle	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Anthony J. Cox	3	D. John Hunt	7
George E. Thoday	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

George T. Cousins	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Robert B. Smith	2	D. John Hunt	6
*Diana M. Bridle	3	Michael J. Platt	7
Peter Bridle	4	*Thomas W. Goodyer	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—In the belfry of All Saints' Church.
On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5160 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Cam variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Howard W. Egglestone	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Thomas W. Goodyer	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
Cyril A. Wratten	9–10		

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

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Diana M. Bridle	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
George E. Thoday	2	Thomas W. Goodyer	6
George T. Cousins	3	Michael J. Platt	7
Anthony J. Cox	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

ECCLESHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G sharp.

Anthony J. Cox	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
*Diana M. Bridle	2	Michael J. Platt	6
Howard W. Egglestone	3	Peter Bridle	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 100th peal.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers	6
*Michael J. Uphill	2	Alan E. Bagworth	7
*Nigel Thomson	3	Alan R. Patterson	8
William T. Cook	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
David A. H. Bennett	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Raymond P. Selway	Treble	Frederick G. Sandy	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	2	Derek S. Beaufoy	6
Trevor E. Marks	3	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	7
*Mervyn A. Arscott	4	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss D. L. C. Legget, of West Coker, and Mr. R. Parker, of High Ham, married earlier at the church.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Alan Tubb	Treble	Richard J. Bowden	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	6
George J. Hawkins	3	D. John Hunt	7
Alan F. Lee	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MARKBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., June 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, viz.: (1–4) Grandsire, (5–6) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (7–10) St. Martin, (11–14) St. Simon, (15–22) Rev. Canterbury Pl., (23–26) Southrepps, (27–32) Plain Bob, (33–38) Kennington, (39–42) April Day. Tenor 10 cwt.

Victor S. Bowering	Treble	Robert Perry	4
*Peter J. W. Hardwick	2	Alan C. Perry	5
*Alan J. Coombs	3	Albert F. Butt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan C. Perry.
* First peal "inside."
Rung for Confirmation service.

LUCCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Frederick C. Arscott	2	Leslie H. Arscott	5
Adrian F. Arscott	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
First peal on the six bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker.

LOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

*Geoffrey Hebden	Treble	Walter S. Rice	4
Roy W. Rice	2	David G. Massey	5
Peter J. England	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. Most methods to a peal on the bells. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

PORLOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Dubricius.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 10 methods/variations: (1–3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4–6) Northrepps, (7–10) Plain Bob, (11–13) April Day, (14–16) Kennington, (17–21) April Day, (22–25) Grandsire, (26–28) Southrepps, (29–31) Clifford's Pleasure, (32–42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Frederick C. Arscott	Treble	Robert Parker	4
*Mrs. D. Lesley J. Parker	2	Keith E. Beale	5
Mervyn A. Arscott	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Geoffrey Gardner	Treble	F. John Nelson	5
Sidney Hough	2	Alan Sharples	6
Timothy Wylie	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Kenneth R. Davenport	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
Rung to the memory of Peter Laflin, of Stockport.

GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Norman Sherratt	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Susan Davis	2	Kenneth R. Davenport	6
Derrick Davenport	3	F. John Nelson	7
Eric Roughley	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

SANDBACH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Gerald Parsons	Treble	Roland W. Morant	5
Felicity Ashford	2	David J. Midgley	6
Peter A. Slight	3	Ivor R. Nichols	7
*Christine Johnson	4	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Arranged by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal of Cambridge.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.
On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., seven different 720's. Tenor 28 cwt.

David J. Midgley	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard	4
Felicity Ashford	2	David J. Danby	5
John Hall	3	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

LOWER PEOVER, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

*Gerald Cooper	Treble	*Ronald F. Andrew	4
†Stuart Coutts	2	Arthur Whiting	5
‡Stuart I. Bamforth	3	Lawrence J. Haines	Tenor

Conducted by Lawrence J. Haines.
* First peal of Minor and in more than one method. † First "inside." ‡ First peal. First on six bells and in more than one method as conductor. Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

Ian D. Thompson	Treble	Geoffrey Pratt	5
Peter C. Randall	2	Hubert E. Ashley	6
L. Michael Callow	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Ian C. Maycock	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mrs. F. E. Tustian, who, celebrating her 95th birthday, is the oldest inhabitant of the village.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEEN, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, with seven different callings and no 65's at backstroke.
Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*Ann M. Smith	Treble	Burley P. Morris	4
Susan E. Davis	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	5
Susan E. Thompson	3	A Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRETHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt. 77 lb. in G.

Richard P. Turnill	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	4
Brian B. Hullah	2	Keith R. Davey	5
Alan M. Barber	3	Arthur Yarrow	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
TOLLESBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Robert W. Leavett	Treble	*Brian J. Vaughan	5
*Neil V. Avis	2	Walter Arnold	6
*Peter G. Pitt	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
*Vivian A. P. Cross	4	†Alan W. G. Palmer	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Oxford and Double Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

John P. Loveless	Treble	Adrian G. Semken	4
Peter G Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Walter Arnold	3	James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

LITTLE WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Westminster, (2) Netherseale, (3) Chester, (4) London, (5) Bourne, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

Susan Rothera	Treble	Joe E. G. Roast	4
Josephine A. Quilter	2	James L. Towler	5
Yvonne A. Murray	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Bourne, (2) York, (3) London, (4) Beverley, (5) Ipswich, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Peter G. Pitt	Treble	Walter Arnold	4
*Josephine A. Quilter	2	*James L. Towler	5
Yvonne A. Murray	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.
* 50th peal together. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Peter J. Munday	Treble	Roy D. Mills	5
Louise M. Slater	2	Frederick D. Ellis	6
Adrienne Gibson	3	John C. Slater	7
Alan D Elsmore	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

Rung by the Society of Roving Ringers with best wishes to Sally Parrott for her forthcoming marriage (July 26th) to Paul Forbes-Harper. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Andrew.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Peter T. Dale	Treble	John E Ewer	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Kenneth J. Darvill	6
*Heather Y. Darvill	3	A. Stephen Taylor	7
George H. Austin	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
* First peal. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Derek Slater	3	Tony Lewis	7
John A. Howard	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

WROTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	5
Olive D. Tester	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
John A. Howard	3	Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
Derek Slater	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Confessor.
On Sun., July 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,184 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F sharp.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Tony Lewis	2	John A. Howard	6
*Derek Slater	3	Richard Hayes	7
Judith M. Corby	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First touch of spliced. 500th peal as conductor.

Rung on the 27th anniversary of the wedding of Flt.-Lt. and Mrs. A. H. Hayes, parents of the ringer of the 7th.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	7
Simon A. B. Wigg	4	E. Ivan Parkin	Tenor

Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SADDLEWORTH, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Margaret Wright	Treble	Frank Osbaldiston	5
*Patricia A. Etchells	2	Christine Andrew	6
Derek Yates	3	Christopher L. D. Munday	7
Peter Malloch	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by B. D. Price. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Major in the method. Tenor 11 cwt.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher L. D. Munday.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sun., July 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,056 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in E.

*Roger Barnes	Treble	*A. John Illingworth	5
*Neil T. E. Burnett	2	*R. Keith Lister	6
*Roy Jolley	3	John Ashcroft	7
*Dennis H. McCormick	4	*James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by James E. Andrews.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Vicar of Walkden, the Rev. P. Chalmers, who is shortly to take up a new appointment at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Fallowfield.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHETSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,200 Southrepps variation, 1,200 Plain Bob, 600 Reverse Canterbury, 1,200 Reverse Canterbury, and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 600 Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew and 240 Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Richard A. Cobley	Treble	Nigel R. Ellway	4
Brian C. Law	2	Maurice R. A. Kirk	5
Rupert A. Clarke	3	Herbert Needham	Tenor

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.

Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and wishing him a happy retirement.

LEIRE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Christopher M. Sturgess	Treble	William Johnson	4
J. Harry Dove	2	Robin A. Gilliver	5
Brian L. Burrows	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dove on their silver wedding anniversary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
FULBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 18 extents of Plain Bob, 16 of Grandsire (ten callings) and four 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Stephen J. Mitchell	Treble	*William King	4
Harry Barnes	2	James H. Musson	5
*Martin F. Mitchell	3	John F. Wright	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal and first attempt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter, Beverley.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LLANGYNWYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cynwyd.
On Mon., July 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Plain Bob, three 240's and 34 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

D R. Lynn Jones	Treble	Harold Preece	4
Thomas E. Hiddins	2	D. Walford Davies	5
William T. Petty	3	Donald Bryant	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

Rung, half-muffled in memoriam Benjamin T. Davies, father of the ringer of the 5th, parish organist and bellringer for 60 years.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
W. John V. Conduct	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Gordon H. Lane	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
E. Frederick Gobey	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

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THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Norman Sherratt	Treble	John Hall	5
Caroline Stewart	2	David J. Danby	6
*Patricia Mills	3	†Raymond J. Ballard	7
Mandi McCallion	4	David J. Midgley	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." † 150th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lesley Kinston.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., June 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Frank W. Lewis	Treble	Jeffrey L. Claughton	5
Joan A. Rance	2	Arthur J. N. Rance	6
Susanne Sargeant	3	Frank C. Price	7
Alan H. Long	4	Stanley G. Scott	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
Rung in memoriam and as a humble tribute to the life and work of Senator Robert Francis Kennedy.

CHECKENDON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	James P. Blond	5
Robert B. Blond	2	John H. Napper	6
Harry E. Wells	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir. A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal on the bells since the addition of two trebles in February, 1968.
Rung as a welcome to Charlotte Jayne Hendry, and a retirement compliment to Nolan Golden, married at this church in August, 1936. The conductor called a quarter peal here on that day

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Violet N. Castle	Treble	‡Douglas K. Whitlock	5
*Alan R. Pink	2	§Walter G. Knight	6
Sara K. D. Woolley	3	Bernard C. Castle	7
†Pam E. Gough	4	Anthony K. Fortin	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* 900th peal. † First peal ‡ First of Major "inside." § 25th peal.

GREAT COXWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., July 21, 1968 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 21 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Robert J. Crocker	Treble	Robin J. Collis	3
Philip G. Taylor	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	4
		A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*Rona Eagle	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
Mary Coleman	2	Murray A. Coleman	5
Barry R. Care	3	Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.
* First peal First of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to June Read, and also to the conductor

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., June 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	John R. Insley	6
Susan E. Smith	2	George E. Fearn	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	Norman J. Goodman	8
Maurice F. Edwards	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
Peter J. England	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 1.)

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., July 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt 14 lb. in G.

Susan E. Smith	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	5
James W. Belshaw	2	Henry H. Fearn	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	John H. Lindon	Tenor

Composed by Henry Cooper. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
Arranged by Joseph W. Parker. Umpired by Richard J. Tibbetts.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARSOP, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

Herbert T. Rooke	Treble	*David A. Whetton	4
*Linda M. Wilkinson	2	Brynley A. Richards	5
John A. Coates	3	Frank Cooke	Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.
* First peal of London. The ringer of the 4th has now "circled the tower"

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*Harold Stevenson	Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft	4
†Katherine Burchnall	2	†F. William Midwinter	5
†Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal in seven methods † 50th peal together.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich S., (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge S., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	4
Roger L. K. Whittell	2	Robert J. Southgate	5
Hubert A. Mitson	3	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey.
Rung to celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester, and the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mitson

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., July 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,088 Yorkshire, 1,280 New Cambridge and 2,720 Rutland, with 78 changes of method and all the work.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Jean Osbon	Treble	John Howard	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	David D. Smith	6
Derek Slater	3	*Ian Wickens	7
*Roger Osbon	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, Glam.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

*John Hodgetts	Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis	4
Edmund J. Morris	2	†Lawrence Hanney	5
Alwyn R. Lewis	3	David Culpan	Tenor

Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.
* First peal. † First "inside." First of Plain Bob Doubles by all and also for the Guild.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWLYN EAST, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Newlyna.
On Wed., July 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*H. Gay J. Meyrick	Treble	Arthur F. Burley	4
†Robert Peel Pearce	2	Timothy J. Bell	5
Alan Carveth	3	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., July 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5052 STEDMAN CATERS

*†Deborah N. Maggs	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	6
Thomas H. Francis	2	Maurice J. Butler	7
David J. Forder	3	Kenneth S. B. Croft	8
Michael J. Thomas	4	R. Roger Savory	9
†Stephen Kirby	5	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
* First peal on ten bells † First in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Butler for their 25th wedding anniversary. Tenor 9 cwt. 44 lb. in G.

RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	*Timothy F. Collins	5
Jean L. Kimber	2	Ernest J. Ladd	6
G. William Critchley	3	Stewart F. Kimber	7
Ronald N. Marlow	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Yorkshire

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., July 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation of Thurstans' four-part.

*Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	*J. Ashmore Dodd	5
*Richard Green	2	*Ross G. W. Robertson	6
William T. Perrins	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
*Michael J. Church	4	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

BINSTEAD, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
136 variations. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

Trevor Matchem	Treble	Lionel D. Smith	4
Elizabeth A. Banks	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
Susan V. Banks	3	*David R. Follick	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
* First peal. Largest number of Doubles variations rung for the Guild.
Rung to welcome the Rev. C. Edwards to the Parish of Binstead.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent, Childwall and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

J. Ashmore Dodd	Treble	†Barry R. M. Johnson	4
*Anthony J. Mason	2	Peter Henry	5
Richard Green	3	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.
* Most Minor methods "inside." † Most Minor methods.
Rung as a farewell to Barry Johnson, who is leaving the district after five years at Winchester College.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

John N. Lindon	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
Susan E. Smith	3	Robert Edwards	7
*Christopher I. Rowson	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal of London. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Raymond Smith	5
Arthur V. Pearson	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming	6
Clifford J. Skidmore	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Robert Edwards	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Michael J. Fellows	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
Susan E. Smith	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Robert Edwards	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch)
BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.
On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 17 in A.

*Keith J. Walpole	1-2	*†N. David Lane	7-8
†Eric J. Gilbert	3-4	*‡Robert Peers	9-10
Kenneth R. Davenport	5-6	*F. Leslie Coventry	11-12

Arranged by Robert Peers from a composition by R. B. Smith.
Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.
* First peal on 12 bells. † Completes peals of Plain Bob on handbells from Minor to Maximus. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Maximus ":" in hand" by all the band and for the Wirral Branch.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., July 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

*Alan McFall	1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6
Robert B. Smith	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8
Alan F. Scholfield	9-10		

Composed by Andrew Hudson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Stedman "inside" on handbells. First of Stedman Caters "in hand" as conductor. Tenor size 17 in A.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
RISLEY, Derbyshire.—At 85, Derby Road.
On Thurs., July 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

Denis R. Carlisle	1-2	David J. Marshall	5-6
*Gordon A. Halls	3-4	*David W. Friend	7-8
Simon Humphrey	9-10		

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal of Royal "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Hereward, Double Court, College, St. Clement's College, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6		

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, College and St. Clement's College and two extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6		

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1-2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3-4
Jeffrey L. Claughton	5-6		

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At 30, Methly Drive.
On Tues., July 2, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Ronald J. Snack	1-2	*Suzanne J. Withers	3-4
Ronald R. Warford (cond.)	5-6		

* First peal "in hand." Tenor size 10 in A.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At 5, Toronto Place.
On Sun., July 7, 1968, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 10 in A.

Margaret Warford	1-2	Ronald J. Snack	3-4
Ronald R. Warford (cond.)	5-6		

First peal in two Minor methods "in hand" by all.

NON-ASSOCIATION
PETERBOROUGH, New Hampshire, U.S.A.
At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nichols, jun., Orchard Hill Road.
On Fri., May 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in F flat

*Joan Hutchinson (U.S.A.)	1-2	Frank C. Price (G.B.)	5-6
Tom Goodyer (Australia)	3-4	†Geoffrey Davies (G.B.)	7-8

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal. † First on the tenors. Believed to be the first peal in the State of New Hampshire.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

ELLIOTT.—Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elliott, of Kelvedon, Colchester, who were married on August 3rd, 1918, at Christ Church, Clapham. 4446

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

REED.—The address of Mr. F. Reed is now 10, Douglas Close, Stanmore, Middlesex. 4422

ROWSON. — The address of Christopher Rowson is now 80, Lambourne Drive, Cox Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire (Maidenhead 23098) in addition to Northcourt Lodge, Oxford Road, Abingdon, Berkshire (Abingdon 136) and, during University term, High Hall, Church Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. 4438

PERSONAL

"And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be the servant of all."—St. Mark x, 44.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—All correspondence and communications, etc., should now be sent to Mr. G. K. Austin, 4, Coppice Crescent, Huyton, Liverpool. 4453

LYMPNE, KENT.—There will be no ringing at Lympne during the month of August. Ringing will recommence on Friday, August 30th. —E. A. T. 4418

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Cardington (8) Saturday, August 3rd, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. St. Paul's, Bedford (10), from 6.15 p.m. to 7.30.—C. M. Payne. 4457

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Butlers Marston, Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. Kineton bells will also be open from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. only. All welcome. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, please. 4405

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Willingham on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Cumberland Bob and Lightfoot Surprise. 4406

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Barkway (8) on Saturday, August 3rd, 5.30–8.30.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4380

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Practice meeting, Harrow Weald (8), August 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Please bring deposits for outing. (10s.).—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 4420

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch) and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Towcester Branch).—Joint meeting at Wicken (8), August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to B. R. Eglesfield, 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks, by Tuesday previous.—B. R. Eglesfield, W. A. Yates, Hon. Secs. 4419

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Heytesbury (6), Saturday, August 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Waite, 41, High Street, Heytesbury, near Warminster. 4423

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth (6) on August 3rd. Ringing 3 to 4.20 and after tea till 8.30. Tea in Mechanics Institute (near church). Names for tea to M. King, Wentworth Vicarage, Wentworth.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 4407

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Rusper (not Lindfield), August 3rd. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting, followed by evening ringing. Names for tea to Mr. Moorey, The Old Farmhouse, Morris Farm, Holbrook, Horsham, Sussex (Tel. Horsham 62937) as early as possible, please. — Jean Osbon Hon. Div. Sec. 4410

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Festival, Saturday, August 3rd. Ringing tour (private cars) starting from Ringwood (8) 10.30 a.m. Tea, Priory Church Hall, 5.30 p.m. (3s.) Priory bells (12) evening. Please notify for tea.—Arthur Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Tel. 44101. 4424

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice meeting at All Saints', Leicester, on Monday, August 5th, 7.30 p.m. Variety of methods. Beginners (Surprise) welcome.—Ron Hughes. 4352

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon on Monday, August 5th, at 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 4379

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, August 5th, at 7 p.m. 4440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's Church (6), Offton, on Tuesday, August 6th, 7–9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 4458

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice at Farmborough (6), Wednesday, August 7th, 7.30 p.m. Members' friends and supporters will be welcome.—B. J. 4429

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Special practice (ladies only), Otley, Suffolk (6), Friday, August 9th, 7–9 p.m. All members support, please.—J. Lester, Dis. Sec. 4432

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Horringer (8) on Friday evening, August 9th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 4436

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, August 10th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 4455

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—An evening meeting will be held at Arlesey (6) on Saturday, August 10th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. Everyone made welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 4435

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern and Central Districts.—Joint meeting at Brancepeth on August 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Please bring a picnic tea. 4434

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rotherfield (8), Saturday, August 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. Morris, Rotherfield Post Office, Crowborough, Sussex, by August 9th. Names for the annual outing on October 12th to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, please. 4411

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4445

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, North Nibley (6), Saturday, August 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Chamberlain, Strangeways, Millend, North Nibley, Dursley, Glos, by Wednesday, August 7th. 4456

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, August 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss J. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4384

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), August 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 4437

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Ulverston on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. V. Martin, 21, Oubas Hill, Ulverston.—T. F. Metcalfe. 4439

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Whitworth on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 4427

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Meeting, Rothley, on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Kitching, 42, Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley, by Wednesday, August 7th. 4431

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Hale, Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. —G. K. A. 4452

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting at Badby (6), Saturday, August 10th. Tea 4.30. Names to Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec., by Monday previous. Regret no names, no tea. 4443

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at High Ercall (8), Saturday, August 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. T. Breeze, 5, Cleveland Avenue, High Ercall, Wellington, Salop, by Wednesday, August 7th. 4441

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Cropwell Bishop, August 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening. Langar. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 4442

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Framlingham on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Foresters' Hall. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Maulden, 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, by Wednesday, August 7th.—T. N. J. B. 4428

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Evening practice at St. Leonard's, Streatham (8) on Satrday, August 10th, at 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4396

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Pulborough and Billingshurst on Saturday, August 10th. Pulborough (8) at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Pulborough belfry at 4. Service at Pulborough at 4.30. Regret no arrangements for tea. Billingshurst (8) at 6.30 until 8.30.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 4450

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Southern District

The August meeting will be held on August 17th, joint with the BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY, in the Shelley area.

Ringing programme:

New Mill ..	10.45–12.00 noon
Shelley ..	2.30– 5.00 p.m.
Silkstone ..	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
Barnsley ..	7.00– 9.00 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, by Wednesday, August 14th. **No names, no tea.**
J. Seager, Secretary. 4459

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Repton on Saturday, August 24th. Start 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 4398

THE LADIES' GUILD

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Further ringing took place at various towers until 6 p.m., when some 70 members and friends assembled at Mayflower Place, Hertingfordbury, for dinner. Mrs. E. Parfrey presided and Mr. David King acted as toastmaster.

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by Mrs. Jacqueline King with that poetry of voice and language which seems to come more naturally to the Welsh than to the rest of us, and the response by the Rev. A. Bradley held everyone's interest as he described the origin of ringing. This differed considerably from the usual version given in textbooks, but was much more humorous (and, as befitted the occasion, gave far more credit than is usually attributed to the female sex).

The toast of "The Ladies' Guild" was proposed by Mr. R. Hardy, who in the course of a light-hearted speech said that he was not going to give the ladies a pat on the back, although he was probably expected to, because the fact that the Guild had existed for 50 years and had met in strength there that evening was a greater tribute than he could pay.

When the newly-elected president rose to reply she was greeted with an ovation which was not only a personal tribute but also an expression of everyone's sympathy. During the day some of us had heard that her husband had known before he died that her name had been submitted by several Districts for the office of president, and how proud of her and the family he would have been for the gallant and courageous way they had carried everyone with them throughout the day.

Mrs. Parfrey said how much the Ladies' Guild meant to her personally, and the opportunities it gave members to meet each other as the venue for the annual general meeting moved around the country—last year at Lincoln, this year at St. Albans, next year Manchester. She also paid tribute to the older members, several of whom had been present during the day, and two of whom, Mrs. E. Mitchell and Mrs. A. Richardson, were at the dinner. Mrs. Parfrey then thanked those who had done so much to make the day a success—the Rev. A. Bradley for the service and his speech that evening, Miss Ware, who had arranged the dinner, Mrs. Darvill and her helpers for the lunch, and the Central District secretary, Mrs. J. Hooton, for all the arrangements for the meeting and the ringing.

Miss Valerie Ware welcomed the visitors, especially the Rev. and Mrs. A. Bradley. She also had a special word for the "supporters," who, in the Central District anyway, not only rang the heavier bells at meetings but also did the washing-up while the ladies held their business meeting.

Mr. J. Bramley, who replied to the toast, cast an anxious eye in the direction of the kitchen lest the supporters were expected to wash-up that evening.

The room was then cleared and dancing continued until a late hour, with a short interval, when two of the "supporters" gave a most delightful and entertaining puppet show.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting, Beaumaris, Anglesey, Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, by previous Saturday. 4444

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. — The annual meeting will take place at Grantham on Saturday, September 21st. The business meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. in the Divisional Headquarters of the Lincolnshire Constabulary. The dinner will be at the George Hotel, Grantham (price 17s. 6d.) at 6.45 p.m. Orders by September 14th, please. Ringing arrangements from Arthur Pearce (Secretary), 197 Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. 4433

DATE TOUCHES

HEDON, E. YORKS.—On May 25th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Whittaker 1, Miss L. Sherwood 2, Miss I. Piper 3, J. L. Birdsall 4, J. M. Brook 5, R. H. Jordan 6, R. R. Horton 7, R. A. Bradley (longest length as cond.) 8. First date touch of Major for all.

TETBURY, GLOS.—On July 14th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. E. Bell 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, C. J. Bell 3, E. G. Mould 4, S. Poole 5, D. R. Livsey 6, P. D. Wenham 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On July 14th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Macve 1, Penny Cocks 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Amanda Powell 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins

BARROW, SUFFOLK.—On July 15th, 720 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Wells 1, C. R. Nunn 2, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 3, R. J. Stannard 4, A. F. Ballam 5. Rung for a rural deanery service.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On July 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Baldry 1, N. Rogers 2, Wendy Ellis 3, A. Ellis (cond.) 4, J. Rampley 5, H. Archer 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Rev. W. Fayle Parr, Rector of Benhall with Sternfield.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Coe 1, A. Churchard 2, D. Cooper 3, L. D. Shaw (cond.) 4, J. K. Walton 5, H. Wagstaffe 6.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann P. Lloyd 1, Susan M. Merrett 2, W. E. Hubbard 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, C. R. Squires 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3. In honour of the dedication of the new Daughter Church of St. Edward.
leaving the district.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. King 1, Carol Gosling 2, Diane Wickens 3, A. J. Ede 4, E. Brazier 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. Rung for the Church Flower Festival held over the week-end.

COMBE, OXON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Sharon Newell (first quarter) 1, P. J. Heritage 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, A. E. Hicks 4, D. Floyd 5, W. W. Franklin 6.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. O. J. Beal 1, F. R. Searle 2, C. Roberts 3, P. Jackson 4, H. Gardner 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (all the calls singles): Glynis E. Perry 1, Susan F. Thomas (first Minor "inside") 2, P. W. Dickinson 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, P. M. Cuckson (first Minor as cond.) 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Rose of England T.B. and P.B. Minor): Catherine A. Roberts 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. Rung prior to the knighting of Sir Alec Rose, of Portsmouth.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Lester 1, D. Swift 2, Miss B. Johns 3, C. Woods 4, A. Fletcher 5, J. Tickle (cond.) 6, T. Harris 7, H. Harris 8. For Patronal Festival.

HAWKHURST, KENT. — On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Piper 1, E. Baker 2, A. H. Kemp 3, T. Relf 4, E. West (first in method) 5, P. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters 7, D. West 8. Conducted by W. Gorringe.

HESSETT, SUFFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Derek Rose 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, M. J. Rose 5. For the Flower Festival.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—At St. John's, on July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. A. Fardon 1, Ruby Mylys 2, J. Walters (first Stedman) 3, Claudia Critchley 4, A. M. Stacey 5, G. W. Critchley 6, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8. For Evensong.

KENWYN, CORNWALL. — On July 13th, 1,320 Doubles (11 var. of Grandsire): Kathryne R. Pearce (first on treble) 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, T. J. Bell 4, T. R. Hart 5, R. P. Pearce 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Barker 1, P. Brentnall 2, J. Naysmith 3, K. D. Waples 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5, B. M. Barker 6. For Evensong, with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Picton on leaving for Pulborough.

QUARTER PEALS

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On July 14th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. J. Stone (cond.) 1, Bryony P. Moorby 2, J. P. Hull 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6. For Holy Communion.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jennie Brown 1, Freda Cannon 2, Barbara Leigh 3, G. Clarke 4, R. A. Grant 5, M. J. Young 6, D. G. H. Hollis (cond.) 7, C. P. Starbuck 8. For Flower and Music Festival Evensong, marking 1,050 years since the foundation of the Church of St. Mary, Lewisham.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Lintott (first quarter) 1, Gillian Read 2, J. A. Read (first "inside") 3, T. S. Bowles 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, M. Cass 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL. — On July 14th, 1,272 Single Court Minimus: Anne Pearce 1, T. J. Bell 2, R. P. Pearce 3, A. J. Davidson 4. First in the method for all the band.

SELLINDGE, KENT.—On June 16th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, B. Johnson 2, P. C. Sinden 3, E. Clifton 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6.

STAPLEHURST, KENT. — On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Tomlin 1, H. Baker 2, Margaret Jenner (first Triples) 3, Freda Tomlin 4, B. Johnson 5, H. Deacon 6, D. Manger (cond.) 7, R. Mitchell 8. For Confirmation.

SWANMORE, HANTS. — On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. R. Crook (first quarter) 1, R. J. Latham 2, A. M. Donaldson 3, R. W. T. Slack 4, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. J. Mason 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

SWINDON VILLAGE, GLOS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Barter 2, D. M. Brooks 3, R. Liddel 4, M. L. Maggs (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to 1 and 2.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Miss V. Ballard 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Miss W. E. Marriott 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, Mrs. E. Jaques 5, E. Sutton 6, R. Hulme 7, P. Spackman 8, M. Stanley (cond.) 9, M. Sutton 10. A farewell to Rev. B. Banks on appointment as curate at Halesowen, and as a birthday compliment to Miss W. E. Marriott.

TERLING, ESSEX.—On July 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Charlotte Sterk (first Treble Bob) 1, Susan Rothera 2, Josephine Quilter 3, K. W. Brown 4, P. J. Rothera 5, P. G. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. A. Lepper.

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UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On July 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B.M.: J. E. Lawrence 1, D. Price 2, A. Jop 3, G. E. Edwards 4, P. Young 5, J. Clements 6, G. Drew 7, R. G. Morris (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WATERMOOR, Cirencester, GLOS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Doubles: R. W. Collins 1, D. R. Pope 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, E. C. R. Biggs 4, S. B. Bell 5, F. Lawrence 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. Ronald Goss, churchwarden.

DOINGS IN DEVON

Comments have been going around at Devon competitions which make it seem that this series is proving useful, so we hope that it may be able to continue. One feature of the competitions in July was the appearance of a method-ringing band all the way from Seend, Wiltshire, at the Down St. Mary Shield competition. It sounds as though they found that call change ringing was not quite as easy as it looks, but they made history and we hope that their example may be followed in the future. Swymbridge won the shield with 22 faults, followed by Cheriton Fitzpaine (not recently among the leaders) with 35, and a band from Black Torrington makes us hopeful that ringing may be picking up there, too. Down St. Mary entered a band containing four of their girl ringers.

August will give visitors two competitions in perfect surroundings for an afternoon in the country. On August 3rd the Bill Miners Cup will be competed for at Widecombe-in-the-Moor—it was given by Bill, not in memory of him; he wanted a Bill Miners cup and, being Bill, he was not going to miss any of the fun so he gave it in plenty of time to see and hear it rung, we hope, for many years to come. On the 24th is the Meavy Cup competition, and if you have been to Devon and have not been to Meavy you have missed one of the most delightful things in the county. The oak on the village green is one of the oldest trees in the kingdom—and looks old enough for Noah to have sat under. The church is a gem, the Royal Oak is a real old country pub and there is a first-rate six to listen to.

A lot of nonsense still seems to be talked about relations between call change and method ringers. One story we heard last month may help to scotch it. The Emmanuel, Plymouth, band had three weddings in one day to ring for and could not man the tower for all of them. Plymstock, the current six-bell champions of the call change world, heard of their predicament and came in to help them out. Call change ringers welcome any ringers in their towers: the only things they do not like are bad striking and being regarded as backward yokels. J.G.M.S.

OBITUARY

MRS. MAY W. TEAGUE

The death took place in her home in Woodston, Hunts, on July 14th, of Mrs. May Teague, aged 85 years. Formerly Mrs. Datson, it is by this name that Mrs. Teague will be remembered by a number of Woodston's early lady ringers who have now moved to various other districts. Only recently did failing health bring an end to Mrs. Teague's services as bell-ringer and P.C.C. member, it being over 50 years since her ringing began.

The funeral was on July 17th, and on the previous evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung after the body had been brought to lie in the church. J. M. R.

MR. ALBERT J. HUGHES

Mr. W. Cathrall, hon. secretary of the North Wales Association, writes that he understood the funeral of Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, was on June 29th. Mr. Hughes did most of his ringing in the Bradford and Birmingham areas and returned to North Wales after his retirement from the railway.

Mr. Cathrall believes that Albert was a founder of the North Wales Association but of late he had not done much ringing on account of ill-health. His last peal was 5,056 Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Pulford, Cheshire, on June 23rd, 1951, for the North Wales Association.

A LONE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS IN AMERICA

MARCH 15th dawned a little cloudy, drear and cold as the Pilgrim set out on his trip. Having been duly delivered at the Victoria Air Terminal early in the morning and gone through the process of booking in, a small coffee party and a small briefing, he boarded at Heathrow a V.C. 10, together with 70 others from various firms (not connected with ringing), in a special small trade mission to the U.S.A. and Canada.

At that time, being a little nervous of air flight, there were some moments of trepidation until the aircraft had finally settled on its journey, which commenced at 11.20 a.m. It was soon obvious that a good time was to be had by all and things were to be done on a grand scale After a sumptuous lunch followed by other fortifications, the Pilgrim began to feel that perhaps life wasn't so bad after all!

The plane landed at Boston, Mass, at 12.30 p.m. (What happened to the six hours?) in a temperature of 30 degrees after passing over the mouth of the still frozen St. Lawrence and the also frozen river at Boston. The pattern, however, was soon to change as within a few hours the temperature soared into the 60's.

MET BRITISH AMBASSADOR

After being transported to the hotel came a very short period for rest and cleaning up, followed by a somewhat longer briefing on American customs and business, together with the schedule for the next few days. The party was then whisked to the residence of the Consul-General to meet the British Ambassador and a reception with further fortification.

The first ringing connection came with the arrival of Geoffrey Davies, late of Birmingham and now of Brandeis University, who escorted T. P. to supper to meet the family and the first encounter with an American ringer in the shape of Joan Hutchinson. Having, however, nearly fallen asleep at 11.30 p.m. (it was, after all, 5.30 a.m. in England), it was a case of home to bed.

Saturday, after more briefings and business meetings, saw the visit to the first tower, at Hingham. The bells are a Mears ten (about 21 cwt.) hung in a slender brick campanile, and after seeing the bells, whilst no ringing took place, T.P. had his first taste of American hospitality, which was to be a pattern for the weeks to come. Here due to the vast and untiring efforts of David Gifford, Gene Gardner and others, an almost derelict ring had been made ringable and a keen band started with the assistance of Geoff and Doctor Tudor Morris from Swansea. The bells are by no means easy to ring but bad "go" was easily outweighed by the keen enthusiasm—a tower and band well worthy of assistance from any visiting ringers. At present there are also Nigel and Margaret Bearne from Kent, who are rendering yeoman service. In the evening came a "pizza" party, where it seemed that the whole village had turned up (was it really jam and pilchards?).

Sunday saw a visit to the tower at Perkins Institute, another Mears eight still obviously ringable, but not now rung due to local opposition and other reasons not printable.

RADIO BROADCAST

Monday saw the opening of an exhibition and the first business of the tour—this also was to set a pattern. During the lunch hour the two foundry representatives took part in a radio programme broadcast from the hotel dining room, at the invitation of a well-known local celebrity, where, between mouthfuls of steak and commercials, many questions were answered on bells and bellfounding. One or two political questions were popped in and answered according to their merits—e.g. "Who do you favour, Kennedy or McCarthy," to be answered with . . ." I'm sorry, I don't know anything about baseball." (Crunch.)

Monday evening saw a visit to the famous (?) Durgin's Park Restaurant, where T.P. was amazed to see a lady eating a "beef" chop, also to see the look on a colleague's face at the gargantuan size of the pork chops, and to hear the waitress comment "Wassa marrer wid jew?" to which was added further comment, on being told it was too much to eat, "Ja wanna doggie bag?"

The take-off for Atlanta, Georgia, was at night; how beautiful is the sight of a lighted city viewed from the air, most were like lighted jewels. Here again briefings, meetings, visits, exhibition and interviews with potential customers, followed by a literally "flying" visit to Charleston, South Caroliina.

Here, due to an earthquake which had caused the tower to settle several inches, and a frame on stilts too high in the tower, ringing is impossible and the bells are "clocked" electrically. Seven wheels still remain but the tenor wheel had been removed to make way for a ladder to the spire above. These bells have had a chequered career: cast by the Whitechapel Foundry in 1764, they were brought back to England during the War of Independence and later returned and rehung locally. On removal again, during the Civil War, they were destroyed by fire and later recast again at Whitechapel in 1865.

WASHINGTON'S EXAMPLE

Next, on to Washington, where, there being no exhibition, Pilgrim was able to pay a visit to the Cathedral for some ringing on the Mears ten. Here again was an example of the limitless enthusiasm of the American ringers. To coin an Americanism "Boy! Are Rick, Jack and the girls good!" Good ringing, loads of enthusiasm, a well-controlled belfry and, above all, a high standard of ringing which could well set an example for some British towers. Ringing was half-muffled, and what a glorious sound.



MR. W. A. THEOBALD

This was not the Pilgrim's first visit to America. In 1928 he left school and ran away to sea, and sailed in three ships of the Canadian Pacific Steamhip Company during a period of 12 months.

He learned to ring at Portsmouth, and was working at Salisbury when the ban was lifted and took part in the ringing at St. Thomas' Church. In 1944 he became secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, offices he held for little more than a year.

In 1947 he joined the staff of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry as a bellhanger and has worked on many famous bells. He has rung in 1,300 towers and scored about 350 peals (conducted about 75).

Here also Pilgrim had his first example of the American ability to learn quickly, which was to show up again and again in other quarters. Quite obviously our American friends have a different mental approach to ringing and their concentration seems to be much greater. Here also to meet Rick's father, Wayne Dirksen, who Pilgrim had the pleasure of teaching to handle a bell while in England.

After a few days it was on to St. Louis, with temperatures soaring up into the 80's. No bells here as yet, or at Minneapolis, the next stop. At the latter came the contact by telephone with Daniel Robbins, the carillonneur at the Rockefeller Chapel at Chicago, followed by an invitation to visit the Mitchell tower.

CHICAGO PROSPECTS

As Pilgrim virtually had to fly over Chicago to reach Montreal, he took advantage of this and, having been met at the airport by an English ringer, was duly delivered at the tower to inspect the bells and meet the local ringers. Here is a Whitechapel ten in a steel frame, built, however, on a massive wooden bridge to carry the weight lower in a rather thin tower; ringing is difficult, the back bells never being rung. However, here again difficult conditions were countered by great enthusiasm and hospitality. These people would be grateful for any help by visiting ringers. Ringing, at least during semesters, is at Saturday lunchtime and any visitor is advised to contact Daniel Robbins, c/o Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, Chicago University, Chicago, Illinois; they will be assured of a great welcome. Pilgrim found them most cheerful and hospitable, and his stay all too brief, but including a look at the wonderful Gillett carillon and to hear the majestic back four rung electrically.

On to Montreal for the final exhibition and business trips. Here attempts to contact ringing towers drew a blank. Montreal bells are now rung electrically, and Quebec towers at the moment are having a lean time. Pilgrim had been to Montreal some 30 years before but attempts to recognise old haunts drew a blank due to the great changes in the city. It was amusing to see the look on a coach driver's face during a sightseeing tour, when told during a talk on the bells of Notre Dame, Montreal, "You had better be right because we have a man from the firm that installed them aboard." Finally came the day to say farewell to the main party, who were returning to England whilst Pilgrim carried on to the chief object of his visit, to install the eight at Smith College, Northampton, Mass, already described in another article.

The first leg was to Boston, where Pilgrim was met by Joan Hutchinson and whisked into the city for a short stay before going on. Due to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King things were a bit grim, but a quick enjoyable visit to Hingham was made, this time for a short ring. (To be continued)

METHOD EXTENSION 10

The naming of Kegworth Surprise Royal effectively prevented Leatherhead Surprise Major from extending through Royal to Maximus and Kegworth becomes a parent method in its own right. The method which would have been Leatherhead Surprise Maximus, the Static extension, need not become Kegworth Surprise Maximus! All method group (f).

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36.14—14.50.14—14.50.14—14.5hl.

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lh2—5T—14—56—36.14—14.5T.14—
14.5T.14—14.5T.14—14.5hl.
(Expanding A/T).
lh2—5T—14—56—36—78—58.16—
16.7T.16—16.7T.16—16.7hl.
(Expanding B/T).
lh2—5T—14—56—36.14.78.14.58.16—
16.7T.16—16.7T.16—16.7hl.

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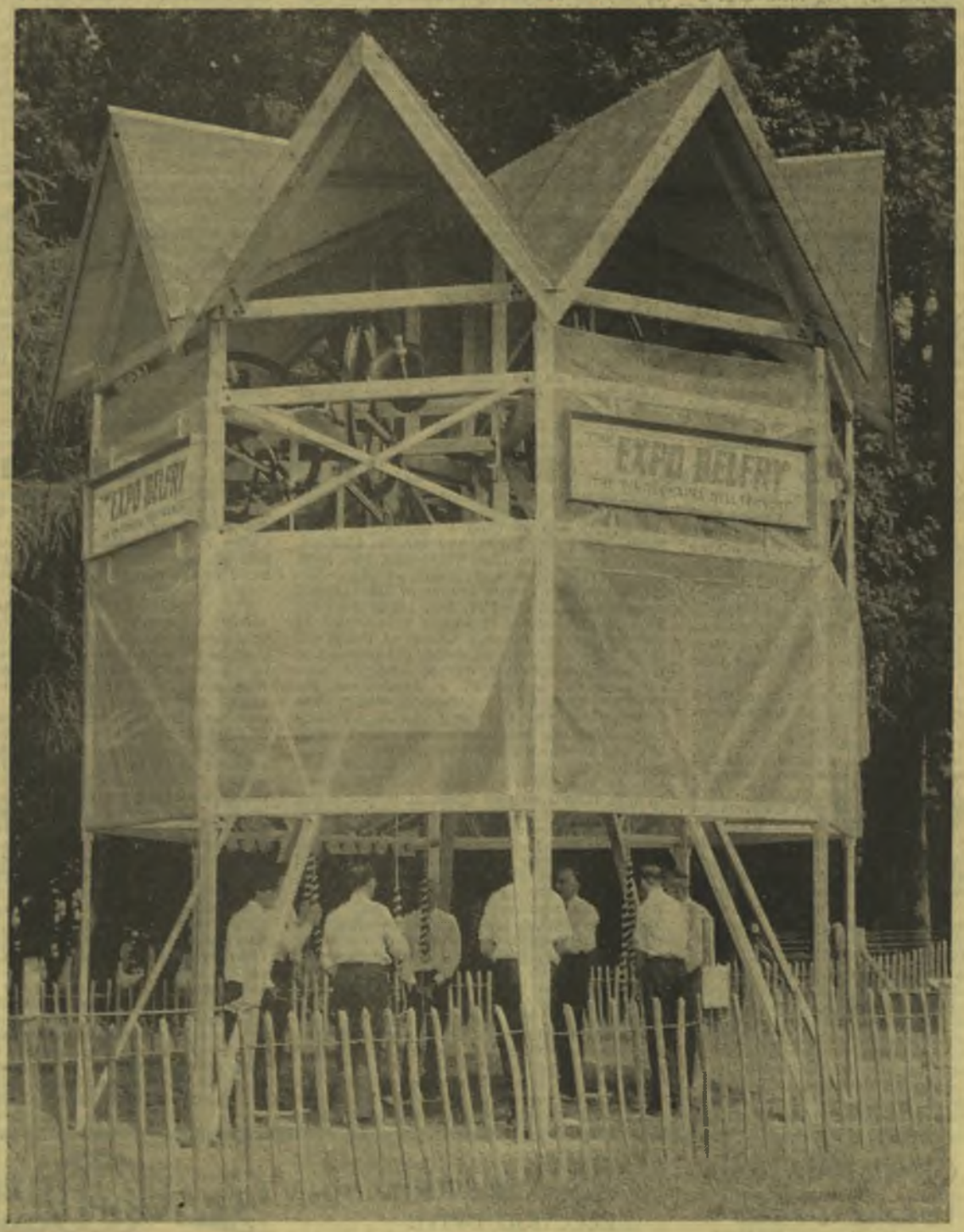
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For two long summer days the people streamed through the Sussex ringers' tent. From the dedicated mind and practical skill of George Elphick came the essence of ringing history from antiquity to the present day. Robert Newton and his friends tirelessly laboured to explain the mysteries of the Exercise. Spontaneity in handbell ringing well illustrated the easy informality of the occasion.

WAITING RINGERS

By half past six on Saturday about 150 ringers were straining at the barrier for the open meeting to begin, for up to this moment all the ringing had been by good Sussex men under the direction of their Master, Mr. Reginald Johnson. Ringing was delayed while the closing stages of the arena programme were enacted and the patience of those waiting was sorely tried. At last a start was made with a short touch of Stedman by one of the now "resident" bands and immediately there followed the awful realisation that an immense problem faced the organisers of this open meeting. That the bells were quite manageable had been demonstrated throughout the two-day exhibition, and in particular by the well-struck quarter peal rung on Saturday morning, but with the presence of such a large number of ringers having varied experience and knowing only too well that this would be their only chance of a pull on the eight at Ardingly, drama was inevitable.

Within two hours, however, almost all who came had at least stood under the tower, rope in hand—some had even rung changes. Towards the end, when most of the tumult had died away, a course of London was tapped out in fine style, five of the bells being without stays by this time!

INTELLIGENT PRESENTATION

There will be many memories of this exhibition, some happy, some not so. That the object of presenting ringing intelligibly to the general public was well achieved, cannot be in dispute. High praise and all credit must go to George Elphick and to the Whitechapel Foundry, without whose substantial aid this thing could never have been.

In the comparative calm of the following Monday morning a peal of Yorkshire was successfully brought round, Trevor Bailey standing, spanner in hand, to dismantle the bells just as soon as the ringing ceased.

All too soon (or perhaps just in the nick of time, for it seems unlawful persons had their eyes on them) the bells were down and away to Whitechapel, and the tower followed soon after.

The Expo belfry did far more than exhibit bells and ringers in action. A logical development of the radial bell frames pioneered by Whitechapel at Liverpool and Washington Cathedrals, it opens the way to a new concept in the design of ringing bell towers.

ECONOMICAL

Constructed on a small scale in rectangular hollow section structural steel, the Expo belfry was designed to carry a ring of eight in the key of E with a 4¼ cwt. tenor. The total weight of the bells was one ton, yet the integral tower and bell frame, which was quite rigid during ringing, weighed a bare 2½ tons. The radial disposition of the bells completely eliminated tortional stresses in the tower, and this principle carried out in concrete is capable of being employed with rings of any weight and number.

The traditional bell frame of cast iron and steel with its regular need of maintenance is therefore dispensed with.

A price of £2,875 was mentioned for the Expo belfry and bells complete and erected. While this does not include the eight concrete foundation pads or the tower cladding which would be designed by the church architect, it brings the price of a small tower and bells down to a realistic level in line with the budgetary limitations of many new churches.

It is to be hoped that the interest shown by ringers with their questions and their cameras will infect those whose responsibility it is to instal bells in new churches, in which case Expo Sussex 1968 will indeed have shown the way. (Photo by J. P. Studios, Barcombe.

ALL WALES RINGING TRIBUTE TO NEW ARCHBISHOP

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th, 1968

ON a bleak and rain-soaked September day in 1949 the Dean of Llandaff stood at the west door of his war-devastated Cathedral to meet John Morgan as he came to be enthroned as Archbishop of Wales. In the Jasper Tower the ten bells, unsafe to ring, chimed quietly overhead; the nave roof, a temporary affair of scaffolding and tarpaulins, flapped in the strong wind, disgorging great cascades of rainwater on to the luckless congregation.

Nearly 19 years later the same man stood again at that west door—but so many things had changed. Dr. Glyn Simon, Dean in 1949, came this time as the Archbishop seeking enthronement, to a Cathedral restored to its full glory, basking in the sunshine of a summer's afternoon. The bells, rehung in 1953, rang out their message of welcome to a congregation representing all facets of the life of Wales.

(It should be explained that the Archbishopric of Wales is not tied to one Cathedral as at Canterbury, but that the Cathedral of the Bishop who is elected to be Archbishop becomes the Metropolitical Church so long as that Bishop remains Archbishop.)

RINGERS FROM EVERY DIOCESE

We felt in Llandaff that this was in every sense a provincial occasion and that it should be fully recognised as such, so, with the ready agreement of the Dean, invitations were dispatched to every diocesan ringing association in the province asking each to send a representative ringer to join the Cathedral Guild both before and after the service. Every Association agreed to send someone, and so there assembled in the Jasper Tower a representative band—a thing that has never before been achieved for such a service, if at all: the Master and secretary of the North Wales Assn., Mr. F. R. Evans, and Mr. W. Cathrall, Mr. Phillip Rogers from Pembroke, Mr. John Williams (Swansea and Brecon Guild), Mr. Gwyn Lewis (a former Master of the Llandaff Association) and the Rev. Ron Lucas from the Monmouth Diocese. To these were added 12 members of the Llandaff Cathedral Guild (all those who were able to come, did come) and for good measure Mr. Trevor Roderick, who came to the service as a member of the governing body of the Church in Wales. The secretary of the Cathedral Guild, Felicity Cooke, had the misfortune to be confined to bed and missed the event completely!

Before the service the less experienced members of the Cathedral band had the chance to ring rounds so they could at least say that they had rung at the enthronement service, and the bells were kept going with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal until the colourful procession of Bishops reached the west door.

The whole service was tele-recorded by the B.B.C. and transmitted on the B.B.C. Wales Television network late the same evening. This programme opened with a view of the tower and the sound of Stedman Caters being rung by a band which included most of the visitors and which was being conducted by Nicholas Simon, whose father waited below for his enthronement. The commentary spoke of the fact that for the first time a provincial band had been assembled and that the Archbishop's son was among them.

During the service the ringers had an uninterrupted if somewhat cramped view of the proceedings from the west front gallery, and as the Archbishop emerged from the Cathedral into the summer sun at the close of the service the bells rang out once more. Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal lasted for about half an hour before the band dispersed once more to the corners of the province.

THE EVENING PEAL

After Cathedral Evensong the day's ringing was brought to its conclusion with a peal of Grandsire Caters conducted by Nicholas Simon in his father's honour. Amongst those who rang were David Llewellyn, who at that previous enthronement had been a Cathedral chorister, Nevil James, who had a hand in chiming for the service in September, 1949, and John Owen, on holiday from Canada, who came to listen to the peal and found himself ringing the sixth with undiminished skill. The fourth was rung by the Rev. Geoffrey Stickland, a former vice-captain of the Cathedral Guild, who, together with David Llewellyn, "circled the tower" with this peal, while Nicholas Simon completed "circling the tower" for the second time. The remainder of the band were Susan Harber, formerly secretary of the Cathedral Guild, and her fiancee, Ellis Thomas, Stephen Fenwick, who is the Cathedral's vice-captain this year, with Charles Quartley ringing the ninth and Chris Ricketts on the tenor.

We would like to feel that the day's ringing was worthy of this great day in the life of the Church in Wales and that the wish to observe it as a truly national event was achieved. Our thanks are due to those ringers who travelled long distances to join us at Llandaff and we hope that they enjoyed their visit as much as we appreciated seeing them at this service.

N. J.

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AFTERTHOUGHTS ON BELLS AND BELLRINGING

BY THE LATE PETER LAFLIN

3 (a).—RINGERS

WE come now to those ladies and gentlemen who have passed the rudiments and can now regard themselves as "ringers," although to be sure all of us have realised that we are still learners, nevertheless. Few indeed there must be who could say of change ringing that they have no more to learn. Ringers do, however, vary considerably in knowledge and competence; the miracle, to my mind, has been the wonderful way in which bands composed of men and women, or even boys and girls, of varying abilities and stages of learning can, under a good leader, be welded into a cohesive ringing performance. The outsider might think that the various members are all of one standard of competence, which indeed is not always the case. This perhaps is one of the reasons for the so often mentioned "team work" of bellringers.

Much depends upon the leader and much upon the loyalty of the members to him or her. The above has been said before, I imagine, but it does apply equally to a band intent only upon Sunday service ringing as to an organised ringing band intent upon scoring peals in strange towers; discipline of the highest order produces the best results. This ideal situation is seldom achieved, some would say, yet it does occur and should be the constant aim; it involves discipline without repression of occasional contrary views among comrades.

Most of us have known towers where a reasonably competent leader has been more or less hamstrung by poor attendance on the part of some of his band for one reason or another. The progress is on "half-cock," so to say, year in and year out. A tower will have a period of fair progress but upon the leaving of one or two, or by death, it will have a slack period; only the persistence of the leader keeping things alive. Small wonder that such a leader decides to get his best ringing where it can be found, with odd, and similar cases to his own joined up into a peal ringing clique; running his own tower as best he may.

On the other hand, we all know of towers where, from time to time, a band of young would-be ringers suddenly surges up. The Vicar has wondered why his bells are silent, or nearly so, on Sundays; calls for volunteers, youngsters of both sexes come forward, innocent of any knowledge of the subject. I have seen photographs of such bands in local papers, mostly holding handbells. Well, the publicity is secured, but unless a really competent ringer can be found to get them started, the silence is as profound as ever after a short time.

There would be little hope of the bells in some towers being rung but for the University Societies. These are composed, as is known, mainly of people already having some inkling, and in some cases competent youngsters.

The old "stand-by" ringers who never left their locality are a fast disappearing class and the authorities can rarely call upon them now. There are so many different types of people who take up ringing that it would be impossible to point to any particular type of person and say "That is the sort who will make the best ringer": one can never tell. The most unlikely looking learner sometimes turns out to be brilliant, but lazy—another will be a plodder, far from lazy, yet gets left behind in the race to proficiency in spite of his efforts. Even so, if such a one attains moderate proficiency, and is reliable, he is to be preferred in a Sunday service band to the former, who sees it all and can perform well when he is present. Often he is just not there when needed to assist in teaching others, unless he turns up late to assist in the final touch at practice, when the learners have had their whack.

From one or two instances I have seen it is not always necessary to have a brilliant conductor to hold a band together, although, if progress to higher methods is required it is certainly desirable.

A case I have in mind is of a six-bell tower where for many years a band rang nothing much else than Plain Bob Minor, and I believe with the same man to each bell always. The plain course was called "first sixty," the next "second sixty," and so on. A book in the tower records many 360's rung with home bobs with a single halfway, and it would seem this was the extent of their capability. A closer inspection of the book might reveal more than this, however. This band, in process of time, died out, leaving, I think, one ringer, who in more recent years proceeded to build up a fresh company. His success as far as Sunday ringing was concerned was remarkable. Boys and girls joined up, the veteran taught them to handle their ropes well. With a little outside help they were soon ringing Plain Bob, the veteran ringing in his old position on the 4th. He could not conduct, but one or two of the boys soon showed promise in this direction and they soon had a repertoire of three or four methods. The leader allowed this to proceed, not being able to take much part in it himself, but he held the band together and could obtain replacements, apparently with ease, when ringers left for college or any other reason.

One of the boys at least turned out to be very good indeed and relieved our veteran of any worries in respect to bob calling. The leader* was loved and respected and, until ill health compelled him to retire, remained in charge of the tower.

Another case of this sort of thing is so well known that it scarcely needs any words from me.

I refer now to Marple, Cheshire, where for many years a band had contested with a rough-going six; with some success, considering the conditions in this curious old tower (now, by the way, without its original church, which was pulled down, but itself well restored, bells rehung and augmented to eight).

A few years ago a gentleman† employed by the Electricity Board lived for a time in Marple. He had a slight knowledge of ringing but a vast ability in handling young people. The previous conductor‡ had left the district and things were not so good in respect to keeping this clumsy old ring going. The bells were excellent for tone but almost incredibly heavy-going. Our gentleman got together boys and girls and set to work to teach them, being only a Bob Minor ringer himself. He took them to meetings, made them feel they were part of something and held them together. In a short while he confessed that most of them knew much more than he did.

It is rather curious that a complete band should all make almost equal progress in ringing and all stick to it as they did.

In process of time some left for other duties in life and the leader himself moved to a job in another part of the country. Today those lads and girls admit that they owe it all to his leadership at the time they were learning and after. It may be invidious to mention names in this connection, but all knew of the exploits of the boys and more than one of us "old uns" have admired the precise ringing of Christine MacNair. There are others, of course, and they learnt on an almost impossible ring of bells under a man who at the time knew just a little about ringing. This all goes to show that where good leadership and loyalty to the leader combine, almost any difficulty can be overcome.

* Poynton; the leader, Arthur Snape.
† Michael J. Pryor.
‡ C. K. Lewis.

(To be continued)

Rev. JOHN SCOTT TAKES HIS RINGERS TO OTHER TOWERS

Newton St. Cyres ringers chose a warm day—not an easy thing to do this year—for their outing on July 20th, setting out with 14 ringers and two dependants in a hired minibus driven by a rather nervous Vicar. First stop was Payhembury, where a fine 15 cwt. six including three mediæval bells went extremely well in spite of the long draught. From there it was only a short trip to Buckerell, but a big contrast. Mr. Frank Parr and his collie, "Scot," were waiting for us, and once we had got used to the very light six (8 cwt.) we were delighted with them; two good old bells at the back and a front four, which are a good example of the Whitechapel flair for making little bells which really sing.

Awliscombe brought us back to the heavy stuff again with a vengeance; the very lovely church with its beautiful white Beer-stone screen has a six with a 19½ cwt. tenor by Thomas Purdue, which does credit even to that great founder. The only pity of it is that the treble rope is drawn in the clock-chamber sharply over two tiny iron pulleys, which makes such a noise that one loses much of the pleasure of ringing such a good six.

Lunch was taken in Ottery, those with picnics taking theirs down to the banks of the Otter, where the river bed was strewn with debris from the floods, including a complete garage door half buried in the shingle. At 2.15 we found Mr. C. J. Turner waiting for us at the noble church and soon had the lovely Taylor eight going to Triples and call changes with some help from Charlie Yates and Mr. Jack Arbury. A broken rope on the 5th (we breed 'em strong in Newton) caused a little delay but enabled some of the youngsters to see the bells in their well-kept belfry. When people are frightened of blocking sound-holes for fear the bells will not be audible they should go to Ottery. There the sound-holes are very small indeed to start with, and they are boarded right over, and the bells sound quite superb.

Some tricky driving through narrow, hilly lanes brought us to Sidbury. Very few Devon churches have Norman towers, none I think so fine as this one, and the bells are excellent to match—a mixed eight which sound very fine and go like tops but are just a trifle noisy in the ringing chamber.

There was time for tea or a quick swim at Sidmouth but not really time for both, so we were a little late at Harpford, but it did not matter because when we got the bells up it was all too painfully clear that the 3rd of this little Warner six was in a bad way. Investigation revealed a four-inch crack in the soundbow, but no sign as to how it could have happened—a great pity.

The last tower of the day was at East Budleigh, where we were ushered into a ringing chamber which can only be described as palatial—fitted carpet, mats under the ropes, wallpapered walls, the lot—a great credit to the East Budlegh ringers. Not content with appointing their tower so well, they are now saving up for a set of handbells!

The standard of ringing over the day was patchy, as one might expect from a band more than half of whom had hardly rung outside their home tower, but the following evening the service ringing showed that the day had been profitable as well as entertaining.

J. G. M. S.

HADDISCOE, NORFOLK. — On July 7th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): A. I. Walpole 1, J. W. Forder 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, G. G. Walpole (cond.) 4, J. M. Clarke 5. Rung for the Service of Licensing the Rev. J. H. S. Broughton as Youth Chaplain in the Archdeaconry of Norfolk and as a Vicar in the Raveningham Group of Parishes.

Letters

CANBERRA'S CARILLON

Dear Sir,—While it is gratifying to know that English bells are to be used in this, surely the suggestion of the Overseas Committee (page 499) that high level lobbying in both the Australian and British Parliaments should be followed up in this country and **with haste.**

It should fall to the Association general secretaries to circularise **all towers** to get their members of voting age to write to their M.P. at the House of Commons; the general secretary's letter should indicate the line to be taken on this matter.

If this is not done, and that soon, apathy and fixed bells will remain as a gloomy monument to the failure of English ringers to support their fellow-ringers overseas, whose enthusiasm is apparently boundless, but who cannot boast of having ten towers in almost walking distance as we do.

Action, sir, please—and **now.**—Yours faithfully,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Whitstable, Kent.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—There is one correction I should like to make to your report of the meeting of the Central Council at Worcester. This relates to the discussion on the report of the Peals Analysis Committee on page 501.

In proposing the acceptance of the report the sections I proposed to be deleted were from "We should welcome further information . . ." to the end of the paragraph starting "The following peals are ruled out . . ."

The point of all this was to ensure that the peals of Scientific and the peal of Bob Minor at Dorney be accepted (both significant precedents) as well, of course, as the peals that had been left out for frivolous reasons. Handbell peals of Minimus are still excluded by a previous Decision of the Council.

I assume that by now the amended totals are in the hands of the secretary of the Council and will in due course be published with the minutes.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

Hillmorton, Rugby.

VECTIS SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Others more knowledgeable than myself will doubtless answer Roger Savory's query about the composition used for the recent peal of Vectis Surprise Major. Might I just point out that Roger has rung the composition to which he refers to another method with similar falseness, Walkerville Surprise Major on January 25th, 1964, at East Tytherley, Hants. As the two methods are identical until the treble passes into 7–8, the incidence of the falseness incurred in the third section of the half-lead is also identical, and the composition will have been true.

Like Mr. Pink, I, too, was under the impression that the composition was by Mr. Speed; if I remember rightly we took it from "The Ringing World" at the end of 1961, where it was published under Mr. Speed's name as suitable for Turramurra. — Yours faithfully,

DAVID E. HOUSE.

Norwich.

Unravelling Doubles Tangles

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Massey, the correct interpretation of the Worcester meeting is that a few Doubles ringers, by reasoned argument, persuaded the Central Council to recognise Doubles variations. A few years ago such a motion would have been thrown out, with a counter proposal that peals containing variations be excluded from the Analysis. After the publication of the agenda with Mr. C. A. Lewis's motion on it, I heard that such opposition was proposed and could well succeed; I therefore put forward more precise and reasoned amendments and these were accepted with only one handful of votes against.

Who is Mr. Massey, to say that Doubles ringers are interested only in the glamour of names such as April Day? My own experience is that Doubles ringers are just as interested as others in learning and ringing more methods, and splicing them. And many heave a sigh of relief when it is explained that bobs and singles can be forgotten in Spliced Doubles. Does the peal at Compton Bishop on February 24th show a mad desire for April Day?

As Mr. Massey points out, April Day is merely the method Reverse St. Bartholomew with bob lead for plain lead and vice versa. So why name both? And how can both be claimed as a method in one peal? A few years ago Doubles variations consisted of five or six calls used with seven or eight standard methods to give peals in up to 42 methods/variations. But, as Mr. Massey says, the whizz-kids have taken over, and seven or eight calls used with five or six methods are mixed together at the direction of the conductor and appear in "The Ringing World" as anything up to or over 99 methods. As one whizz-man said, "It looks good in print, and that is why he does it."

Perhaps Mr. Massey can justify the implication of the last sentence in his third paragraph. The Mehods Committee did **all** the homework set by the Council with regard to the Frindsbury peal and dividing methods into half-leads. Am I to be reprimanded for being alone in spotting the connection between Decision D8 (Spliced Peals) and Decision E (Notes, Division between Leads)?

There has been no interference with Grandsire Doubles or any other Doubles method. If you want merely the glamour of names such as April Day, there are dozens of good, simple variations which need naming by being rung to peals.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

Dear Sir,—In his reply to Paul Cattermole's letter last week (page 562), the Editor says: "A **plain lead** of Reverse St. Bartholomew is now used as the single in our modern Grandsire Doubles." May I point out that if "April Day" must be recognised as spliced because it uses a plain lead of Reverse St. Bartholomew for a single, then for the same reason the present form of "Grandsire" is not a method but the product of a splice. So, if we are to obey the new C.C. rulings we surely should no longer employ the title "Grandsire" as we now do.—Yours sincerely,

BARNEY BELL.

Eastnor.

Note.—The only interpretation of the C.C. Decisions possible is that April Day is neither a method nor a variation and must therefore be called spliced in peal reports.

But Grandsire is a method, and therefore the common extents may be called either Grandsire or Spliced Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew; an extent of Single Court Minor, could be called Spliced Single Court, College Single, College Little Bob and Original Minor. Or Real Cambridge Surprise Major could be called Spliced Cambridge and King Edward.—Editor.

Dear Sir,—Apart from the points raised by Mr. Cattermole in his letter, there are a number of other discrepancies which are liable to cause confusion to any Doubles ringers who progress very far beyond Grandsire and Plain Bob. There are examples in the appendix to the C.C. Doubles Collection (page 575).

(1). Names of reverse methods — "St. Britius (Dodd-Jones' Collection) is called "Reverse Union Bob" while "Reverse Stedman Slow Course" is given the name "Chase Bob." Should a method of this type be acknowledged as the reverse of another method or can its "inventor" give it any name he pleases?

(2). The name "Londonthorpe" has been given to the variation of St. Bartholomew with O.D.S. Admittedly "St. Britius" with 3–4 places at the half-lead (Londonthorpe in the C.C. Collection) is a bob course of the variation. But does this justify their having the same name? On this reckoning "Reverse St. Bartholomew" could be called "April Day."

(3). Is Wolsey a variation of Minster Bob or vice versa as in the Dodd-Jones' Collection?

Is it not possible that a group of eminent Doubles ringers could meet to decide these and other issues once and for all, and that a **complete** collection of Doubles methods/variations could be published with the authority of the Central Council and augmented yearly as necessary?—Yours faithfully,

A. NUNN.

Hordle, Hants.

Note.—Reverse Union Bob and Chase Bob were named many years before the Dodd-Jones' Collection; and included in peals at least 15 years ago. Methods are not invented, they exist. The reverse does not have to be named as such.

The so-called Londonthorpe variation is not the bob-plain-lead interchange of Londonthorpe Bob. It is Spliced Londonthorpe Bob and St. Bartholomew Bob. The "thorpe" group of names has been utilised to group together eight methods with the same second-hunt-bell work. 55V should be named Pensthorpe Bob.

Does the Dodd-Jones' Collection distinguish between methods and variations? Minster Bob was taken as the method so as to form a group with Reverse St. Bartholomew. Also the correct name for St. Mathias is Reverse St. Sebastian, as rung 15 years ago in peals. Also All Saints' Bob can be and is rung with a plain lead of either Plain Bob or Reverse Canterbury for a bob. Whichever is used, the alternative is not a variation, therefore the former has been given so as to complete this group of methods.

A complete collection of Doubles methods and variations is being compiled and the Editor welcomes all constructive help.—Editor.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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NEW RECORD LENGTH OF MAXIMUS "IN HAND"

ANOTHER record length was achieved on July 6th, when a peal of 13,140 Kent T.B. Maximus was rung at Marple, Cheshire, for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The first attempt began at 9.49 a.m. and after an hour's unsettled ringing the peal was stopped. Five minutes later the second attempt was under way, with the ringing being much more assured and steady and striking vastly improved on the first attempt. The first part of the five-part peal was completed in 1 hour and 28 minutes, somewhat quicker than anticipated, but giving the band confidence to press on. The peal was really uneventful apart from the occasional knocks on the belfry door and the changing over of umpires. The striking improved with time and the ringing of the last part was the best of all the peal. The peal finished at 6.25 p.m.

The Cam variation of Kent was chosen because in normal Kent the leads with the back six bells in slow tend to break up the rhythm and striking. This variation, by keeping them out of slow, means that the rhythm and dominance from the heavier bells is always there. The consistency of the ringing can be seen from the table below:—

Course number at leads		Time taken per part minutes) 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5ths
1st	9 leads	14	14	14	14	14
2nd	8	11	11	12	12	12
3rd	7	11	11	11	11	11
4th	8	12	13	13	13	13
5th	10	16	16	16	16	16
6th	8	12	13	12	13	13
7th	8	12	13	13	12	12
Total	58	88	91	91	91	91

The peal surpassed the 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus rung at Marple in December, 1966, and also exceeded in number of changes the previous record of Treble Bob Maximus (12,340) rung at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911.

The next attempt will be probably around Christmas time for 16,000 T.B. Royal or 13,000 Cinques. We wonder whether we shall then be honoured by the presence of the Central Council's record peal recorder, since he was not to be seen at Marple on July 6th.

B. J. W.

UMPIRES' REPORT

Arriving at the belfry at 9.40 a.m. I found the band assembled listening to some of their tape-recordings. With everything ready—keys, tape machine, a map of the peal, watch and pencils, the band with bells and cushions—"Go" was called at 9.48.

A lumpy first lead resulted in "Go again" at 9.49. Perhaps the band were a little out of practice for Maximus but after a choppy change from backstroke to tittums and back, ringing was stopped after exactly an hour.

A fresh start was made at 10.53 and this time the ringing seemed slightly quicker and altogether more assured, the courses coming up with very little variation in the time per lead. The first part took 1 hour and 28 minutes and the second 1 hour and 31 minutes. During the second part 20 minutes of tape was recorded covering the transition from backstroke to tittums.

About 2 p.m. the second umpire arrived and took over recording the peal's progress and a short piece of tape including the course-head 1234567890E. The third part took 1 hour and 31 minutes and the fourth part also 1 hour and 31 minutes.

The finest ringing of the whole peal was the beginning of the last part, and the first umpire was back again for the last course and a half, recording the last five minutes of the peal, the end coming after 7 hours and 32 minutes at 6.25—a fine finish to a fine peal.

One of the beauties of the ringing was the way the tenors could be heard singing their tune: 8-0-T-E-9-7- and the many tunes the front bells sing when they get together, something one cannot get in the same way on lesser numbers of bells.

After the peal we bade farewell to Brian, who was heading south, and retired to the Ring o' Bells and then to "Bombay" to reflect on another fine achievement in the field of long peals and to discuss further plans for this year and next.

Our grateful thanks are due to Bob's wife, May, for kindly providing the umpires with a fine tea, after which an enjoyable evening was spent talking of many things including the ringing career of the late Peter Laflin—a kindred spirit where handbells and long peals are discussed.

Nevertheless, this performance is one which will not be beaten in a hurry and it stands in good company.

GILES B. THOMPSON,
LAURENCE J. HAINES,
Umpires.

HORNCHURCH RINGERS HONOUR THEIR MASTER'S BIRTHPLACE

THE week-end of July 13th–14th saw a new departure in annual outings for the ringers of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch. Instead of the day's coach outing that has been the fashion in former years, a week-end expedition was made to Norfolk and Suffolk, using ringers' cars.

An early start was made and the party, including a contingent from Barking and several non-ringing relations and friends, assembled for morning coffee at Scole.

The first tower was at Pulham Market, followed by Redenhall and Beccles, where we were greeted with torrential rain and a verger with an encyclopædic knowledge of his church.

After lunch, taken at Beccles, we splashed our way to Great Yarmouth, where we thoroughly enjoyed the excellent 12 before travelling to Acle (more heavy rain) but left with undampened spirits for Hethersett.

A party of some 43 sat down to a first-class dinner at the Abbey Hotel, Wymondham, where we were to stay the night. We were joined by two ex-Hornchurch ringers with their respective spouses, who are now resident in the district, but, to our regret, not by Nolan Golden, who was to have come but was unfortunately prevented by illness.

After dinner we enjoyed ringing the new ten at Wymondham, although the long climb did little for our digestion. The day was concluded in the local hostelry in the usual manner.

On Sunday we visited the former haunts of our Master (Frank Gant). After ringing for Matins at Aylsham we moved to Fakenham, where we admired a peal board commemorating Frank's first peal, and the aisle where several of the momentous occasions of his life occurred.

An impromptu rally descended on a cottage at South Raynham, where the Master first saw the light of day, and to the amusement of the current occupants, who thoroughly entered into the spirit of things, and by the time the Master arrived a large welcoming party and a suitable plaque were in position.

Leaving our Master to re-explore his birthplace, we departed to Swaffham to ring for a christening service, and thence through pleasant woodland to Elveden and on to our last tower, at Bury St. Edmunds.

An early supper was taken at Sicklesmere and the party broke up to go our several ways home.

We must offer our thanks to incumbents and local ringers and also to our Master for the many hours of patient organisation, including a night spent at the mercy of British Rail, which went to make an excellent week-end that went like clockwork throughout. C. C. P.

BARHAM, KENT.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Tomsett (cond.) 1, Miss W. Austin 2, F. Dadson 3, J. Clark 4, R. Bushell 5.

CANTERBURY'S OLDEST BELLS GO FOR RESTORATION

TO ringers who are interested in the recording and preservation of ancient bells it will be gratifying to know that the three ancient bells, long derelict, from St. Peter's Church, Canterbury, are going for restoration. They were lowered on June 17th and 18th. Whilst the derelict gear and accumulation of rubbish was being removed from the tower, a 17th century font crane, similar to that in the sister church of St. Alphege, was discovered and this, too, is to be restored. Unfortunately the tower was found to be in a state of great danger, with some seven fissures, and the part-mediæval four-bell frame will probably have to go, too.

It is intended to dispose of the three bells of the other sister church (used as a centre for the deaf) of St. Margaret, and it is hoped that one of the bells will go to make a chime of four at St. Peter's, while homes have been found for the other two of St. Margaret's bells. Particulars of these chimes are:—

St. Peter's.—Treble, Thomas Palmar, Canterbury, 1637; second (?) William Wodewarde, London, c. 1425; tenor (8¼ cwt.), William le Belyetere, Canterbury, c. 1325.

St. Margaret's.—Treble, S. B. Goslin, 1905; second and tenor (6¾ cwt.), Joseph Hatch, Ulcombe, 1623.

When Goslin (Warner's former foreman in London) recast the treble it is recorded that the old bell, by Thomas Hatch, 1599, broke in half during its descent, and that the bell from the redundant Church of St. Andrew (subsequently demolished in 1956) had to be sold to pay for recasting, all for the magnificent sum of £15. O tempora, O mores!

It is to be regretted that these fine bells will be rehung only as a chime, but the state of the tower, even when restored, makes swinging bells out of the question. The work is being effected by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. D. L. C.

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A LONE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS IN AMERICA

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GROTON'S EXCELLENT STANDARD

Sunday was bright and clear as Pilgrim and Joan set out for Northampton via Groton School. Here is another outstanding Mears ten, set in a beautiful tower in the lovely School grounds. Ringing by the boys of the School, under Russell Young, is, as at Washington, of an exceptionally good standard, and a most enjoyable stop was made. Pilgrim was to return here on several enjoyable occasions and rang a quarter and a half peal, details of the latter having been already mentioned.

Apart from Russ, who is a wonderful and hospitable character, and who does a lot of underground "spadework," is Alan MacDonald, who is already showing signs of becoming a great ringer; given English opportunities he would soon become one of the leading ringers, and in fact the general standard of the ringing would be regarded as excellent anywhere.

At last came Northampton and a chance to hear the carillon already in College Hall.

A quick glance at the tower built to hold the ring showed that many drastic changes would have to be made. A meeting on Monday morning with the clerk of the works, Joe Brackett, and the architect soon showed that a lot of fears were to be dispelled, since here was good co-operation often so sadly lacking in England at times, as was proved when the damaged consignment arrived, and also in many other ways.

The account of Northampton has already been published, but it should be mentioned that amongst the people taught were the president, Dr. Mendenhall, and his assistant, George Mair, and the latter has already shown great aptitude and keenness. Latest information is that interest is still being maintained. Pilgrim has already heard of the visit to the tower at 12.30 a.m. by the campus police investigating lights burning and the mysterious clicking sounds (tied bells).

These bells are at present noisy, but shortly louvres are to fill the openings and they are to be boarded up sufficiently inside to produce a reasonable level outside. (Frank Price please note these arrangements were made before the first ringing, but whilst the bellfounders do recommend sound control, this is where the recommendations are **actually** carried out.) These turned out to be an exceptional ring and one is tempted to imagine what they will be like when all the acoustic problems have been dealt with, as they will.

Pilgrim paid several visits to the Junior School to try and introduce change ringing to some of the children . . . "Gee, mister, this is better than counting class." At this school, under Mrs. Matthew Holden, is a keen tune ringing group, and it is to be hoped that the all too few visits by Pilgrim did some good towards advancing change ringing.

HELP NEEDED AT KENT SCHOOL

Mrs. Dickinson, who with David will be remembered by many ringing friends in Cambridge, is now in charge at Smith. Alice has already been responsible for raising a very reasonable handbell group who have scored several quarters. During this period visits were made, first to Kent School, Connecticut, where another tower in lovely surroundings contains yet another fine Mears ten. Here under Bill Howard a keen band is under way. I feel sure Bill will forgive me if I said they needed a little help, but what they do is good and nobody can fault their enthusiasm. Any help here would be gratefully received.

Next, a visit to Christ Church, Philadelphia, coupled with a special invitation to inspect the Liberty Bell, the original of which was cast at Whitechapel. After a session of typical American publicity and several photos taken with a charming blonde—Miss Liberty Belle—Pilgrim was interviewed by a local reporter. He learned a lesson—never speak your mind to a reporter in case he reports what he **thinks** is said—it can be embarrassing in print.

Christ Church now contains eleven bells—seven of an original Mears eight of 1754, and delivered in the brig "Myrtilla" under a Captain Budden. These bells were once definitely ringable and in fact the first 5,040 was rung here by a band under Henry Haley in 1845. This, however, could not be officially recognised, as the tenor man, who had only one leg, gave over to a substitute after 2¼ hours.

BARNHAM'S SHOW

It is interesting to note that this band was part of a group known as the Swiss Bellringers brought in by P. T. Barnham as part of "The Greatest Show on Earth." They were essentially a musical handbell team and reputed to have come from Lancashire. It is also reported that they were dressed in a national costume and that when they complained about being called Swiss, because they did not even speak the language, they were told that with their accent nobody would know the difference!

The bells are now eleven, the fourth was recast and extra bells added by Paccard. Due to the fact that a large section of the organ has been installed where the old ringing room was, renders them unringable; they are chimed from a makeshift chime bracket. These bells, incidentally, were always rung for the visits of Captain Budden, and in fact are still chimed on occasions for his relatives. It is rather a pity that these bells can no longer be rung in the manner for which they were originally hung.

Inspection was also made of the Church of the Advent, Boston, bells; here again is another Whitechapel ring, at the moment unringable mainly due to lack of use. It is to be hoped that shortly it will be ringable and the Vicar hopes to form a guild of ringers.

A visit was then made to West Hartford, Conn., where a small Whitechapel carillon is to be installed. Also to Peterborough, N.H., to see a Gillett chime of ten augmented to fourteen by Pettit and Fritzen.

A visit to Trinity, New York, proved a bit disappointing from a ringing viewpoint. Here nine bells supplied at various times by Whitechapel have been augmented to ten but are electrically operated. Eight of them still have the ancient headstocks but no wheels or stays, and although information is that they could have been rung, Pilgrim was inclined to doubt it. This is a magnificent church with a fine spire situated on Broadway at the end of Wall Street. Even if these bells were restored to ringing condition the presence of skyscrapers all round would make things difficult. One was recast and one added by Mehealy of Troy, New York.

A return to Boston for a flight home, which after many wonderful experiences and sights and the amazing hospitality, Pilgrim was not exactly looking forward to. However, all good things must come to an end and after a final afternoon and evening with Ruth and Gene Gardner the plane left for London at 9.40.

Leaving Boston on a fine day with a temperature of 91 degrees to reach Heathrow under rainclouds and a temperature of 52 degrees was not exactly pleasing, but after a quiet week-end it was back to work on Monday for a rest.

Pilgrim learned many lessons. Enthusiasm in all places was very nigh, and so was most of the standard. English towers could well emulate virtues which were so outstanding.

VAST POTENTIAL

Change ringing is slowly but surely spreading even amongst the musical handbell groups who have never heard church bells rung. There is a vast potential for the further spread of this and already it is possible that other towers with bells will arise. A lot of the bells are in schools, another tower has a connection with a high school. A lot of these ringing pupils are already seeking ways of installing bells and, who knows, perhaps in the future America may outstrip England in ringing peals and standard of ringing.

English visitors please note: "Tower grabbing" is a dirty word over there, but at all points hospitality will be encountered. All over the world the ringing fraternity is noted for its friendliness and brotherhood (or sisterhood).

The English ringers there are also doing a grand job, including, among many, Geoff Davies, Tudor Morris and Nigel Bearne, and with the enthusiastic support of Rick Dirksen, Russell Young, Alice Dickinson, Daniel Robbins and Joan Hutchinson, ringing should in the next few years reach a high peak.

The mental ability and receptiveness of the Americans has to be seen to be believed. Altogether Pilgrim felt he had crowded more experiences and enjoyment into eleven weeks than in all his 55 years, and is most grateful to all those mentioned.

Already he has been able to return the hospitality to some who are now visiting, and anybody coming in contact with them is urged to do their best to help them and improve their knowledge. Such efforts will not be wasted. Pilgrim looks forward to the day when the peal and quarter peal columns become more full with American reports and even to the formation of an American Guild.

To quote the diarist, "And so to bed," and who knows perhaps a return to continue the pilgrimage later.

(Concluded.)

A RINGING TOUR IN RHODESIA

Dear Sir,—My wife and I have just completed ten days' holiday in Rhodesia, having motored down to Salisbury via Victoria Falls and then back to Luanshya—a 22,000 mile trip. We were lucky in that we managed to have a ring at both Que Que and Salisbury. In the former case we were particularly fortunate as we had nothing previously arranged. However, the local churchwarden, Mr. V. Field, quickly organised some ringers and between us we managed Minimus quite well. The bells are 1, 2, 4 and 6 of a ring of six and, although noisy in the ringing room, they "go" well and are easily rung. Mr. Field had been a ringer in England over 20 years ago, and we are very grateful to him for organising this ringing for us.

At Salisbury we were expected, as we had previously written to Ken Cross, the local tower secretary. Ken had organised all the ringers he could, and together we had a useful two hours' ringing, managing rounds on ten, Plain Bob Doubles, with also several attempts at Grandsire Triples.

Two of the local ringers came from England—Penny Hughes, who is teaching at Ruzawi School, Marandellas, and Mrs. Val Grossmith, who manages a tobacco farm some 60 miles from Salisbury. It is perhaps worthy of note that the latter lady had rung a peal with the late Ernest Morris before the last war. As one-time ringers at St. Margaret's, Leicester, we felt quite nostalgic on hearing her reminiscences about St. Margaret's and Ernest. Both of these ladies are doing a fine job in teaching schoolchildren to ring handbells.

We would like to express our thanks to the Rhodesian ringers for entertaining us at both towers. All being well, we hope to return for the half-yearly meeting in October. — Yours faithfully, JOHN B. BENNETT.

Luanshya, Zambia.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Turcan 1, Jillian Turcan 2, Christine Morton 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Valerie Jones 5, D. Knewstub 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, D. Gower 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 8. For Evensong and as a farewell to D. Knewstub.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

With reference to the Dean of Chester's article on bell towers, R. S. Underwood, of Tenby, writes that St. David's Cathedral, St. David's, Pembs, has a detached campanile.

OAKHAM TENOR

Mr. P. Amos writes challenging Mr. Bradley's observation on the weight of Oakham tenor: "In 1931 I wrote to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to know the exact weight of the present tenor, and their reply was that it is 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. Since 1931 this bell has not been recast."

Mr. R. Kingsley Mason also writes confirming the weight of the tenor as 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. He states that the original tenor cast by Gillett and Johnston was 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb., but this bell cracked across the crown and parted company with the headstock. It was then recast and weighs to this day 24 cwt. 2 qr 9 lb.

The latest edition of "Dove's Guide" gives the weight 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The first Northern District meeting to be held at Penthow for at least 35 years was rather poorly attended but was nevertheless quite enjoyable. Some were put off by the noise of the five bells, which is almost deafening in the ringing chamber. The somewhat flimsy trapdoor under the tenor man also worried one or two!

The service was conducted by the Rev. L. Pennell (the same as mentioned in a recent article on the bells of Inverness Cathedral), and the address given by the Rev. Mr. Motley.

The tea and meeting were organised in an old house next to the church by invitation of the owner, Mr Bird.

Evening ringing continued in the tower and at Beauchamp St. Paul, finishing at 8.50 with a broken rope.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A successful evening's ringing was enjoyed by the Eastern District at the newly-overhauled six at Datchworth for their July meeting. Tewin followed, and methods including Cambridge were rung.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (6 methods/variations, on the back six): D. C. Dabb 1, D. Evans 2, G. E. Kerley 3, J. Clatworthy 4, D. G. Kerley (cond.) 5, L. R. Scott 6.

BANWELL, SOMERSET. — On July 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Hebden 1, B. Mills 2, R. W. Rice 3, M. G. Dodson 4, M. Hebden 5, G. Robson 6, W. S. Rice (cond.) 7, T. Bulgin 8. First of Stedman Triples 2, 4 and 6.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On July 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. T. Blundell 1, Christine A. Foster 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett 4, Gillian M. Brearley 5, C. M. Foster 6, P. N. Murgatroyd 7, P. T. Hurcombe 8. Rung by U.B.S.C.R. members.

CANTERBURY, KENT. — On July 17th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Lebon 1, H. Deacon 2, R. Birch 3, J. Hemsley 4, Miss M. Jenner 5, O. Webster 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8. First Triples for 4, 5 and 8.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTS.—On July 20th, 1,320 Drayton Treble Bob Minor: Sheila M. Anthony 1, Elizabeth J. Foster 2, G. A. Duke 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, S. Humphrey 5, C. P. Starbuck 6. First in the method.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.—On July 20th, 1,320 Markham Delight Minor: Sheila M. Anthony 1, Elizabeth J. Foster 2, S. Humphrey (cond.) 3, G. A. Duke 4, C. P. Starbuck 5, G. A. Dawson 6. First in the method of all the band.

FLETTON, PETERBOROUGH.—On July 20th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Clarke (first quarter) 1, R. Charlton 2, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 3, T. Austin 4, A. Dolby 5. For the Patronal Festival of St. Margaret, and in place of Doubles due to last-minute non-appearance of expected ringer.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On July 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Alison I. Walker 1, Barbara Hooks 2, Margaret A. Eyres 3, P. Mary Beach 4, Helen M. Simpson 5, D. J. Beach (first in method as cond.) 6. First in the method 1, 2, 3 and 5. First quarter of Surprise by a resident band. Rung for Evensong.

HERNE, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cawley 1, P. Staples 2, P. C. Sinden 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells for 15 years.

HEVER, KENT.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss J. Leppard 1, M. W. Thompson 2, R. J. Everest 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, P. R. Everest 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The University of Bristol Society rang a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major at Burnham, Bucks, on July 13th.

At the Manchester Branch's last meeting, held at Warburton and Flixton, many of the Branch members present had the pleasure of seeing the "Father of the Branch," Mr. Will Moss. We were pleased to see Mr. Moss looking so well and hope that his good health continues for many years.

Mrs Mary Lee, of Quainton, Bucks, makes a welcome return to the quarter peal columns. On arrival at Dublin, after a long journey, she found herself included in the band at St. Patrick's. Her "secretary" had said "we" instead of "me." Mr. Jenning, of Hawley, Farnborough, Hants, was to have rung but was taken ill on the previous Wednesday. The band send their good wishes to him and Mrs. Jenning.

Miss Barbara Hooks is the second member of Greasley, Nottingham, tower to receive the Queen's Guide badge. The occasion was marked by Barbara, along with four other ladies, ringing her first quarter of Surprise. This worthy achievement was the first quarter of Surprise to be rung at Greasley by a resident band.

David Manby, of Manchester Cathedral, rang his first peal at the first attempt by ringing the treble to a peal of Plain Bob Major at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester. His sister Margaret also scored her first peal after losing two attempts of Plain Bob Major and one attempt of Plain Bob Royal.

In a quarter peal at Hanbury, Warwickshire, Tom, Dick and Harry were ringing 4, 5 and 6 respectively.

First quarters by the local band are recorded from Belton (Lincs), Dronfield (Derby) and Harbury (Warks). All were rung on July 21st.

Up to July 24th Mr. T. W. Goodyer has rung 28 peals on this present tour from Australia. An article on the tour is promised.

In the peal at Halesowen, to celebrate the diamond jubilee of St. Margaret's Church, Hasbury, Philip Darby rang the same bell as his grandfather rang for the dedication peal.

An Essex reader calls our attention to the showing of the TV feature "Crossroads," in which a man was giving a lesson about bell-ringing. He had one hand on the rope and was puffing away at his pipe at the same time. His comment: "Very bad taste."

Because of the warm weather, one half of Manchester Cathedral band expressed their wish to ring the light six to a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor whilst the other half of the band wanted to ring the heavy six as originally intended. A compromise was made and the quarter peal was rung on 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10.

The quarter peal rung at Chester-le-Street on July 14th was a farewell occasion for Miss Ann Patching, who left the following week. This month she will be married in Brighton to the Rev. W. G. Wilson and will join him in his curacy at Hollinwood, Lancs. Ann has learned to ring while she has been teaching at Chester-le-Street, and the good wishes of all the band go to her and Bill, who is himself well known as a ringer.

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COVENTRY GUILD'S FIRST STRIKING CONTEST

The first striking contest to be held in the Coventry Diocese took place at Newbold-on-Avon on June 18th in perfect weather. Five teams competed, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish of Chilvers Coton being the judges. Newbold also entered a team on a non-valid basis.

Faults marked were as follows: Dunchurch 142, Rugby 150, Bilton 174, Chilvers Coton 177, Brinklow 285.

There was no method-handicapping. The arrangements went very smoothly, especially considering that very few of the contestants had any previous experience of competition ringing. (This applies totally—to both winners and hosts!)

Newbold have presented a cup for annual competition. The first winners (Dunchurch) intend to be hosts in 1969.

Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Beamish for their painstaking and expert judging; to the Vicar (the Rev. R. Mighall) for his enthusiasm and for offering the use of his study for the judges; and to the ladies of the parish for preparing excellent refreshments. W. C. B.

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD'S TOUR IMPRESSION

The following account of the Leatherhead bellringers' outing was found in "The News Book" written at school by seven-year-old Rachel Smith. It was accompanied by a drawing of the coach:—

"On June the 28th we went on a ringers' outing. Mummy gave us a bag of sweets and books to keep us busy. We went to Henley for dinner. We saw some big bulbs that shine on the church at night. We had a picnic by the river at Cookham. We went to the next tower where we threw confetti on the coach. At the same tower Daddy's rope snapped. Then we had a photograph taken. Then we went home. It had been a long day."

WARMINSTER OUTING

Warminster Guild of Ringers were joined by Corsley ringers for their annual outing on July 12th. This was the 12th successive year that Mr. Pearson, of Haslemere, had planned their trip. An 8 a.m. start was necessary, and there were stops at Stockbridge and Winchester before reaching the first tower, at Warnford, where Mr. and Mrs. Pearson were waiting to greet them. The pleasant eight at West Meon followed, and a picnic lunch by the lake at Petersfield, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. E. Norris, was in accord with the usual programme.

Chichester, with its detached tower, was then visited and some fair ringing was done, the fall in peal being remarkably good. The road to Haslemere was taken via Petworth, where all who rang on the eight bells were satisfied. The usual tea at the school, which had been prepared by Mrs. Pearson and Catherine, was a fine meal. The cricket which followed had to be cut short by a sharp storm.

Out of the rain and into the coach to head for the last tower, at Lodsworth (a lovely light six). Here the incumbent joined in a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The bells were just right for Heather Jones, of Longbridge Deverill, who is only nine and is the latest recruit of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. At the local hostelry farewells were said to the Pearsons and the coach headed westwards to a spot between Winchester and Andover, where supper was served by Ern and Mary.

For this happy day thanks must go to the Pearsons, Mr. and Mrs. Norris and Cecil Owens, the patient coach driver, also to all incumbents.

A PLYMOUTH WEDDING

Ringing Master of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the first lady to hold this position, Miss Sylvia P. Sims, daughter of Mr. J. P. Sims, captain of Emmanuel Church Ringers, Plymouth, was married on July 27th to Mr. Robert A. Young, a radio engineer at Plymouth Airport.

Emmanuel ringers were present in force, as the bride had been ringing at this church since the age of 12½, except for three years at Salisbury Diocesan Training College. Stedman and Grandsire were rung before the wedding and two plain courses of Grandsire after, when friends from Plymstock, winners of many competitions in Devon, took over.

The Vicar, the Rev. Roy Harris, officiated at the fully choral service, and the bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length gown of tricel georgette with a long gold-trimmed veil held by a floral headdress. The bridesmaids were her sister, Patricia, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Helen McGillivray.

The bridegroom is a member of the P.C.C., and the bride, in addition to her ringing, teaches in the Sunday School and helps in the Children's Church.

PEAL AT BINSTEAD

We have received the following observations regarding the peal at Binstead from an authority which is given in full as a correction in our peal columns:

As submitted it claimed to be 136 methods/variations but in the corrected peal from the expert it is 17 methods and 67 variations. No distinction was made between variations and methods in the report: several variations were actually spliced methods; and some extents in methods and variations did not contain all the necessary bobs and singles.

See Letter Page.

INDISPENSABLE

A foreword to the fourth edition of "A Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain" by R. H. Dove regards it as the "Wisden" to the Exercise. How true is this remark! To those interested in towers and bells it is indispensable.

There are a number of improvements. Greater London is now treated as a county and the various towers appear in the index. No attempt is made to introduce the new boroughs, but Mr. Dove wisely confines guidance to the postal districts. Since the last "Guide" was published there have been many corrections and additions. During the past six years the only new 12 is at St. Peter's, Nottingham, but there have been ten new tens, those at Guildford, Washington and Sydney being entirely new. Augmentations to eight bells number 24 and there have been five new octaves (excluding Northampton, U.S.A., completed after going to press). Work among six-bell towers has been substantial, as 62 churches have had their bells augmented. Of these, there were ten entirely new rings, three being in Essex.

To balance the scales, the losses cannot be ignored. The practice of selling disused or unwanted bells continues and a further 24 rings have been lost. The high price of scrap metal has induced some church authorities to meet the burden of church restoration by the sale of unused bells. On the other hand there have been a number of transfers to new towers, including two complete rings of eight and one of five.

For prices, see advertisement on Notices pages.

PAYMENT FOR WEDDINGS

Dear Sir,—May I be given an opportunity to reply to Mr. G. Robinson's letter under the heading "Payments for Weddings"? Mr. Robinson makes two assumptions, both of which I would question: first that there are those who become bellringers solely to earn money, and secondly that those who ring for weddings can expect payment of up to 16s. 8d.

I cannot believe there are any ringers in the Exercise for monetary gain, and I feel that the vast majority of ringers may well feel insulted by Mr. Robinson's suggestion that this is the case. Can he seriously think that anyone would undergo perhaps months of training, followed by several hours of ringing each week (by way of practice and Sunday service ringing), in the hope of gaining a few shillings for the very occasional wedding? No, Mr. Robinson, I am afraid your opinion of the thousands of ringers who do such a magnificent job of work for the Church, entirely free of any charge, is sadly deficient.

If, nevertheless, one does ring for the occasional wedding, is it so wrong to receive some small reward, as do the choir, organist and, indeed, the incumbent? In any case, many ringers do not receive the full amount available when they do ring on such occasions. In my own tower, for example, the Belfry Fund receives most of the fee, the ringers each receiving a nominal 5s. I am sure we are not alone! Furthermore there is an increasing number of young ringers coming into the Exercise who surely cannot be denied the opportunity to supplement their pocket money by a few shillings.—Yours faithfully,

D. B. BROWN.

Bitterne Park, Southampton.

Note.—The same points are made by Cyril W. Tomkins, of Great Rolright, Oxon.

CURRIED CHICKEN AT WELSH BARBECUE

Penarth, Glam, ringers finished their outing on the last Saturday in June (a warm day) with a barbecue on the sands at Oxwich Bay. It was not long before a tent was erected and a portable gas ring with calor gas was soon functioning. Fried chicken with curried sauce was soon being eaten, followed by hot dogs and liquid refreshment. Penarth was reached at 11.30 p.m.

Ringing took place at St. Bride's Major (6), Coity (near Bridgend) (6) and, after lunch, at Swansea, Llangyfelach (4) and Gorseinon. (8)

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY'S ANNUAL TOUR

The second annual tour of the Nottingham University Society of Change Ringers took place between July 13th and 21st in the Swindon and Yeovil areas.

Owing to the lack of numbers the "holiday" was rather hard work for all concerned. However, while the standard of ringing varied considerably, the Society can find consolation in the fact that it did not leave behind it a trail of broken stays and ropes. Mind you, quite a few clappers had to be turned before the week was out!

A vote of thanks is owed to all concerned, to the incumbents, to the local ringers, to the drivers, and the Ringing Masters and, chiefly, to the organisers, Miss Caroline Stewart (unfortunately unable to be with us) and David McLean.

P. N. M.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill, E.C.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. in B.

John Hill	Treble	George E. Thoday	7
G. William Critchley	2	Andrew J. Corby	8
John Chilcott	3	David P. Hilling	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Frank E. Darby	10
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	John H. Crampion	11
Basil Jones	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BANWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., June 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

David G. Massey	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
*Geoffrey Hebden	2	Sidney G. Smith	6
†George Prescott	3	George W. Massey	7
Roy W. Rice	4	‡Colin J. Hornett	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Stedman. † 250th peal. ‡ First on eight bells.
Rung on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist for the marriage this day of Sue Walker, a member of the local band, and Charles Wilkinson.

DITCHEAT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

David J. Orledge	Treble	Roy W. Rice	5
George W. Massey	2	Peter J. England	6
Geoffrey Hebden	3	David G. Massey	7
Walter S. Rice	4	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all the band except the conductor.
Rung within the Octave of the Patronal Festival.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., July 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Keith H. Fleming	6
*Linda Ellison	2	*Robert L. Piron	7
*Malcolm C. C. Melville	3	*Bernard G. North	8
Kathleen A. Marriott	4	Alfred E. Rushton	9
Anthony H. Smith	5	*C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal in the method.

OLD WARDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents in six methods: (1) York, (2) London, (3) Cambridge, (4) York, (5) Durham, (6) Wells, (7) Norwich.
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Martin Major	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	4
Linda Ellison	2	Keith H. Fleming	5
Audrey R. Alexander	3	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

TILSWORTH, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of: (1) Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and York, (2) London, (3) Wells, (4) Cambridge, (5) Primrose, (6) Ipswich, (7) Norwich.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Brian M. Barker	Treble	Francis M. Byrne	4
C. Valerie Mills	2	Reginald E. Sheppard	5
Walter Ayre	3	John W. Sinfield	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Sinfield.
First peal in ten methods as conductor.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 FRANKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Bruce Martin	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Philip M. J. Gray	2	Thomas W. Goodyer	6
Trevor Newlands	3	D. John Hunt	7
David Rennolds	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Society.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Alexander Richardson	2	Geoffrey Gardner	6
Joyce Gardner	3	Dennis Latham	7
Sidney Hough	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard (1887–88). Conducted by D. Mottershead.

LYDBURY NORTH, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

David Allman	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
Frederick S. Sutton	2	John R. Scott	5
*Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.
* 50th different tower for a peal. First peal on the bells, which were cast in 1870 by Barwell of Birmingham.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*Peter C. Randall	Treble	Christopher J. Baker	4
†David R. Randall	2	*Geoffrey W. Randall	5
‡David P. Crawley	3	Stephen F. Royal	Tenor

Jointly conducted by Peter C. Randall and Geoffrey W. Randall.
(3½ extents each.)
* 50th peal together. † First peal "inside." ‡ First peal.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., July 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Kirton, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (2) London and Wells, (3) Berwick and Hexham, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (5) York, Beverley, Surfleet and Durham, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Beverley and Surfleet, with 72 changes of method.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

Ian C. Mayock	Treble	*Peter C. Randall	4
Shirley E. Jones	2	Anthony J. Cox	5
Peter H. Mackie	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

KENILWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, London, Bourne, Ipswich, York, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony J. Cox	Treble	Stephen F. Royal	4
Peter H. Mackie	2	George A. Dawson	5
Peter C. Randall	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey W. Randall.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*Christine M. Bhown	Treble	Alec Humphrey	5
†Nora Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	6
‡Joyce Chadwick	3	David J. Marshall	7
‡George E. Futers	4	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Cambridge Major. ‡ First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major by all Ilkeston District members.

OCKBROOK, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 9 cwt.

Christine Browne	Treble	David Marshall	4
Anne Browne	2	John S. Harrison	5
David Camm	3	F. Gordon Faulks	Tenor

Conducted by F. Gordon Faulks.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. E. Havalland.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Neville F. Whittell	Treble	Jennifer M. Andrews ..	4
Heather M. McArthur ..	2	†Adrian G. Semken ..	5
*David I. Cobb	3	Neil V. Avis	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.
* First in seven methods "inside." † Has now "circled the tower."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

Peter T. Dale	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	*Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	6
Margaret Booth	3	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	7
Kenneth J. Darvill	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of London Rung after meeting short for Royal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SANDHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being extents of: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) London Surprise, (4) Surfleet Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Beverley Surprise, (7) Cambridge Surprise Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

William Button	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
Valerie J. Howard	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Derek Slater	3	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.

MILTON REGIS, Sittingbourne, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., July 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being six different extents of Plain Bob and one of St. Clement's Bob Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*Gary A. Bainbridge ..	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson ..	4
Jane Foster	2	†Nicholas J. Chesson ..	5
Phillip Jackson	3	Peter D. J. Beal	Tenor

Composed by Peter D. J. Beal.
* First peal. † 25th peal.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Valerie J. Howard	Treble	John A. Howard	3
*Jennifer L. Quaife	2	Tony Lewis	4
Richard Hayes	Tenor		

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* First peal of Doubles. Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E flat

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 3 Hour and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*William L. Richmond ..	Treble	Christopher L. Watson ..	5
Margaret Crossthwaite ..	2	Roger Barnes	6
Stanley Anderton	3	Alan Gardner	7
Denis H. McCormick ..	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed by Donald Lawson. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Major
Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. P. Holinrake (Vicar of Scorton) and Mrs. Holinrake on the Vicar's retirement.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., July 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in C sharp.

Michael D. Fishwick ..	Treble	James E. Andrews	5
John P. Partington	2	Michael J. Platt	6
Richard J. Parker	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Frank Osbaldiston	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
First peal of Major on the bells. First of Surprise in the tower.

MILNROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Patricia A. Etchells	Treble	Derek Butterworth	5
Christine Andrew	2	Michael Platt	6
Derek F. Yates	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Michael D. Fishwick ..	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
Rung as a welcome to Gillian Judith, daughter of Derek and Judith Butterworth. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUCKINGHAM, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb. in C sharp.

David F. Moore	Treble	Rowan S. Bradley	5
Monica M. Jelley	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Martin Green	3	John M. Jelley	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	*R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 375th peal. First in the method by all except the ringers of the 4th and 7th.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Roger I. Kendrick	Treble	Robin A. Gilliver	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Norman W. Attaway ..	6
Brian L. Burrows	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by H. G Cashmore. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elvan.
On Sun., July 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Ten-part (7th obs.). Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

*Desmond Evans	Treble	James Clatworthy	5
David W. Kerley	2	Peter Jones	6
†E. John Evans	3	D. Geoffrey Kerley	7
Desmond L. Kerley ..	4	George E. Kerley	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by James Clatworthy.
* First peal. † First "inside." First of Triples as conductor.
First on the bells by an entirely local band.
Rung as a compliment to D. G. Kerley on obtaining a B.Sc. Degree at University College, Swansea.

GROSMONT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., July 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge S., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Cambridge S. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*Gordon Wilkinson	Treble	*Christopher E. Slade ..	4
†David L. Phillips	2	Paul A. Williams	5
Peter D. Sell	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conductor Peter S Bennett.
* First peal of Minor. † Most methods to a peal "inside." First peal on the bells since rehanging (and recasting of the tenor bell).
Rung as a compliment to the men and women of the parish who helped so greatly to restore these bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Being 3.552 Kent and 1.728 Oxford, with 108 changes of method at the half-lead: no bobs. Tenor 15 cwt.

Frank T. Blagrove	Treble	Olive L. Rogers	5
Monica Blagrove	2	Malcolm Loveday	6
Patricia A. Copas	3	Harold W. Rogers	7
Michael J. Palmer	4	Robert J. Wiggins	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Freda Clayton	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	*Thomas W. Goodyer ..	6
Alick Cutler	3	G. William Critchley ..	7
Claudia A. Critchley ..	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by John R Mayne. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

PINNER, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Alick Cutler	Treble	Roger A. Gage	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Michael J. Palmer	6
*David Sloman	3	William S. Deason	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Christopher and Elizabeth Rogers, who were married this day at Cheltenham.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The Mancroft Guild.)

NORWICH.—At the Church of St Peter Mancroft.
On Sun., July 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C

David Cubitt	Treble	George Sayer	7
Janet House	2	Clifford Bird	8
*Angela M. Wright	3	†Leslie F. Bailey	9
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	David Heighton	10
Martin Cubitt	5	David E. House	11
Peter M. Adcock	6	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by David Heighton.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques † First of Stedman Cinques "inside."

Rung to mark the dedication of the Great West Window in memoriam the Rev. F. S. Jarvis (Vicar 1960–1965).

ROCKLAND. Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

Charles E. G. Banham	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	3
Henry Tooke	2	Thomas E. Spight	4

H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor
Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector. Canon B. S. Sapwell, on the completion of 25 years' faithful service in the Rockland parishes.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being two extents of Grandsire and 40 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Harry B. Fuller	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	3
Thomas G. Boast	2	Anthony H. Roberts	4

H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor
Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David Barnes and Alexandra Knight, recently married at Loddon and now resident in Forncett, and to Marion Fuller, daughter of the treble ringer, and David Bull. Also for the St. Peter's Day service.

SHELFANGER, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G.

Frederick C. Roper	Treble	Leslie F. Bailey	3
Henry Tooke	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	4

H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor
Conducted by H. William Barrett.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Sun., June 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 RUTLAND SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

John S. Hopwood	Treble	Jeremy R. Pratt	5
Catherine A. Salter	2	Melvyn J. Hiller	6
Jonathan R. Rowson	3	Peter H. Mackie	7
M. Jack Alletson	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being in eight methods—Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Antelope, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster Bob, and six variations—Abberley, Kennington, Southrepps, Daffodil, St. Quinton and Ladbroke. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

C Richard Miles	Treble	Roy H. Jones	3
Alec Gammon	2	Noel D. Deam	4

Leonard R. Porter .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

Rung for the Festival of St. Mary Magdalen.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANELLI, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Elli.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 2 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

*Prudence Pattison	Treble	Derek H. Walters	5
Simon P. Rogers	2	Rev. Russen Thomas	6
John Prytherch	3	Philip Rogers	7
Anthony R. Trickett	4	Richard L. Underwood	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* First peal. First peal on the eight bells.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Wed., July 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Richard L. Underwood	Treble	Anthony R. Trickett	4
Simon P. Rogers	2	Derek H. Walters	5
John Prytherch	3	Philip C. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.

First peal in the method for the Guild and for all the band except the conductor, who has now "circled the tower."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E Flat.

*Paul Raithby	Treble	Geoffrey Paul	7
Beryl W. Reed	2	Colin W. Reed	8
Peter A. Sharp	3	Harry Poyner	9
Jack L. Millhouse	4	James W. Raithby	10
*Christopher J. Sharpe	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	11
*David Phillipson	6	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Maximus.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

David Vincent	Treble	*Derek Tysoe	6
*Christine L. J. Mills	2	*Percy Holmes	7
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Donald J. Beach	8
*Davil Phillipson	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	9
*Christopher J. Sharp	5	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

ROCESTER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Richard J. Warrilow	Treble	Roy K. Mowforth	5
*Keith Daniels	2	Ian Friend	6
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	3	Frank Beech	7
Jennifer M. Beach	4	Edward R. Fairbrother	Tenor

Composed by I. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Edward R. Fairbrother.
* First peal of Major First as conductor on eight bells.

Rung half-muffled following the funeral of Mr. Jack Oldam of this parish.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

POLSTEAD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Kent T.B. and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

John P. Loveless	Treble	Donald L. Mills	4
Mrs. Leslie Mills	2	Harry J. Willatt	5
Allen W. Cansdale	3	Alan R. Elliott	Tenor

Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David J. Reeve and Evelyn R. Cansdale, who were married at Bures on July 20th, 1968; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WEST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. George.
On Mon., July 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being extents of (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) London Surprise, (4) Surfleet Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Beverley Surprise, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt 7 lb. in G sharp.

Richard A. Hunt	Treble	Edgar R. Rapley	4
Valerie J. Howard	2	Derek Slater	5
Trevor N. J. Bailey	3	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.

CHARLWOOD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

Derek Slater	Treble	Timothy Banner	4
Michael Reed	2	Ian Wickens	5
David D. Smith	3	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.

CORRECTION

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BINSTEAD, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being, in 17 methods—St. Remigius, Winchenden, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Newark, Antelope, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints' Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Julian, Rev. St. Faith; and 67 variations—Lonsdale, Lockerly, Rye, Hinton, Wessex, Lydd, Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, Uphill, St. Nicolas, Hordle, Stoneham, St. Wilfred, St. Oswald, Sussex, St. Katherine, St. Magnus, Kent, Winchester, Wykeham, Vectis, Southampton Romsey, Hampshire, St. Mary, St. Crispin, St. Cecelia, St Jude, St. Laurence, St. Austell, Heyford, Chilton, Saratt, St. Ignatius, Churchill, Amersham, St. Ambrose, St. Paul, St. Alban, Lapley, St. John, Horsley, Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, St. Felix, Austrey, Elford, St. Cleer, Ryton, Shareshill, St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, Kennington, Old, St. Columb, Southrepps, St. Valentine, Pinxton, Daffodil, Ray, Waxham, Ladbroke, Jacobstowe, Saxondale, St. Quinton. Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

Trevor Matchem	Treble	Lionel D. Smith	4
Elizabeth A. Banks	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
Susan V. Banks	3	*David R. Follick	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
Rung to welcome the Rev. C. Edwards to the Parish of Binstead.
* First peal. Largest number of Doubles variations rung for the Guild.
See note on Bellfounders' Page.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HALESOWEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., July 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*Philip W. Darby	Treble	Aubrey M. Pickering	5
*Harry Shilcock	2	Peter L. Bill	6
M. Irene Ellsmore	3	A. Bryan Ellsmore	7
Michael L. Lashford	4	Peter J. Brown	Tenor

Arranged by James E. Groves. Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples
Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of St. Margaret's Church, Hasbury, Halesowen

GREAT COMBERTON, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) London, (2) Beverley, (3) Cambridge, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Harold B. Schofield	Treble	*Peter S. Robertson	4
*Ian Lloyd	2	*Arthur C. Berry	5
Mrs. S. Drew	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
* Most methods rung to a peal of Minor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SELBY, Yorkshire.—At the Abbey of SS. Mary and Germanus.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

Kathleen M. Higgins	Treble	John S. Seagar	6
Richard J. W. Tibbetts	2	H. David Holland	7
Ronald R. Wanford	3	Giles C. Galley	8
John J. L. Gilbert	4	Neil Donovan	9
Ian G. Campbell	5	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
The conductor's 400th peal.

WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb., in E.

Ian North	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Nichols	7
Patricia Lockwood	3	John N. D. Chaddock	8
Neil Donovan	4	C. Barrie Dove	9
Richard S. Tibbetts	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald Ducker	Treble	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Ronald G. T. Morris	2	Ronald C. Christopher	6
Ronald C. Noon	3	Ronald J. Snack	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal by a "Ronald" band. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

HANDBELL PEALS

RECORD HANDBELL PEAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—In the belfry of All Saints' Church.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 7 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 13140 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Cam variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves	7-8
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	9-10
*Robert B. Smith	5-6	†Alan F. Scholfield	11-12

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
Umpires: Giles B. Thompson and Lawrence J. Haines.
* 850th peal. † First of Kent T.B. Maximus. The longest peal on 12 handbells and the greatest number of changes yet rung to a peal of Treble Bob Maximus.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In the Students' Union.
On Tues. June 11, 1968, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in G.
James R. White 1-2 | Christopher I. Rowson (cond). 3-4
Rupert A. Clarke 5-6

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., July 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*J. David Atkinson	1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6
Robert B. Smith	3-4	†Gerald Moorhouse	7-8

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Surprise on handbells. † First of Cambridge Surprise on handbells. First of Surprise on handbells as conductor. First of Cambridge Surprise Major on handbells for the Guild.
Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Elkins, of Altrincham, also on the eve of the first birthday of Lisa Jill Smith, daughter of the ringer of 3-4 and goddaughter of the conductor. Tenor size 15 in C

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5144 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In seven methods, being 1,152 Plain Bob, 1,184 Little Bob, 512 Double Plain Bob, 504 Gainsborough Little Bob, 704 St. Clement's College Bob, 544 Crayford College and 544 Reverse Plain Bob, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5-6
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	Roger D. R. Brown	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Spliced Plain Major in seven methods by all.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., July 26th, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Double Oxford, College, St. Clemen's College and Single Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley 1-2 | Mary W. Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) 6

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., July 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter J. Staniforth	1-2	Alfred Ballard	5-6
*Richard A. G. Inglis	3-4	*David F. Moore	7-8

Composed by F. H. Dexter. (No. 1.) Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Stedman Triples "in hand."

DATE TOUCH

SCOTHERN, LINCOLN. — On July 24th, 1,968 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. R. Herring 1, G. A. Dixon 2, H. J. Radley 3, C. V. Cade 4, D. W. Bee 5, A. C. A Hopkins (cond.) 6. Rung on the day of the Methodist anniversary at Dunholme.

ANGERSLEIGH, SOMERSET. — On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. M. Bainham 1, A. H. Bainham 2, L. F. G. Bainham 3, J. Cornelius 4, C. L. R Bainham (cond.) 5. Rung after the wedding of Richard T. Smith and Susan M. Griffin.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. R. Ward (first quarter) 1, Adelaide Day 2, J. H. Cooke 3, Mrs. D. A. Day 4, J. L. Day 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6.

BATH. — On July 15th, 1,276 Surprise Minor (Beverley and Surfleet): J. E. Newman 1, D. A. Burt 2, R. L. Coles (50th quarter) 3, R. Purnell 4, G. W. Hawkins 5, D. J. Orlidge (cond.) 6.

BELTON, LINCS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Arrand 1, J. Selby 2, D. Arrand 3, S. Selby 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 3 and 4, and first by a local band. For Evensong.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS. — At 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, on July 18th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): A. V. Davis 1–2, W. T. Perrins 3–4, Rosemary Shearing 5–6 Conducting shared. First in 11 methods by all

CAWTHORNE, YORKS. — On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Schofield 1, Christine M. Moxon 2, D. Burkinshaw (first quater) 3, F. Cowling 4, C. A. Moxon 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Rev. H. R. Haworth, Vicar, who died June 26th.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Frank 1, E. Newnham 2, Miss J. Young 3, E. Pickett 4, R. Durrant 5, A. Slade (cond.) 6. Also on May 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Thomas 1, Miss J. Young 2, E. Newnham 3, Miss C. Cole 4, A. Slade (cond.) 5, R. Dennis 6, J. Murfett 7, R. Durrant 8. Both rung after Family Communion.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Atkinson (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Catlin 2, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3, Miss A. Patching (first "inside") 4, D. G. Hall 5, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 6, C. Mordue 7, K. Talbot 8. For Evensong.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor G. M. Bubb (first quarter) 1, Glynis E. Perry 2, Laura M. Grindrod 3, G. H. Walker 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 6.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, E. R. Fairbrother 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, N. Holland 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith (cond.) 5, P. R. Johnson 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (2 methods) by same band. Conductor P. R. Johnson. Rung for the Festival of St. Editha.

COSSINGTON, LEICS. — On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): P. D. Bailey (first quarter Doubles) 1, B. S. Payne 2, J. R. Perkins 3, A. R. Jones 4, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 5.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY. — On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marilyn Stacey (first quarter) 1, G. Charman 2, Susan Heather (first "inside") 3, P. Saunders 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, A. Tidy 6. A 17th birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Hudibras Doubles: V. James 1, Janine Blanch 2, D. Rennolds 3, N. Dawson 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, S. Bateman 6. First quarter in the method by all. A birthday compliment to Andrew Howard.

CROWCOMBE, SOM.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Smith (cond.) 1, R. J. Somerfield 2, Miss B. Jarvis 3, J. Aldridge 4, C. Lock 5. A birthday compliment to the tower captain.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On July 17th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: H. T. Rooke 1, J. S. Hopwood 2, G. Challans 3, J. B. Moran 4, F. Cooke 5, D. A. Whetton 6.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS. — On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Walker 1, A. Kidd 2, Mrs. B. Kidd 3, D. Peers 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, F. Cooper 6. First quarter at first attempt by present local band. For Evensong and as a compliment to Judy and John Stagg on the birth of a son (Timothy John).

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight): W. D. Sarsteiner 1, L. R. Taylor 2, Mrs. Mary Lee 3, D. H. T. Taylor 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, P. W. Brown 6, W. Lee 7, H. H. Brown 8. A compliment to Dilys Vost and David Vokes on their marriage at Abergele, June 29th.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Felton 1, M. Sprackling (cond.) 2, A. M. Stacey 3, A. H. Fulwell 4, P. N. Felton 5, C. H. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Mortimore 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, T. Skilton 3, R Mills 4, J. Munton 5, P. Munday 6, J. Davidge 7, B. Porter 8. Rung silent and non-conducted, the first such quarter by all the band.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On June 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Marion Bartlett (first of Caters) 1, Renee Sturgess 2, S. A. Scott 3, F. E. Fagg 4, J. N. Haile 5, W. Williams 6, W. Pugh 7, M. Bruce 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, H. A. Nobes 10. For Patronal Festival. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Scott 1, Cmdr. J. Merritt, R.N., 2, Renee Sturgess 3, F. E. Fagg 4, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 5, S. A. Scott 6. For Evensong.

HARBURY, WARWICKS. — On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. M. Hill (14, first quarter) 1, R. A. Sheasby 2, C. E. Lawton (first "inside") 3, S. T. Hauley 4, R. M. Andrews 5, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 6. A 14th birthday compliment to C. E. Lawton. First quarter on bells by an all Hanbury band.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS. — On July 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh (cond.) 2, W. G. Marsh 3, J. Carey 4, M. W. Harrison 5, Miss R. Blackshaw 6. For Evensong.

HORDLE, HANTS.—On July 21st, 1,320 Spliced Doubles (23 metd/var): Mrs. M. Lewis 1, Faith Riley 2, Rosemary Simpson 3, Flora Stocker 4, A. Nunn (cond.) 5, Janet Blackbourn 6. First of Spliced and most methods to a quarter by all the band. Rung for Evensong in honour of Deborah, daughter of Rosemary and Nigel Simpson, both local ringers.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Cullwick 1, Sylvia Bedford (cond.) 2, P. Bedford 3, G. Bacon 4, E. Potter 5. Rung at Evensong to congratulate Julian Daniel Bedford on being born.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Brock (first quarter for 30 years) 1, T. J. Brock 2, F. J. Gunton 3, J. I. Margetts 4, R. W. Bickers 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6. For Kessingland Festival Week.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK. — At St. Margaret's Church, on July 23rd, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Plain Bob): W. W. Cousins 1, D. Gagen 2, R. Newson 3, L. W. Houghton 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond) 6.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY. — On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann V. Salvage 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, C. D. Collin 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, D. M. Wilkins 8. For Evensong.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Meakes (first of Minor) 1, T. Wright 2, W. Avery 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, F. Keen (first "inside") 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On July 18th, at the Bell Foundry Campanile, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, N. O. Skelton 3, A. E. Clayton 4, M. H. Barrass 5, H. Marcon 6, R. N. Scholes 7, R. H. Wilson (first of Major as cond.) 8. A compliment to the ringer of 3rd, who hails from St. Thomas's, Salisbury, Wilts.

MARDEN, KENT.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Sheppard 1, H. Baker 2, R. Jean Vidler 3, Miss F. M. Tomlin 4, B. Johnson (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 5, D. Elderkin 6, P. S. Muchlinski 7, F. Obbard 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1, 3 and 6. Fourth wedding anniversary compliment to Rosemary and Bruce Grainger.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT. — On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Barber 1, R. Birch 2, Miss P. Court 3, Miss E. Todd 4, B. Butcher 5, K. Butler 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, A. S. Phelips 8.

PENWORTHAM, LANCS. — On July 21st, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): N. McCormick 1, P. Wilson 2, Phyllis Turner 3, D. H. McCormick (cond.) 4, R. Barnes 5, J. Ashcroft 6. Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Crook on the birth of a daughter (Tiffany Jane), July 20th.

PRESTON-NEXT-WINGHAM, KENT.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (7 methods): H. Lunney 1, C. Hillis 2, P. Staples 3, C. Wyld 4, D. Cawley (cond.) 5. Also on July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): J. Clark 1, Miss W. Austin 2, R. Bushell 3, F. Dadson 4, Miss P. Tennett (cond.) 5.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE. — On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. P. Goodhew (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. M. Randles 2, D. N. Collins 3, E. Mai. Jones 4, P. K. Goodhew (cond.) 5, C. Roberts 6.

RADLEY BERKS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Marie R. Cross (cond.) 1, Margaret Hockham 2, C. I. Rowson 3, Susan A. Alexander 4 Daphne J. Pollard 5, R. Salter 6. Rung for the birthdays of Daphne J. Pollard, Catherine A. Salter and Margaret Hockham.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK. — On June 30th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, A. W. Foreman 2, T. G. Boast 3, A. Roberts 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, A. Driver 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Holt-Wilson, widow of the Rev. L. Holt-Wilson, onetime Rector of this parish.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): Miss M. Kemp 1, Miss M. Jenner (cond.) 2, M. Webster (first "inside") 3, O. Webster 4, J. Hemsley 5, R. Lebon 6, R. Webster 7, P. Thomas 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Parratt 1, K. J. Jacobs 2, D. R. Fallick 3, H. J. Page 4, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 5, P. S. Gale 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Martin's Church, on July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. R. Hutson 1, H. Rumens 2, F. E. Manns 3, R. N. Marlow 4, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams (cond.) 5, R. Brown (first quarter) 6.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (on the middle six): N. J. Maggs 1, Brenda M. Bindon 2, A. H. Reed 3 ,D. L. Adams (first of Stedman) 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, W. H. Tarr 6. For the Patronal Festival.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Ahearn 1, D. T. King (first quarter) 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, N. George 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: Susan Thomas 1, Sally Cobb 2, Liz C. Duncan 3, June Whitcher 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, J. E. Murfitt (first "inside" of Caters) 6, R. Durrant 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, A. J. Slade 9, M. C. Austin 10. For Matins. Also on July 14th, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 1, Liz C. Duncan 2, Sally Cobb 3, Caroline Mackie (first of Cinques) 4, June Whitcher 5, D. J. Hawkins 6, Laura M. Grindrod 7, R. H. Newton (first of Cinques) 8, A. P. Fester 9, I. L. Dear 10, R. J. Chapman 11, M. C. Austin 12. For Matins.

WARE, HERTS.—On July 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L Ladley 1, Mrs. J. Woolford 2, J. M. Kemp 3, D. Digby 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, C. E. Hayter 6, B. J. W. Foley 7, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 8.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Judith H. Harvey 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, G. E. Duke 3, R. L. Jones 4, R. S. Collis 5, C. P. Starbuck 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, J. P. Coad 8. Rung as a compliment to Jane and Bruce Anderson on their marriage this day in Oxford.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 28th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. Challans 1, J. S. Hopwood 2, D. A. Whetton 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Miss C. J. Turner 1, M. G. Turner 2, A. Howell 3, D. Jordan 4, H. Howell 5. To welcome the birth of a son (Michael David) to Elaine and David Jordan. Also on April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Miss S. C. Spooner 1, Miss C. J. Turner 4, A. Howell 5, F. Brotherton 6, J. S. East-5, J. P. Pooley 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. Also on July 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. E. Jordan 1, H. Howell 2, B. Horton 3, Miss C. J. Turner 4, A. Howell 5, F. Brotherton 6, J. E. Eastwood 7, M. G. Turner (cond.) 8, C. Taberner 9, D. Jordan 10. Rung to mark the end of St. Giles' Church Centenary celebrations.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Flint 1, Allison Mager (first quarter) 2, C. Hardy (cond.) 3, D. Carr 4, P. Clarke 5, D. Wooding 6.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Brighton 1, Mrs. G. M. Roffe 2, R. Brighton 3, D. F. E. Hall 4, L. Brighton 5, J. M. Roffe (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the eve of the funeral of Mrs. May W. Teague.

WOOTEN WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. P. Mackie 1, Caroline Mackie 2, A. P. Foster 3, J. J. Green 4, I. D. Thompson 5, J. Ariss 6. For the Flower Festival.

WROTHAM, KENT.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Muriel Fortune (first quarter) 1, Brenda M. Stone 2, Kathleen A. Marriott 3, M. J. Marriott 4, R. L. Sills (cond.) 5, C. E. East 6.

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PERSONAL

Fred Hannington wishes to thank all ringing friends who sent good wishes, also those who visited him in hospital during his recent illness. 4461

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MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Horringer (8) on Friday evening, August 9th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 4436

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4445

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, August 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss J Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4384

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), August 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 4437

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, August 10th, Northaw (6), 3–4.30 p.m., Cheshunt (8), 6.30–8.30 p.m. Tea at Cheshunt. Names to Mr. W. Newnham, 214, Church Gate Road, Cheshunt, or to me at Ware 4327, by Friday, August 9th.—P. M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 4488

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingnam District.—Cropwell Bishop, August 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening, Langar. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 4442

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Framlingham on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Foresters' Hall. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Maulden, 14, Market Hill, Framlingham. —T. N. J. B. 4428

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Evening practice at St. Leonard's, Streatham (8) on Satrday, August 10th, at 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4396

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Pulborough and Billingshurst on Saturday, August 10th. Pulborough (8) at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Pulborough belfry at 4. Service at Pulborouugh at 4.30. Regret no arrangements for tea Billingshurst (8) at 6.30 until 8.30.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 4450

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on August 13th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: August 13th, St. Paul's Cathedral; August 20th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; August 27th, St. Lawrence Jewry; September 3rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 4471

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Evening practice at Oaksey, Tuesday, August 13th. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. 4489

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Minor practice at Cranford on Wednesday, August 14th, at 7.45 p.m. Diary methods only.—M. J. Palmer.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting at Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Saturday, August 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Raymond Carey, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, York, by previous Wednesday. 4342

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch ringing meeting at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on August 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. A special welcome to ringers on holiday in the Lake District.—Names for tea, please, to J. W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick. 4480

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Killamarsh on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. 4478

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, August 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food), cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4483

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Eastington (6), August 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Stonehouse also after tea. Names for tea to 22, Springfield, Hardwick, Gloucester, by August 13th. 4487

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, Kimpton, August 17th, 3 p.m., with service and tea. Names, please, to Miss D. Meredith, The Vicarage, Hitchin, Kimpton. — R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4448

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Out of the Branch summer meeting in Derbyshire on Saturday, August 17th. Ringing at Glossop (8) 2.30 to 3.45; Dinting (6) 3.30 to 4.30. Tea at Mottram at 5 p.m. Ringing at Mottram (8) in the evening until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Heap, 3, Old Hall Lane, Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire (Tel. Mottram 3346) by Wednesday, August 14th. **No names, no tea.**—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 4467

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bury on Saturday, August 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting in Church House with further ringing 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. 4449

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Evening meeting at Wymondham, Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) 7 to 9 o'clock.—H. Cook. 4476

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Elloe Deaneries Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Pinchbeck, Saturday August 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to K. R. Davey, Fenn Cottage, 12a, The Tenters, Holbeach, Lincs, by Wednesday previous. 4474

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning on August 17th from 6 p.m. till 8.30. 4475

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Overton and East Kennett respectively, August 17th in conjunction with church fete. Cups of tea provided. —T. A. Palmer, p.p. Miss H. Jones, Hon. Sec. 4470

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Learners' meeting at Buxted (8) on August 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing from rounds to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Names for tea to J. M. Hills, 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex BN4 6PJ, by previous Wednesday. 4466

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Southern District

The August meeting will be held on August 17th, joint with the BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY, in the Shelley area.

Ringing programme:

New Mill	..	10.45–12.00 noon
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Silkstone	..	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
Barnsley	..	7.00– 9.00 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, by Wednesday, August 14th. **No names, no tea.**
J. Seager, Secretary. 4459

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Frampton Cotterell (6), Tuesday, August 20th, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. H. D. 4469

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Polstead, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. C. Hynard, Byways, Polstead Heath, Colchester, Essex, by August 22nd. 4390

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting, Beaumaris, Anglesey, Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, by previous Saturday. 4444

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. — The annual meeting will take place at Grantham on Saturday, September 21st. The business meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. in the Divisional Headquarters of the Lincolnshire Constabulary. The dinner will be at the George Hotel, Grantham (price 17s. 6d.) at 6.45 p.m. Orders by September 14th, please. Ringing arrangements from Arthur Pearce (Secretary), 197 Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. 4433

A LOSS TO LEYLAND

Mr. Stanley Walmsley, of Leyland Parish Church, will shortly be leaving the district to take up a teaching appointment in Barrow-in-Furness. All his many friends and ringing colleagues from the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association would like to wish him well for the future and record their appreciation of the services which he has rendered to ringing for the Branch. It is particularly pleasing to be able to report that at the time of his departure there was an unprecendented number of beginners and Sunday service ringers at Leyland Parish Church.

QUARTER PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Bennett 1, Lynda Piggott (first "inside") 2, Moya Britchford 3, Josephine Pole 4, J. Britchford (cond.) 5, M. Lovatt (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and to welcome Colin Francis Fowles, born 6.7.68.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On July 1st, 1,440 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: A. Brown 1, Mrs. F. Adcock 2, Mrs. M. Robinson 3, J. Robinson 4, F. Adcock 5, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 6. Rung by Mansfield Parish Church ringers for the Patronal Festival.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Birch 1, Miss V. Titherly 2, G. Titherly 3, E. Breed 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, H. Goldsmith 6. Welcoming Mr. King, the new Vicar, to the Parish.

LAXTON, NOTTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Chambers 1, B. Moran 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, F. Cooke 4, D. R. Chambers 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung after the Induction of Rev. Colin Nield as Vicar.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, on July 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Garner 1, S. Taylor 2, M. Pring 3, F. Hogan 4, M. L. Howe 5, S. A. B. Wigg (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1, 2 and 3.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Palk (first quarter) 1, L. P. Brain 2, P. Archer 3, J. Lawrence 4, Dorothy Durrant 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.—On July 21st, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus (5–6 cover): Miss H. Rowland 1, P. Young 2, Miss M. Jenner 3, J. Hemsley (cond.) 4, P. Thomas 5, G. Bolton 6. First in method for all the band.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Arscott 1, S. Wyburn 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, A. Chubb 4, E. Tyndale-Biscoe (first of Minor) 5, R. Parker (cond.) 6. As a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Parker on their wedding.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP. — On July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Illidge 1, M. C. Evans 2, G. Bosworth-Smith 3, F. H. Bennett 4, M. Orman 5, P. J. Evans 6, P. R. Johnson 7, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) P. R. Johnson 7, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 8. A comb. A compliment to Mr. Alfred E. G. Owen on having completed 20 years' service as Tower Captain here.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On July 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. J. Dobbie 1, Wendy Austin 2, G. Naylor 3, G. Kenward 4, L. Mitchell 5, T. Cross 6, B. Jemmett (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Clark 8. For Evensong and as birthday compliments to T. E. Sone, G. Kenward and Mrs. H. Baker.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK. — On June 26th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, A. W. Foreman 2, J. G. Boast 3, H. Fuller (cond.) 4, D. Boast 5, S. Flatman 6. Rung for the third anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Brown 1, R. Ashman 2, Mrs. E. Brown 3, C. Lewington 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, R. Stillwell 6, A. Edens 7, S. G. Brown 8. In memory of Arthur Brown, died June 16th, 1958.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Funnel 1, Annette Bradbury 2, Jane Woodward 3, Susan Harrison (cond.) 4, A. Baldock 5, D. Woodward 6. Rung prior to an evening of music given by young people in aid of the restoration fund.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: H. Deacon 1, P. C. Sinden 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Staples 4, B. Johnson 5, D. Cawley (cond.) 6.

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	—	x		—	43265
B		x	—		26354
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"THIS MADNESS CALLED TRADITION"

By C. F. MEW

IN the course of my attempts to acquire a knowledge of change ringing, the one area of learning in which I have been continually frustrated is that of compositions. The trouble is that every composer or compiler of books assumes that the Exercise at large to a man knows every piece of terminology used when setting out compositions in abbreviated form.

Let us take a look at some of them. Firstly the Central Council publications seem particularly blank in this respect since not one of them contains any verbal explanation of the terms used. Only the Doubles Collection has the saving grace that the standard part 120's are shown in full by the lead-ends for groups A to M, but even this book is marred by the fact that Original Doubles has no explanation that the figures on the extreme right of the columns are whole-pull intervals between calls at backstroke.

There also seems to be some dissension as to the terms to be used in the Central Council booklets, the Collection of Plain Major Methods shows calls at "Before" with an "X" whilst the 1950 and 1966 composition Collections for Major show this position numerically 1, 3, etc., and with the conventional dash (—) each in the same book, despite which they show In and Fifths calls as "X"! If the experts' argument of putting an X is where the length of the course is altered at least it should be consistent and, if so, why not an X for every call in Kent or Bristol!

The 1908 Collection of Double Norwich compositions adheres to the tradition of noting calling positions numerically (e.g. 1. 4. 5. 6), and this also applies to the 1950 Collection of Major Compositions. Only two years later the same positions are referred to as I. F. H. O (much more logically) in the Collection of Plain Major Methods, but only to revert to the numerical notation in the 1966 Composition booklet.

The Snowdon series show a little more help though the C. D. P. Davies book on Surprise methods starts off by saying quite categorically that it is assumed the ringer will know when to call bobs. "Ropesight" explains Minor calls fully, the Triples calls are somewhat hazy; it says (quote) "There are three places above fourths" and names them M. W. H. but without any explanation, although this may be derived from the leads pricked. Incidentally, the terms M and W are in my opinion incorrectly used here since the Middle shown at first lead would affect 352 and the Wrong at the fifth lead would affect 426—they should be named the other way round. In Bob Major again the calling positions are left to be seen from the leads pricked.

The Lancashire Association booklet is quite good in that it does explain the calling positions of the standard methods. There are, however, these points:—

(i) The lead-interval notation for Grandsire Triples is not explained and

(ii) There is a very misleading statement for Superlative which says that a call "Wrong" is made (quote) "Beginning of five-pull dodge": it is, of course, at the second dodge (backstroke). I was also pleased to see that Stedman Triples was shown with double calls separately instead of with an "X" (shades of the altered course length).

The only publication with which I could not find fault was the "Ringers' Handbook" by E. Powell—I commend it to all. It will be seen that I have not yet mentioned Stedman or Grandsire on higher numbers; I have purposely left these for separate study. Firstly Grandsire, which seems to be very poorly treated: only W. G. Wilson's book and "Grandsire" in the Snowdon series offer any explanation of calls on higher numbers and again there are differences from book to book. For instance, 9 in and 2 (Grandsire by Trollope), 9 — 3 (E. Shepherd, "Grandsire Caters") and 9 in 3 (Ringers' Diary) all mean the same, 9th bell into hunt and two more bobs (three consecutive leads). Also the turning courses are apt to be confused with the lead-interval notation used in Triples; e.g., 1. 3. 4. in Caters means calls at 1st, 3rd and 4th leads from **start**, whilst 1. 3. 4. in Triples means calls at 1st, 4th and 8th leads from start (i.e. cumulative); even Mr. Wilson's admirable book leaves an element of doubt in the explanation of the course 1.4 on page 56.

Finally to Stedman, that most ridiculous of methods; half its mystique is what the experts make it! Since on higher numbers the opening and intermediate turning courses alter the observation bell, to which the noted calling positions refer, it is seldom easy for the inexperienced ringer to follow these courses as they are written down. For instance, in the C.C. Collection of Compositions of Stedman Caters and Cinques there are opening courses showing calling positions up to 24 in Caters when there are only 18 positions in a standard course! This is bad enough, but consider the difficulty of finding the course-end: **no** book tells you where it occurs after the last call, and the Lancashire book does not in a single case show the position of the back bells as a guide!

Surely the answer is to show all callings of turning courses by the intervals between sixes on a similar basis to the lead-intervals in Grandsire Triples and only use standard calling position numbers when the observation bell is fixed. One further sore point about Stedman —why show touches and peals by six-ends, why no good healthy course-ends with scales of course-end transpositions for standard calling positions? To underline the stupidity of it all, consider the note in the Ringers' Diary (page 27)—"rounds occur two changes before 231456789"—one might just as well say in a peal of Bob Major rounds occur eight changes before 87654321 the back change! Perhaps one reason for this odd tradition is that it would seem that Stedman is in fact rung starting from the wrong place. Why should we not start from the six-end instead of the fourth change of a six? However, the six-end itself is not a logical point of division since the row which is altered by calls is the row **after** the six-end whilst in all logical methods the row altered by calls is also the last row of the basic unit. Come on, experts, how about some explanations?

One last complaint. Why **must** these egg-heads insist on calling the handstroke lead of the treble the lead-end? If any of them will tell me how to ring a method without knowing either the last row of the lead or the way in which it is produced (notation) I will be pleased. However, since it seems that we need the whole lead to see all the work the lead-**end** must logically be the backstroke lead of the treble.

I must stress that the foregoing points which I have made are not intended to reflect on anyone connected with the publications mentioned nor to deride the many accomplished ringers of the Exercise. It is to try to campaign for more adequate explanations for young ringers in our text books. Why not clean up the old anomalies and henceforth have a code for all publications? Could not the Central Council produce a "Standard Glossary of Terms for Compositions" to be used and adhered to by everyone? Let us assist our keen recruits by simplifying some of our outdated terminology lest we emulate the story of the nail thus:—

For want of knowledge a conductor was lost,
For want of a conductor a touch was lost,
For want of a touch interest was lost.
For want of interest ringers were lost.
For want of ringers a tower was lost—closed!

OUR COVER PROGRAMME

We resume our tinted covers with the issue of September 6th, and the programme ahead is:—

Sept.	**6.**	**Pinxton, Derbys.**
Sept.	**13.**	**North Cadbury, Som.**
Sept.	**20.**	**Great Baddow, Essex.**
Sept.	**27.**	**Manchester Town Hall.**
Oct.	**4.**	**Clent, Worcs.**
Oct.	**11.**	**Aldbourne, Wilts.**
Oct.	**18.**	**St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport.**
Oct.	**25.**	**Exeter Cathedral.**
Nov.	**1.**	**St. Michael's, Cornhill.**
Nov.	**8.**	**St. Mary's, Eastbourne.**
Nov.	**15.**	**Launton, Oxon.**
Nov.	**22.**	**St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.**
Nov.	**29.**	**St. Mary's, Twickenham.**
Dec.	**6.**	**Vacant.**
Dec.	**13.**	**Canterbury Cathedral.**
Dec.	**20.**	**Southbroom, Wilts.**

AFTERTHOUGHTS ON BELLS AND BELLRINGING

BY THE LATE PETER LAFLIN

(Continued from page 619)

3 (b).—RINGERS (continued).

ONE of my early ringing friends, or, rather, two, were James Motts and his brother William. They came originally from Fressingfield. With the help of W. L. Catchpole and a band of stalwarts such as young Frederick J. Tillett, ringing in Ipswich reached the heights in the '90's and early in the new century; that is, the heights for those days. When I started to ring, their names and such others as R. H. Brundle, Pemberton, Gillingham and, a bit later, C. J. Sedgley and G. E. Symonds were constantly being talked about in Debenham tower. It was not long, about 1907–08, that I was privileged to have a ring with some of them, followed by peals in due course—Double Norwich, Superlative, etc. We also rang Stedman Caters at Stonham, but this peal was after I had returned from a year's stay in Birmingham (1909–10).

James Motts was a smallish, dark man, with a dry wit and a splendid generalship when conducting a peal with youngsters in it. Jimmy was noted for giving young ringers a chance, and I owe it to him for chances to ring in 12-bell peals at Ipswich, which added to experience gained in Birmingham previously. The same could be said for George Wightman, but more locally, as he confined his contributions to ringing very close to home, there being numerous towers within a short distance of his home. It is a fact that George and William walked to their peals at Framsden, Helmingham, Stonham, Debenham, and so on. They never rode bicycles but I have the feeling that Alfred Wightman and David did ride. Certainly there were no cars then, and an occasional longer distance such as Worlingworth must have meant a pony and trap.

Anyway, George Wightman put many a young ringer through his first peal. He called my first of Stedman Triples, in 1907 I think without referring to records. The Wightmans were tall, pale men, bony and strong. Strength was certainly needed in those days when a bell could put one to considerable trouble to strike it properly, even if it was not so very heavy. Anyone who could put the 7th at Helmingham in its exact place, and keep it up, was considered not a bad ringer; yet with a number of false struck bells in a tower such as at Helmingham, it was quite wonderful how the locals could strike them. I often think it wouldn't be a bad idea to teach young ringers on a generally false-struck ring today; they would take more care when ringing on the almost too easy rings we have now.

There were few peals rung at Stonham in my young time, but it used to be said that the best man for the 9th was Alfred S. Wightman, who was a blacksmith and immensely strong. The bell had to give in: Alf wouldn't.

IN BIRMINGHAM

My short stay in Birmingham, 1909–10, August to August, gave me opportunities to meet and ring with such men as John Carter, James F. Groves, Albert Walker, Samuel Grove, Tom Russam, Alf Paddon Smith, John Neal, James L. Wells, T. Miller, Edmund J. Hyland and his brother, W. F. Hyland, the Dickens brothers, James Jones and son William, of Aston, Harry Withers and indeed a good many more. Most of these were so well known that a description would be needless. Nevertheless, one could not help seeing what a variety of characters they were. John Carter with his genius for composition, and I might add his practical ability at his work, revolver making at Webley's. Incidentally, he could in my time muster an 8-bell band in the works, and, if pushed, a 10-bell band for Aston if Caters were rung. It seemed curious that for a man of his undeniable skill he did not seem to be able to explain clearly what he had in mind so as to be easily understood; this could be because his mind ran deeper than his command of words. With a revolver on the testing range he was indeed remarkable: he could cut the centre out of a target at the full distance of the range, which ran along the roof top.

James E. Groves, a fairly big man, was a bellhanger working for Barwells, one-time bell-founders. He was kind to me and gave me opportunities for peals that might not otherwise have come my way. Thus I soon became

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familiar with the workings of Caters and Cinques (mainly Stedman, of course, in Birmingham). Grandsire Caters was largely confined to SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, at that time a ring of ten, tenor about 22 cwt.

William H. Godden, manager at Barwells, was a fine old gent in my time, a member of the St. Martin's band, and mainly noticeable for the splendid top hat he always appeared in. He did not take part very much in the ringing but had done so in former years.

Edmund J. Hyland was a nice young man and it was a pleasure to ring with him. The same could be said of Charles Dickens; Fred Dickens did not seem so enthusiastic as his brother, but could on occasions ring well. Albert Walker needs no comment from me, his reputation and career are well known.

A LISTENING FEAT

Harry Withers was a remarkable man, square-built almost, of immense strength with, I think, the largest forearm I have ever seen. It was his gift of hearing that really made him famous. His deeds, or rather feats, in tapping on piano, bells or his dulcimer, helped to make history in Brum. I was with him in the Bull Ring listening to the only peal of Grandsire Maximus rung in modern times; it must have been early in 1910. He kept me there throughout the peal, told me when the bobs were called, jotted down bob leads and course-ends, and at the end had the composition in his hands. Needless to say, much as I admired the rather strange music of this peal, I was quite dazed by its construction, but Harry wasn't. Few could have done this listening feat.

I went with him later, where he was to umpire an attempt for the record of Superlative, at that time something over 9,000. The attempt failed about halfway, but up to that point Withers had me writing down course-ends, with the calling that produced them; in one or two cases before the actual course-ends came up he seemed to know what should follow. Luckily, it was a fine, warm day and we sat on a tombstone.

In later years, about 1922, I was with him in Toronto, where he played the opening "touches" on a new carillon at the Metropolitan Church. He commenced with "O Canada," which I had previously sung to him as he had never heard the tune. He played it all right, with such a wealth of variations that it sounded more like an organ than bells. This was followed by a course of Erin Caters: leaving me to explain to reporters and officials what it was supposed to be as they had never heard change ringing of any kind. Harry had told me "Tell 'em anything, call it Bob Royal if you like, they won't know!" However, I stuck to the truth but I couldn't get them to understand it. In the days following they heard more of his tapping of various methods, and I believe began to appreciate them, the rhythm being perfect.

Well I suppose one could go on indefinitely with memories of these old ringing friends. Arthur E. Pegler came to Brum once or twice while I was there (he had moved to Bangor recently). My main experiences with him came much later, in the Treble Bob record peal*, and the ill-fated attempt for 22,096 Double Norwich†, which had to be called round false at 18,360.

JOHN WORTH—THE PALM

After my return from Canada in 1926 I came under the influence of still more conductors of ability, notably Edward Jenkins, whom I had known in Suffolk before the 1914–18 war, and Allen F. Bailey, of the famous Bailey brothers of Leiston, then living in Manchester. Later still, John Worth, C. K. Lewis, J. C. E. Simpson and L. W. G. Morris, to name but a few. I can humbly say that much of the pleasure I have had from my ringing has been due to the organising ability and fine conductorship of these gentlemen. For sheer generalship, both in keeping a peal ringing clique together, and finding fresh blood to replace the "fall-outs" I must give the palm to the genial John Worth—how he can handle ringers! ‡

Some conductors, not the men named above, can call the peal if someone else does the organising. Those I mention could do both and particularly J. W. Much hard work goes into the arranging of peals, tours and bands for smaller occasions. To do everyone justice, there are younger men coming along who have their diaries well filled with coming events who show the same tendencies.

Now I will leave the subject of "Ringers" and move on to the next impression gained over the years, but I may have to mention these chaps again.

* April 18th, 1927. † April 4th, 1928. Both rung at Heptonstall.

‡ Written in 1955, before John's untimely death. (To be continued)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

St. George's Church, Preshute, was the venue for the July meeting of the Marlborough Branch, and the attendance was again well up to the average. In the absence on holiday of the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Reed), his deputy (Mr. A. Keen) took charge, and on this light and easy-going six plenty of opportunities were given for touches in the higher methods, with rounds, call-changes and Grandsire for the younger members.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. D. Shorten), with Mr. A. Keen at the organ.

There was no organised tea, but a most-enjoyed al fresco meal in the churchyard in the warm sunshine was a happy substitute. Ringing was afterwards resumed until 7 p.m. Visitors from a wide area were present, to whom a warm welcome was extended by the chairman (Mr. G. Newman). W. A. E.

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MEDIAEVAL BELLS RETURNED TO WORCESTER

By DAVID BEACHAM

A HISTORY of the bells of Worcester Cathedral, written by John Slater, and published in the May 31st issue, mentioned that the four oldest bells of the original ring of eight were sold to Mr. Tyssen Amherst, when they were taken down in 1864 and taken to his park at Didlington, Norfolk, and in about 1900 they were placed in Didlington Church.

Didlington Park has now gone. During the last war it was occupied by the Army and afterwards became derelict and was left useless. All that remains now are the ruins, some estate buildings, still occupied, and the small parish church, which has an electoral roll of 15. A few years ago this parish, together with nine others, was combined to form the first Group Ministry in the Norwich Diocese, known as the Hillborough Group. Didlington Church is still used, but in order to raise funds a faculty was recently granted for the disposal of the bells. Owing to a slip-up somewhere in the advisory system, no conditions were attached to this faculty and these bells could quite possibly have been sold for scrap and broken up.

Fortunately the matter was brought to the writer's attention at an early date and he straightaway informed the Dean of Worcester in the hope that every effort would be made to ensure the preservation of these bells. Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, hon. technical consultant on bells to the Council for the Care of Churches, and Mr. George Elphick, of Lewes, visited Didlington on March 2nd and issued a thorough report on the situation. Now, thanks to the interest and efforts of all concerned, these bells were returned to their former home at Worcester Cathedral on July 14th.

EXCITING VENTURE

The task of removing the bells from Didlington Church tower and transporting them back to Worcester was carried out by the writer and three other members of the Cathedral Guild—a challenging and exciting venture which we shall always look back on with pleasure.

The first thing was to visit Didlington to see if, in fact, the job was within our capabilities. This visit took place on June 6th and we had no hesitation in informing the Dean that we were confident we could do it. The following weeks were spent in careful preparation and we went through every detail of the operation and listed everything that we might possibly need. The lorry and major items of equipment—lifting tackle, etc.— were loaned by a local firm, and after a final briefing session on the Thursday the lorry was loaded on the following evening ready for an early start a few hours later.

First away was John Stanier driving the lorry, accompanied by Roy Sheppard. The remainder of the party, Ron and Jackie Repton and David Beacham, having the advantage of travelling in Ron's car, managed an extra hour's sleep before it was their turn to leave, at 4.30 a.m. Didlington Church was reached at 9 a.m., after breakfast at a transport cafe near Cambridge, and the first thing was to see if the lorry could be driven up to the church door. This we found impossible owing to the exceptionally soft ground caused by the recent heavy rain and meant that the bells would have to be wheeled down the path with planks laid to support the trolley.

LOWERING THE BELLS

The bells were hung dead (except the second) in a two-tiered frame—three on the bottom and two on top. There was no floor between the frame and the ringing chamber and the removal of the bottom three was a fairly simple matter. We decided to lower the lightest of these three (about 8 cwt.) first, and it was a thrilling moment as we saw it descend and finally come to rest on the trolley below. There were no deep steps on the way out and we soon had it out and on to the lorry. This achievement was celebrated with a cup of tea!



They brought the bells back from Didlington (left to right): John Stanier, Roy Sheppard, Ron Repton and David Beacham.

The next bell to be lowered was the old Worcester 6th (about 15 cwt.). The lowering operation was again straightforward but getting it down the church path was more of a struggle. The trolley we were using may best be described as a manually-operated fork-lift truck and was said to be capable of lifting 30 cwt. a height of five feet. It had appeared to be ideal for our purpose as we knew that the most difficult part would be getting the bells on to the lorry. Unfortunately it refused to lift the 15 cwt. bell and so a conference had to be called.

It was decided that we should have to have a mobile crane, and so Jackie and I drove off in the car to find one. Our luck was in and we were able to hire a breakdown truck at the first garage we visited. We were soon back at Didlington, and it was not long before the two heaviest bells were on the lorry.

Our next problem was to lower the bell from the top frame and although this was the smallest (about six cwt.) it proved to be the most awkward. The difficulty here was that it could not be lowered straight down through the lower frame owing to an intervening beam, but had to be manœuvred sideways and then down. This was managed eventually and by 7.30 p.m. all the bells and tackle were back on the lorry.

After a final cup of Jackie's excellent tea we headed for the garage for a wash and brush-up. Plenty of soap and hot water and a change of clothing wrought a complete transformation and we were soon enjoying a well-earned meal in Newmarket.

The car and lorry kept each other company most of the way back to Worcester, which was eventually reached at 2.45 a.m.—a 24-hour day for John and Roy. After a few hours' sleep we returned to the Cathedral and, with the help of a crane, the bells were soon off the lorry and in the cloisters and we were able to report "Mission accomplished."

THE BELLS

These mediæval bells were numbers 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the old ring of eight in Worcester Cathedral and the following details are taken from Mr. Ranald Clouston's report:—

No. 3.—Inscription: "IN HONORE SCI WOLSTANI EPI" (In honour of St. Wulstan, Bishop).

St. Wulstan (c. 1012–1095) was Prior of Worcester and consecrated Bishop of Worcester at York in 1062. He rebuilt the Cathedral and his crypt remains to this day.

The initial cross and lettering are associated with the founder, William Burford of London, who was working in the period 1371–1392. This fits in conveniently with the date of 1374, when the central tower of the Cathedral was completed.

No. 4.—No inscription, but a comparison of the canons, moulding wires and diameter-height ratios indicates that the founder was almost certainly William Burford.

No. 6.—Inscription: "HOC OPUS IMLETO IHV VIRTVTE FAVETO" (This work being finished by the virtue of Jesus may it do us good).

The inscription is in fine 2¼ inch high Lombardic capitals (except for a Roman T in "VIRTVTE"). The initial cross is four fleur-de-lys. The inscription appears to relate to the completion of the central tower. Previous writers on these bells have ascribed this bell to Stephen Norton of Kent, who was working in the period 1363–1381. Mr. Clouston concludes from the evidence he presents that the founder was more probably William Burford, possibly in collaboration with Stephen Norton.

No. 7.—Inscription: "Missi De Celis Habeo Nomen Gabrielis" (I bear the name of Gabriel who was sent down from heaven).

The inscription is in "black' letters and has a fine initial cross and the Royal Arms crowned. The stamp is of a founder whose name is unknown but is referred to as "John Danveli's Successor" and worked in the period 1470–1486.

The bells will remain in the cloisters for the present, where they may be seen by anyone interested. Whether they will be placed in the tower later on will be decided in the course of time. The important thing is that they have been saved from possible loss and returned to their home, where they were first placed 600 years ago.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Nottingham District meeting was held at the village of Stanford-on-Soar on July 6th. The ring of eight is not often rung and a fairly good number turned up to try the bells. The "go" of the two trebles was poor and this affected the striking. A sumptuous tea was provided by Mrs. E. Beardsley and eaten picnic style in the churchyard.

At an informal business meeting it was readily agreed that the Loughborough ringers come to Stanton one Sunday a month to ring for morning service. A timely application of grease to the bearings improved the "go" of the bells and ringing continued after tea. D. S.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, on July 3rd, 1,270 Stedman Caters: K. Arthur 1, W. A. Thow 2, M. E. Johnson 3, G. S. Deas 4, D. Martin 5, R. A. Yeates 6, A. G. Craddock 7, J. Crowther 8, M. Maughan (cond.) 9, O. C. Monson 10. Rung to welcome Hazel, daughter of Jack and Iris Anderson, and Christopher John, son of Graham and Mary Hall, both borne June 25th.

Letters

THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. B. J. Woodruffe's letter, the work of the Records Committee is to record the following:—

(a) "The first peal in a method or spliced group of methods." This is taken to mean Triples and above, regular and irregular, and also, for example, we do not record all different combinations of 13-Spliced Surprise Major, but we would record a peal of Spliced Glasgow and Belfast.

(b) "The progressive longest length in a method or group of methods." This is taken to mean Major and above, regular and irregular. We now record **all** peals of 6,720 and above.

(c) "Record Peals Proper, rung in accordance with the special conditions laid down by the Council in its Decisions and intended to surpass in length a previous best performance." In the past it has not been necessary to distinguish between progressive lengths and Record Peals, but in future we shall check that all conditions laid down by the Council have been complied with in all claims for a Record Peal Proper.

For the three performances given in the Report for 1967, the peal of 12,480 Pudsey Surprise Major is a progressive length, and the peals of 11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major and 19,620 Plain Bob Royal are Record Peals Proper.

For 1968 the peal of 12,096 Glasgow Surprise Major will be taken as a progressive length, as requested by those who rang it, since they only gave one day's "R.W." notice and used singles without proving that such a length could not otherwise be obtained. The peal of 9,600 Lincolnshire Surprise Major now establishes a Record Peal Proper for this method. The peal of 13,140 Kent T.B. Maximus in the Cam variation is **not** a Record Peal Proper, since it was rung with two types of bob, but could establish a Record Peal Proper for Spliced Kent Treble Bob and Kent Little Court. It is up to the band to make their choice — a progressive length of Kent T.B. Maximus rung with two types of bob, or a Record Peal Proper of Spliced Kent T.B. and Kent Little Court Maximus. All other Record Peals rung this year will be checked to the last detail. This action is caused entirely by the tone of Mr. Woodruffe's letter.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE (Convener).

Windsor.

EXPO SUSSEX '68

Dear Sir,—The letter from "Anon." in your issue of August 2nd made me regret that I had not written earlier about the Sussex County Association's contribution to "Expo '68". I should like to endorse all he says: great credit is due to all concerned for the enthusiasm with which they entered into the project, and although it seems invidious to mention names Mr. Elphick deserves a special put on the back.

We should not, of course, forget that without the willing help and co-operation of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank much of the attraction (at least as far as ringers are concerned) would have been missing.

I should like also to repeat what I said at the handbell competition, that the bands entering showed commendable public spirit. Taking tune- and change-ringing together, there were 11 entrants. In the choirs section there were two only—from the whole of Sussex.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

Unravelling Doubles Tangles

GRANDSIRE AND STEDMAN SPLICED

Dear Sir,—Owing to the Central Council's decision on Doubles methods and variations, it seems that we have lost Grandsire Doubles as a method.

This decision has been reached by the fact that a Grandsire bob is a Stedman quick six so, alas, pure Grandsire is no more. Extending this to Triples, Caters and Cinques, every time a peal of this method is rung it should be entered in the records as spliced Grandsire and Stedman, if the Central Council's decision is taken to its logical conclusion.

The members of the Council have voted on a matter which the majority of them do not know very much about. In my own Guild a C.C. representative has admitted that he was swayed by the eloquence of Mr. Blagrove who, incidentally, had a peal of 142 Doubles withdrawn through falseness (sour grapes?).

Finally, being a Doubles peal ringer, what Mr. Massey would call a Multi-Double Whizkid (I presume he means that as complimentary), I have not found any loopholes in the rules, and am completely confused by the whole issue.—Yours faithfully,

Grantham. PETER A. SLIGHT.

NOTE.—The ten changes of a bobbed lead of Grandsire cannot be equated to the six changes of a quick six in Stedman. To ring a peal of spliced Grandsire and Stedman the Stedman must be rung in leads of 12 changes, quick **and** slow series. Mr. Slight's statement is nonsense.

Mr. Blagrove is now no more eloquent than when, at Dublin, the Council rejected his motion to recognise all true 240s of Doubles, only two people voting with him. He did not ring in the peal of 142 Doubles methods/variations, but did ring in the peals of 45 to 113 Doubles **methods**, each with their own plain course, the later being still the record for Doubles methods.—Ed.

MORE QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,—**Why**, if April Day is spliced R. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, is not R. St. Bartholomew spliced Plain Bob and R. St. Bartholomew? Or are only some callings of R. St. Bartholomew R. St. Bartholomew?

Why cannot I call any method or variation with any bell I like as observation? To make a blanket condemnation of extents that start in the middle of a call is not only high-handed but quite unnecessary if a note is included to the effect that due allowance must be made for the effect, on the start, of calls which persist beyond the end of the extent. The Methods Committee included such a note where necessary in the original Doubles Collection. Why not now?

Why has the call for All Saints been altered from a R. Canterbury to a Plain Bob P.L.? The method now given as All Saints is what used to be called Seighford, and not what everyone has been ringing as All Saints since the Dodd-Jones collection of 1964. A similar situation exists with R. St. Sebastian and Litchurch/St. Matthias.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough.

NOTE.—An extent of Rev. St. Bartholomew **may** be called Spliced Plain Bob and Rev. St. Bartholomew.

Extents **may** start in the middle of a bob if desired. The observation bells given in the Appendix are meant as a guide for those less knowledgeable than Mr. David.

All Saints **may** be rung with a plain lead of R. Canterbury for a bob. The alternative is not then a variation.

Reverse St. Sebastian was first rung to a peal in 1953, and Litchurch is spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. Sebastian.—Ed.

The "method" is called "a bobbed lead of Reverse Canterbury", and that is why it is not in the supplement.—F. T. B.

"A SPLENDID SOUND"

Dear Sir, — At a recent meeting at St. George's, Beckenham, and just before a bride arrived at the church, a perfect stranger handed the verger a note. Addressed to "The Ringers," it read: "Compliments and thanks for the first peal. I don't know what it was called, but the cadences rising and falling against the undulating ground swell made a splendid sound. A very fine performance."

I do not find it easy to recognise Cambridge Minor on 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 with the tenor covering, from this description, but it was a pretty compliment all the same and a refreshing change from the sort of complaint one sometimes gets. We are a bit puzzled by the "undulating ground swell." Beckenham is 50 miles from the sea. Could it be a reference to the heavy traffic which continuously passes the church or a picturesque description of the tenor behind?

In over 50 years of ringing I can only recall one similar compliment and that was in November, 1921, when an American tourist left a note with the landlord of the Star Hotel at Wells to say how much he was impressed by the sound of the bells. So much so that he had stopped his car on the road out of Wells and listened for two solid hours to a peal of Grandsire Caters which we were ringing. He could not stay to meet the ringers but left a note instead. But I never discovered how he knew we would go to the Star Hotel after the peal.—Yours faithfully,

Beckenham, Kent. P. W. CAVE.

TRUE AND FALSE DOUBLES

The following variations from the Dodd-Jones Doubles Collection were rung in the quarter peal at Hordle (see pages 585 and 591):—

Daffodil is a variation of Grandsire, in a true 120.

Bluebell is spliced Grandsire and All Saints, in a true 120.

Pinks is spliced Grandsire and Minster, in a true 120.

Evening Primrose is a variation of Nowell, to give a false 120.

Forget-me-not is a variation of Nowell, to give a false 120.

Ranuncula is a variation of Nowell, to give a false 120.

Columbine is Nowell and R. St. Sebastian, spliced to give a false 120.

Narcissus is Nowell and Minster, spliced in a false 120.

Snowdrop is Nowell and All Saints, spliced in a false 120.

Anemone is Nowell and R. St. Bartholomew, spliced in a false 120.

Nowell Doubles will itself not give a true 120!

More Letters, Pages 637 and 639.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

M.U.G.S. SHIPWRECKED ON THE THAMES



Members of Manchester University Guild who took part in their summer tour on the Thames and Oxford Canal. Top row (left to right): Ann Pack, David Jukes, Margaret Ellwood, John Hartley, Barbara Newton, Graham Long, Rachel Atack, Stephen Taylor. Bottom: Simon Taylor, Liz Johnston, Chris Munday, Brian Tomlinson, Pat James, Samuel Harrison and Ian Goldthorpe.

FURTHER TO THE BIRSTALL EPISODE

Dear Sir,—Since my letter appeared in "The Ringing World" on July 26th I have received correspondence with the visiting ringers in question, and I find that they were under a misunderstanding; in fact, they were invited to ring at Birstall by a ringer who resides in Birstall but who on my approaching him admits he is only a visitor to Birstall himself. I accordingly asked him to write to "The Ringing World" to apologise to these visitors and to myself for not making their presence known to me or conveying their thanks which I understand they made to him after they had had the opportunity to ring at Birstall.

However, he will not agree to this as he tells me that no wrong was done and that this kind of thing goes on up and down the country! I myself fail to see that so many people could be so ignorant; however, I must accept his words as he has had far more experience than I on these matters.

I must accept the visitors' apologies for not having stayed to evensong (now that I am aware of the facts), for they had a great deal of travelling to do in order to get home the same evening, and hope they will accept mine for including them in what should have been strictly a local matter.

However, the point still remains that apparently all over the country it is the custom of organised parties not to introduce themselves or to thank the local ringers in some way or, if it happens to be a Sunday, to stay to the service. In my limited experience with visiting ringers, however, I have found this to be quite the reverse.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. MORLEY, Tower Captain,
St. James the Great, Birstall, Leics.

THE excitement of being shipwrecked happened early in the M.U.G.S. tour starting from Wallingford on June 30th. Three boats —the "Tessa," "Thelma" and "Wanda"— were allotted to the party. After a couple of hours the "Tessa" sprang a leak. The captain, Graham Long, decided to abandon ship; the boat was run aground by the bank while the crew attempted to rescue their belongings from the sinking ship. The boatyard was notified, but it was three days before the "Tessa" was refloated, by which time the flotilla had left the Thames and journeyed along the Oxford Canal to Woodstock and beyond.

The first night was spent at Culham, and the next morning (Monday) there was a two-mile walk to Abingdon, where the ten bells were enjoyed before leaving for Oxford. Because of the extremely fine weather a sticky hour was spent at Christ Church (12). Then followed New College (10) and St. Ebbe's before joining the rest of the party, who had been left behind with the boats at Abingdon.

More Oxford towers were sampled on Tuesday morning while the boats were being brought up to the City of Spires. After lunch aboard, the journey was continued along the Oxford Canal to Woodstock: a brisk three-mile walk brought us to the church that evening. On the Wednesday three volunteers went to collect the "Tessa" and they joined the party at Aynho.

In the remaining days of the tour we had to travel 50 miles to Brinklow, where we handed the boats over on Sunday morning. Of the ringing, a fair degree of success was achieved at Banbury (10) and at the unusual double tower at Rugby, the ringing on the eight probably being the best of the tour.

All in all, the tour was most memorable. As may be seen from the photograph, a certain amount of "pairing off" occurred—perhaps another triumph for the oft-mentioned Cupid at Manchester! Finally, thanks must be extended to all incumbents and local ringers, to George for the excellent menus and, of course, David and Simon, without whom the tour would not have been the success it was.

C. L. D. M.

MISLEADING THE PUBLIC

Dear Sir,—It is very desirable for the general public to have an insight into our art through the medium of televiston, but I feel that on Friday, August 2nd, the public were grossly misled by the Independent Television Company in their nightly serial "Crossroads".

I was viewing at this time, no doubt with a great many other readers, and a shot of ringing was shown on the screen. In the script one of the cast had stolen some fish and was telling his buyers of this by ringing the tenor bell, full circle, to indicate the number of dozen fish that he had obtained. To ring the bell he just caught hold of the sally and pulled without holding the tail-end which flapped furiously. This is rather the view that the public have of ringing now, but this short sequence only served to reinforce and not dispel.

I feel that if ringing is to be shown on the television at all then the view of the Central Council, together with their advice, should be sought and that this episode should be brought to the view of the television company.—Yours faithfully,

MELVYN J. HILLER.

Bridport, Dorset.

RAMPTON, NOTTS.—On July 20th, 1,320 Rampton Surprise Minor: Elizabeth J. Foster 1, Sheila M. Anthony 2, G. A. Duke 3, G. A. Dawson 4, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 5, S. Humphrey 6. The first in the method. Rampton Surprise Minor: x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 16. 2nds 4 2 5 6 3.

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A DAY OUT WITH G FLAT

I SUPPOSE there are quite a number of ringers who grab several score of towers in the course of a year without seeing one of the bells they ring from January 1st to December 31st. At the other end of the scale there are a few peculiar characters who see more bells than they ring, poking about in the company of bats and jackdaws, and the occasional friend who can be inveigled into coming to write down inscriptions, hold the ends of measuring tapes and incur severe strains from raising bells while the fanatic up top tries to see why they go so appallingly.

It isn't often that these characters meet—they're well scattered over the country, which is just as well for their long-suffering wives, for when they do meet the conversation is inclined to be one-sided. But the arrival of G Flat for a 48-hour break in his journey was too good a chance to be missed, and we determined to spend a day with some Devon bells.

The gear which we carry is about as odd an assortment as you could find in one bag: steel tape rule, callipers, plasticine (mine is black, G Flat's all pretty colours — ostentation!), camera and flash, several pencils for dropping into jackdaws' nests, tuning forks, wire brush, notebooks, damp cloth in a polythene bag; G Flat carries his in a beautiful leather case all fitted up with compartments and clips, and includes a cake of soap: I carry mine in the remains of a lady's dressing case which must be 80 years old but sits nicely on a frame-head, and I carry a hack of washing line.

LUNATIC APPROACH

First call was at Clyst St. Mary, which has a very ancient ring of three, a frame almost as ancient, and an object lesson in how not to provide access to a ring of bells. Some years ago the worthy people of Clyst St. Mary decided to install a big fine organ and they put it in the transept above which the tower is built, so you go up some stairs to the organ-loft, fish a ladder out from behind the organ, put it up almost vertically under a very narrow trap, climb on to the swell-box of the organ and through the trap, traverse a roof-space with about four feet headroom (there was a fine colony of Lesser Horseshoe Bats here when I last came) and emerge under the treble bell.

It can't be worth it for many people; it obviously isn't worth it to wind the clock, which is above the bells and not going, though in quite good order, but lunatics like us are prepared to do this kind of thing to see a lovely little treble by Robert Norton of Exeter, about 1425, a tenor a little later, also Exeter, and a second by Thomas Pennington III, 1674, all in their mediæval frame and with a good deal of their original gear, including half-wheels. We were rather disturbed, however, to find what a bad state it was all in, and can't help wondering which will reach the organ first, the beetle, the bells or the tower. None of them will improve the tone of the organ.

After getting ourselves down over the organ and dusting ourselves off—I had managed to tip a load of assorted debris over G. F.'s well-groomed head—we returned to the car (not before a passing swallow had paid me back on G. F.'s behalf) and headed across country for Honiton. There was a little time before lunch, so we paid a call on Awliscombe, to see a nice Exeter bell on the floor of the church. The coins in the crown of this bell seem to indicate the work of Robert Russell, who died in 1502. We couldn't get up the tower at Awliscombe, but we admired the excellent set of photographs in the ringing chamber.

AFTERMATH OF FLOODS

Honiton was surrounded by the aftermath of the July floods—meadows covered in shingle banks, pathetic piles of bedding and furniture drying outside cottages—and we saw many places where the flood-line was several feet above the floor-level of the houses. The lanes which lead to Buckerell were torn up and covered with gravel in many places, but Buckerell is on a hill and had escaped damage. Mr. Parr was found to show us up the tower, and proudly gave us a conducted tour of one of the most cossetted rings of bells in the county. The back two are a pair of 15th century bells from the Exeter foundry, and very pretty bells they are to both eye and ear, well matched by a sweet-toned front four from Whitechapel. We admired Frank Parr's roof extension which acommodates the treble in a very cramped tower, and looked out over the fields to the Bell Pit—Buckerell bells have a long and fascinating story which might make an article on its own one day. After a ring on the back four we said goodbye to Frank and set off again through the lanes to Clyst St. Lawrence.

Here we found a very small church with a tower which quite dwarfs it in size and ambition—a lovely tower with a beautiful mediæval Virgin and Child in a niche halfway up. This was an official job — the Vicar had asked for a report—and before we went inside we knew we'd have something to get on with, for the cracks were clearly visible on three faces. In the first-floor space they were even more sinister; we were looking at something not far from three independent structures, touching but not fixed together.

DAMAGE!

In the belfry we found a really very nice Bilbie five in a frame which looked like one of Hooper's, about 1870–80. It was a good frame, and fairly sound, but some years ago the ringers found that it was moving, and instead of tightening the tiebolts they'd jammed pieces of 8 by 3 oak with one end under the frame-heads and the other against the wall. They hadn't succeeded in making the bells go much better, but they had managed to cause hundreds of pounds' worth of damage to the tower. Whenever ringers (and even architects sometimes, I'm afraid) tell me in future that a bell-frame "needs a bit of play to absorb the vibration," I shall send them to Clyst St. Lawrence to see how well the theory works out in practice!

The village here is very small and not very well-off, but we hope that one day it may be possible to hear this five going again, for they're beautiful clean castings in the best Bilbie style, and as far as we could judge from tapping them round they have plenty of breath in them. But we couldn't help feeling glad that there are only three ropes and those very bad; this is the sort of place where unprincipled tower-grabbers might well be tempted to have a quick look and a quick pull, and we wouldn't like to answer for the consequences if they did.

Clyst St. Lawrence is well worth looking at; the inside of the church has just been redecorated, including the fine screen which is a blaze of colour, and is full of beauty and interest. Maybe when the parish has recovered from the great effort of doing this (and it is a real effort for such a tiny place) they may turn their ideas towards getting some music from the tower, even if it's only chiming for a start.

By now it was tea-time and time to take the road for home. Grit in your hair, jackdaws' twigs in your shoes, plasticine ingrained in your hands, dust on your trousers and copper-oxide dust up your nose—but some information which a P.C.C. or two will be grateful for when they've got over the shock, some new experience to add to your little store, and something to add to the world's store of knowledge about the bellfounder's craft—there are worse ways of spending a day in the country.

J. G. M. S.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 16th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Barbara Cliffi (first quarter) 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, C. Poulson 3, M. T. Symonds 4, R. Chambers 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS GROUNDS

Standish, Lancs, has lost a faithful friend and ringer by the death of Mr. Thomas Grounds. He started to ring on the old Rudhall six in 1912 and joined the Lancashire Association, of which he was a life member, in 1914. All his seven peals were with the local band and they ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich C.B. Major.

His funeral was on June 23rd, interment being in the churchyard. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung to his memory. W. O. F.

MR. TIMOTHY BEER

The sudden death on August 5th of Timothy Beer, of Bredgar, Kent, has caused deep sadness among his fellow ringers.

He only started ringing about a year ago and he was a very keen and loyal member of the band. Timothy left school just this summer and was eagerly awaiting his college days. A keen cricketer, he had recently been selected from the village team for a special coaching course. His liveliness on the field and his work in the tower endeared him to everyone.

A SENSE OF VALUES?

Mr. F. C. Mogford, the well-known Bristol and North Somerset ringer, had 7ft. of water from the swollen River Chew rushing through his house at Publow on the night of the recent West Country floods. Luckily he managed to save his famous three-wheeler by driving it up the hill before the water struck, and his indomitable spirit and humour have helped him to overcome quickly the shock of the disaster. When last seen Cecil was still "drying out"—reputedly with "Ringing Worlds" spread around the heaters! But he hopes soon to be straight and to have replaced his lost belongings. His comment was: "All my furniture floated out the back door and my fridge and washing machine were going too, but I pushed 'em back with a broom! My 'Ringing Worlds' from 1928 onwards were all wet and soggy, so I dried them out first. But my College Youths' book was about the only thing that didn't get muddy—I was glad about that!"

SIR ALEC'S HOMECOMING

In connection with the return to Portsmouth of Sir Alec Rose on July 4th, a peal attempt for Grandsire Caters took place at Portsmouth Cathedral. This was mainly by a local band and unfortunately came to grief after two hours' good ringing. Some months previously another peal attempt had been arranged at the Cathedral by a band drawn largely from the area. This was successful and the peal accordingly honours Sir Alec's return.

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CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

To correct, and keep records straight—due to a misunderstanding and a little modesty—W. Frank Stenson supplied the lovely picture of and wrote the excellent article on the Parish Church of St. Mary, Nantwich, in our issue of July 12th. He intended it as a tribute to Jack Brough, towerkeeper, also as a little boost, as Jack has been away from work all this year.

MORE LETTERS

A WARNING TO IRRESPONSIBLES

Dear Sir,—What an extraordinary footnote to Mr. Colborne's letter ("R.W.", page 602). No longer content with submitting hoax peals this vicious minority has now cast a doubt on the validity of every letter now published in "The Ringing World".

What a peculiar idea of "fun" Mr. Colbourne and his friends have; in this type of case, however, legal action can be taken by the person maligned, so they had better realise that their amusement is not without risk. This might deter them from future irresponsibilities. —Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

Llandaff.

SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Jackson's letter (page 583), in my collection of Treble Bob Hunt Minor methods, if a notation produces a five lead method, then I consider it an acceptable method regardless of 2nd, 4th or 6th place at the lead-end. This is assuming that it complies with the C.C. rules of method construction and also that there are no "5-6" places made except at the half-lead-end.

If a 4th place method is rung with a 2nd or 6th place bob, the method still stays the same; it is up to the band which bob they want to use. The bob, you must remember, is not part of a method itself, but only a way of changing the coursing order of the working bells.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. BISHOP.

London, S.W.9.

DEDICATION DATES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Thornley's letter regarding Prestbury (Cheshire) bells, there is, as frequently is the case, a reason for this lack of notice. This centred round a divergence of opinion on the date of rededication and was ultimately resolved by the compelling factor that the Bishop of Chester was already preaching at our Patronal Festival service on June 29th and could not be expected to come again shortly afterwards.

When the decision on the date was reached I was left with little time in which to publicise the event. I did, in fact, send two notices to "The Ringing World," one to cover the possibility of the notice appearing in the issue of June 27th (which I realised was only a forlorn hope!) and another, which Mr. Thornley obviously saw, to be used as an alternative notification immediately after the event.

At the same time I advised the chairman and secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild by letter of the date, and also telephoned each of the officers of the Macclesfield Branch and some of the officers of the adjoining Branch inviting them to the ceremony and also to take part in a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. Ringing was limited to this extent by other events taking place in the village during the evening and was the reason for the meeting on July 27th.

I am sorry that July 27th was not suitable for Mr. Thornley, but there was no guarantee that any other proposed date of dedication would have suited him either. It is very seldom one can find a date which is convenient for everyone, particularly during the holiday season. However, it may be some consolation to Mr. Thornley to know that the Bishop had a full church for this occasion.

Naturally we shall be delighted to welcome Mr. Thornley and any other ringers on any Sunday or for Wednesday evening practice.—Yours truly,

GERALD MOORHOUSE.

St. Peter's, Prestbury, Cheshire.

QUARTER PEALS

CHURCHILL, SOM.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): B. Dobbs (first in 11 methods) 1, R. Jones 2, J. Coombs 3, Y. Criddle 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, C. Avery 6.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOM.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Janine Blanch 1, V. James 2, Helen Kirkpatrick 3, S. Bateman 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, R. Tutton (first quarter) 6.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Andrews (first quarter) 1, I. Whitear 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 5, J. F. W. Hollins 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Sheila A. Harfield 1, P. D. Hepburn 2, D. A. Cruttenden (first "inside" and of Doubles) 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. H. Tribe 6. A farewell to H. H. McNaughton on his departure from the area.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On July 27th, 1,320 London Scholars' Pl. T.B. Minor: A. Lunn (first quarter) 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams (first as cond.) 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts 6. For the wedding of K. Wilson, a ringer at St. Mark's since 1960, and Miss S. Coley.

MANCHESTER, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, Miss M. K. Fenton 2, Miss M Walshaw 3, D. G. Manby 4, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 5, A. Ward (cond.) 6. Rung on 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 10 for Evensong.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On July 28th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Oakshot 1, J. Davidge 2, Ian Bowron 3, G. W. Rendell 4, G. Rendell 5, R. J. Fox 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, T. J Setter 8. Rung for 1,200 years of worship and for the floral festival.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gwyneth Pritchard (first Triples) 1, D. J. Bennett 2, N. Tomkins 3, T. Hobson 4, D. C. Makin-Taylor 5, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 6, J. A. Illingworth 7, G. A. Wells (first Triples) 8. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Harding 1, Florence Houghton 2, R. Houghton 3, B. Mullins 4, Sheila Smith 5, A. Smith (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOM.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Gunter 1, H. V. Young 2, W. A. J. Knight 3, H. Purchase 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5 W. G. Hartnell (nephew) 6, F. Casley 7, A. Gale 8. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hartnell. For 20 years Mr. Hartnell was local captain.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On July 28th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss J. Brighton 1, Mrs. G. M. Roffe 2, R. Brighton 3, D. F. E. Hall 4, L. Brighton 5, J. M. Roffe (first T.B. as cond.) 6. First T.B. for 1, 2 and 4. For morning service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Holland has 130 carillons which are played from the original keyboard.

A quarter peal of Southrepps Pleasure Doubles was rung at St. John's Church, Clevedon, Som. on July 26th, fully-muffled so as to avoid complaints.

Miss Linda D. Shaw, of Bolsover, writes apologising to Mr. A. Churchard for omitting from the quarter at Bolsover on July 9th, in which he rang the second, that it was his first quarter.

Organised by Mr. Fred Hodgson, a party from Darlington and Tees-side had an enjoyable week's ringing in Somerset and Wiltshire. Ringing started on July 28th at St. Mary Redcliffe.

The new editor of "Ringing Towers" is Mr. Ralph Clark, 5, Cambridge Street, Merrylands, N.S.W. 2160. The peal secretary is Neville Gower, Flat 1, 21, Lockner Street, West Hobart, Tasmania 7000.

The Very Rev. J. W. Armstrong, Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, has been elected Bishop of the United Dioceses of Cashel and Emly, Waterford and Lismore. He will be consecrated Bishop in St. Patrick's on St. Matthew's Day.

The Exercise, and the College Youths in particular, will join us in congratulating John S. Mason on his promotion to Air Commodore. John was Master of the Society in 1956 and is one of its representatives on the Central Council.

Mr. F. E. Dukes, who has been in office with the Irish Association for 30 years and succeeded the late Gabriel Lindoff as general secretary in 1941, is looking for an assistant who can be groomed for office.

Complaints have been voiced in recent years because all the officers of the G. and B. reside in the north of the territory. It is understood that P.Sgt. W. F. Scudamore is rectifying this situation by moving south to Coulpit Heath.

The date of the induction of the Rev. Roger Keeley to the living of Whiteparish is Tuesday, September 24th, at 7 p.m. He hopes that some bellringers will attend although there will not be any bells to ring him in. The Bishop of Sherborne will take the service. Mr. and Mrs. Keeley are moving to Whiteparish in Wiltshire on September 3rd.

Visitors from over a wide area including Fivehead, Ashcott and Bramford attended a very pleasant evening practice of the Ilchester Branch at Ash-in-Martock on August 3rd. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. Gordon Rendell and the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Barwood) conducted the belfry office.

Mr. F. S. Macey, of Sutton Valence, Kent, has a record comparable with that of Mr. Taylor. He was taught to handle a bell by the late George Gilbert in 1904, the year he joined the Kent County Association. He has been a subscriber to "The Ringing World" since No 1 issue and another ringing paper previous to that date.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

SOCIAL SIDE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The report of the Central Council meeting at Worcester is a very full one, spreading over three weekly issues of "The Ringing World". However, I think a little more might be said concerning the excellent arrangements made by the Worcester Association. Those of us who joined the coach tour on the Monday found it most enjoyable. Thanks to Mr. Paul Cattermole's organisation everything went smoothly —we journeyed through beautiful countryside, rang at five towers, enjoyed a good luncheon, all at leisurely pace. At one village the donkey "sounded off" a loud welcome as the coach arrived! For whom was the instant recognition? The two "Ringing World" Committee members? The eminent ringers from the south, or (say it quietly) could it have been for the Editor? Enough speculation; instead let us thank most warmly the Vicar and his wife at this same village for so thoughtfully providing us with refreshing cups of tea.

This year most of us found the council meeting itself more strenuous than usual and we were ready to relax in the evening. What better for this purpose than a tour through Devon? This is just what some of us were able to do through the medium of the Rev. John Scott's lantern slides, tape-recordings of the bells and his own inimitable "live" commentary. Thank you, Mr. Scott—we "scientifics" are beginning to appreciate the great skill and beauty of the performances of your call-changers. We look forward to more of your shows and your articles in "The Ringing World".

There are, of course, many other aspects of the annual Central Council meeting which have to be considered in detail over a long period by the host Association making adequate arrangements. Among these are the welcome by Church and civic authorities as well as the opportunity for members of the Council to attend early service on the meeting day. These are important privileges we enjoy year by year and I, for one, sincerely hope none of them will be sacrificed owing to the length of the agenda. The business meeting at St. Albans next year will be longer than usual owing to the elections, etc. Would it be possible to arrange an evening reception instead of the usual teatime one?

A. V. D.

THE "MANUAL"

College Publications (A. York-Bramble, formerly College of Campanology) is receiving interesting overseas orders for "The Ringers' Manual of Reference—Part II", i.e., "Method Structure in Change Ringing". These cover university libraries including Bremen, Germany: Australia, New Zealand and U.S.A.— in one case a batch of ten copies. Requests for Part I of the Manual are still being received— "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing"—though both editions are sold out. A third edition is being considered.

DIAMOND WEDDING AT WIVELISCOMBE

The diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Hartnell, of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, on July 25th, was commemorated by a quarter peal of Triples on the parish church bells on August 1st, an attempt on the anniversary having been lost. Bill has been a ringer since 1904 and was captain at Wiveliscombe for 20 years. He took part with his brother, James, in 1907 in the first peal rung by the local band.

SUFFOLK RINGERS' WEEK-END IN SOUTH WALES

Another intrepid tour story comes from Suffolk. Guided by Mr. Leslie Wright, Rougham ringers and friends from neighbouring towers in the Ipswich area have recently completed a successful week-end in South Wales.

At 7 a.m. on the Friday the party left Rougham and the first stop was at Deddington, Oxfordshire, where Mr. Chris Clarke met them and where touches of Bob Major, Kent T.B., Little Bob and Grandsire were rung. One ringer, alas, had his first fall down a belfry staircase after 40 years of ringing. We are thankful he reached the base uninjured.

The first ring in Wales was at Cefn Coed, where David Tamperlin, now a Rougham ringer, met the party. Swansea was reached just in time to find beds and an early start was made on Saturday with eight belfries on the programme. These were Llanelli, Gorsenon, Cadoxton, Neath, Baglan, Aberavon, Bridgend and Coity. Good ringing was heard throughout the day, the conductors being Miss J. Andrews, Messrs. J. Paul, Neville Whittle, H. Fuller, Dick Rose, Maurice Rose and L. Wright. Mr. Clem Lewis was a great help as guide. Lunch was taken at Neath and tea at Aberavon. Among the points of interest were Baglan Church, built during the last century without a nail.

On Sunday morning service ringing took place at St. Paul's, Sketty, with local ringers and included Double Norwich, Stedman and other touches. The visitors then joined in the morning service. Evening ringing was at St. Mary's, Swansea, where touches of Major were enjoyed.

Monday morning came all too soon and the journey home included the new Severn Bridge. Mr. Wright was thanked and presented with a barometer in appreciation of his organisation. The party look forward to the 1969 tour, but meanwhile they thank incumbents and ringers who met and rang with them and helped in many ways.

G.R.

HONEYMOON WHERE BRIDE RANG FIRST PEAL

The wedding took place at the Parish Church of St. Martin of Tours, West Coker, Somerset, on July 13th, of Robert Parker, of High Ham (a Bath and Wells diocesan instructor), and Lesley Legget, of West Coker (daughter of Mr. G. A. and Mrs. Legget, the Ilchester Branch's hon. secretary).

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. H. Bailey) and the Ilchester Branch's chairman (the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall), the best man being Mr. Keith Beale.

After the ceremony the bride, bridegroom, best man, bride's mother and Branch chairman took part in ringing a "touch" on the pleasant, good-going West Coker eight bells.

Before and after the wedding friends from Montacute, Stoke-sub-Hambdon, Hardington Mandeville and West Coker rang a variety of touches. These ringers included the Branch Ringing Master and four tower masters.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, Ridgeover House, Coker Hill, and the honeymoon was spent at Porlock, where the bride rang her first peal.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker's address is now 4, Brooks Road, Street, Somerset.

FIRST PEAL IN MINUTE BELFRY

The first peal on the bells at Crawley, near Winchester, is recorded this week. It may well be that ringers have been deterred by the smallness of the ringing chamber, which measures only five feet ten inches by six feet. This is a ground-floor ring at the west end end of the church and, as well as the five ropes, there is a radiator in this space. It is not to be wondered that at times the ropes become entangled during the ringing. Three of the peal ringers had attempted the peal on three previous occasions before the bells or the ropes were in such good condition as they are now.

The history of the bells is as follows: Tenor and fourth cast by John Stairs in 1746, the third by Robert Wells in 1789, the second cast in 1802 by James Wells and recast in 1900 by John Warner, London, the treble was cast in 1802 by James Wells. With the exception of the second, all were cast at Aldbourne, Wiltshire.

In 1900 the bells were rehung and the tower restored. Three years ago Commander G. Wardle, R.N., himself a ringer, started to take interest in the bells and since then £300 worth of work has been carried out mainly on the frame and bells with a little on the tower; Mears and Stainbank have amongst other things drilled out the crown staples and modernised the clappers. The bearings are still plain, but Commander Wardle has completely renewed the lubricating arrangements, which are fully efficient. Both he and the Vicar and the P.C.C. are to be congratulated on the present state of things, especially as there is now an active band of ringers.

C. E. B.

TRIBUTE TO ROCHDALE VICAR

The quarter peal rung half-muffled at Rochdale Parish Church on July 31st was arranged specially as a tribute to the Vicar of St. Alban's, Rochdale, who died suddenly the previous Thursday and was interred earlier in the day.

Situated only half a mile from Rochdale Parish Church, St. Alban's contains a 17¼ cwt. ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank. Unfortunately, owing to the condition of the frame, the bells have not been rung since the last war, and very regrettably because of the cost involved (over £2,000, say the bellfounders) there is little chance in the foreseeable future of anything being done to put this right.

A WARWICKSHIRE AUGMENTATION

An announcement is made that the six bells at Kingsbury, near Tamworth, with a tenor of 16 cwt., are to be augmented to eight. The front five are to be recast into seven to tune in with the present tenor in E. The work has been entrusted to John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

307 FIRST PEALERS THIS YEAR

Up to and including the issue of August 2nd, the following statistics relating to peals for 1968 are of interest:—

Peals published, 1,673; called by 454 different conductors.

Ringers taking part, 2,842.

First pealers, 307.

WESSEX RINGING WEEK

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Mon., July 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Richard H. Youdale	Treble	David G. Massey	5
*Katharine J. Maundrell	2	William T. Perrins	6
John N. Longridge	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Ronald H. Marlow.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM.—At the Church of SS. Candida and Holy Cross.
On Mon., July 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Katherine J. Maundrell	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
William T. Perrins	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
Timothy F. Collins	3	John Hartless	7
David G. Massey	4	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by John N. Longridge.

BRIDPORT, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., July 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

John N. Longridge	Treble	*Timothy F. Collins	5
*William T. Perrins	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
David G. Massey	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
Richard H. Youdale	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Cambridge.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Ronald N. Marlow	Treble	John N. Longridge	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
*Timothy F. Collins	3	William T. Perrins	7
Jeffrey L. Claughton	4	Rev. Roger Keeley	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.
* First peal of Superlative.

CURDRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., July 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in D.

*John N. Longridge	Treble	*Richard H. Youdale	5
*Katharine J. Maundrell	2	†Rev. Roger Keeley	6
*Timothy F. Collins	3	William T. Perrins	7
*Stephen T. Kirby	4	*Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of New Cambridge. † 100th peal of Surprise.

SHEDFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., July 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	Rev. Roger Keeley	5
Stephen T. Kirby	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
William T. Perrins	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
John N. Longridge	4	*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

OTHER PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 Rev. St. Bartholomew, 720 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*Harry Howard	Treble	Brian Schofield	4
*†Harold Worrall	2	*Ernest Pimlott	5
John Moore	3	Christopher Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EYAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Tues., July 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

Herbert E. Taylor	Treble	Graham Newman	4
Ann M. Smith	2	Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	5
Susan E. Davis	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., July 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Mrs. B. C. Sadler	Treble	Peter Sloman	6
*Stephan G. Halliwell	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Jack Belcham	3	Bernard C. Sadler	8
Hubert H. Furminger	4	Michael J. Hallett	9
Alfred J. House	5	David Sloman	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on the rededicated bells since overhaul
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel T. Erskine to the living of Prittlewell.

EXETER COLLEGE GUILD & GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
BROADCLYST, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., June 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

Malcolm S. Turner	Treble	Peter Henry	5
David J. Atkins	2	Raymond J. Talbot	6
Angela C. Hughes	3	John N. Longridge	7
Gordon H. Baldam	4	William T. Perrins	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John N. Longridge.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HERSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Anne E. Antony	Treble	John F. M. Maybrey	5
†Peter Henry	2	Bruce B. Rodgers	6
*Jeffrey J. Bailey	3	Christopher D. J. Webb	7
†Genebeth C. Webb	4	P. John King	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher D. J. Webb.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung as part of the Festival of Flowers and Music for the Patronal Festival.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
KNEBWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in F sharp.

Peter T. Dale	Treble	*A. Stephen Taylor	5
Roger M. Heyworth	2	Andrew J. Slade	6
*Roger D. R. Brown	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
Ian L. Dear	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Bristol. First in the method as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Derek Slater	Treble	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Valerie J. Howard	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Richard Hayes	3	John A. Howard	7
John Pladdys	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Speed's arrangement of Middleton's. Conducted by Richard Hayes.
Rung to mark the marriage of Mr. C. H. Rogers and Miss E. V. J. Bellfield.

ERITH, Kent.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Derek Slater	2	John A. Howard	6
Peter S. Muchlinski	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Philip J. Simmonds	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Peter S. Muchlinski. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)

MANCHESTER.—At the Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme. On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*David G. Manby	Treble	Jane Reynolds	5
Alan Ward	2	Frank Reynolds	6
†Malcolm Murphy	3	Peter Watson	7
*I. E. Margaret Manby	4	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	Tenor

Composed by Horace Howlett. Conducted by Peter G. Bellamy-Knights.
* First peal. † First in the method. First as conductor.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEDNESBURY, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew. On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

Martin Green	Treble	J. Edward Cawser	6
Dorothy Mason	2	John K. Smith	7
Monica M. Jelley	3	Philip A. Mason	8
W. Ernest Rawson	4	John M Jelley	9
William A. Lacey	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Aldenham Surprise Royal by all the band except the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

QUORN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew. On Tues., July 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

David F. Moore	Treble	J. Richard Perkins	5
*David L. Alderton	2	†B. Stedman Payne	6
E. Alan Jacques	3	†Roger I. Kendrick	7
Clive Mobbs	4	‡Alec R. Jones	Tenor

Composed by T. Morris. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First eight-bell peal.
Rung to mark the centenary of the creation of the Parish of Quorn.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James. On Thurs., June 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being in 26 methods—Stedman S.C., Coxwell Place, St. Botolph S.C., Stedman, Grandsire, Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon Bob, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Blaisdon, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, All Saints', Rev. St. Bartholomew, Minster Bob, and 62 variations—Burton Joyce, Lillingstone, Iffley, Ardingly, West Hanney, Darwin, Hendred, Radlett, St. Breward, Ludgershall, St. Merryn, Hadham, Chippenham, Saville, St. Clether, Bradden, Kelmarsh, Tring, St. Albans, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, St. John Evan., Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, St. John Baptist, Elford, Austrey, St. Felix, St Wenceslas, St. Ignatius, Churchill, Amersham, St. Jonn Divine, St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, Ezneth, Lapley, St. John, Horsley, Obediah, Shareshill, Ryton, St. Cleer, Omega, Hevford, Chilton, Sarratt, Dummer, Kennington, Old Southrepps, St. Columb, Marchington and Fortune.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr 22 lb. in A.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Owen Homewood	3
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Peter A. Slight	4
		Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
Most Doubles methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Wed., July 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

David J. Llewellyn	Treble	John Owen	6
Susan Harber	2	Ellis N. Thomas	7
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Stephen Fenwick	8
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	4	Charles P. Quartley	9
Nevil A. James	5	Christopher Ricketts	Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
Rung to celebrate the enthronement this day of the Most Rev. Glyn Simon as Archbishop of Wales.

PENTRE, Rhondda, Glam.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Charles P. Quartley	Treble	M. Jack Pryor	5
Christopher Ricketts	2	Peter S. Bennett	6
Christopher E. Slade	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
John Owen	4	Paul Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung for John Owen, who is home on a visit to Pentre from Canada.

COWBRIDGE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of the Holy Cross. On Mon., July 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*Susan Harber	Treble	*†Nicholas W. H. Simon	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	*Christopher Ricketts	6
*Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	3	†Ellis N. Thomas	7
*Christopher Aldridge	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Superlative. † 25th peal together. First in the method on the bells.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Wed., July 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

Trevor M. Roderick	Treble	Michael Pilgrim	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
Alexander E. Marsh	3	Charles P. Quartley	7
*James Clatworthy	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

PENDOYLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cadoc. On Mon., July 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: (1-3) Cambridge S., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6, 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*Nicholas W. H. Simon	Treble	Christopher Ricketts	4
Susan Harber	2	*Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	5
Ruth E. Havard	3	Ellis N. Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* 50th peal together. First peal of Minor and the second peal in 73 years on the bells.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints. On Mon., July 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

Peter N. Felton	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7
Richard Hayes	3	Michael J. Palmer	8
William S. Deason	4	Frank T. Blagrove	9
Douglas M. Boniface	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher H. Rogers and Miss Elizabeth J. V. Bellfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Thomas H. Norris	Treble	Alick Cutler	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	*†Clive W. Simpson	6
Elizabeth M. Emmett	3	*Bryan C. Burrough	7
H. George Hart	4	†Bernard E. Matthews	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CASTLE ACRE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James. On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G sharp.

Walter Houghton	Treble	Leslie W. Houghton	4
Norman V. Harding	2	Claude Cousins	5
Shelagh R. Collins	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Shelagh R. Collins.
First peal in seven methods as conductor.
Rung as wedding compliments to Robert Henry Moore and Carol Linda Ingram, married at Stone, Kent, on July 20th, and Capt. Sir Robert Mackeson and Camilla Margaret Keith, married at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on July 22nd.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

SUNNINGWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard. On Thurs., June 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods: (1) Primrose, (2) Norwich, (2) Plain, Double and City Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, (6) Cambridge, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in B flat.

*Rachel Kistruck	Treble	Roger E. Burbery	4
John R. Leary	2	Stephen K. Thompson	5
Richard J. Wilsher	3	P. Gerald McIlhone	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Leary.
* First peal
Rung to celebrate the end of schools and to congratulate Judy Harvey on her "first" in biochemistry.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANELLI, Carms.—At the Church of St. Elli.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

*Prudence Pattison	Treble	Derek H. Walters	5
Simon P. Rogers	2	Rev. Russen W. Thomas	6
John Prytherch	3	Philip C. Rogers	7
Anthony R. Trickett	4	Richard L. Underwood	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal. First on the bells since rehanging and augmentation.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Wed., July 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Richard L. Underwood	Treble	Anthony R. Trickett	4
Simon P. Rogers	2	Derek H. Walters	5
John Prytherch	3	*Philip C. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* Have now "circled the tower".

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
B. Gillian Pipe	2	George E. Fearn	7
Maurice F. Edwards	3	John R. Insley	8
Stephen W. Barton	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Clive M. Smith	5	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe (No. 1).
Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., July 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Reginald H. Newton	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
George E. Fearn	4	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

John Walden	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	7
Christopher J. Sharp	2	Harold F. Gibson	8
Harry Poyner	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	9
Beryl N. Reed	4	Peter A. Sharp	10
David Phillipson	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	11
Jack L. Millhouse	6	Frank E. Darby	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

WINTHORPE, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Tues., June 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1, 3, 5 and 7) Plain Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob and (6) Oxford Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

W. Gordon Marsh	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
Jack L. Millhouse	2	†Harold Stevenson	5
*Ruth Blackshaw	3	*Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 200th peal. † 100th peal.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., July 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents Oxford Bob and four extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G

Mrs. Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	‡W. Gordon Marsh	4
*Robert D. Marsh	2	†Maurice W. Harrison	5
†Ruth Blackshaw	3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
* 50th peal. † 200th peal for the Guild. ‡ 25th peal. 50th peal on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Dick Willatt.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

COTTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., July 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 94 lb.

*Dorothy M. Durrant	Treble	George W. Pipe	5
†Margaret Egglestone	2	Michael J. Howes	6
Robert E. Lester	3	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major.

UFFOLD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 36 lb.

*Katharine M. Thorley	Treble	Howard W. Egglestone	5
J. Martin Thorley	2	Thomas W. Goodyer	6
Robert E. Lester	3	H. William Barrett	7
George W. Pipe	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARDINGLY, Sussex.—On the Southern Counties Agricultural Showground, at the Expo Sussex '68 Belfry.
On Mon., July 22, 1968 in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Derek Slater	Treble	John Howard	5
David Smith	2	Richard Hayes	6
Edgar Rapley	3	Tony Lewis	7
*Simon Wigg	4	Martin Howe	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Martin Howe.
* 50th peal. Only peal on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

Alan A. J. Buswell	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7
Christopher R. Rogers	3	Christopher W. Woolley	8
John R. Southey	4	Roger Baldwin	9
Andrew J. Slade	5	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
Rung to mark the return of Sir Alec Rose after his single-handed voyage around the world.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Andrew J. Slade	2	Roger Baldwin	6
*John R. Southey	3	Frank H. Hicks	7
Martyn L. J. Jordan	4	John H. Hunt	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of London.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Also to mark the return of Sir Alec Rose after his single-handed voyage around the world.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming	8
Susan Rothera	3	Edgar Skipsey	9
Charles P. Quartley	4	Philip J. Rothera	10
David E. Rothera	5	Kenneth J. Hesketh	11
Peter G. Brown	6	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by Pete. Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., July 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Roderick J. Lees	5
Stephen W. Barton	2	*Robert Edwards	6
†John J. Durham	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Peter L. Bill	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of London "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to John C. Eisel and Margaret P. Gibbs, who were married at Lugwardine on the previous Saturday. Also as a farewell to Peter L. Bill, who is shortly leaving for Plymouth.

HAMPTON, Evesham, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	Treble	Arthur V. Pearson	5
Martin D. Fellows	2	Gerald C. Hemming	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Robert Edwards	7
Arthur C. Berry	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., July 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

*William P. Haskins ..	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Ronald J. Snack	2	H. David Holland	6
N. Susan Jackson	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
John Potts	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung on the birthday of the ringer of the sixth.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' one-part (transposed). Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	Treble	Vernon Bottomley	5
*Ruth Richardson	2	Trevor Tarbatt	6
*Ann Gardner	3	Frederick A. Munday ..	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	4	Geoffrey Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* First peal in the method.
Specially arranged for Miss Ann Gardner of Washington, D.C.

DEWSBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., July 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	Treble	Trevor Tarbatt	5
John M. Ineson	2	Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	6
Avis M. Thompson	3	John Wightman	7
Ann Gardner	4	Vernon Bottomley	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Jeanne E. Bottomley.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Wightman.

WHIXLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Capel T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Court, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

Trevor Tarbatt	Treble	Christopher A. Moxon ..	4
*Gail Cater	2	Alan Clifton	5
*Robert Cater	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in 11 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At the Students' Union.
On Fri., Feb. 16, 1968, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR
Being seven extents in 23 methods: (1) College, Wavertree, Rodbourne, London, Lytham, Westlecott, Briercliffe, Northcourt, Cassington, (2) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, Rosehill, Radley, Hanney, (3) Reverse, Canterbury, (4) Double, Fulbeck, Plain, (5, 6 and 7) Plain. Tenor size 12 in G.

James R. White	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	3–4

Richard J. Parker (cond.) .. 5–6
—1456—36.12.36. l.e. 12 Hanney, l.e. 16 Cassington.
—1456—1236—36. l.e. 12 Radley. l.e. 16 Northcourt.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At Northcourt Lodge.
On Mon./Tues., July 1st/2nd, 1968, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR
In 23 methods, including College, Wavertree, Rodbourne, London, Lytham, Westlecott, Briercliffe, Wanlip, Greengate, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, Rosehill, Harlesyke, Birstall, Reverse Canterbury, Double, Fulbeck, Plain. 108 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included.

Christopher I. Rowson ..	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	3–4

Richard J. Parker (cond.) .. 5–6

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sun., July 14, 1968, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

*Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4

Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5–6
* 50th peal of Plain Bob.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., July 21, 1968, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4

Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5–6

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Rhosilli, 55, Wick Avenue.
On Thurs., June 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

A. Stephen Taylor	1–2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Kenneth J. Darvill	7–8

Arranged by Brian J. Woodruffe. Conducted by Julia A. Fellows.
First peal on handbells as conductor.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Tues., July 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 2,880 of London, 832 of Superlative, 768 of Cambridge and 640 of Bristol, with 110 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	John R. Mayne	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3–4	*Thomas W. Goodyer ..	7–8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Mon., July 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 25 methods, comprising 640 of Eastcote, 320 each of Bristol, Ealing, Elford and London, and 160 each of Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Cambridge, Dublin, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method.
Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., July 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

David F. Moore	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
*Ann Gardner	3–4	Peter J. Staniforth	7–8

Composed by John Carter Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal on handbells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH MYMMS, Herts.—At 57, Holloways Lane.
On Wed., July 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor size 14 in D.

Thomas J. Lock	1–2	Thomas W. Goodyer (cond.)	5–6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	3–4	*Stephen J. Ivin	7–8

* First peal of Grandsire Triples "in hand."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At 30, Methly Drive.
On Sun., July 21, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

Margaret Warford	1–2	Ronald R. Warford (cond.)	3–4

Ronald J. Snack 5–6

NOTICES

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MOZLEY—POOLE.—The marriage of Brian and Mary will take place at Rothley Parish Church, Leicestershire, on Saturday, August 24th, 1968, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. 4486

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MASON.—The address of Air Commodore J. S. Mason is now 44, Lees Gardens, Maidenhead, Berks. Phone 27211. 4493

PERSONAL

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WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—Bells have been rehung. Ringing at the usual times: Sundays, 10.30–11.20 and 5.45–6.30; Wednesdays, 7.45–9.30. Visitors welcome.—D. A. R. May. 4522

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting, Kilmersdon, Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—D. Yeo and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 4499

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Evening practice at Bagborough (6), Saturday, August 17th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 4518

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Monthly meeting, Brinklow, Saturday, August 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Killamarsh on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. 4478

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. — Meeting at Whittlesey St. Mary, Saturday, August 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4512

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, August 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food), cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4483

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, South Cerney (6), August 17th, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Hon. Sec. 4495

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, Kimpton, August 17th, 3 p.m., with service and tea. Names, please, to Miss D. Meredith, The Vicarage, Hitchin, Kimpton. — R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4448

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Elloe Deaneries Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Pinchbeck, Saturday August 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to K. R. Davey, Fenn Cottage, 12a, The Tenters, Holbeach, Lincs. 4474

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practices: Bledlow, August 17th; Aston Clinton, September 21st; Little Missenden, October 19th. All 6.30 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—A. J. White. 4494

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, August 17th, Stanford-on-Avon, at 6 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4496

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Learners' meeting at Buxted (8) on August 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing from rounds to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Names for tea to J. M. Hills, 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, BN4 6PJ. 4466

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting at Bishop's Sutton (5), Saturday, August 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 at Ropley, followed by business meeting. Bells available 7.30–9. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Tremeer, 9, Perins Close, New Farm Road, Alresford. 4479

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Southern District

The August meeting will be held on August 17th, joint with the BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY, in the Shelley area.

Ringing programme:

New Mill	..	10.45–12.00 noon
Shelley	..	2.30– 5.00 p.m.
Silkstone	..	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
Barnsley	..	7.00– 9.00 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, by Wednesday, August 14th. **No names, no tea.**
J. Seager, Secretary. 4459

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Badgeworth (6), August 19th, 7.30 p.m. 4509

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice, Christ Church, Ealing, Tuesday, August 20th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 4482

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Learners' practice, Banstead, Wednesday, August 21st, 7.30 to 9. 4508

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice, Dunster (8), Saturday, August 24th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. T.-B. 4500

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. A short business meeting will be held at this meeting. 4511

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, August 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea restricted. Names **essential** by August 21st.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Repton on Saturday, August 24th. Start 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 4398

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Desford, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. W. Bennett, 27, Manor Road, Desford, Leics. by the Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 4513

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Northaw, Saturday, August 24th. Bells available 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m..—E. H. Kilby. 4514

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Polstead, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. C. Hynard, Byways, Polstead Heath, Colchester, Essex, by August 22nd. 4390

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor evening practice meeting, Queniborough (6), Monday, August 26th, 7.30 p.m. 4491

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening meeting on Friday, August 30th, Fairwarp (8), 7 to 9 p.m. 4504

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Broadclyst (8), Saturday, September 7th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. — R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 4510

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting, Beaumaris, Anglesey, Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, by previous Saturday. 4444

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. — The annual meeting will take place at Grantham on Saturday, September 21st. The business meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. in the Divisional Headquarters of the Lincolnshire Constabulary. The dinner will be at the George Hotel, Grantham (price 17s. 6d.) at 6.45 p.m. Orders by September 14th, please. Ringing arrangements from Arthur Pearce (Secretary), 197 Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. 4433

LATE NEWS

Stevenage, Herts, tower has had a chapter of accidents. Mr. W. Laurence, the captain, had a nasty fall from his bicycle and fractured three ribs. His vice-captain, Mr. W. Brown, is just out of hospital. In the 40 years these two have been ringing at Stevenage together this is the first time both have been absent from ringing together.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

It is always a pleasure for the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society to visit Guiseley. The eight bells are light and easy-going and induce a high standard of striking, whilst the walk from the church to the Vicarage and church hall passes through pleasant gardens and copses, more reminiscent of a church deep in the countryside.

The Society again visited the tower on July 27th, and the warm and sunny day enhanced the pleasures of sight and sound. Methods that were rung included Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire. A traditional Yorkshire meat tea was provided free of charge by the local company, and in replying to the vote of thanks Mr. Walsh said the Society would be ever welcome at Guiseley, but he was sad to note with each visit the absence of more of the "old faces".

The meeting was without the services of the secretary, Mr. I. North, who was ill, and the Society wished him a speedy recovery.

Comments were made on a number of points raised by the sub-committee which is looking into the introduction of a striking competition to the Society. It was decided by the meeting that the contest should be on six bells and be held at the October meeting: detailed arrangements were referred back to the sub-committee.

Next meeting, August 31st, Otley (provisional). R. C.

DUPLICATE PEALS

The following peals have been duplicated:—

Stanwick:	Pages 587 and 548.
Maidstone:	Pages 487 and 468.
Leeds:	Pages 470 and 430.

QUARTER PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE. — On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Street 1, R. Barratt 2, Miss C. Street 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, J. Capps 6. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Barber 1, E. Pimlott (cond.) 2, Miss C. Street 3, H. Callwood 4, A. Street 5, J. Capps 6.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. B. Lucas 1, Miss A. Gardner 2, A. E. W. Baines 3, Mrs. B. M. Baines 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, R. Johnson (first on cover bell) 6. Also on July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): T. A. Stevens (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Gardner 2, A. E. W. Baines 3, Mrs. B. M. Baines (cond.) 4, A. J. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6. Both for Flower Festival.

EAST MEON, HANTS. — On July 26th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Tipper 6. First in 11 methods by all except conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cecil 1, S. Penfold 2, Mrs. D. J. Wright 3, G. W. Cecil 4, A. Grainger 5, C. E. Wright (cond.) 6, C. E. Brown 7, F. Scoones 8. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Janet Gant and Mr. Richard Greig on this day.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX. — On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. West (first away from tenor) 1, E. Treagus 2, Stella M. Knight 3, M. K. Till (first attempt) 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, J. J. Charlton 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. Richard Charlton, son of the tower captain, on his marriage to Miss Sandra Langton.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 Bob Triples: M. Webster 1, Violet Relf 2, E. Clifton 3, M. French 4, W. Tickner 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6, O. Webster 7, P. Relf 8.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, T. Camp 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, A. Richardson 5, M. Camp 6. For morning service.



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ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Skilton (cond.) 1, Margaret James 2, Elizabeth Gibbs 3, J. V. A. Stedman (first in method "inside") 4, G. Bromley 5, Felicity Hamilton 6, J. F. Oakshott (first Grandsire "inside") 7, W. F. Oatway 8. For Evensong.

BABCARY, SOM.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Salisbury (first quarter, aged 12) 1, R. Edwards (17) 2, A. S. Whiteley (first "inside", 16) 3, S. Lucas (14) 4, M. J. Whiteley (first as cond., 13) 5, C. P. Wainwright (first of Doubles) 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX. — On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Joan C. McLean 1, F. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, Amette E. Bradbury 3, D. R. McLean (cond.) 4, S. J. Osborne (first "inside") 5, A. Turner 6. 25th together 2 and 4. Rung on St James' Day.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On July 17th, 1,440 Crayford Little Court B. Minor: J. Foster 1, G. W. Hawksworth 2, Susan E. Davis 3, Ann Noton 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, G. Newman 6. First in method by all the band.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On July 18th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: Sheila I. Smith 1, Susan L. King (first Major) 2, B. F. R. Mullins (first Major) 3, J. G. Flint 4, D. G. Carr 5, M. Major 6, A. H. Smith (cond.) 7, A. S. Smith 8. To mark the return home from hospital of the Vicar: also a birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Chafer 1, N. Bell 2, W. A. Crowder 3, G. Bromfield 4, C. A. Harrison 5, S. Neave 6, J. Bray (cond.) 7, J. Crowder 8. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of J. B. Duffill, many years churchwarden.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, D. J. Knight 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, J. N. Longridge 6.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOM. — On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Brenda M. Bindon 1, A. F. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, K. E. Beale 4, N. J. Maggs (50th quarter) 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6. First in 11 meth./var. 1, 2, 3 and 5.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On July 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss P. Smithson (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Christian 2, Miss C. Lay 3, A. R. Walters (cond.) 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, I. Whitear 6. Rung for the 12th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Rev. Ronald G. Christian). Also on July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Bumstead (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 5, I. Whitear 6.

BRIDFORD, DEVON. — On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Barr (first quarter) 1, F. D. Mack (cond.) 2, H. L. Crisp 3, G. T. West 4, W. J. Harvey 5, A. E. Knight 6. For St. Peter's Day.

BRYANSTON, DORSET. — On April 16th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): C. F. Longridge 1, W. T. Perrins 2, M. J. Corry 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, T. F. Collins 6. Also on July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan M. Corry 1, C. J. Corry 2, T. G. Bleathman 3, M. J. Corry 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5, B. R. Jeans 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cooke.

BURITON, HANTS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Jane Sims (first quarter) 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey (25th quarter) 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, R. Tipper 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On July 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss J. Smith 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, J. Southey 3, Miss M. Carruthers 4, L. J. North 5, A. Lucksford 6, D. Murphy (first on working bell) 7, T. Norris 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—At St. John's Church, on July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jones (first quarter) 1, T. Yeomans 2, P. Thomas (first quarter) 3, K. Parker (first Doubles) 4, P. Williams (cond.) 5, J. Pryor 6.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On July 27th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Patricia M. Rogers 1, Olive L. Rogers 2, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 3, K. J. Darvill 4, R. M. Damerell 5, J. W. Thorpe 6, C. W. Longden 7, W. A. Farmer 8, V. Nutton 9, H. W. Rogers 10, S. C. Walters 11, D. W. Struckett 12. To celebrate the marriage of Elizabeth Bellfield and Chris Rogers, which took place on this day at Dowdeswell.

CHISELDON, WILTS. — On July 17th, 1,300 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Bowman 1, Miss A. Toomer 2, Miss J. Purser 3, Miss V. Ballard 4, F. G. Cook (cond.) 5, A. E. Wiltshire 6. For induction service.

CRESSWELL, DERBYS. — On July 28th, 1,260 Little Bob Major: J. B. Moran 1, F. Cooke 2, D. A. Whetton 3, J. S. Hopwood 4, G. Challans 5, L. Barlow 6, B. A. Richards 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DURWESTON, DORSET.—On June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Paulley 1, Susan M. Corry 2, C. J. Corry 3, R. H. S. Jeans 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, B. R. Jeans 6.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Felton 1, A. M. Stacey 2, P. N. Felton 3, F. Bishop 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6. For morning service.

EXETER, DEVON. — At St. Mark's Church, on May 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Henry 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, G. P. Smerdon 3, D. J. Atkins 4, M. S. Turner 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela C. Hughes 1, Linda V. Cull 2, D. J. Atkins 3, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 4, M. S. Turner 5, R. J. Talbot 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Corke 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, E. Futcher 3, D. Elsmore 4, C. Chennell-White 5, P. J. Privett 6, J. Collier (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 7th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob and Pl. Bob): Mrs. D. Main 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Mrs. A. Stevens 3, P. Stevens 4, M. J. Wake 5, R. Wake (cond.) 6. With congratulations to Susan Main and Patrick Wills, married at this church the previous day.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on July 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. F. Bryant 1, Miss A. C. Walker 2, C. D. Walker 3, D. J. Rankin 4, R. E. Moulds 5, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 6. First attempt 2 and 4. For morning service.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX. — On July 21st, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Gillian Birchall 1, Lesley Essen 2, Barbara Deason 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, R. A. Gage 5, W. S. Deason (cond.) 6. With congratulations and best wishes to Derek and Wenda Fowles on the birth of a son.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Rev. R. Lindsay 1, Sheila H. Heaton (first "inside") 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, K. M. Price 4, W. Kenyon 5, J. Whalley (cond.) 6. Rung for St. James' Day.

HONITON, DEVON. — At Old Church, on June 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. Webb 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, M. S. Turner 3, P. Henry 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, R. J. Talbot 6. Also on June 24th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: M. S. Turner 1, P. Henry 2, G. Mudge 3, D. R. Bould 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, F. D. Mack 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,344 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: R. Jean Henderson 1, Jennifer Brown 2, R. J. Collis 3, G. E. Duke 4, J. P. Coad 5, R. L. Jones 6, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 7, J. R. Pratt 8. 21st birthday compliments to Rosemary Cotton and Sandra Crocombe.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lebon 1, A. Leeves (cond.) 2, B. Butler 3, J. Hemsley 4, O. Webster 5, P. Thomas 6.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK. — On July 2nd, 1,280 Minimus (Pl. Bob and Place Bob Spliced): Susanna Pole (first quarter) 1, Marion Simmonds 2, P. Bower 3, N. Burgess (first as cond.) 4. Rung for the outgoing and incoming presidents of Keswick Hall Bellringing Society.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Stone 1, J. P. Hull 2, M. J. Green 3, C. D. Collins 4, Anthea S. Bruce (cond., 25th quarter) 5, M. Belcher 6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Belcher 1, Brenda J. Harris 2, R. T. Falder 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, G. F. Coker 6. 25th together 2 and 5. To celebrate award of Queen's Guide badge to Jane M. Drew. P. C. Worthington's entry to the Herts Police Cadets, and to congratulate Miss R. A. Spicer on becoming a qualified teacher.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,280 Doubles (five methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas 2, P. M. Flecknev 3, D. Belcham 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Most methods 2, 5. For Confirmation service.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 21st, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: P. J. Spice 1, Miss D. E. Colgate 2, L. C. Way 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, K. J. Rider 5, P. J. Simmonds 6, E. J. Ladd 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8. T. Lewis 9, D. P. Smith 10. First in method 5 and 6. For Evensong.

LONG CRICHEL, DORSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan M. Corry 1, C. J. Corry 2, D. J. Knight 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, B. R. Jeans 6.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On July 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Lord 1, Ann Leigh 2, S. Lunn 3, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 4, B. Ellis 5, A. W. Bond 6, A. Rogers 7, J. H. Fielden 8. For the Centenary of the Borough of Huddersfield. Also on July 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Williams 1, S. Lunn 2, B. Ellis 3, D. Williams 4, R. Coverley 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on July 21st, 1,4440 Minor (Double and Plain, Oxford and Kent), by the same band. All quarters before Evensong.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on July 10th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: G. Stewart 1, Margaret Aslett (first Major "inside") 2, Barbara Beeson 3, R. Turner 4, G. Heyes 5, J. Roper 6, M. Scowen 7, H. Rossell (cond.) 8.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Lintott 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Gillian Read 3, Kathleen Fox (first in method) 4, D. M. Hughes 5, J. A. Read 6.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan M. Corry 1, Ben Ridout 2, T. G. Bleathman 3, C. J. Corry 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, B. R. Jeans 6.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): Christine Worth 1, J. George 2, S. Darvill 3, R. Curtis 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, R. Pengelly 6. Also on July 25th, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor: Diane Carter 1, J. George 2, G. Taysom 3, R. Curtis 4, M. Bowers 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods, 7, 6, 8 cover): Mandy Roberts (first quarter) 1, R. Tipper 2, Sally Stacey 3, Carol Stacey 4, D. Hatherly (cond.) 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton 7, K. Sansom 8. For Evensong.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Willey 1, C. F. Mew (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. M. Bull 3, A. L. B. King 4, E. Buxton (first in method "inside") 5, B. J. Bull 6, Derek Stainsby 7, A. Haines 8. First in method 1, 4 and 7. For Evensong.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Watts 1, J. Mitchell (first quarter) 2, T. A. Palmer (cond.) 3, T. R. Jones 4, K. F. Harvey 5, C. Barnes 6. To mark 60 years of Scouting in Ramsbury.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On July 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Gates (first Major) 1, J. McTear 2, Marjorie Street 3, R. Wetenhall 4, H. Byrom 5, B. Street (first as cond.) 6, D. Hunns 7, H. Wilson 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL. — On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. B. Weston 1, Mrs. Bainham 2, J. Roberts 3, A. W. E. Bainham 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5, D. Docking 6. To welcome Victoria Mechel, first grandchild for the ringer of third.

STOKE ST. MARY, SOMERSET.—On July 18th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods/var.): K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. Bindon 2, M. A. Arscott 3, G. H. Baldam 4, J. Cornelius 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 28th, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: B. R. Danby 1, Linda M. Foot 2, M. J. V. Chown 3, E. C. Garrett 4, J. W. S. Townley 5, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. William Arnold Clements, O.B.E.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS. — On July 25th, 1,440 Sutton Surprise Minor: I. Danby 1, Iris Piper 2, Maria Stephenson 3, Linda Sherwood 4, I. Campbell 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong on St. James' Day.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Judith A. Robertson 1, Stephanie E. Baines (first "inside") 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, G. W. Elmes 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, P. R. Keough 6. A compliment to Rev. and Mrs. John Roberts on the birth of a son, Matthew John.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sangwin 1, Beatrice M. Boyle 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, A. E. Chilton 4, D. Wilson 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tutty on this their silver wedding day.

WINTERTON, LINCS.—On July 29th, 1,440 London and Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. R. Chafer 1, R. Chafer 2, C. A. Harrison 3, J. Bray 4, H. Judd 5, M. Crowder (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment for Mr. J. Hall and Miss H. Rigby.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On July 20th, 1,447 Stedman Caters: C. K. Lewis 1, D. F. Yates 2, G. B. Thompson 3, J. Andrews 4, Margaret Wright 5, B. F. L. Groves 6, L. J. Haines 7, M. Platt 8, R. B. Smith (cond.) 9, R. Starkie 10. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Elkins, of Altrincham.

COMPOSITIONS

5,052 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By PETER S. MUCHLINSKI

M	W	H	23456
		2	34256
2S	—	3	53246
S		S	63245
	S	2	23465
	2S	—	42365
—		3	32564
—		2	24563
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—	S	S	63245
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5,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By D. G. LAWSON

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26354	—			—
357246	—	5ths		—
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1,968 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By HOWARD E. J. SMITH

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35274	S				3
32754	—				2
53724	—				3
25734	—				3
63542	—	2	4	—	S
23564	S			S	
32456	—	2			S
23456	—	5ths	IVths	—	S

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COMMENT

THE SHILLING "RINGING WORLD"

By Bernard C. Ashford

IT IS DIFFICULT to appreciate the inferences, both by word and deed, which are unfortunately so evident up and down the country with regard to the price of our invaluable journal, "The Ringing World"

Presumably it will be allowed that, as ringers, our primary duty is to ring our bells wherever and whenever possible for Divine Service, also that our ringing, whether for sacred or secular purposes, provides us with a certain amount of enjoyment. If, therefore, we are in order in looking upon our ringing as being something in the nature of a pursuit, then obviously a journal dealing with it is an important and vital co-ordinating instrument.

From here we may proceed to consider the prices of other journals which cater for other pursuits, remarking in passing that most of the said pursuits have several such journals where we have only one. These, moreover, carry far more lucrative advertising matter than does our journal which, from its highly specialised nature, etc., does not possess such scope.

Here are the prices of a few of the most popular journals catering for other pursuits. There are also more expensive ones, presumably for the ultra-esoteric.

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All but one of these we see is well in excess of our humble shilling.

It will be appreciated that followers of the activities have to provide their own materials and invariably belong to a club which requires an entrance fee and a fairly substantial annual subscription.

Our Guilds and Associations do not require an entrance fee, while the annual subscriptions can only be described as peanuts or chicken-feed in comparison with some of the foregoing, and our materials, the bells, ropes, etc., are provided by the parishes.

Around six thousand copies per week of our journal are sold, but it is safe to say that the paper has something like five times that number of readers. Borrowing a friend's copy can nibble away many sales but the pernicious device of purchasing one copy per tower, so very prevalent, is the real villain of the piece. If these people would take only two copies per tower it would make the Editorial Committee very happy, while three copies per tower would put an end to their worries and be a fitting reward to them for their years of (mark this well) UNPAID LABOUR.

The appetite for "as much as possible for as little as may be" grows with what it feeds upon, and it is a sad reflection on many of the members of our fraternity that such extreme (and short-sighted) parsimony should be so rampant.

Any talk of increasing subscriptions by Association or Guild officials invariably raises howls of protest, while implementation of such proposals results in loss of membership—all for the sake of a paltry bob or two per annum. Just think of it. The affluent society digging in over the question of paying the very little asked for in return for what is so generously offered. Who else gets so much for so little (pardon what has become a platitude) as we do?

WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG WITH US?

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD VISIT ESSEX

THE second annual tour of the Guild took place between July 10th and 17th and was based on camp sites at Loughton and Danbury. A very damp start was made on the Wednesday afternoon, but having erected the tents we were able to dry out and warm up at the Waltham Abbey practice. Through a "breakdown in communications" the ex-Master did not join us until the next morning, but his absence was almost compensated for by two members of the O.U.S. and by our close connection with the S.U.G.! Susan had travelled from Suffolk with three of us, who were very grateful to the Southampton Guild for putting up with them. En route the East Bergholt bell cage was visited. However, we claim that any accident following our visit was purely coincidental!

Thursday and Friday were spent in the south west of the county, and we particularly enjoyed the fine eight at Hornchurch and the six at Wanstead (despite the lack of elbow room). At Barking one of our friends from Oxford experienced some ropesight trouble, particularly his own! On Saturday we headed north and found that the itinerary permitted time on five of the good six at Nazeing. Following this we expressed interest in the origin of the ringing chamber floor at Roydon. We were most impressed with the eight at Harlow Common, although a delayed and rather ample lunch seemed to ruin our appetite for spliced. The other highlight of the day was the pleasant ten at Bishop's Stortford.

True to form, there was a little precipitation to impede our striking camp on the Sunday morning, but the flooded roads did not prevent three of us from taking part in a quarter peal at Waltham Abbey and the rest of the party from ringing for service at Haveringatte-Bower. We were delighted to find well-drained ground at Danbury. Evening service ringing at Chelmsford was followed by a somewhat erratic journey down the A12 to a very welcome meal at Madi's.

Our numbers were swelled on Monday and we had some goodish ringing. Particularly enjoyable were Great Waltham, the delightful new ring at Danbury (where a touch of 7-Spliced was successful) and Great Baddow, while the four at Margaretting made an interesting and not unpleasant change. We returned to the Cathedral in the evening and were pleased to ring with our first Master again. On Tuesday we liked the musical eights at Finchingfield, Dunmow, Thaxted and Ickleton (where more spliced was rung), while our visit to Hempstead will long be remembered by all who were present. We joined the Saffron Walden practice before making our rather damp way back.

More rain on Wednesday gave us familiar transport difficulties, but all of us arrived safely at our various destinations. Most of the party went on to Expo Sussex '68 for the rest of the week, where the Guild helped with the ringing exhibition and entered the handbell contest, although the make-up of the band would doubtless amaze the registrar at the University!

R. H. N.

CONDUCTED 100 SURPRISE PEALS "IN HAND"

Mr. John R. Mayne has just completed 100 peals of Surprise as conductor on handbells; he is the first person to achieve this. Only five people have rung 100 peals of Surprise on handbells so far, the other four being Christopher W. Woolley, Roger Baldwin, Kathleen Baldwin and Alfred Ballard.

J. R. called his first peal of Surprise on handbells (a peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major) in November, 1957. His list includes a record number of methods in peals of Surprise Minor, Major and Royal, including over 60 peals of Spliced Surprise Major. Also included are the first peals of Glasgow Surprise Major and London Surprise Royal (No. 3 version) to be rung "in hand."

Royal.—Cambridge 4 (conducted 3), London (No. 3) 2 (2), Westminster 1, 3-spliced 1 (1), 4-spliced 2 (2), 5-spliced 1 (1), 6-spliced 1 (1).

Major. — Cambridge 4 (2), Superlative 1, London 7 (7), Bristol 6 (6), Yorkshire 3 (3), Rutland 1 (1), Eastcote 1 (1), Glasgow 2 (2), 2-spliced 1 (1), 4-spliced 4 (4), 5-spliced 2 (2), 6-spliced 4 (3), 7-spliced 1 (1), 8 spliced 7 (6), 9-spliced 4 (4), 10-spliced 4 (3), 11-spliced 3 (3), 12-spliced 6 (5), 13-spliced 2 (2), 14-spliced 5 (5), 15-spliced 2 (2), 16-spliced 4 (4), 18-spliced 6 (6), 20-spliced 5 (5), 21-spliced 1 (1), 23-spliced 4 (4), 25-spliced 2 (2).

Minor.—Cambridge 1, London 3 (2), six methods 1 (1), seven methods 2 (1), 9-spliced 1 (1), 14-spliced 1, 21-spliced 1, 27-spliced 1, 31-spliced 1.

Total 116 (100)

AFTERTHOUGHTS ON BELLS AND BELLRINGING

BY THE LATE PETER LAFLIN

(Continued from page 634)

4.—BELLS

HAVING said something of the conductors who have included me in their bands on many occasions, and whom I may have to mention again, I might add that as I have not been a peal conductor myself it would be of little use to write anything on the subject of conducting. Being of a rather nervous and excitable nature in youth, and being out of the country for some years at a time when I might have taken up conducting, it seemed better upon my return if I tried to make myself into as capable a ringer as possible, and thus be welcomed in any band that wanted me. (Rather than be a kind of irresponsible bob caller without proper control, of which kind we see quite a number about at different times.)

This of course has not prevented me from calling service touches and doing a considerable amount of teaching of learners, with as much success as I could have hoped for. One of the difficulties surrounding present day service bands is that so many young people leave for college just as they are becoming useful members. The only remedy is to start more learners. Having said all this, I must now turn to the subject of this chapter heading, "Bells."

Different ringers have different ideas as to what constitutes a good bell. Unless a ring of bells is undeniably poor and of bad tone —hurmonics in chaos and so on—there is generally someone who will say something in favour of a particular ring. It may be because he or she has heard that particular bell all their lives, or because there is a charm about it heard from a certain quarter; the inside effect may be good, although outside it may not be so good.

The acoustics inside can at times produce a really nice effect from a poor ring. In such a tower a really fine ring would be glorious to hear and yet outside might not sound much better that the old lot.

Tall buildings near to a tower can produce some very curious sounds from the best of bells—at times hideous sounds. The problem of acoustics should be given more attention by bellhangers than generally is the case; especially inside, where forms of control can be introduced that outside would be impossible Expense is usually the reason why a ring of bells has been installed without anything being done, at least until much later, to make the bells reasonably tolerable inside. In some cases they are too loud; difficult to hear at all in others, and again, here and there, an inaudible bell or two.

In my present tower, for example,* for many years ringers endured tremendous noise in the ringing room, there being but one floor (the ringing room ceiling) between the ringers and a ring of ten, tenor 30 cwt. Conductors had to bawl at the top of their voices, and instructions when a clip occurred were rarely understood. This was modified quite recently by putting a two-inch floor just below the bells, on the lower members of the frame, which not only reduced the noise below, but saves a tremendous crash on the ringing room ceiling when the occasional clapper drops out. In addition, heavy carpets on the ringing room floor took much of the harshness from the bell sounds; the oak floor must have previously reflected the already loud sounds. This room and belfry above are roughly 26 feet square, so some idea of the amount of material needed can be seen. It was worth it, however, and, so far as the noise inside is concerned, what used to be considered an incredibly harsh ring of bells is now held to be a reasonably good toned lot.

Outside effect was bettered by boarding up the huge windows with 12-inch boards wrapped in roofing felt (that was done by the writer 17 years ago). The point I should like to make here is this: In spite of the improvement effected inside and outside recently, these bells heard at a distance were always considered to be fairly good in tone and general effect—but only at a distance; nearby they were harsh and powerful. It is obvious that no ring should be left without sound control of some sort when they are installed. One might as well make a piano with the loud pedal permanently left on and the lid raised all the time!

As to individual bells, at one time, 30 or 40 years ago, there was much discussion, some of it quite acrimonious, as to the merits and demerits of harmonically tuned bells (Simpson tuned?) and the so called "Old Standard" tuning. Some claimed that scraping so much metal off the inside of a bell removed too much of the "casting skin" and that this in time would cause the bell to deaden in tone. So far I cannot recall an instance of this being mentioned, although I have heard a man say of a certain ring that they—the bells—didn't seem so brilliant as they were, but it could have been his ear that was not as receptive to sound as it was earlier on. There is no proof so far that bells so tuned lose their bright tone in the half-century that Simpson tuned bells have been in use. Without knowing much about bellfounding and tuning, I have the feeling that these bells are cast to a shape and thickness that allows a certain amount of metal to be taken off and yet leave the sides of the bells at normal thickness.

The "Old Standard" tuning, judging from what can be seen of such bells, appeared to be that of casting a bell as near to the shape and thickness as possible to produce the required strike note. If this was successful, no tuning, or very little, at the sound bow was attempted. In the absence of a vertical lathe, it was impossible to tune far up the inside of a bell in any case, and the resultant harmonics were left to chance; these could be very agreeable or could be the reverse.†

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The result of casting a bell of varying diameters and thicknesses is that more than one note is produced when the bell is struck by the clapper. In fact five different sounds come from the average bell, and a keen ear can detect even more in some large bells. The main note, produced at the soundbow, is the most powerful, having the thickest metal. The other tones, or harmonics, are what causes the belltuner's greatest difficulty. If the bell comes from the casting pit with these tones out of tune with the main strike note, then he must do his best with the tuning machine to pare the metal away in various places and bring these faulty tones as near as possible in tune with the strike note.

In modern bell tuning, great success has followed the experiments of 50 years ago of Canon Simpson of Fittleworth, Sussex, who so disliked the harmonics that emanated from the six small bells in his church steeple that he went into the subject closely and he finally persuaded the bellfounders to try out his ideas. They did try them out and now, with the aid of the modern tuning machine, bells can be cast and tuned with mathematical precision.

Many old rings of bells are very good and melodious even though they were produced long before Canon Simpson's "5 tone principle" as it is called. The tones, which can be distinguished by almost anyone with an ear for music, when a bell is being chimed are as follows:—

1. The strike note—the loudest sound.
2. The tierce, or 3rd above the strike note.
3. The quint, or 5th above the strike note.
4. The nominal, or octave above the strike note; this is usually very faint and not quite in tune.
5. The hum note, or octave below in the Simpson principle, a low drone, the last sound heard as the stroke dies away. In old bells, this tone will be a flat 7th below, just above the octave, giving an incomplete cadence or finish.

* St. George's, Stockport.

† The manuscript finishes at this point. The continuation is part of another manuscript prepared a number of years ago, by Peter, for a talk given by his daughter, Francis Hibbert, to a group of non-ringers.—R. B. S.

(Concluded.)

Edited by R. B. SMITH

LADIES' GUILD

Record Number of New Members from South Wales

The Rector of Mitcheldean, the Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth, very kindly invited the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild to hold a meeting at his church and make use of his fine ring of eight bells. This the ladies were delighted to do and the meeting was most successfully held on July 20th, attracting a large gathering of ringers from towers in the Royal Forest of Dean and from the surrounding counties.

The Rector conducted the service, Mr. Thorne played the organ and the lesson was most confidently read to us by ten-year-old Nicola Paton. An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Ainsworth and their helpers were thanked by Mr. Reuben Clench.

At the business meeting the record number of 14 new members were elected from places very far apart.

From Monmouthshire: Mrs. Sheila Parry (Grosmont), Mrs. Pamela Telfer and Jennifer Arnold (Mathern), Lesley Sowerby (Caldicot) and Gillian Clench, Elizabeth Hughes and Susan Parsley (Usk).

From the Forest area: Patricia Stocken and Christine Manns (Redmarley), Geraldine Mitchell (Corse), the sisters Frenella and Amaryllis Bell-Richards (daughters of the Vicar of Dymock), and from Mitcheldean Ann Brain and Nicola Jordan.

Next meeting: Possibly in November at either Talgarth with Bronllys or Llanelly.

J. S. K.

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The Great West Window of St. Peter Mancroft

By THE RINGING MASTER

ON June 8th, 1960, the Rev. Frank Sidney Jarvis was instituted as Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. He was a bachelor of considerable private means and over the next five years vast restoration work to the church was going to take place—not least the complete restoration of the nave and chancel roof, to which he gave generously. However, one thing always disappointed him and that was the Great West Window (the belfry window) completely filled with dirty opaque glass.

After his untimely death in 1965 a memorial fund was set up and it was thought that the best permanent memorial to him would be to have this window replaced with stained glass. The window was very large and funds would only allow the tracery part of the window to be so filled—the rest of the window being replaced with clear glass.

On Sunday, July 21st, a successful conclusion of this work was seen by the dedication of this "Ringers' Window" by the Lord Bishop of Norwich (the Rt. Rev. Dr. Launcelot Fleming)

To a packed church the arrival of the Bishop and the civic party was heralded by a fanfare of trumpets followed by the hymn "Ye that know that the Lord is gracious" sung at the institution of the Rev. Frank Jarvis. After the dedication ceremony the choir sang from the belfry the hymn "Sleepers Wake"—the theme of the window being "Wachet Auf." In his address the Rev. C. J. H. W. A. Bradley, Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans, gave a brief account of the life and work of Frank Jarvis. The service closed with the hymn "Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven," this being sung at the funeral service of the Rev. Frank Jarvis. As the organ voluntary died away, Mancroft bells pealed out at the start



of a peal of Stedman Cinques, which was duly completed in 3 hours and 24 minutes.

All are agreed that the window is magnificent and a fitting tribute to a Vicar who loved Mancroft and its bells. D. H.

THE ARCHITECT'S COMMENTARY

By G. Anderson, A.R.I.B.A.

It was impossible that a window in the west face of a famous bell tower and, at the same time, the window of the ringing chamber should not itself contain bells, and those depicted in the lower lights and centre section of the window are the 13 bells of the belfry above, descending in the hands of angels who have, naturally, their sleeves rolled up. Each bell is identified by its note, repeated vertically in an ascending treble cleft.

The underlying message of the composition is one of alert at the imminent arrival of joy, and is expressed in the first and last verses of the Advent hymn "Wachet Auf" and in extracts from the recitative passages which Bach built up around this. The words ascend with the notes of the bells from the upturned bell mouths, through the tracery, in a movement from dark to light, night to dawn, violet to gold, to a tripartite City of God in the upper section, which is also depicted filled with bells. St. Peter, the titular saint of Mancroft, and St. Agatha descend with the angels, surrounded by celestial bodies and the faces of clocks.

The design, as it evolved over a period of three years, indicates themes which are regarded by the artist as a beginning only and which he plans to develop in future work. It was hoped at one stage to depict the peal patterns of the Norwich group, which have been drawn out for the artist by Mr. Nolan Golden, but there was insufficient space to do this on this occasion.

CLERICS RING PEALS DOWN SOMERSET WAY

ANOTHER very enjoyable Clerical Guild peal-ringing gathering was held recently in Somerset. Like the one last year in Kent, it was a "follow on" from the annual "Week" at Easter and looks like becoming an annual feature in the life of the Guild. Seven members converged from various parts of the country on Monday, July 8th, on Long Sutton Vicarage, the home of the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall and his wife, whom we were very pleased to meet again.

Very wisely no attempt was arranged for this day. Instead we relaxed in the garden and enjoyed a delicious dinner until it was time for a practice on the lovely eight at Ilminster, where we were met by quite a delegation of local ringers. There was Mr. A. J. Lewis, captain at Long Sutton tower; Mr. Tom Hill, captain at Ilminster; Mr. Bob Dean, secretary of the Crewkerne Branch; Mr. Gordon Rendell, Ringing Master of the Ilminster Branch; Mr. Paul Field, of Long Sutton, and Mr. Jim Stenner, a young octogenarian of Ilminster. Here we rubbed off the rust on our Double Norwich, enjoyed some Stedman and rang a successful course of Lincolnshire, the special method our president had asked us to learn. A visit to a local hostelry with our hosts concluded a pleasant evening, after which we went our respective ways to the Vicarages of Tatworth (the home of the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, one of our members, and his wife), Huish Episcopi (Anglo-Saxon and Latin for "House of the Bishop," and therefore a fitting place for the president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, who with the writer was made most welcome by the local Vicar) and Long Sutton.

TWO PEALS IN A DAY

Two attempts were arranged for the next day—Double Norwich at Drayton in the morning and Stedman at Curry Rivel in the evening (with the afternoon free for relaxing at Long Sutton and trying a 120 on the fine six there) and both were successful! This was the first time that the Guild had rung two peals in a day and the first time that these methods had been rung for it, although there had been previous clerical peals in the methods long before the formation of the Guild: Double Norwich at another Drayton, in Berkshire, in 1909, and three of Stedman Triples, the first being way back in the 1880's.

The Rev Roger Fry conducted the morning peal, and a very good peal indeed it was. After it he had to return to his parish but was able to join us again at Curry Rivel when we had finished ringing. We were met at Curry Rivel by Mr. George Hartland, the tower captain, and joined by the Rev. John Scott, who came up from Devon to ring the tenor for us. Our other Roger, the Rev. Roger Keeley, conducted and showed his power of conducting very clearly at one point in the second half, when we were beginning to get weary, by getting two of us who wanted to err and stray to walk in the right way and by inspiring us all to give of our best until the peal was brought to a happy and successful conclusion.

Feeling very pleased with ourselves, we came down from the tower to find the following note tucked behind the windscreen of John Scott's car: "You all ought to be sent to prison for making that row all night. We will get a petition going here to stop it." We looked around for irate parishioners, but saw only the genial Vicar, who was delighted with our success. We looked for the anonymous note again. The handwriting seemed familiar. We compared it with the handwriting of someone whom all of a sudden we suspected (whose handwriting by chance we had) and found a strong resemblance!

THE FAILURE

The next morning we went down to Lyme Regis for our third and final attempt. It was here that Roger Keeley learned to ring and we were very pleased to meet his father, wife and young son, who came to welcome us. It was here, too, that our former president, the late Canon C. C. Cox of happy memory, was Vicar from 1927 to 1953, and we were very pleased to see him smiling at us from his picture in the ringing chamber. Lincolnshire was the method our president intended us to ring, but at the conductor's request it was changed to Cambridge, it being thought that this would give us a better chance of getting the "hat trick." But it was not to be. We did not settle down straight away as in the previous attempts. In our anxiety not to make mistakes we found ourselves making them. Then we seemed to settle down, but some more occurred after we had been ringing an hour. Our conductor could stand no more. "Stand," he called. And stand we did.

We were sorry not to get this peal but glad that we had succeeded in ringing two (last year we only succeeded in ringing one); and as one member said afterwards: "If we had got them all this time we should not have anything to aim for next."

We are most grateful to all the incumbents who allowed us to ring, to all the ringers who met us and made us so welcome, to our respective hosts and hostesses for their kind hospitality and, above all, to the Rev. Christopher Marshall and his wife for all they did to make this tour so successful and enjoyable. S. M. E.

Letters to the Editor

APPENDIX TO DOUBLES COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—In the Appendix on pages 575 and 595 the following additions and corrections to names of variations should be noted: 4 Ludgershall, 8 Skillington, 64 Saville, 121 St. Clether, 122 Kelmarsh, 123 Bradden, 124 Tring and 243 Fawley. On page 575 name method 55V as Pensthorpe Bob.

Several ringers have pointed out and questioned the anomaly of R. St. Bartholomew, etc., retaining their old type of bob. If April Day is Spliced Plain Bob and Rev. St. Bartholomew, then so also is the traditional Rev. St. Bartholomew extent. Also, in the 1955 Collection of Doubles, in Section III, methods with one hunt, no method is the bob lead of another method in the same Section. In order that Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster Bob and Morning Star Bob (the first three of which are regular methods) might fit into this requirement, might I suggest that the following single be the standard call for these methods instead of the plain lead of other methods as at present.

54132
51423
15243 Call this a P-single for all methods
15234 marked P in the Appendix.
51234
52143

Example of an extent—SPPPSSPPPSPP where S is a single and P a plain lead.

Also the use of an Old single for Chevasse, Maltby and Callender gives a plain lead of other methods, and so these three methods should use a Grandsire single above the treble for a bob, and be renumbered 77R, 80R and 84R.

I hope that Doubles ringers will accept these suggestions, since it will mean that all methods and variations in Section III will conform to the standard that no method is the bobbed lead of another, or, to put it another way, no method is used as the bob or single for another method or variation.

This restriction does not apply between Sections, of course. A singled lead of Reverse Grandsire is the acceptable St. Bartholomew; Reverse Grandsire is in Section II and St. Bartholomew in Section III. Also Grandsire, in Section II, is a bobbed course of Original from Section I. But each Section in itself must conform to this standard.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor, Berks.

IRISH SEA PEAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to a recent inquiry about a peal rung on the Irish Sea, this was 5,173 Stedman Caters by St. Martin's Guild on May 29th, 1901, in 2 Hours and 53 minutes by William Pye 1–2, William H. Barber 3–4, George R. Pye 5–6, Ernest Pye 7–8, William Short (cond.) 9–10. Umpires: James George and Isaac G. Shade.

A complete account of the tour, peals rung, etc., is contained on page 69 of "Bell News," No. 1,000, June 8th, 1901 (Vol. 20) with a write-up on pages 64 and 65. Seven peals resulted from eight attempts.

The party consisted of W. H. Barber, John Buffery, R. R. Cherry, Q.C., P. W. Davies, James George, J. S. Goldsmith, Gabriel Lindoff Ernest Pye, George R. Pye, William Pye, Isaac G. Shade, William Short and J. W. Townley.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Pedmore, Stourbridge.

"SPLICED" TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The Central Council's Decisions on Peal Ringing, in the section devoted to spliced peals (page 21 of the Handbook) say:

> "Variations of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. where the method is changed when the treble passes through 3–4 down, cannot be described as spliced peals."

As a result, for many years now the late H. W. Wilde's 5,280 of Kent and Oxford T.B. Major without bobs (i.e. in the "Worcester variation") has been published either as "Combined Kent and Oxford" or simply as "Kent and Oxford."

I see that Mr. Blagrove has now conducted this composition at Staines ("Ringing World," August 9th. page 626) and by calling his changes of method some ten or a dozen blows earlier than has hitherto been usual has "converted" it into a peal of spliced. Technically irreproachable, perhaps, but to my mind a wilful piece of what is apparently fashionable to call "whizzkiddery." A strictly legalistic interpretation of the Decisions in no way alters the fact that their spirit has been deliberately contravened.

You may not like the extract I have quoted, Frank—I am not sure that I do, either, and we are probably not alone—but it would have been tactful, to say the least, to have abided by its clear intention until such time as the Decisions are revised. After all, it is probably not long to wait.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

PLEASANT COMPANY

Dear Sir,—For the creation of a happy atmosphere one cannot beat the ringers of Fittleton and Netheravon, Wiltshire.

Mr. Newman, the Salisbury District secretary, kindly invited us to the quarterly meeting held there on July 27th. The bells at both these churches are well maintained and are a pleasure to ring.

Good striking plays an important part among these Wiltshire ringers, but what intrigued us were the closed leads, which we understand are a feature of the Avon Valley ringing.

One cannot visit these two churches without being impressed by the extremely well kept churchyards. This work was started on a voluntary basis about 15 years ago by the ringers. Two of the originals have kept it up ever since.

To anyone organising a trip in the Salisbury area, these two towers are well worth a visit. —Yours, etc.,

A. and M. GREEN.

Highclere, Hants.

VECTIS SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The false course heads and lead incidence of the above method are as follows:

24365 6 v 5; 5 v 6; 3 v 2; 2 v 3.
32546 5 v 2; 2 v 5; 6 v 6; 3 v 7; 7 v 3.
46253 1 v 5; 5 v 1; 2 v 2; 3 v 6; 6 v 3.
36524 1 v 4.
65243 4 v 7.
52643 4 v 1.
46532 7v 4.

If the composition used for the recent peal is proved bearing in mind the lead incidence indicated it will be found to be true.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Bayswater, W.

LONG LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the paragrapn on page 605 of the issue of August 2nd relating to the alteration of a footnote to a peal. Before commenting too closely one would like to know the wording of the footnote, the peal it belonged to, and the modification that you, sir, as Editor, made in the wording.

But I think we may ask at this stage if it is really true that official longest lengths do not "begin" until 6,720 changes. The conditions set out on page 19 of the Council's Handbook do not seem to me to express any such meaning, nor do I see how such a restriction could possibly exist. If a band should ring in a particular method a true peal that is longer than any peal already rung in that method, then the peal they ring is the longest length in that method, and no conditions laid down by any authoritative body can alter this fact; and a footnote noting the fact is not only in order but is historically desirable.

There must be many Caters methods in which no peal of more than the ordinary length has been rung. Should a band ring in one of these methods a peal of say 6,137 changes, then surely we cannot but agree that the longest length in that method has been rung, and that, ipso facto, a record of some sort has been established. No arbitrary ruling we can make can alter this.

It is amusing, perhaps, to note in this context that on February 21st, 1920, Albert Coppock, at Lenton, called 5,312 of Norfolk Surprise Major, using one half of a two-part peal of Double Norwich. This was the longest length rung in the method at that time, and so it remained for a great number of years (and it may yet be the record!). Nobody claimed any particular credit or took much notice of it, except that the late Mr. Ernest Morris always thought it a good joke. But mark this! It was the longest length rung.

To come back to the point. Years have passed since some Decisions of the Council were made. It would be helpful, I imagine, if Mr. C. K. Lewis or one of his equally competent authorities on the matters could explain to us exactly what the Council's ruling implies, to what exactly it refers, and how and why the seemingly arbitrary number of 6,720 was arrived at.—Yours faithfully,

Warminster. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Note.—The 5,184 Minimus is a progressive length, and will be recorded with such as the peal of 5,568 Londinium Surprise Maximus. It is record peals proper that start at 6,720 changes and for which certain conditions regarding notice and umpires are required. 6,720 is the length of 30 courses of Surprise Major; many such easily run to only 29 courses, so 30 courses is the obvious number from which to start "official records."—Ed.

JAMES WYATT'S WORK

Dear Sir.—It is fashionable to decry James Wyatt's architectural work, but wrong that he should be blamed for what he did not do, as a letter in a recent issue does.

His west front of Hereford Cathedral was demolished at the beginning of this century that it might be replaced by the present structure by Oldrid, son of Sir Gilbert Scott, completed in 1908.

Of the merits or otherwise of either design I am not competent to judge but there are today knowledgeable people who think it a pity Wyatt's more restrained composition was not allowed to remain.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. DAVIS

Reading, Berks

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

"WRATTEN'S WRINGERS'" SIXTH PEAL TOUR

ON a sunny Saturday afternoon in early July, Peter and Diana Bridle, Howard Eggleston, Tom Goodyer, Tony Kench, George Thoday and Cyril Wratten assembled at Brewood, Staffordshire, for a quarter peal of London. Ted Malin, from down the road, came along to make up the number. A late change of plan meant that the proposed peal attempt at Penkridge had to be cancelled, so, not really minding, we sat in the sun on the canal bank at Brewood until a wedding service was finished.

After ringing a quarter on these better-than-average bells a prompt get-away was made to Norton-in-the-Moors, one of two towers laid on by the organiser in lieu of a peal attempt. Here, with the help of local talent, various Surprise methods were rung, also a well-known touch of Plain Bob, which George conducted from the second. We were pleasantly surprised by an offer of tea in the hall, for which we thanked the local captain very much and accepted.

Having had this welcome break, the party moved on to Brown Edge (an undistinguished six). Calling in for a "quick one" on the way, tracks were made for Buxton, our headquarters for the week. When everyone had found their various "digs," which were all within a stone's throw of each other, we went to the local at Fairfield, when John and Gill Hunt and Tony Cox were installed.

SUNBATHING!

Sunday dawned as sunny as the previous day and, despite an early start, we missed ringing at Tideswell, Hope, Whaley Bridge and Churchtown, although there is a story here. The party managed to get somewhat dispersed at this stage, but after sunbathing and various diversions we all happened to meet up again in the pub at Worsley—funny! Partaking of hostelry pies for lunch, everyone assembled outside St. Mark's, where we met Alan Schofield, who joined us for three and a quarter hours' ringing A quick drive down the M.62 ensured a ring at Stretford, and thence back to Buxton, with only one break for refreshment, at the Cat and Fiddle, reputedly the highest public house in England.

On Monday morning Mike Platt arrived at Fairfield in the early hours and waited in his car for an hour while we had breakfast. The programme for the morning was Lincolnshire at New Mills, but at the tower we were told that exams in the nearby school were in progress, so a peal attempt was out. Bob Smith soon put things right, however (being on holiday), and arranged for us to ring at Marple instead, changing New Mills to Tuesday. A peal was rung on the pleasant bells in the very much detached tower with the well-known yawning conductor in charge and Cyril on the tenor because he was last to catch hold!

After ale and small pies the trip to Cheadle was made, where George Cousins was waiting to join us. The non-participants grabbed the bells and left, rather thankful not to be ringing a peal on them. A peal of Wembley (in which the conductor relinquished the tenor to a better man after two leads) was eventually accomplished on this ring with a very long draught. Most of the evening was spent in Stockport, where, after going Chinese, the tower grabbers went to the ten at St. George's and the drinkers returned to Buxton.

"A SICK KANGAROO"

First thing Tuesday morning Tony (without an H) left us for Hemel Hempstead and the daily grind, without the traditional farewell



CYRIL A. WRATTEN

is now captain at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, and is treasurer of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. For the last 18 months he has been doing research into the history of Minor ringing.

The first ringing tour he arranged was "Westward with Wratten" to Cornwall in 1959. The idea of a "Wratten's Wringers" Week came after a tour with Joe E. G. Roast in Essex in 1961. This year's Week, the sixth, enabled him to reach two milestones: the peal of Kent Royal at Marple was his 50th "in hand," while Eccleshall, Staffs, where the last peal of the tour was rung, was his 250th tower for a peal.

on stones in the hub caps. The band for the morning left for Hazel Grove, where Basil Jones met us and showed us the temporary lighting arrangements that he had made. The bells were soon tapping round to Pudsey with our "Aussie" calling a well-known composition. When the striking deteriorated late in the peal we were urged to improve it or, as Tom said, "Come along, listen to it, it sounds like a sick kangeroo." This, of course, crippled the band and even brought forth a hoot from the usually straight-faced treble ringer—so it must have been funny. The striking soon improved.

The lunch menu was as on Monday, after which New Mills was visited yet again. Being early, a chance to lie in the sun was snatched until the key was sought. Here, deep into a peal of Rutland, Tom forgot to run in when a Before was called. Hanging on to his sally to get the bell into place, he was taken off his feet somewhat and slipped on the floor when he landed, bludgeoning into the tenor man, much to the amusement of all. All seemed well until, with only a few courses to go, one of the band turned into the colour of his fawn shirt: however, doors (there luckily being two) were opened and the peal scored in due course.

In the evening the tower snatchers got St. Peter's, Macclesfield, and the anti-grabbers drank.

FIRST LOSS

"See Macclesfield and die." We did on Wednesday morning, in the rain; we also lost Cambridge Royal at Christ Church. The ringing did not come up to scratch after a few courses and was set up—the first loss of the week and the first peal that Tom had lost since coming to England. John and Gill left for Blackpool, while the rest settled for coffee, then lunch in the Chicken Spit, where everyone seemed to have a crossword to do.

In the afternoon, Gawsworth in its most picturesque setting was visited, most of the band taking the chance of seeing the local Manor House. Bob Smith joined us for this attempt—Watford. Bob said that the seventh was the worst bell here, so we kindly let him ring it. The ringers on five and six could be seen grimacing as their bells dropped when they dodged together, and much under-breath muttering could be heard until the bells finally ran round in an all-time slow—three hours. No one was sorry to leave these bells and eat in Macclesfield, then on for a quick ring on the light six at Sutton.

Driving through sunny periods and heavy showers, we all arrived at Bowdon on Thursday morning, only the car with the ordnance survey map getting lost. Melbourne Surprise was rung on the excellent eight, Peter ringing instead of Di because his name was down on his programme, even though hers was on all the others. Tom conducted, and George on the second tried to conduct—but his composition was different from Tom's—but one does funny thing when one is in love.

A WHITER SHADE

A quick refresher at Bowdon was followed by a meal en route to Ashton-under-Lyne. Assembling at St. Peter's rather late, a musical peal of London was rung despite the lady turning "a whiter shade of pale"—she recovered quickly when told there were only seven courses left. Some went straight to the twelve at St. Michael's for a ring before joining the rest at Buxton. Later that evening a policeman pointed out that "We have a little habit up here, we park with our lights on"; John took the point.

A peal of Ealing was successful at the church along the road on Friday morning, when Bob Smith joined us again. Tom tenored this handy little eight to the peal, which ran round nicely in 2 hours and 46 minutes without incident. Darts at the local, and many rounds of sandwiches, passed away an hour and a half, and also gave George another chance to spend 16s. 3d. ringing his beloved, then we drove to Congleton. Bristol was set up here after 45 minutes when a shift was noticed. Cups of tea in a nearby cafe were followed by an hour in the rain on the pavement watching the Test Match through a shop window. The armchair peal ringers then left us for Treble Bob Royal at Marple.

Bidding farewell to Buxton in Saturday morning rain, the cars were pointed south to Stoke, and an interesting peal of Superlative was scored at Tunstall. Non-ringing husbands sought wifely presents or visited the supermarket during the peal. Beer and beef-burgers at Eccleshall served the purpose for lunch, Tom leaving for Edgbaston and the Test Match. Dire threats to set up after 2 hours and 50 minutes were heard on the way to the tower (memories of George T. at Gawsworth). Yorkshire was rung in 2 hours and 44 minutes here with the greatest of ease.

With no more of these confounded peals left to ring (Cyril will keep arranging them when we go on holiday), we had a quick drink down the road, bidding farewell to everyone—with special thanks to Cyril for a most enjoyable week and to Marjorie for letting him come, also to Bob Smith for considerable help in the arrangements, and last but by no means least all incumbents are thanked for their co-operation.

P. B.

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TEESSIDE TO SOMERSET

ON the morning of July 27th (almost the first fine day in July), four cars met at the Baldersby roundabout on the A.1, near Ripon, to start the week of ringing in Somerset and Wiltshire, organised by Fred Hodgson for a party of ringers from Darlington and Teesside. We arrived at our headquarters—the Birkdale Hotel, Bristol—in good order by early evening.

From then on it was a most enjoyable, if strenuous week. Meticulous organisation and much help from local ringers enabled us to average five towers a day for six days. Our ringing did not do justice to the bells, probably because we were rather below strength for such a tour and needed two more able and active ringers. On ten bells we were restricted to Stedman and Grandsire, but on the eights we had a little more freedom of choice.

Ringing began early on Sunday, with a visit to the magnificent Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe, where we soon became aware of our shortcomings, though we did ring a reasonable course of Bristol on the light eight. A brisk walk to St. Stephen's, with enjoyable ringing on the ten there, and then to Christ Church for that more challenging and perhaps more rewarding ten, completed the morning programme.

In the afternoon the eight at the Cathedral gave us the best ringing of the tour, with several touches of Surprise and a creditable course of Duffield, in which we were joined by members of the Cathedral band. A visit to the Clifton Suspension Bridge and the Zoo rounded off the day for most.

We greatly appreciated the help given us in Bristol by the local ringers, without whom we could not have managed the ten-bell towers.

GLORIES OF BATH

Monday was spent among the architectural glories of Bath, with the first ring at St. Michael's, Broad Street, where we rang Triples and tried to ring Superlative. At the Abbey, ringing was restricted by our numbers to the back eight and here we finished up with three leads of Bristol.

Some of the party, arriving at the foot of Widcombe Hill, were misdirected by a local and walked a mile uphill in the wrong direction before getting to St. Matthew's, where, eventually, we got the feel of the assorted six and rang Doubles and some spliced plain methods. At St. Mary's, Bathwick, we were getting into our stride with the fine octave when the treble rope broke, thus cutting short our stay.

In the evening Congresbury's heavy eight gave us some strenuous but enjoyable ringing—the 35 cwt. tenor is not a boy's bell!

Arriving at Swindon by train on Tuesday, we were met by Mr. Bert Kynaston, who took us under his wing for the day. Ringing was on the pleasant little eight at Stratton St. Margaret and on the majestic ten at Christ Church before lunch, and on Rodbourne Cheney's musical six and the eight at St. Mark's, Swindon, where the presence of the railway line just outside the tower was an added attraction to the railway enthusiasts in the band.

Wednesday began with a visit to the grand ten at Wrington and continued with a visit to Winscombe, then on to Banwell for lunch and a few touches on the eight bells rung from a very attractive ringing room. At Locking, on lighter bells, we did not do at all well until the women of the party took a hand and slowed down the pace. This made for much better ringing before we left for the seaside at Weston-super-Mare. At Weston we were welcomed by the local ringers at their practice and much enjoyed ringing with them.

HEAVY STUFF

Thursday brought us to the heavy stuff—Chewton Mendip, Wells Cathedral, Shepton Mallet and Evercreech, with Radstock to end the day on something lighter. Fortunately we had with us that day Philip Tocock, who came over for the day from Oxford, where he was on holiday, and Mrs. D. J. Gay from Weston.

Chewton Mendip bells deserve their reputation and we were impressed with the bells at Wells, where we rang a good course of Grandsire Triples with our reinforcements and one of the Cathedral ringers. At Shepton Mallet there was no one to meet us (this was the only time this happened) and we had raised the bells and rung a few rounds, but when the call came to stand the fifth went right over. Investigation showed that there was no slider on the bell, so we lowered and went to lunch.

Evercreech's famous ten were a delight to ring and to listen to, and we would have been happier if our ringing had been better. At Radstock we were welcomed by the Vicar and spent a pleasant three-quarters of an hour on the six bells. There can be few ringing galleries with so pretty a ceiling as Radstock's.

The journey home was by way of the Cheddar Gorge to Churchill for a ring on the excellent six, with a diversion for another spell with the Wrington bells.

On Friday morning we were met at Warminster by Mr. Edgar Shepherd, who called a touch of Stedman Triples for us at St. Denys', where some thought the bells the equals of those at Chewton Mendip. When we arrived at Westbury—to be greeted by Mrs. Rickard and her delightful little daughter—waiting outside the church, having broken a business journey to have a look round, was the Master of the College Youths. He was immediately voted the man most likely to succeed in raising and turning in the 35 cwt. tenor. Our ringing here ended with a half-course of Superlative, which started shakily but was going well when it was called round.

A considerable contrast in eights was provided by Holy Trinity and Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon—the contrast between a 30 cwt. tenor and one of 12 cwt.—but both provided enjoyable ringing.

This ended the official programme, but some of the more enthusiastic grabbed the six at Warmley, where Mr. Tony Gibbs was dragged from home to unlock the tower and join us for an hour or so with the Minor methods.

On Friday a clock was presented to Fred Hodgson to mark the party's appreciation of his months of work organising this tour, and Mrs. Hodgson was given a brooch.

Our warmest thanks are due to the incumbents who allowed us to ring and to the representatives of the local towers who met us.

For the record, the party consisted of: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke, Miss Janet Warwick, Mr. and Mrs. S. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickman, Mr. T. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. P. Wishart, Messrs. E. Hudson, E. Pannell, W. Ward and H. Pannell.

E. P.

CHARING AND LITTLE CHART OUTING TO SUSSEX

Charing and Little Chart ringers held their annual outing on July 27th; a party of 30 ringers and friends visited the eights at Salehurst, Battle and Rye and the four at Eastbourne. Methods rung ranged from Superlative and Lincolnshire to Plain Bob and rounds. A fine touch of Stedman Triples was tapped round at St. Mary's, Eastbourne.

The children and non-ringing friends who came along spent a pleasant afternoon on the beach at Eastbourne. Ringers had time for a quick dip in the sea before tea. The long journey home in the coach passed quickly, with everybody in high spirits playing "chase the ace" and eating cherries.

D. B.

ESHCOL'S GRAPES FOR ESSEX

The sultry dawn of an excellent day for haymaking saw a party of 42 ringers and friends drawn from Braintree and nine nearby belfries of Essex set out on June 29th in a 41-seater coach on a tour of North East Kent and the Isle of Thanet. The first stop was made at Faversham, where the ruminative peace of the churchyard sheep was temporarily disturbed. Duly fortified by coffee, the party progressed by coach and on foot by a circuitous route, in deference to the Squire's solitude, to the twelve in Quex Park, where his ancestors' rest may nevertheless have been momentarily broken.

Lunch had been arranged in Ramsgate, where it was thought the technical opportunities of the tyros would improve. But then occurred what might have ruined a carefully planned day, as the local incumbent had omitted, to the embarrassment of the local ringers, to advise them of a wedding, and our arrival at St. Lawrence's coincided with that of the lovely bride. The ringing arrangements were cheerfully abandoned for the pleasures of the fun fair, lido, harbour, hovercraft, etc.

Clutching coconuts and other trophies and spoils from Egypt, the party next invaded the village of Ash-by-Sandwich and thence to Wingham, where a refreshing, if somewhat frugal tea was partaken in pleasant surroundings after some enjoyable ringing and a visit to the Country Winemakers Shop. Burdened with bundles of malt, hops, yeast and brewing accessories, to the surprise of the passengers and the consternation of the residents, the tired coach finally climbed the winding village street and, smoking protest, burst upon the village square of Chilham. Our unwelcome Trojan Horse disposed of quickly and without accident, the inhabitants proceeded to welcome us in a most friendly manner, both in the church and belfry and also in the adjacent hostelries. Finally our excellent driver brought us home through further vistas of the Garden of England, and the byways of Essex did not defeat him in the inexorable quest of the final stopping place in good time.

Through "The Ringing World" may we thank Mr Powell Cotton and the local incumbents and bands of the area for their hospitality, Mr. Luck of Canterbury for his advice, Joshua and Jehu for their examples, and all the rest for their support and assistance in different ways. Rumour has it that the home brews are now approaching maturity.

CALEB.

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CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On July 23rd, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: T. W. Palmer 1, P. J. Dye 2, Angela M. Ayres 3, J. M. Money 4, A. R. D. Cope 5, W. W. Rich 6, G. K. Cook 7, P. G. McIlhone (cond.) 8.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Mr. Roy Collins calls attention to the controversial peal of Doubles. This was rung at Binsted, Hants, and not Binstead as inadvertently published.

OBITUARY

REV. DR. FRANCIS POLLARD

The death occurred on August 3rd of the Rev. Dr. Francis Pollard at Claverton Down Hospital, after an illness borne with great courage and cheerfulness.

He was Rector of Freshford from 1955 to 1967 until ill-health forced him to retire, and it was while he was at Freshford that his interest in ringing grew. Under his guidance many people of the village were taught to ring and the tower would be full of ringers each ringing time. It was his regret that the tower would not permit augmentation.

An extremely active man, he was chaplain to the Bath Lodge of Freemasons, Assistant District Commissioner Frome Area Boy Scouts, member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Claverton Civil Defence. He served the Bath and Wells Association first as vice-chairman of the Bath Branch and then as chairman from 1964 to 1967. We shall miss him greatly at our meetings, and he was always willing to pass on his wealth of knowledge to others

The bells he loved were rung half-muffled on the evening before the funeral as the coffin was brought into the church. The funeral service was held on August 8th and many people had to stand, as the church was filled to overflowing. The bells were rung before and after the service by representative ringers from the Branch, and a peal was rung on the following Saturday. A memorial service was held at both Freshford and the Church of the Ascension, Bath (where he was Vicar before moving to Freshford).

We have lost not only a good and faithful minister but a good friend and sport, who was not afraid to try his hand at anything that came his way.

We offer our sympathy to Mrs. Pollard and his relations and pray that his soul will rest in peace. A. F. L.

TIMOTHY BEER

Last week we recorded the death of 16-year-old Timothy Beer, of Bredgar, near Sittingbourne. The Rev. Stanley Evans, who taught him to ring at Tunstall a couple of years ago, tells us that at the funeral service on August 9th the bells were rung half- muffled with the muffles he made for last Good Friday. Later in the afternoon a representative band from the Rochester District rang a half-muffled quarter peal as a tribute to Timothy.

"He was a very faithful lad and awfully nice person. On Sunday last he was ringing—he always arrived first at 9 a.m. and pulled the bells up, and then carried the cross and served at the altar, as he usually did. In the afternoon he was playing cricket for the village cricket club. He was a fine-looking lad, well over six feet, 16 years of age last April, but he suffered from asthma. He was bad with it on Sunday night and on Monday afternoon had what we think was a severe heart attack and died while the doctor was with him."

SUFFOLK GUILD

Visitors from Sutton-on-Trent, Yarmouth, King's Lynn, Kent and parts of Suffolk attended the Central District meeting at Worlingworth on July 27th. Mr. L. E. Last presided at the meeting and thanked the Rev. and Mrs. Dolan for the excellent tea provided in the comfort of the Rectory, the Crowfield choir under their choirmaster, Mr. Alan Page, and the Vicar for his welcome and address.

QUARTER PEALS

CLANFIELD, OXON.—On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge (cond.) 1, B. Coggins 2, M. J. Turner 3, T. J. Hester 4, M. Journeaux 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, F. W. Farmer 8. First in method 2, 4 and 8.

CLEVEDON, SOM.—At St. John's Church, on July 26th, 1,260 Southrepps Pl. Bob Doubles: Helen Kirkpatrick 1, V. James 2, Janine Blanch 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, S. Bateman 5. First on five 1, 3, 4, 5. First in the method by all. Rung on fully-muffled bells, lest there be complaints.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On July 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: T Skilton 1, Jill Oakshott 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, S. N. Mortimore (first Bob Triples "inside") 4, W. Parrott 5, P. J. Munday (cond.) 6, J. C. Davidge 7, R. D Mills 8. A wedding compliment to Sally Parrott and Paul, and for the engagement of Sue Aronson in Auckland, N.Z.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Rolph (first in method) 1, R. H. Green 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J Cope 4, L. D. Duguid 5, M. S. Bruce 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Rolph.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Susan Lowe 1, Mrs. Nita Marshall 2, Mrs. Sheila Marshall 3, A. W. Hartland 4, D. J. Marshall 5 J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. G. Newsum 8. A wedding compliment to the treble ringer, who was married at this church on July 25th to Mr. Frederick Lowe.

SILKSTONE, YORKS.—On July 28th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: Frances Garfield (first quarter) 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. Rung for the christening of Jane Birch, daughter of the Vicar.

STAFFORD.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: K. Daniels (first Royal) 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Ruth Fairbrother 3, Jennifer Beech 4, F. Beech 5, R. K. Mowforth 6, R. J. Warrilow 7, A. E. Garbett 8, N. Holland 9, E. R Fairbrother (first Royal as cond.) 10. For morning service, also a wedding compliment to Miss I. M. Knowles (daughter of the Rector) and J. H. Newton (deputy organist); and as a farewell to Rev. N. Minshall, senior curate

STOKE-ON-TERN, SALOP.—On July 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. C. Evans 1, F. H. Bennett 2, M. Orman 3, P. R. Johnson 4, R. H. Newton 5, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3. A compliment to Michael R. Wycherley, married at Clerkenwell, London, this day.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6 8 covering): Hilary Jacobs (first away from cover) 1, Kay Whittaker 2, Erica Pankhurst (first "inside") 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, I. P. Cox 5, R. Miles 6, C. Stillman 7, S. Duckett 8. First quarter 6, 7, 8. Also on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cherry Stapleford 1, Kay Whittaker 2, Hilary Jacobs (first "inside") 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. L. Coles (cond.) 5, M. J. Hawkins 6. For Evensong.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Threadgold 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, M. Hunter 3, P. Perkins 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, F. Marshall 6. For the induction of Rev. W. F. Jones as Vicar of the parish. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Marshall 1, J. Green (first "inside") 2, Mrs. J. Poulter 3, M. Hunter 4, E. Brown 5, F Roper (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth West 1, G. T. West 2, Linda Cull 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F. Williams 5, D A. Wills 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Elizabeth West 1, F. D. Mack (cond.) 2, D. A. Wills 3, H. L. Crisp 4, G. T. West 5, F. Williams 6, W. J. Harvey (first in method) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Both for Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A ladies' quarter peal was rung at Arundel on July 28th, conducted by Mrs. A. Daughtey.

Miss Anne P. Leigh, of Rotherham, asks us on behalf of the South Yorkshire Peal Tourists to thank the incumbents of the churches visited for allowing the peals to be rung on their bells.

Mr. William Insley, of Great Billington, Leighton Buzzard, is looking forward to next April, when he will have completed 50 years as a reader of "The Ringing World." He joined the ringers at St. Barnabas', Linslade, in 1919 and still cycles the 3½ miles on Sundays and practice nights. For 20 years he has been a member of the P.C.C. and a sidesman.

Mr. H. I. Mingay, of Grimsby, one of our oldest ringers, regretfully writes that owing to heart trouble four years ago he is unable to climb stairs and his ringing is confined to short touches from the ground floor. For 25 years he was secretary of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The Suffolk Guild is arranging a conductors' course at Henley in September.

The peals rung for St. David's Guild at Llanelly and St. Florence recorded in the issue of August 9th are duplicates.

The North American Guild has scored its first peal. It was rung at Groton on August 3rd, being Plain Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Geofirey Davies.

To enable Mr. S. Bridge, tower captain at St. Peter de Witton, Droitwich Spa, to score his first quarter of Minor "inside," a quarter peal was rung by a band from the two Droitwich towers with the addition of David Franklin.

The Rev. W. A. Humphreys, Vicar of Prees, Salop, has an attractive sketch of ringers in action on the cover of his parish magazine "Venture" While the Vicar can do a little method ringing, his band are only call change ringers but, comments our correspondent, "pleasant chaps all the same."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

GIVING AMERICAN ORGANISTS THE KNOW-HOW

Following correspondence between Professor Ernest Smith, of the Christian University of Texas, and the Rev. P. G. Smith, Vicar of Leafield and chairman of the Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Professor and 25 organists from the University who are making a tour of Europe visited Leafield recently.

A band from the Branch was laid on to demonstrate Doubles and Minor ringing on the tower bells to half the party while the rest saw a comprehensive display and listened with keen interest to a talk and demonstration in the church on bells and tuning given by the Deputy Master of the Guild, Mr. F. Sharpe. Of course, he provided just what was needed to interest and satisfy this particular audience. The groups changed over at "half-time" and the bells were rung down at 9 p.m.

At the Vicar's invitation everyone then adjourned to the Vicarage, nominally for beer and biscuits, but, as always, the ladies of the parish saw to it that other goodies were available, and there followed a most enjoyable get-together of the visitors, the churchwardens and some other parishioners, the Press and ringers from the local Branch. It was a warm and happy gathering and the leader of the visitors was moved to remark that they had come to realise that Texas hospitality was also to be found elsewhere. W. L.

APPLETON FOUND GOOD BEER

Mr. W. Hibbert divides his year into four —Christmas, Appleton March 4th, Appleton Outing and visiting London to see old friends.

It is about Appleton Outing that he now writes, when towers in Herefordshire and Worcestershire were visited. At Claines the party enjoyed a ring on the ten and beer in the "Mugs' Retreat." Lunch was at Bewdley and then ringing at Leominster Priory, with its long way to the ringing chamber. Finally Lugwardine, where it was interesting to read a meticulously kept diary of ringing events in the tower during the last 60 years.

We made a bad mistake on the way home; someone said "Look, the Plough" (the name of Appleton's famous pub), so we stopped, and by a coincidence a contingent from Warwick pulled into the yard as we did. What with handbell ringing, songs and reminiscences we didn't leave the wrong Plough until 11 p.m., arriving at Appleton about 12.30 a.m. on Sunday. As usual, the ringing was fair, the company excellent and by some means or other the Appleton Society always manage to find good beer.

This was Bill Cole's first Appleton Outing and I somehow think (D.V.) he will go again next year. W. H.

COMING-OF-AGE

The peal rung at St. Giles', Balderton, Notts, on August 3rd was a 21st birthday compliment to John Raithby, elder son of Mr. James Raithby, ringing captain at Newark Parish Church. The band consisted of two members from each of the four change ringing towers in the Newark District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, i.e. Balderton, Newark, Sutton-on-Trent and Coddington. The members of the band much appreciated the hospitality extended to them to join the birthday party in the evening.

ROYAL — SILENCE

Ten able ringers arrived at church on time,
Forgot to take the chimes off,
Then there were nine.

So nine sadder ringers rang the bells up late,
One sat out for Major,
Then there were eight.

Eight smiling ringers rang on till eleven,
One ran off to join the choir,
Then there were seven.

Seven laughing ringers trying out new tricks,
One tried a bit too hard,
Then there were six.

Six silly ringers, glad to be alive,
Try to fire the back six bells,
Then there were five.

Five remaining ringers pull down the bells once more,
One started with his coils,
Then there were four.

Four wiser ringers very soon agree,
Only brave ones can ring here,
That left just three.

Three Minimus ringers ring the six changes through,
But the captain shouted "Single,"
So then there were two.

Two friendly ringers with Evensong unsung,
But John "must visit relatives,"
Then there was one.

One noble ringer pulled the sanctus bell,
Till the neighbours moaned about the noise,
And they silenced him as well.

ANON.

SCARBOROUGH PARTY AT FOUNDRY

From Scarborough to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough was a four-hour journey. This necessitated a 7 a.m. start on July 27th. A. M. U. D. tells of the thrills at the foundry of seeing the various processes during a conducted tour and ringing rounds and changes on unhung bells, using large "metal-edged hammers." There was also a set of bells ready for use in a carillon in the U.S.A.

As to the foundry's belfry, the writer states: "We tried our hands at ringing the very light, high-toned bells. We rang only simple changes because the bells needed a great deal of concentration. The general opinion was that although we were glad to have rung on such famous bells we prefer our own heavier bells."

After lunch at Loughborough there was ringing at Eastwood—"difficult to ring but this may have been our fault," and Greasley "easy to handle and a joy to ring."

The votes of thanks included Messrs. John Taylor, Mrs. Mary Beach for the ringing at Eastwood and Greasley, the ladies who prepared the delicious tea, and Mr. Edwin King for arranging such an enjoyable day.

AN ESSEX GOLDEN WEDDING

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elliott, of Kelvedon. Miss W. M. Elliott writes that after a family dinner they managed to muster six Elliotts to ring rounds together. Mr. Elliott's ambition for years has been a family peal. If Robert (12) and David (4) continue to make progress it might be possible to score a family peal in a year or two's time.

250th ANNIVERSARY

Monday, August 26th, is the 250th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. It was composed by John Garthon and contains third place bobs and fifth place bobs, the noises used being "Bob" for the former and "Hic" for the latter.

Mr. Derek C. Jackson writes: I'm sure the event should not be allowed to pass without a special mention and perhaps a number of bands attempting the peal composed by John Garthon. (Full details are given in Morris's "History and Art," pages 50–54.)

A COTSWOLD WEDDING

On July 27th Christopher Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Rogers, of Isleworth, Middlesex, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bellfield, of Andoversford, Gloucestershire, were married at Dowdeswell Parish Church, near Cheltenham.

The church, a small cruciform building of Cotswold stone with central tower and spire (containing, alas, three unringable bells), is pleasantly situated high in the Cotswolds, and it made a delightful setting for the wedding, enhanced by a fine summer day.

The bride was given away by her father, and the bridegroom was ably supported by Clarke Walters, a friend from Cambridge days, as best man. The bridesmaids were the bridegroom's sister, Patricia, and two young nieces of the bride. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Harland, and while photographs were being taken four of the guests rang a well-struck touch of Bob Major on handbells.

After the reception in Cheltenham the bride and bridegroom set off for a honeymoon in Cornwall, and eleven of the guests, with one of the local band, rang a quarter peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary's, Cheltenham.

Three peals were rung in honour of the occasion on the day, and on the following Monday Harold Rogers conducted a peal of Yorkshire Royal at All Saints', Isleworth, where the bridegroom has been a ringer for 15 years.

AMBITION FULFILLED

The conclusion of the quarter peal at Bradpole, Dorset, on August 6th, saw the fulfilment of an ambition of the local ringers to ring a quarter peal by the Sunday service band. It is believed that this is the first quarter by a local band since 1930, and it is very fitting that the 1968 quarter should have been rung on the day following the anniversary of the dedication of Holy Trinity Church. With a little encouragement and determination this band can now go from strength to strength and ring quarters and, maybe, peals and one day it may overtake the Bradpole band of the 1920's, which, by all accounts, was a remarkably good one.

FROM LEEDS TO SOLOMON ISLANDS

Mr. Charles Naylor, of East Ardsley, a member of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, is one of the 1,400 British youngsters who have been selected for voluntary service overseas. He has been posted to the Solomon Islands and will work under a District Commissioner in supervising building gangs.

For four years he has been a regular ringer at St. Michael's Church, East Ardsley, and has had a lifelong connection with the Church. Last year he hitch-hiked through eight European countries so he is no stranger to travel.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOWDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

Elizabeth Johnson	Treble	Roger Smith	5
Howard Scott	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
Anne P. Leigh	3	David S. Johnson	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Anne P. Leigh	Treble	*Roger Smith	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Ian North	6
*Elizabeth Johnson	3	David S. Johnson	7
Patricia Lockwood	4	Alan E. Hartley	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of spliced.

SHAROW, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5058 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Howard Scott	Treble	*Ronald R. Warford	5
Elizabeth Johnson	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
Anne P. Leigh	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	David S. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by John H. Fielden. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 HEADINGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Roger Smith	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ian North	6
Howard Scott	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
Anne P. Leigh	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal in the method.

HEADINGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
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OTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

W. Eric Critchley	Treble	*Roger A. Smith	5
*Anne P. Leigh	2	*C. Barrie Dove	6
*Elizabeth Johnson	3	*David S. Johnson	7
Alan E. Hartley	4	*Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by H. Peyner. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Wed., July 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 3,392 Rutland, 448 Yorkshire, 416 Lincolnshire, Superlative and Cambridge, with 110 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

Ian North	Treble	Alan E. Hartley	5
Elizabeth Johnson	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	David S. Johnson	7
Howard Scott	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., July 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,152 Yorkshire, 1,088 Bristol, 960 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland, with 73 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Elizabeth Johnson	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Roger Smith	6
Anne P. Leigh	3	Ian North	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	David S. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Ian North	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Roger Smith	6
Anne P. Leigh	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
Elizabeth Johnson	4	David S. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt.

Anne P. Leigh	Treble	Alan E. Hartley	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	David S. Johnson	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Ian North	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Ian North	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Roger A. Smith	6
Elizabeth Johnson	3	David S. Johnson	7
Alan E. Hartley	4	Frederick J. Jackson	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

DRONFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Alan E. Hartley	Treble	Ian North	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Ronald Snack	6
Anne P. Leigh	3	Roger Smith	7
Patricia Lockwood	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

STAVELEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., July 13, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Frederick J. Jackson	5
Anne P. Leigh	2	Roger Smith	6
Ian North	3	Ronald Snack	7
C. Barrie Dove	4	Alan E. Hartley	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan E. Hartley.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

William Hibbert	Treble	John H. Napper	5
Roger F. Overington	2	Dennis Randall	6
Raymond G. Cousins	3	Brian R. White	7
John W. T. Hibbert	4	John Chilcott	Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CURRY MALLET, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being in 18 methods—New Bob, Stedman, Union Bob, St. Faith S.C., Stedman S.C., Coxwell Place, All Saints', Rev. St. Bartholomew, Minster Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Rev. Union Bob and Rev St. Faith Bob, 21 variations—Marchington, Fortune, St. Albans, St. Paul, Eynsham, St. Leonard, Elford, Austrey, St. Ignatius, Churchill, St. Giles, Lapley, Shareshill, St. Miles, Ryton, St. John, Chilton, Old, Kennington, Southrepps and St. Columb, and 13 spliced compositions—Northrepps, Cassington, St. Peter, St. Thomas, St. Luke, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston and Dedworth. Tenor 10½ cwt. in A.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Raymond F. Arscott	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Keith E. Beale	5
*John Cornelius	3	Mervyn A. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal. Most methods/variations to a peal by all the band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Mon., July 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Reginald W. Worrall ..	Treble	David A. Godfrey	4
Victor Neal	2	Stuart W. Bracegirdle ..	5
Ashley C. P. Pugh	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Marian, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Howard, and Frank McPhillips, who were married at this church on July 27th, 1968.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

Rev. Canon C. Elliot Wigg	Treble	Rev. John B. T. Homfray	5
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	2	Rev. Roger Keeley	6
Rev. Stanley M. Evans ..	3	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall ..	7
Rev. Peter T. Robbins ..	4	Rev. John G. M. Scott ..	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Roger Keeley.

First peal in the method for the Guild and the first time that two peals have been rung for the Guild in one day.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Treble 19 cwt. in E flat.

Rev. C. J. B. Marshall ..	Treble	Rev. Peter T. Robbins ..	5
Rev. Roger Keeley	2	Rev. Canon C. Elliot Wigg	6
Rev. Stanley M. Evans ..	3	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	7
Rev. John B. T. Homfray	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the Rev. Roger O. Fry.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., July 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 25 methods, viz.:(1) Luton, Westminster, Linden, Ripley, Broomfield, Allendale Rhyl, Fyfield, Fryerning and Thorne (10 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh), (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (3) London and Wells, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich, with 98 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B. flat.

Christopher J. Royal ..	Treble	Peter H. Mackie	4
Stephen F. Royal	2	Peter C. Randall	5
*Anthony J. Cox	3	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* 50th peal for the Guild. The greatest number of Surprise Minor methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild

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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

HEAVITREE, Exeter, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

William A. Theobald ..	Treble	*Martin F. Lock	5
Raymond Talbot	2	Norman Mallett	6
Frederick Wreford	3	John N. Longridge	7
D. Roy Bould	4	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by James Hunt Conducted by William A. Theobald.

* First peal in the method.

Rung with the best wishes of the band as a farewell to Norman Mallett, who is leaving Exeter.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOUGHTON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

Henry Levens	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
Michael J. Dyer	2	Paul E. Wells	5
Albert J. Davey	3	Harold S. Peacock	Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

First peal on the augmented bells.

Rung to commemorate the restoration of the bells and the addition of a new treble bell dedicated to the memory of John Douglas Ward, Rector 1936–1966.

GREAT STAUGHTON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

Henry C. Foster	Treble	Albert J. Davey	4
Bryan F. Sims	2	John H. Bluff	5
George E. Bonham	3	Harold S. Peacock	Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

Rung with best wishes to the Rev. W. J. T. Brockie, Vicar, and Mrs. Brockie upon leaving the parish, and as a tribute to the work they accomplished during their stay at Great Staughton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., July 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 ST. GILES SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Tony Lewis	2	John W. Smith	6
Simon A. B. Wigg	3	Christopher T. Osenton ..	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

First peal in the method for the Association and all the band. Rung to welcome the Rev. H. Keith Freestone.

TENTERDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mildred.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Judith M. Corby	2	John A. Howard	6
Derek Slater	3	Tony Lewis	7
Simon A. B. Wigg ..	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Rung following the marriage at this church of Wilfred W. Ring and Violet Relf, members of this Association.

EGERTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

One extent each of Beverley, Cambridge, London, Norwich, Primrose, Surfleet and Wells. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Dorothy M. Groves	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg ..	4
John Pladdys	2	Tony Lewis	5
Trevor A. Cross	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

Rung in honour of the wedding, at Tenterden, of Wilfred W. Ring and Miss Violet Relf.

FARNINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich, Surfleet, London, York, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.

Martin A. Gay	Treble	†Robin J. Grant	4
Margaret E. Oram	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
*Ian H. Oram	3	*D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 100th peal together. † First of seven Surprise Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DEANE, Bolton, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., July 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Eight extents each Spliced Plain and Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain and Stedman and 18 Grandsire. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Joseph Thornley	Treble	*[illegible]	4
*Thomas Hobson	2	John Ashcroft	5
*R. Keith Lister	3	‡Norman Lodge	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Christine Broadley	4
John P. Partington	2	*B. Michael Boardman ..	5
Michael D. Fishwick ..	3	Richard S. Starkie	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal attempt.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ENDERBY, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Martin Green	Treble	Philip A. Mason	5
David F. Moore	2	John M. Jelley	6
Geoffrey C. Sparling	3	John Bramley	7
Rowan S. Bradley	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Ealing Surprise Major by all the band except the ringers of the treble and tenor.

THURLASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two Kent T.B. and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

John J. Morris	Treble	George L. Pickering	4
Jane M. Tooby	2	Christopher M. Sturgess	5
K Paul Gilliver	3	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pickering, also as a 21st birthday compliment to their son, Leslie.

GADDESBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

*Cherrill L. Everard	Treble	E. Alan Jacques	4
Mary C. Poyner	2	*Clive Mobbs	5
David F. Moore	3	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Composed by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Minor on the bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST MARKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	John Freeman	5
Katharine Burchnall	2	Walter Tomlinson	6
Beryl N. Reed	3	John Walden	7
Roger W. Wetenhall	4	Harold F. Gibson	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by John Freeman.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F.

Raymond J. Mayle	Treble	Alwyn R. Lewis	5
William T. Petty	2	D. Walford Davies	6
Thomas T. Yeomans	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
D. R. Lynn-Jones	4	Harold Preece	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
150th peal on the bells and 75th of Grandsire Triples.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's trans. of Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

*Patricia A. Copas	Treble	†Michael J. Palmer	5
*Simon P. Rogers	2	John Hill	6
*Ruby M. Myllys	3	John R. Mayne	7
*Michael W. Seymour	4	Frederick W. Goodfellow	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman Triples "inside."

HARROW WEALD Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1968,, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

H. George Hart	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Bernard E. Matthews	6
*Susan J. Jenkins	3	Michael J. Palmer	7
*Elizabeth M. Emmett	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

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

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD.
GROTON, Massachusetts, U.S.A.—At the School Chapel.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Richard Ingram	Treble	Derek Sawyer	5
Ruth Gay	2	Geoffrey Davies	6
*Alan Durfee	3	Eric Roberts	7
David Ingram	4	Richard S. Dirksen	Tenor

Composed by P J. Barker. Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
* First peal. First for the Guild. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., July 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr 19 lb. in C.

Norman V. Harding	Treble	Peter G. Brown	6
Susan Rothera	2	David E. Rothera	7
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Frank E. Darby	4	Philip J. Rothera	9
Trevor A. Cross	5	Leslie W. Houghton	Tenor

Composed by Edgar Bennett. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
Specially arranged for the King's Lynn Festival Week.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*Roland Biggs	Treble	†John Hill	5
*Arthur Newton	2	*David P. Hilling	6
*Sydney M. Bailey	3	*Percy Newton	7
*Anthony P. Foster	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Robert H. Newton on his 21st birthday, and to Meryl Newton and Donal Kennedy on their engagement.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and four extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Christine T. C. Wilkins	Treble	Charles C. Radcliffe	4
Louise A. M. Evans	2	Edward W, Houghton	5
Dennis H. McCormick	3	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.

THE ST DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. DAVID'S, Pembs.—At the Cathedral of SS. David and Andrew.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Richard L. Underwood	Treble	Trevor Newlands	5
Derek H. Walters	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
James Clatworthy	3	Paul A. Williams	7
John Prytherch	4	Adrian C. Boorman	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Richard Underwood.
Rung with best wishes to Sally Parrot and Paul Forbers-Harper, married on July 26th, 1968. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Clive M. Smith	6
Maurice F. Edwards	2	George E Fearn	7
Susan E. Smith	3	J Alan Ainsworth	8
Stephen W. Barton	4	James W. Belshaw	9
John R. Insley	5	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., July 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	*A. Bryan Ellsmore	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	James W. Belshaw	6
*Richard J. Tibbetts	3	*Maurice F. Edwards	7
Susan E. Smith	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Katharine Burchnall	Treble	Paul Raithby	5
*Derick E. Kirton	2	Cyril H. Pritchett	6
Grace Burchnall	3	Colin W. Reed	7
†Derek J. Tysoe	4	F. William Midwinter	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Raithby, a ringer at Newark Parish Church.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., July 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven 720's differently called. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Stephen Knights	Treble	*Margaret Womack	4
Bryan Birkett	2	Christine M. Wright	5
Paul N. Mounsey	3	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal.

CODDINGTON, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., July 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one each of Single Court, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	*Derek J. Tysoe	5
Percy Holmes	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* Has now "circled the tower" and is the first person to do so.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek J. Tysoe.

WARSOP, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WARSOP SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

John A. Coates	Treble	George Challans	4
John S Hopwood	2	Brynley A. Richards	5
Herbert T. Rooke	3	Frank Cooke	Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. D. J. Young, curate, and Miss Mary Colley, who were married at the church on this day.

WARSOP SURPRISE
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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	Roger L. K. Whittell	5
Peter G. Pitt	2	*Stephen J. Bedford	6
Frank B. Lufkin	3	Vernon Bedford	7
Peter S. Bedford	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First touch of Yorkshire Surprise.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CONSTANTINE, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Constantine.
On Wed., July 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*H. Gay J. Meyrick	Treble	Timothy J. Bell	4
F. Malcolm Bowers	2	Anthony J. Davidson	5
T. Roy Hart	3	†S. J. Jill Meyrick	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.
Rung as a compliment to George Riddy on the birth of his first grandson.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

Denis Stephens	Treble	Anthony Locke	4
Rev. A. S. Roberts	2	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
Timothy J. Bell	3	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
500th peal for the Guild.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, E.C.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Hereward and Single Oxford Bob, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College Bob, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Robin R. Churchill	Treble	Christopher J. Groome	4
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Roger D. Bailey	5
Christopher P. Starbuck	3	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* Most methods to a peal. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Daniel T. Matkin	Treble	John Hartless	5
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Colin Conway	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs. Aug 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 3¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Michael J. Thomas	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	4
Stephen J. Kirby	2	Anthony R. Carter	5
Katherine Maundrell	3	David J. Forder	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.

CRAWLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods, being two extents of Stedman and eight extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Basil E. Pink	Treble	Betty J. Daysh	3
David G. Hatherly	2	Ramon A. Stone	4
Charles E. Bassett	Tenor		

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
First peal on the bells.

NON-SOCIETY.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Graham C. Paul (Peterborough)	Treble
Alan A. Paul (Peterborough)	2
Alan J. Frost (Bedfordshire)	3
Dennis H. McCormick (Lancashire)	4
*M. Ann Houghton (Bedfordshire)	5
*Edward W. Houghton (Bedfordshire)	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown (Peterborough)	7
Roger Barnes (Lancashire)	8
*Kenneth E. Jackson (Bedfordshire)	9
Roy Woodruff (Oxford D.G.)	Tenor

Composed by A. D. MacFadyen. Conducted by D. H. McCormick.
* First peal of Royal Rung for the Feast of St. James.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Tues., July 30, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D

*Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	†John R. Scott	3-4
		‡Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6

* 150th peal. † 50th peal of Plain Bob. ‡ 100th peal of Minor.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1968, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1-2	John R. Scott	3-4
		Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5-6

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH MYMMS, Herts.—At 57, Holloways Lane.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor size 14 in D.

Thomas J. Lock	1-2	Thomas W. Goodyer	5-6
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	*Gerald Penney	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer
* 300th peal for the Hertford County Association.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS. — On May 5th, 1,269 Doubles (three methods): Rae Hammond 1, J. P. Burton 2, M. Allery (first "inside") 3, M. J. Mulvey (cond.) 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, R. Riley (first quarter) 6. Also on June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol Massey 1, N. R. White 2, J. P. Burton 3, M. Allery 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, R. Riley 6. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Riley (first treble) 1, J. P. Burton 2, Rosemary White 3, M. Allery 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, Daphne Appleby (first quarter) 6.

BERROW, WORCS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Clarke 1, L. Walters 2, M. Smith 3, P. Young (first as cond.) 4, D. Price 5.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Edden 1, R. Howse 2, R. F. Shepperd 3, A. Newton 4, R. H. Newton 5, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL, SOM. — At St. Ambrose's Church, on July 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. Chapman 1, C. Baker 2, S. Bateman 3, D. Reynolds 4, B. Martin 5, J. Collard 6, T. Newlands 7, J. F. Pedler (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hunt. Also on Aug. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. J. Hunt (cond.) 1, N. Dawson (first Surprise) 2, T. Newlands 3, J. Collard 4, J. F. Pedler 5, D Reynolds 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on July 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Lunney 1, M. Lazell (first quarter) 2, P. J. H. Small 3, M. Ostler 4, J. C. Drage 5, C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 6. Rung by boys and Old Boys of Simon Langton Grammar School as a welcome to Alec Rose, an Old Boy of the school, on the day of his return from his round-the-world voyage.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Little and Pl. Bob: C. Banks 1, Miss M. R. Hill 2, A. K. Oliver 3, J. Cooper 4, G. F. Oliver 5, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 6. Also same day, 1,260 Minor (four methods): A. K. Oliver 1, Miss M. R. Hill 2, G. Davis 3, G F. Oliver 4, J. Cooper 5, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 6. First in four methods 1, 2. For service of Old Contemptibles on 54th anniversary of outbreak of World War I.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Dixon 1, C. F. M. Collett 2, G. J. Collett 3, B. W. Hall 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6.

CROWAN, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Stephens 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, T. J. Bell 3, A. T. Wingate 4, T. R. Hart 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6. Rung after meeting short for Major.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS. — At St. Peter-de-Witton Church, on July 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: I. L. Dollins 1, J. R. Sack 2, S. Bridge (first Minor "inside") 3, W. H. Raxter 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, D. G. Franklin 6. All except 6 are local ringers at St. Peter's and St. Augustine's, Droitwich.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the front six): D. Taylor 1, P. Brown 2, D. McEndoo (cond., first attempt) 3, P. Talbot 4, C. Reede 5, L. Taylor 6. A compliment to R. R. Cherry, grandson of the donor of second and third bells, on his marriage.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on July 21st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: D. K. Whitlock 1, G. Bridges 2, Patricia Copas 3, J. Britchford 4, A. Fortin 5, M. J. Uphill 6, R. K. Russ 7, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 4, 8. For Evensong.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Linsott 1, Carol Stacey 2, B. S. Gambrill 3, R. G. Tipper 4, Kathleen Fox 5, K. Sansom 6, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 7, D. Fox 8. First of Triples 1, 5, 8. 25th quarter together 3 and 7.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Amette Bradbury (1st Stedman) 1, A. Fleet 2, Betty Percy 3, Janet Percy 4, H. Reynolds 5, T. Barlow 6, A. Baldock (cond.) 7, C. Percy 8.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. G. Smith 1, Mary Coleman 2, Ann Smith 3, R. L. Coley 4, R. J. Cowley 5, E. C. Buckby 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, C. M. Payne 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Deborah Bishop 1, E. J. Adams (first Stedman) 2, G. W. Shanks 3, A. J. Hampton 4, L. C. Way 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, N. R. Waite 8. For Evensong.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. — On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret Lovett 1, C. R. Lovett 2, J. Bennett 3, G. Goodship 4, Sylvia Pipe 5, E. G. Pearce 6, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, F. J. Crapnell 8. Rung half-muffled. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, C. R. Lovett 2, J. Bennett 3, G. Goodship 4, Sylvia Pipe 5, E. G. Pearce 6, J. W. Blythe 7, F. J. Crapnell 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Amelte Bradbury 1, Susan Harrison (first on eight "inside") 2, Jane Mason (first on eight) 3, Sybil Tonkin (first Triples "inside") 4, D. McLean 5, B. Stepney 6, A. Baldock (cond., 25th of Grandsire Triples) 7, T. Barlow 8.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Warren 1, Ruth Foreman 2, J. Nash 3, Liz Pearce 4, P. Clarke 5, R. Moore 6, T. Goodyer (cond.) 7, Pam Gough 8. First Stedman 4, 5. For Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. K. A. Cook 1, J. R. Hough 2, P. Abbott 3, R. Redwood 4, C. Higgins 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Cyril J. Young, a member of this tower and the Ely Diocesan Association for many years.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): E. Hill 1, J. Cullwick 2, Mrs. R. Cullwick 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung for a wedding.

IRETON, CUMBERLAND.—On July 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. H. Chadwick 1, Kathleen Eggleston 2, M. Dixon 3, J. Hosfield 4, D. M. Hunns (cond.) 5, I. Angell 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4, 6. A compliment to M. Dixon on the occasion of his departure.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, H. Gay J. Meyrick (first "inside") 2, T. J. Bell 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, A. J. Davidson 5, A. Locke 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, C. J. Dunstan 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Elliott 1, E. Bright 2, P. Elliott 3, W. Elliott 4, H. Dorking 5, A. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung for golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elliott.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL. — On July 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Pearce 1, Beatrice M. Boyle 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, A. E. Chilton 4, D. Wilson 5, W. C. Boucher 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, H. Sandy 8. For the Patronal Festival.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS. — On July 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: N. Whitlock 1, Pat Ramage 2, L. Floyd (cond.) 3, Louise Evans 4, Christine Wilkins 5, D. Whitlock 6. First attempt 1, 2. For the steam engine fete.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On July 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Burbery 1, Glynis E. Perry 2, R. M. Heyworth 3, Jane Darby 4, K. S. Gardiner 5, F. W. Tomlin 6, C. W. Ottaway 7, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 8.

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brown 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, B. Moran 3, J. S. Hopwood 4, F. Cooke 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Trude Richards, wife of the conductor.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On July 30th, 1,280 D.N.C.B. Major: R. H. Martin 1, P. Bosworth 2, Ann Gardner 3, Mary Coleman 4, G. E. Watson 5, E. W. Martin 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, A. Gibbs 8.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. Sansom (cond.) 1, Kathleen Fox (first in method) 2, R. G. Tipper (first in method) 3, B. S. Gambrill 4, D. M. Hughes 5, D. Fox 6. Rung on the ninth anniversary of first quarter by 1 and 5.

MUCH COWARNE, HEREFORDS. — On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Ann Butcher 1, L. C. Meadows 2, Wendy Cox 3, E. C. Biggs 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5. Rung on the front five. First known quarter on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Verena Simpson 1, C. Davis 2, A. Sallis 3, P. Webber 4, D. A. Davis (cond.) 5, J. Timons 6. First quarter 2, 4. For Matins. Also on July 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pauline Hopkinson 1, C. Davis (first Major) 2, Mrs. D. A. Davis 3, Verena Simpson 4, D. A. Davis (cond.) 5, G. Freeman 6, A. Sallis 7, J. Timons 8. For Matins.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Wilsher 1, Judith H. Harvey 2, Frances E. Miller (first quarter) 3, N. R. D. Orchard (first "inside") 4, S. J. Bendle 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6. Rung by O.U.S.C.R. for Matins.

PAINSWICK, GLOS. — On July 14th, by the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Garland 1, Sara Cornock 2, T. Pritchard 3, P. Barton 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, G. Smith 6, R. Cornock 7, R. Watts 8. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of Ewart John Read, M.P.S., aged 35, a keen member of the local band.

PEMBROKE.—On July 27th, 1,260 Old Doubles: N. C. Rogers 1, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, G. Norris 4, P. C. Rogers 5, I. Russant 6. Also on Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Norris 1, P. R. Huntbach 2, A. R. Trickett 3, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 4, P. C. Rogers 5, W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 6, I Russant 7. Both rung for weddings.

RADSTOCK, SOM. — On July 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: I. Goulter 1, Jennifer Durston 2, P. Gould 3, P. Clarkson 4, P. Allen 5, L. Edwards (cond.) 6.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brierley 1, R. S. Starkie (first Grandsire Doubles) 2, C. F. Thompson 3, A. Shaw (first quarter) 4, J. P. Partington (cond.) 5, B. M. Boardman 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. R. H. Jones, Vicar of St. Alban's, Rochdale, interred this day.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBS. — On June 29th, 1,260 Grandaire Triples: Prudence Pattison 1, Betty Rogers 2, Nesta Rosen 3, S. P. Rogers 4, J. Prytherch 5, P. C. Rogers 6, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 7, A. C. Boorman 8. Rung after ordination service.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. P. Rogers 1, Rev. R. W. Thomas 2, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 3, P. C. Rogers 4, J. Prytherch 5, P. Kraus 6. Rung after a lost peal attempt. Also on Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Eileen Goodall 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, P. C. Rogers 3, Rev. R. W. Thomas 4, W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 5, G. N. Goodall 6.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. M. Bainham 1, E. H. Langley 2, Alison H. Ince 3, A. W. E. Bainham 4, L. F. G. Bainham 5, C. C. R. Bainham (cond.) 6. Rung by request during the church fête.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): N. Brazier 1, Susan Catlin 2, D. R. Brazier 3, T. R. Harris 4, P. A. Keene 5, T. P. Harris (cond.) 6. Rung for evening Communion service, in honour of Patronal Festival.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At the Church of St. Chad, on July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. C. Evans 1, R. H. Newton 2, G. Bosworth-Smith 3, F. H. Bennett 4, P. J. Evans 5, F. Leech 6, M. Orman 7, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 8, P. R. Johnson 9, E. F. Wilcox 10. A compliment to Michael R. Wycherley who was married at Clerkenwell, London, the previous day.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Crabtree (first Caters away from cover) 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, M. F. Edwards 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, C. W. Bragg 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, V. Green 8, R. J. Cann 9, G. E. Fearn 10. For Evensong.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOM.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mead 1, H. White 2, K. Laver 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, H. Creed 5, R. Davis 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Prunella Andrews and Mr. Peter Taylor who were married this day.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—At the Church of Emmanuel, on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Celia D'aeth 1, Jackie Holmes 2, J. Elliott 3, Marion Glover 4, M. E. Snape 5, J. Ridyard 6, R. Kenrick (cond.) 7, B. Glover 8. Rung in memoriam Norman Heaps.

STANDISH, LANCS.—On June 23rd, 1,440 Bob Minor: Ann Heaton 1, W. O. Farrimond 2, E. Cook 3, F. Betham 4, L. Briers 5, H. Grounds 6, J. W. Horner (cond.) 7, K. Heaton 8. Half-muffled in memory of Thomas Grounds.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sangwin 1, B. M. Boyle 2, H. Trewin 3, C. Sangwin 4, B. M. Buswell 5, A. Ballard 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, M. Sinden 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott, of Kelvedon, Essex, on their golden wedding anniversary.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Hampton 1, Dianne Mullins 2, D. Pickett 3, D. Brock 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, V. L. P. Davis 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS. — On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Grace Burchnall 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, Susan Moxon 3, N. T. Moxon 4, H. Hawcroft 5, D. Williamson 6, R. Beresford (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Wilson 8. For Evensong.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Julie King (first quarter) 1, Joyce Pickering 2, G. Pickering 3, Jane M. Tooby 4, M. Millard 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: B. Maunders (first quarter) 1, Anne Stephenson (first "inside") 2, R. J. Scott 3, R. Rowley 4, F. J. Cook 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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The rededication of the rehung ring of 12 bells at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will take place on
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Sept. 14th, 15th, 16th, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
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Preliminary Notice.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE
on Sat., October 19th, in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, at 6.45 p.m. Tickets (27/6) from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. 4535

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Members please note. — There will be no meeting in August. Consecration of new eight at Pinxton on Sunday, September 15th, at 4 p.m., followed by buffet tea and Solemn Evensong—E. J. S. 4557

RADIO AMATEURS.—If you are both a change ringer and a licensed radio amateur, please contact G3FHL, Malvern. 4536

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The annual **Snowdon Dinner** will be held on Sat., October 19th, at the Victoria Hotel, Bridge Street, Bradford. Tickets (30/-) from F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, Yorkshire. Names with applications, please. 4520

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will all those starting at Southampton University this October please write to Susan Davis, 90, Elers Road, West Ealing, London, W.13, for details of the Guild's activities. 4540

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Ilminster (8), Saturday, August 24th. Ringing 7-9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 4562

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. —Joint meeting at Repton on Saturday, August 24th. Start 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 4398

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Churcham (6), August 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. Meadows, 2, Lower Barn Cottages, Churcham. 4529

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at The Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells 3.45. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Ringing till 8 p.m. — A. J. I., Hon. Sec 4544

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Northaw, Saturday, August 24th. Bells available 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby. 4514

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Horton, August 24th, 3 to 5, and Old Windsor 6 to 9. Own tea arrangements.—J. Muller. 4527

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Polstead, Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. C. Hynard, Byways, Polstead Heath, Colchester, Essex. 4390

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield, August 24th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to me at Hailsham 3515 as soon as possible. Ringing finishes 8 p.m.—G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 4541

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening meeting on Friday, August 30th, Fairwarp (8), 7 to 9 p.m. 4504

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, 34, Tenter Baulk Lane, Adwick-le-Street. 4521

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Otley on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea only provided; please bring own food.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 4548

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, North Elmham, August 31st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. G. Cross, Park View, North Elmham, Dereham, Norfolk.—C. E. G. B., Hon. Sec. 4537

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Harlestone, Saturday, August 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at East Haddon. Names for tea to R. Chater, 6, Swedish Houses, Upper Harlestone, by Wednesday previous. 4460

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Evening meeting at Burton Dassett (6), Saturday, August 31st. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. onwards. All welcome. — Mrs. I. Webb, Daventry Branch Sec. 4550

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Evening meeting at Balderton (8) on Saturday, August 31st, 6 p.m. prompt.—D. Stainsby, Hon. Sec. 4539

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton & Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Froyle, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Cups of tea only at 5 in Primary School. Numbers not necessary. Bring your own food. Bells until 8. — C. E. Bassett. 4524

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Whitby, August 31st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Free car parking at Abbey car park for ringers. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 4542

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined meeting at Leatherhead, Monday, September 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 32, Gatesden Road, Fetcham, Leatherhead, by previous Wednesday, please. Regret no name, no tea. 4560

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bolsterstone (8) 3–5, tea at 5 p.m., and Bradfield (6) 6.30–9 p.m., on Bank Holiday Monday, September 2nd. Names for tea to R. Fletcher, 34, Dransfield Road, Crosspool, Sheffield S.10 5RN, by Wednesday, August 28th.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 4545

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Broadclyst (8), Saturday, September 7th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 4510

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham, Saturday, September 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. K. M. Haig, Rose Cottage, Cobham, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 4558

PETERBOROUGH GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

On Saturday, September 7th, at Weldon, near Corby.

Committee meeting in the Rectory at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and s.w.o.) from Mr. R. A. Webster, 17, Church Street, Weldon, Corby, before Tuesday, September 3rd.

Ringing arrangements:

Lowick (6)	10.00 a.m.—11 a.m.	
Warmington (6)	10.00 a.m.—11.00 a.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
Stoke Doyle (5)	11.00 a.m.—12 noon.	
Brigstock (5)	11.00 a.m.—12 noon.	7.00 p.m.—8.30 p.m.
Bulwick (5)	11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—8.00 p.m.
Oundle (8)	12 noon— 1.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m.
Deene (6)	12.30 p.m.— 1.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
Corby (6)	1.30 p.m.— 2.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—8.00 p.m.
Benefield (6)	1.30 p.m.— 2.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
Weldon (6)	2.00 p.m.— 4.15 p.m.	After tea—8.30 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary. 4533

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Eastern Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Spilsby on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by September 1st. 4538

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Meeting at Garveston, Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. H. Kiddle, Hillcrest, Garveston, Norfolk, by the 4th.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4530

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (Mid-Devon Branch) and SOUTH DEVON RINGERS ASSOCIATION.—A joint meetingg will be held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Buffet tea 5.30 p.m. Other towers in the area will be available for evening ringing. Names for tea to the Rev. D. P. Angold, Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, by September 10th.—R. F. Shepperd, Sec. 4559

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — General meeting at Knaresborough on September 21st. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations for Central Council representatives will be received at the meeting. Bells: Pateley Bridge (6) 10.30–11.30; Boroughbridge (6) 10.30–11.30; Harrogate (8) 10.30–11.30 and 6.30–8; Aldborough (6) 11.15–12; Birstwith (8) 11.30–12.30; Beckwithshaw (6) 12–1 and 6.30–8; Whixley (6) 2–3.30; Kirk Deighton (6) 2–3.30 and 6.30–8.45; Nidd (5) 2–3.30 and 7–8; Knaresborough (8) 2–4.15 and after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gudgeon, Sharon, Forest Moor, Knaresborough, by Wednesday, September 18th.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 4555

QUARTER PEALS

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Staines 1, Miss J. Frith 2, Miss B. C. Haselgrove 3, Miss J. Daughtry (first "inside") 4, Mrs. A. Daughtry (first as cond.) 5, Miss S. Martin 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. First in method for all the band. Rung for Sung Eucharist and Flower Festival.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on July 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. J. Hudson 1, Mabel Mitchell 2, Christine Boyce 3, W. C. Shute (cond.) 4, H. A. Mitchell 5, R. Boyce 6. For Evensong. A compliment to the treble ringer on his ruby wedding anniversary. Also on Aug. 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): L. Boyce 1, Mabel Mitchell 2, Sally Cooksey 3, Christine Boyce 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, H. A. Mitchell 6, R. Boyce 8. For Evensong and a compliment to ringers of 4 and 8 on their 18th wedding anniversary.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX. — At the Cathedral, on Aug. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Durrant 1, Anne M. Stevens 2, Susan M. Wills 3, A. G. Stevens 4, P. Wills 5, P. R. Davis 6, E. Winifred Keys 7, P. Stevens (cond.) 8.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS. — On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Spivey 1, Mrs. J. M. Pybus 2, Mrs. J. M. Booth 3, C. L. D. Munday 4, J. I. Booth 5, G. W. Pybus 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, W. Walton 8. Rung as a compliment to Margaret and Neville Pailing, married here the previous day.

CROYDON, SURREY. — On Aug. 3rd, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Christine Slater (first in method) 1, Clare F. Dolphin 2, P. D. Dawson-Taylor (first in method) 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, Elizabeth Timmins 5, R. C. Stevens 6, K. Game (cond.) 7, R. A. Grant 8. Also on Aug. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. W. Oatway 1, R. Davies 2, Mrs. P. Humphries 3, G. Fisher 4, I. M. Parry 5, N. G. T. Steere 6, K. Taber (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8. For Evensong.

ECCLESTON, LANCS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: W. H. Hunter 1, J. Nelson 2, D. G. Lawson 3, B. Lee 4, G. J. Mee 5, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Stanley Walmsley, tower captain of St. Andrew's, Leyland, who shortly leaves for Dalton-in-Furness.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At the Church of St. George, on July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): L. R. Taylor 1, Diane Frost (Leighton Buzzard) 2, D. A. McEndoo 3, W. T. Farrell 4, C. J. Reede 5, P. W. Brown 6, A. J. Frost (cond., Leighton Buzzard) 7, K. C. Denner 8. A wedding compliment to Ken Ryan and Avril Connor. Also on Aug. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Sara K. D. Wooley 1, Gilian M. Brearly 2, Diana Reeves 3, R. K. Russ 4, P. W. Brown (first Surprise) 5, R. A. Reeves 6, M. J. R. Church (cond.) 7, A. K. Fortin 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): C. Edwards (first quarter) 1, Carole Francis 2, W. C. G. Wainwright 3, Beryl Platt 4, Jacquie Hedges 5, D. Dorrington (first quarter) 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, Trudy Newcombe 8. For Evensong.

KENWYN, CORNWALL. — On July 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Claudia A. Critchley 1, V. Mary Matthews 2, T. J. Bell (first in the method) 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, A. J. Davidson 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, G. W. Critchley 8.

KILMERSDON, SOM.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Gould 1, I. Goulter 2, H. Hawkins 3, P. Clarkson 4, L. Edwards 5, P. Allen (cond.) 6.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Holliday 1, J. S. Webb 2, Belinda M. Gilbert 3, Patricia M. Gardiner 4, W. P. Haskins 5, A. Newbould (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of third.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. A. Palmer 1, Patricia Mundy (first "inside") 2, R. Huxley 3, D. Lee 4, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 5, A. G. Keen 6.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Coral D. S. Spiller 1, L. T. Pope 2, J. Chilcott 3, R. A. Large 4, D. W. Woodcock 5, S. Jenner 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, V. J. Benning 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jill Laud (first Major) 1, B. Johnson 2, S. Laud 3, R. D. Bell 4, D. Laud 5, B. B. Hullah 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. Best wishes to Tessa May and Ian McKenzie, both members of the local band, married the previous week.

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(25 methods)

By J. R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H	Methods
52436		—		Ux. Yorks. Wem.
34625	—	—		Elf. Lang. Leath.
23645		—		Lind. Linc. Bris.
54632	—	—	—	Here. Dub. Hit. East.
65432			—	Ash. Rad. Berks.
43652		—	—	Rut. Camb. Wat.
36452			2	Eal. Puds. Lon. Bris.
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46325			—	2	2
24365		x		2	2
45362	1	x			
23564	1	x			2

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By NORMAN SMITH

M	In/5	B	W	H	23456	
				—	42356	
—	x				26354	
	x				63254	
	x		—	2	36524	
		x		2	23645	
				—	62345	
—	x				25346	"A"
	x				53246	"A"
	x				32546	"A"
—		x			24536	"A"
—		x		2	35426	"A"
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES IN LIFE

By Canon GILBERT THURLOW

Preached at the rededication of Overton, Hampshire, bells on August 20th.

I BEGIN with a true story. It does not matter where it took place. A band of ringers were ringing in a village tower and one member had only recently become a ringer. Knowing little about bells, he chose, while unnoticed, to pull a rope of the chiming apparatus. This, as every experienced ringer knows, brought the hammer into a position where the bell would hit it when rung. This of course happened. The moment the ringers began again the bell came hard against the hammer and was badly cracked; cost of repair would be between £100 and £200.

This is a simple story, but what is far more important is the reactions of the people to the event. The reaction of the gentleman who did the deed was, I am told, immediate. He simply said, "I didn't know this would happen: it's not my fault; I take no responsibility, I won't pay towards the cost of repair." The reaction of the Master of the visiting band and the senior churchwarden of the church which suffered this grievous blow was also quite simple: "We are all in this together. It's up to us all, visitors and home team alike, to co-operate in raising the money to put things right. No recriminations to anyone. Let everyone of goodwill help in any way they like—fetes, bazaars, direct giving . . ."

The contrast between these reactions to the crisis is of fundamental importance. One may suppose that the gentleman who did the deed, as a newcomer to the church, is typical of modern society, like millions more. If one had never learned the real meaning of Christianity and if one's idea of it is simply that it is an odd hobby for odd people, it is natural to live for yourself, evade responsibility, get all you can out of life and give as little to it as you need. We can't blame people for behaving like this if they've learned no better.

The people who deserve blame are those who spread the idea that man on his own has all he needs to make a success of life. This is the great deception of today: the idea that money, ease, education, health, self-reliance, are all we need This deceitful teaching evades a plain fact of human nature—that we each have within ourselves power to choose between good and evil, and yet also weakness in face of this choice. There never will be a time when man has climbed above his weakness; we shall always need light to make us choose. The light which can lighten every man is ready to shine on us. Every man on whom Christ's light shines knows that the first rule of life is to love your neighbour as yourself. This means in plain English that we are all responsible for each other, all through life. You and I may feel we share responsibility for the cracked bell. You may yourself have rung it. I did years ago.

This tale gives a reason for what we are doing here today. The sound of the bells from Overton tower is a most impressive example of service, of giving, of responsibility of each for all, through the centuries. You hear tonight bells new-cast, together with bells cast back in 1945, 1908, 1710, 1663, 1660, with metal which has hung here longer than we know. All this is the result of giving freely and gladly of money, of metal, of work and of ringing by unknown friends before us as well as friends of today.

What an example to this modern world, this world of greed, of war, of strikes, of gambling, of drugs, of manufactured misery of many kinds, of starvation and hatred. So whenever these bells shall ring they will broadcast the fact that God is active in the lives of all on whom His light shines. He has power and glory and yet was slain—this bells will broadcast the choice. Will you add to His glory or will you add to His pains? Will you share the world's irresponsible greed or will you give your service to men in His name?

Outspoken Comments by Record Lengths Conductor

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove appears quite successfully to have upset a great number of Doubles ringers and now has started to do the same with those who are interested in ringing long peals. In particular, the last sentence of his reply to Brian Woodruffe's letter makes me, and a number of other people, wonder whether in fact he is a suitable person to be a convener of the Records Committee. I quote: "This action is caused entirely by the tone of Mr. Woodruffe's letter."

I now ask the following questions and consider each point in turn:—

(i) Should any person use the power he holds by virtue of his position as a tool in an argument with another?

(ii) Should a decision be arrived at without consideration of **future** consequences?

(iii) Should a convener of a committee be sufficiently self-disciplined to abide by the rules laid down in the Central Council Handbook?

Considering (i): Mr. Blagrove is using his power as convener of the Records Committee to find an excuse to exclude the 13,140 Kent T.B. Maximus from the records. How on earth a person can say in the same sentence that the **same** peal can **either** be a progressive length of Kent T.B. Maximus **or** a record peal of Spliced Kent T.B. Maximus and Kent Little Court Maximus is beyond my comprehension: the title Cam Variation is completely explicit and leaves nobody in any doubt as to what has been rung. Presumably Mr. Blagrove is trying to apply rule f (vi) on page 20 of the C.C. Handbook; I quote: "The methods rung in such **(record)** peals shall comply with the Report on Regular Methods" (as on page 22).

This would classify the peal as spliced, as Mr. Blagrove states. However, under the "Notes" on page 24 of the C.C. Handbook there is a section headed "Methods founded on two principles." Again I quote: "In some cases it is possible to found a method on two principles."

The emphasis in the above is on the word "method" (singular), and it is on this foundation that the Cam Variation of Kent is founded. It has been rung under this heading since it was first used by the Rev. H. Law James and his colleagues; I see no point in describing the peal as spliced, as **no** changes of method are called. Incidentally, Mr. Blagrove states that two types of bob were rung, which is news to me; but then I only rang in the peal!

Considering (ii): When Mr. Blagrove referred to the performances for 1967 he accepted the 12,480 as a progressive length. Apart from the fact that no notice was given for this attempt, it was not umpired and there are distinct possibilities that the peal was **false**; it will be classified with the 13,140 Kent T.B. Maximus we are informed. As organiser of the latter peal, and others, I conclude that it will not be worth my while arranging for competent umpires to check our peals, to give notice to "The Ringing World" or to publish the composition before (or after!) such performances. I have on occasions paid umpires' hotel expenses—but now, why bother?

The only suitable solution I can see to the present unsatisfactory situation is to apply the rules used in athletics, i.e. have official and unofficial records. In addition, a progressive length should not even be accepted as a peal unless the composition is published at some stage. The present position regarding the peals of Glasgow, Lincolnshire and Pudsey would be as follows:—

12,096 Glasgow—Unofficial record.
11,872 Glasgow—Official record.
9,600 Lincolnshire—Official record.
12,480 Pudsey—Not accepted as a peal until the composition has been published.

Considering (iii): On page 21 of the C.C. Handbook, Section 8 states: "Variations of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob where the method is changed when the treble passes through 3–4 down cannot be described as spliced peals." On page 626 of "The Ringing World" (August 9th, 1968) we see that Mr. Blagrove has rung one of these variations and called it Spliced Treble Bob Major. Presumably Mr. Blagrove finds it unnecessary to stick to the rules and works on the principle—"Don't do as I do, do as I say."—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

New Master for Winchester and Portsmouth Guild

Mr. R. R. Savory the New Master

THE venue of this year's annual general meeting was Winchester on July 6th and, surprising as it may seem during this terrible summer, the sun shone brilliantly on us all day. Ringing took place at surrounding towers during the morning with two routes converging on the Cathedral.

The business meeting was held in St. Maurice's Hall and, in the unfortunate absence of the Master, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, the first item of business was the election of a chairman for the meeting. Mr. R. R. Savory was asked to perform this duty and, on assuming the chair, welcomed the 75 members present to Winchester.

After the minutes of the 1967 annual general meeting had been read and accepted, the treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Chapman, presented her report, which showed a highly satisfactory financial situation. The report of the peal recorder, Mr. D. T. Matkin, contained a total of 57 peals rung during 1967 and in this period 24 members rang their first peal—a very healthy sign.

As our junior representative, Mr. R. R. Savory related the proceedings of this year's Council meeting, giving the meeting some insight into the background of the reports published in "The Ringing World." Two points soon became clear—that "The Ringing World" issue had dominated the meeting and that few had understood the Doubles resolution. Following Mr. Savory's report, some discussion took place regarding "The Ringing World" and its finances. The Guild decided to send a donation of ten guineas, but not without some opposition. Mr. Chapman thought that the paper should be costed correctly and the sum charged. Those who did not take "The Ringing World" should not be asked to subsidise those who did.

The general secretary's report indicated an increase in membership and activity in most Districts during the year. The District reorganisation had come into effect on January 1st this year and results of these changes were awaited with interest.

GUILD MEMBERSHIP

A proposition was before the meeting in the names of Messrs. Haines and Cope to the effect that a minimum ringing standard should be made a condition of Guild membership. Due to a misunderstanding in the communication of this motion to the general secretary, there was some confusion as to what the exact wording should have been. After a short discussion the meeting moved to the next business on the proposition of Mr. F. Bailey, seconded by Mr. M. Thomas.

Grants towards work on the bells of Upper Clatford and Crawley of £20 each were approved.

Mr. A. V. Davis reported on the arrangements so far for this year's striking competition and on the work he had done towards obtaining a suitable design for certificates for the winning teams.

The venue and date for the 1968 annual general meeting were agreed as being Christchurch and July 5th respectively.

CHANGES OF OFFICERS

The meeting then moved to the triennial election of officers. Two nominations were received for the Mastership, Mr. R. R. Savory and Canon K. W. H. Felstead. Mr. A. V. Davis was also proposed but indicated that he did not wish to stand. On being put to the vote Mr. Savory was elected. Mr. Savory paid tribute to the work of Canon Felstead as Master over the past six years and, with the approval of the meeting, asked the secretary to write to Canon Felstead recording the Guild's thanks.

For the post of general secretary Mr. M. Butler proposed the re-election of Mr. D. Forder; this was seconded by Mr. J. R. Faithfull, and there being no other nominations he was declared re-elected.



R. ROGER SAVORY

Introduced to the art by the late Charles A. Binyon, Roger started ringing in his home parish church at Badsey in Worcestershire's Vale of Evesham in 1945. His first peal was Grandsire Triples, rung at Upton-on-Severn in 1946, conducted by the late Charles J. Camm. From 1949 to 1951 National Service in the Royal Navy took Roger to Kent and Essex and, between time at sea, he gained much valuable ringing experience with the bands in those areas. He was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1950.

In 1951 Roger entered a degree course at Birmingham University, graduating with Honours in Chemical Engineering in 1955. During this period the Birmingham University Society of Ringers was formed, of which Roger was the first Master, calling the first peal for the Society in 1955.

Following graduation he took a position with Esso Petroleum Co. at Fawley, Hampshire, and joined the prolific 10-bell band at St. Michael's, Southampton. Roger has held the following positions in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: District Ringing Master (1958–59), Guild general secretary (1959/65), Central Council representative from 1964 and is now elected Guild Master.

Roger's work took him to the U.S.A. for a year (1965/66) and he was able to ring at Washington Cathedral, Groton and Kent Schools. His peal total to date is 281 (cond. 73), ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Spliced Maximus, 132 of which have been rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Mrs. Margaret Chapman, who has served as general treasurer for the past nine years, will shortly be leaving the area for Bristol and has thus had to relinquish her post. The Master expressed the gratitude of the Guild to Mrs. Chapman for her work during her period as treasurer and wished both her and her husband, Tom, well in the future. Only one nomination for the treasurership was received, that of Mr. T. H. Francis, and he was declared elected.

Mr. D. T. Matkin and Mr. L. Bailey were both re-elected unopposed to the offices of peal recorder and auditor respectively. Two nominations were made for the post of librarian, Messrs. D. C. Jackson and Mr. M. J. Butler. On a show of hands Mr. Butler was elected.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Canon Moody, who was to take the service in St. Lawrence's Church, to Mrs. P. Tremeer, the Winchester and District secretary, for making the local arrangements, and to the Dean and all incumbents for the use of their bells during the day.

The Guild service followed in St. Lawrence's Church, where the service was conducted by Canon Moody. Tea was taken in St. Maurice's Hall and a most successful day ended with further ringing on the fine 12 at the Cathedral.

D. J. F.

TANFIELD '68

BRIGHT and sunny was the forecast for the Durham and Newcastle Association's annual cricket match at Tanfield on July 20th, but it rained most of the day; nevertheless, ringers-cum-players met at the Tanfield Lea pitch, which had once been a pond, and now, due to almost a week's continuous rain, was rapidly returning to its original state.

Due to the smaller numbers present compared with last year it was decided to select teams of six players and play on a basis of 15 overs a side. The president, Mr. W. Tyson, again won the toss and elected to bat first. With the umpires (Mr. T. Cooke and Mr. W. Tyson) in position, and with Mr. R. Park with scorebook at the ready, the batting was opened by Ken Arthur and David Cox to the bowling of Bill Davidson and Willy Thow. David was bowled for 2 by skilful Williams (Tanfield).

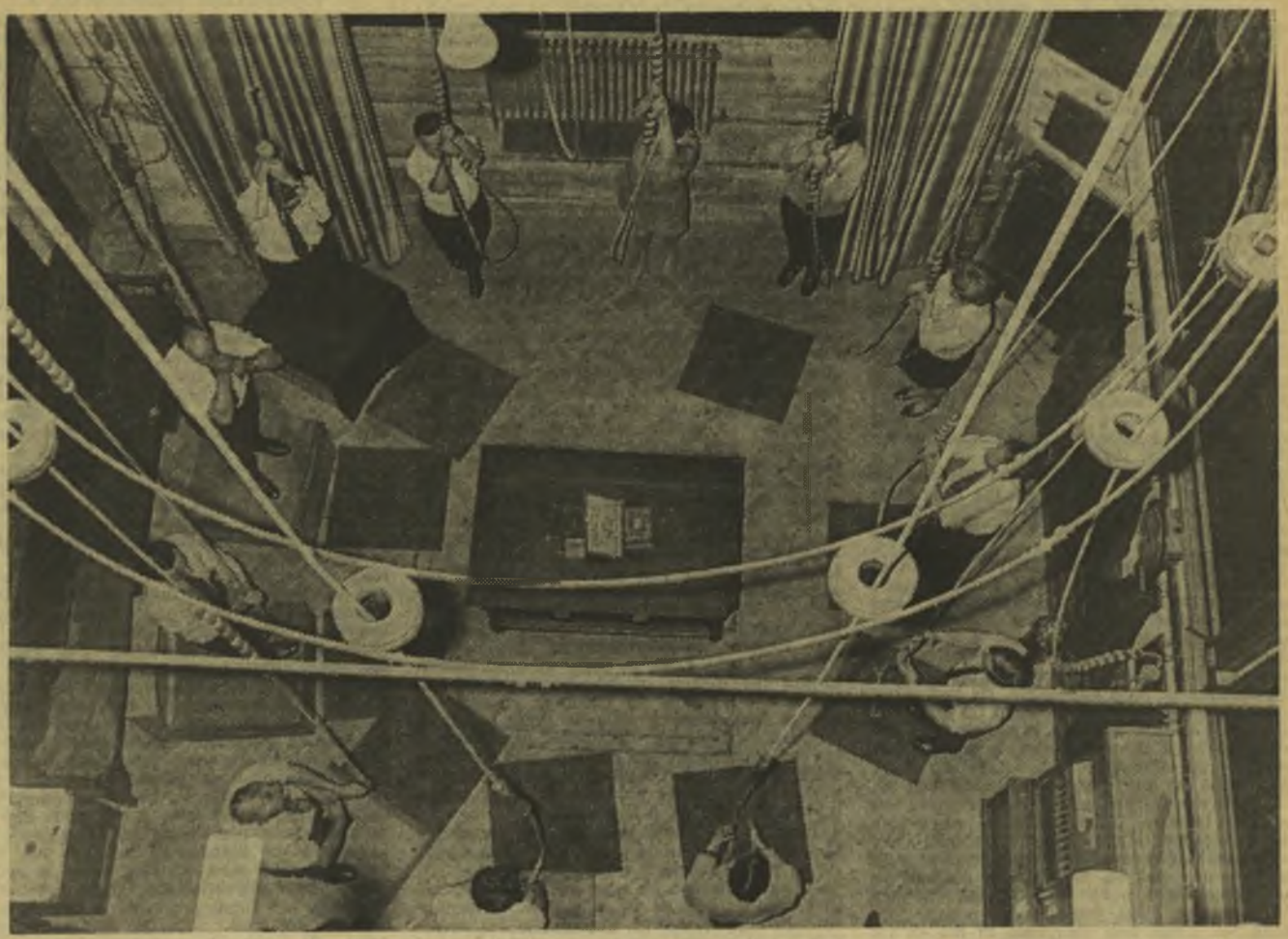
The batting stiffened due to the Fenham pair, Ken Arthur and stalwart Tom Sewell, who eventually retired after scoring 15 and 16 respectively. After this spearhead attack the rest of the team fell easily. Graham Plews (Whitley Bay) and Philip Park (Darlington) were bowled for no runs, and David Martin (Whitley Bay) scored one run.

The Central District opened its innings just as the rain started again, with Bill Davidson (Whickham) and Willy Thow (Gateshead) facing the bowling of Ken Arthur and David Cox. However, even the greatest fall and these two were bowled for 7 and 3 respectively. Despite the rain and bad light, play continued. Carter (Consett) was bowled for 3, and Robinson (Tanfield) put up a good show, scoring 9. The rest of the Central team, namely Whaley (Lanchester), Lowson (Consett) and Williams, gained only 9 runs. Result: President's 41, Central District 33.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the nearby Methodist Chapel. Having made the usual bellringers' impression on the tea, the company returned to Tanfield for the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. J. G. Ellery. Ringing ranged from rounds to Yorkshire and Cambridge and provided a fitting conclusion to an enjoyable day. W. D.

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250th Anniversary First Peal of Grandsire Triples



This unusual view of the ringers of St. Peter Mancroft's Church, Norwich, in action was taken by "The Eastern Daily Press," when scaffolding had been erected to replace the glass in the west window. The picture is particularly appropriate in view of the 250th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples this week, which was rung in this belfry. The long draught of rope, passing through guides, will be noted. These are heavy bells with a tenor of 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. The ringers: D. Heighton (capt.) 1, Beryl Baldwin 2, D. House 3, Barbara Payne 4, A. Salisbury 5, G. Pullin 6, P. Bosworth 7, L. F. Bailey 8, B. Gogle 9, M. Cubitt 10, C. Bird 11, D. P. Mortlock tenor.

An ornamental tablet records this peal of Grandsire Triples of 250 years ago in St. Peter Mancroft belfry in the flowery language of the age, as follows:—

On the 26th of August, 1718, was rung that harmonious peal called Grandsire Triples, which have been a study of ye most ingenious men of this age who delight in ye art of variations, but all their projectors have proved errors until it was undertook by JOHN GARTHORN, who with long study and practice have perfectly discovered those intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers of England; the extent of this peal being 5,040 changes have often times been rung changes alike, but the first time that ever it was rung true was in three hours and a half without any changes alike or a bell out of course by these men whose names are underwritten against their bells as they rung:

James Brooke	Treble	Henry Howard	5
John Briggs	2	Wm. Gallow	6
Wm. Palmer	3	Tho. Melchior	7
Robt. Crane	4	Tho. Barrett	Tenor

The peal has been one of controversy. Shipway's "Campanalogia or Universal Instruction in the Art of Ringing," 1816, makes this comment:—

"Without pretending to decide, I shall briefly remark that if the peal had been rung in Norwich in 1718, it appears unaccountably strange that information of so important a discovery did not reach London in 1751, and the composition of the same peal should thus have been considered original and generally attributed to Mr. Holt. It is also further remarkable that of the three peals, viz.: Bob Triples in 1715, Grandsire Triples in 1718 and Stedman Triples in 1731, said to have been rung at St. Peter Mancroft, not one can be found to ascertain the truth, whereas Mr. Holt's peals are universally rung and indisputably correct."

Mr. Snowdon, however, in his "Grandsire," gives reasons for believing that the peal was known in London before 1751 and how he eventually was able to trace and bring to light the figures of this peal.

Briefly, he traces it through Henry Hubbard, of Norwich, who, while on a visit to Leeds in 1841, was shown the figures of Garthon's peal by Hugh Wright (the composer of several long lengths of Treble Bob Major, who formerly lived at Nottingham) and who had them from Mr. W. D. Crofts of that town, he having inherited it from his ancestors, who were said to be related in some way to Garthon. The composition was also in the possession of C. Middleton, an eminent Norwich ringer, and although for many years considered false, was on examination found to be perfectly true.

Three different calls were used, viz.: Original bobs, fifth place bobs and bob singles. This composition was also found in Dr. Mason's manuscripts at Cambridge, and it was known to Henry Cooper, of Birmingham.

[From Morris's "History and Art of Ringing."]

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HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, YORKS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gail P. Horton (first in method) 1, Gillian F. Gardiner (first Minor) 2, Valerie M. E. Gardiner 3, Patricia M. Gardiner 4, R. R. Horton 5, A. Newbould (first Minor as cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Gardiner, of Hessle.

THE DOUBLES CONTROVERSY—Letters

APPRECIATION FOR WORK ON APPENDIX

Dear Sir,—Whilst away on two weeks' holiday I have taken issues Nos. 2,987 and 2,988 with me in order to study in detail the Appendix to the Doubles Collection. I found that it took me some time thoroughly to assimilate all that was listed there, and then a complete evening to deduce the identity of what we once called Pinks, Bluebell, St. Swithun, May Day, Old Swinford. My point is that if it can take a complete evening to deal with just five variations, what a tremendous amount of time must have been spent by the compilers of the 352 variations so far listed, and on the "April Days," etc., now withdrawn from use. The published list does at least fill a gap disclosed by the publication of the Dodds-Jones lists in 1964 and 1966, and it does contain enough material to enable most bands to ring peals of up to 126 methods/variations, i.e. three variations per extent. I think that the least we can do is to show our appreciation for the considerable time spent voluntarily on our behalf, and to refrain from undue criticism, so easily evolved in a fraction of the time mentioned above. It is far more Christianlike (and much more difficult!) to show one's gratitude.

Upon my return from holiday I found that Mr. Massey, in issue No. 2,989, clarifies myself and other Doubles ringers as "whiz-kids," and that our peal at Binsted appears to have underlined the difficulties due to the new nomenclature. First, can I point out to Mr. Massey that our peals were the result of an average but enthusiastic band attempting, via two years' practice at quarter peals, to build up gradually to a peal of 150 methods/variations, an aim which is within the capabilities of most six-bell bands. We attempted 42, which we lost; 100, which we lost; and were successful in 79, 135 and the Binsted peal. As explained on page 606 issue No. 2,989, the latter, rung before the publication of the Appendix, should have contained 16 Grandsire variations, together with 16 Antelope and 16 Newark, as outlined in an excellent article by Mr. Dawson on page 24, issue No. 2,960, but as seen on page 595, issue No. 2,988, only four each of the 48 are now variations, and, like April Day, etc., have given rise to numerical discrepancy to peals rung before and after June 4th. It is unfortunate, but not a case for recrimination, that we shall never now achieve our target.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK C. JACKSON.

Totton, Hants.

FOREWARNED BEFORE C.C. MEETING

Dear Sir,—I am delighted to see so many letters on the subject of Doubles; it shows, as I had expected, that there is a very real interest in this branch of our art. There are, however, a few points which might profitably be made at this stage.

Firstly, the whole purpose of publishing motions and amendments to be presented to the Central Council is to enable all ringers to evaluate them before the Council meets. If ringers think that these motions are undesirable then they should tell their C.C. representative before the Council meets in order that he may put their views to the meeting. Alternatively, if people feel that they would like to express their thoughts to the Council there is nothing to prevent them from attending the meeting. I am quite sure that we should all be glad to hear informed views, regardless of whether or not the speaker is an elected member. Of course, if he is not an official member, then he cannot be allowed to vote on the issues before the Council, but that is an entirely different matter. At the Worcester meeting there was no real opposition to the combined Doubles variations motions/amendments and to cry about the Council's Decision now is hardly constructive; in fact, many of the letters since published on the topic show very little thought either in their construction or in their criticisms.

Secondly, I must repeat what has already been stated in the report of the Doubles debate: there has been no curtailment of the scope of Doubles ringing. Instead we now have a set of rules which will guide conductors in their arrangement of peals. Previously chaos reigned, since every conductor chose his own rules for peal composition and this often made it very difficult for one composer to appreciate what another was doing. Naturally, if anyone wants to ring Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew and call it April Day, then nobody will stop him. It will, however, make it difficult for other people to work out what has been rung, especially if many abstruse names are used, so that one could hardly cavil if "The Ringing World" eventually declined to publish performances unless they are submitted in accordance with C.C. rules. Of course, if a conductor wishes to say to his band "Go April Day," but then submits it as Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, then no one will complain. I am as sorry as most people to see the demise of time-honoured names, but whilst there is no point in change for change sake, there is also no point in being retarded by tradition. Tradition, as embodied by the teaching of the Church, said that the world was flat, but Columbus thought otherwise, and we should not now dream of teaching our children of a flat world.

Thirdly, the doubt that has been cast on Grandsire as a method shows that some would revert to the pointless arguments of some 250 years ago, when people were loath to ring peals of Grandsire because of its singles. Even before Thompson showed why singles are necessary it had become fully recognised that Grandsire stood as a method in spite of its strange drawback. It is merely useless pedantry to argue that Grandsire is Spliced Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Perhaps, if people so desire, the C.C. would rule that the common bobs and singles used to obtain the extent of Grandsire should be considered, together with the plain course, to construe the method. Naturally this would open the way for all sorts of complicated suggestions, and it might be best for people to accept Grandsire in a traditional light—an example of the usefulness of certain traditions!

Lastly, I was the person who had the misfortune to conduct the peal of 142 methods/variations which was later proved false and which I therefore withdrew. Obviously I derived no pleasure from withdrawing the peal, but the withdrawal certainly did not engender any attack of sour grapes, especially since I had had the pleasure of listening to two and a half hours of outstandingly good ringing which all the band had thoroughly enjoyed. In fact, it was the arrangement of that peal that made me aware of the need for some rules to guide variation ringing, so that our ringing was not variation ringing.—Yours sincerely,

COLIN A. LEWIS.

Glasbury, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS RING MOST DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove, in his letter in "The Ringing World" of August 9th, seems to be under the impression that reasoned argument by a few at the Central Council meeting has achieved something spectacular for the benefit of Doubles ringers. If this is progress, Mr. Blagrove, please stop trying—we were better off before you started, when we merely had tacit acceptance of Doubles variations by the Central Council. As so often happens when precise rules are drawn up, a ridiculous situation has arisen whereby some of our favourite variations are proscribed. These rules were drawn up, we are told, because "a number of dubious peal arrangements had been rung." These "dubious arrangements," rung only by a few and probably as a mere passing craze, seem open to objection only by a few others, but because of them unnecessarily radical rules are introduced affecting practically every Doubles ringer in the country.

Mr. Blagrove questions my ability to say what Doubles ringers like to ring. I consider that I have some qualification in this respect, as I am privileged to be peal secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. This has given me an excellent opportunity to study in detail what the Association rings and has rung in the way of peals and quarter peals, and to discuss such matters in person and by correspondence with the leading Doubles ringers of the Diocese. Now the Bath and Wells rings lots of Doubles. For example, last year, although we rang less than 3½ per cent. of the total peals recorded (109 out of 3,173), over one-third of our peals were of Doubles, 13 per cent. of the recorded total (38 out of 291), the highest number by any Society during the year. Our high proportion of Doubles peals is normal—more than half the peals ever rung for the Association have been on five or six bells. Some years ago the bulk of these peals were of Grandsire only. Gradually the number of methods has been increased until now we ring more in two to seven methods/variations than in single methods, and there are even a few in more than 20 methods. This is encouraging progress. It is hardly encouraging to a young band, however, to have to tell them for example that their peal in six methods/variations is now only in four methods/variations, and moreover it is impossible to justify such a change.

May I stress at this point that these views should not be construed as official Bath and Wells policy. They are a collation of my own views with those of a number of the Doubles ringers in the Diocese.

My remarks concerning Mr. Blagrove's letter in your issue of July 5th were not meant to be derogatory. Surely even he must agree that the points he made in that letter would have been better made at the Council meeting so recently past. I am sure that he and all the others involved made thorough preparation for the meeting, and acted from the highest motives.

If we must have some hard and fast rules on variations, let them be consonant with the rules applying to methods, at least as far as types of call are concerned. It cannot be considered logical or sensible to allow a method to use the plain lead of another method as a bob but prohibit the same latitude in variations.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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DOUBLES CONTROVERSY—contd.

A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

Dear Sir, — The Central Council's recent laudable decision to recognise Doubles variations and its attempts to reduce the chaos in Doubles ringing to order are in grave danger of becoming a classical example of a cure being worse than the illness it sets out to treat. One point in particular seems to be worrying many ringers and, I feel, rightly so.

This is the acceptance of Reverse St. Bartholomew as a valid method. From it much of the present confusion arises. While this may seem of small importance to those who do not often ring Doubles, may I suggest, sir, that it raises a fundamental principle which has implications that extend far beyond the realms of five-bell ringing; should a bob (or single) lead of one method ever be accepted as a plain lead of another method?

Mr. Blagrove adheres rigidly to the current Decisions of the Council in insisting that Reverse St. Bartholomew is a valid method. In so doing he cannot be faulted. But when it entitles one to say that "the common extents (ot Grandsire) may be called either Grandsire or Spliced Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew," then it seems high time that those Decisions were amended to accord with the feelings and traditions of the Exercise. A shortcoming has been exposed.

In their preface to the 1955 Doubles Collection the Methods Committee of the day wrote:—

"In the past, the bob leads of certain methods have been rung as the plain leads of another and vice versa, and this practice is, we believe, undesirable and in the present collection no method has been included which is the bob lead of another. This has caused the exclusion of certain methods."

If this example were formally endorsed by the Council, then we should all be spared such inanities as the above description of certain standard extents of Grandsire as "spliced." That Reverse St. Bartholomew has a long and doubtless brilliant history as a "method" is no reason why we should continue to compound the errors of the past.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

REPLY TO MR. WRATTEN

Dear Sir.—Mr. Wratten's letter is a classic example of causing confusion by not quoting all facts and knowingly quoting out of context.

The Central Council has made several exceptions in Doubles regarding methods, variations, compositions, etc., and the Exercise will surely agree that what happens in Doubles can never be quoted as a precedent for higher numbers.

He quotes the preface of the 1955 Doubles Collection out of context of the complete book. He does not mention that this paragraph is applied separately to each of Sections I. II and III (principles, methods with two hunts and methods with one hunt).

Grandsire from Section II is a bob touch of Original from Section I. St. Bartholomew and St. Sebastian in Section III are singled leads of methods in Section II. But no method in Section III is the same as a bobbed lead of another method in Section III. Reverse St. Bartholomew and Reverse St. Sebastian are methods in their own right in Section III, as also are All Saints' and Minster Bob, which are the same as singled leads of Newark and Wollaton from Section II Also their reverses.

We do not accept College Single as a Minor method, since it is a bobbed lead of Single Oxford and of Single Court, and all three are single hunt methods. But surely Mr. Wratten would accept Rusper Bob as an irregular Minor method.

In order to prevent someone being so inane as to submit for publication such a description of the standard extent of Grandsire (Spliced Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew), he would reject these eight methods and their several variations. But with them would go many others, including a large number of Surprise methods (London, etc.), which can be used as bobbed leads of principles.

A much better solution would be to use the alternate single in Grandsire Doubles, instead of using a plain lead of Reverse St. Bartholomew. But the common sense of the Exercise is far more effective than any Central Council legislation.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Note.—Rusper Bob (which has one hunt bell) is a bobbed lead of Grandsire Minor (which has two hunt bells).

The alternate single in Grandsire Doubles is fourths and fifths made at back and hand at the same place as the bobbed thirds. This gives 16 callings: PBPBPS twice, SPSB three times and BPBPBS twice, etc.

"APRIL DAY IS NOT A METHOD"

Dear Sir,—It is quite obvious from the recent correspondence in "The Ringing World" that many ringers—not only Doubles enthusiasts but those on higher numbers— are dissatisfied with the present ruling set up by Mr. Blagrove on April Day and Clifford's Pleasure.

What we now have is the ridiculous situation of a variation being called a method and no amount of editor's notes will satisfy me that April Day is not a variation of Plain Bob.

It is doubtless quite easy to learn other Doubles methods, but who wants to? The majority of Doubles ringers prefer the variations and it is here that the interest in Doubles lies. Mr. Blagrove has at last got his way on this matter; it was back in the 1950's he tried to teach me the error of my ways in ringing variations and sent me his booklet on Allance Doubles. However, I was grateful for the Blunderbus Doubles, which I also obtained from him and which later, with others of his variations, helped to produce the Dodd-Jones Doubles Collection.

Your Doubles record at Hambledon still stands, Mr. Blagrove—a variation is a variation and a method a method—let's leave it at that.

On a final note, let us have a clean sweep and clean up the Surprise Major variations ringing a peal of Cambridge-Havant variation, Yorkshire-Braunstone variation, and so on, or is this not the same? — Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD

Woolton Hill, Berks.

AWAITING AN ANSWER

Dear Sir,—Could I ask, through the columns of "The Ringing World", whether Mr. Edgar A. Cole intends to withdraw the peal rung at Ashby-de-la-Launde, published on page 717 In the light of a letter published on March 29th from Mr. Richard A. Hunt, I think it is about time we heard from the conductor, Mr. Cole.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. THODAY.

Cambridge.

OBITUARY

CANON A. W. MARKBY

The former Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset, for 26 years, Canon Alfred Wilkinson Markby, has died at his home at Swanage, aged 92 years. He is survived by his second wife, two sons and a daughter.

He was chairman of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for 21 years until his retirement in 1956 after 55 years of active ministry. Although not a ringer he always took a keen interest in all the ringers' activities.

He began his ministry as a curate at Upper Holloway, North London, after leaving Durham University in 1901. After several other curacies he became Rector of St. Saviour's, Bath. In 1930 he moved to St. Peter's, Dorchester, where he remained until he retired.

A familiar and popular figure in the county town before he moved to Swanage in retirement, he took an active interest in many aspects of the town's life, particularly the religious and educational side. He was chaplain of the Dorset County Hospital for 20 years and chaplain or Dorchester Prison for 14 years.

The funeral service was held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Tuesday, August 6th and was attended by a large number of clergy, friends and ringers The service was conducted by his son, the Rev. A. C. Markby, and grandson, the Rev. P. Markby, assisted by the Rev. H. Anderson (Swanage).

The ringers of St. Peter's were represented by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Duke and Mrs. D. P. Duke (associate member). Mr. P. Brain and Mrs. J. Sawtell; the Dorchester Branch by the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (chairman) and Mrs. Brinkworth, Mr. A. J. Slade (hon. secretary), Mr. E. H. Amey (Ringing Master), Messrs. P. Board, J. W. Rose, F. Symonds, G. Abbott, L. G. N. Williams and the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Godley (Yetminster).

As the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire Triples. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by St. Peter's Society members.

On August 9th a 1,260 of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, J. W. Rose 2, T. F. Collins 3, F. Symonds 4, R. H. Duke 5, Mrs. B. J. Duke 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, P. Brain 8.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant." R.I.P. R. D.

MR. W. T. COX

The death of Mr. William T. Cox occurred at his home, Hinton Road, Gloucester, on August 3rd at the age of 86 years. For the last 20 years he was a member of the bands of the Cathedral and St. Mary de Crypt.

He started to ring at an early age at Coln St. Aldwyn and at some period at Guildford with the late A. H. Pulling, but the greater part of his life was spent in Coventry, where he rang most of his peals. He was always prompt and liked good striking. His other hobbies were bowls and cricket. Being a coachbuilder by trade, one could see beautiful examples of his craft at his house.

A staunch supporter of "The Ringing World," he had taken the journal continuously from the first issue.

He was cremated at Gloucester on August 8th and in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung to his memory. One son is left to mourn his loss. L. B.

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U.B.S.C.R. ON TOUR, AT WELSH BICKNOR YOUTH HOSTEL

Back row, standing (left to right): Andrew Brock, Mike Gilbey, Mandi McCallion, Roger Havard, Sue Evans, John Plumb, Tony Cox, Ben Walter, John Parsons.

Second row, standing (left to right): Nick Simon, Christine Webb, Mike Zobel, Angela Hawes, Mary Suthers, Judy Geiringer, Mike Platt.

Kneeling (left to right): Enid Hammond, Jill Brearley, Claire Jarvis, Liz Emmett.

Reclining: Clark Walters, Richard Humphries.

"THE best tour yet" someone remarked, and I believe everyone agreed. It began on Friday, June 28th, when seven people plus bicycles met at Temple Meads Station to catch the train to Worcester. We were joined at Cheltenham by the Cardiff contingent, including the tandem, and on arriving at Worcester the first puncture was discovered. Stoulton was the first tower of the tour (a very pleasant six), which was followed by Bishampton.

We arrived at Broom Youth Hostel somewhat tired—25 miles on the first day is rather strenuous, especially for those like myself who have not cycled for years. There was a party of Americans staying at the youth hostel and we had a very gay evening with them, singing. Have you ever tried to teach an American "On Ilkley Moor ba' tat" with appropriate accents? Very amusing!

On Saturday we cycled to Hampton and then on to Hinton-on-the-Green and back again to Evesham bell tower. Ringing here was very varied and included rounds with the ladies on 9, 10, 11 and 12.

ERIN CINQUES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear and promised a very hot day. The first tower was at Bredons Norton, 20 miles away, and only the most energetic cycled there: the rest rang at Salford Priors for morning service. Afternoon ringing was at Pershore Abbey, quite an experience, after which we cycled to Worcester, where cold drinks were most welcome. We rang for Evensong at the Cathedral, the ringing including a very good touch of Erin Cinques. The night was spent at Malvern Wells Youth Hostel.

Monday morning saw us scaling the Malvern Hills—it took three men to push the tandem up the road and even then they had not had enough and scaled the next peak. On the way to Eastnor we stopped to climb the British Camp. After lunching in Ledbury we rang at the detached tower and then moved on to Much Marcle. Rushall Youth Hostel came next—no hot water and rather primitive. Trog somehow managed to crack a bone in his thumb during the raid that night.

While at Mordiford the sky blackened. After a terrific downpour we all arrived rather damp at Hereford Cathedral. Ringing here was unfortunately by no means our best, except for a fairly good half-course of Yorkshire Royal to finish. Leaving Hereford we climbed the hills to Woolhope (an anti-clockwise six), where we again arrived in rather a soggy condition as the rain continued.

BURST TYRE

On Wednesday there was a change of vehicles. Trog had to ride the back of the tandem because of his thumb injury, and Richard rode the front. Sue, therefore, was left with the Moulton. All was well until a burst tyre sent her sailing across the road giving her several bruises and grazes. Meanwhile the men on the tandem were attempting a hill just a little too steep and broke the chain. The tower at Ross was the first of the day, followed after lunch by Weston-under-Penyard and Bridstow, where a touch of spliced made us decide to try for a quarter peal of spliced the next day. The last tower was at Goodrich, then up the hill and over the top we descended to Welsh Bicknor Youth Hostel, right on the banks of the River Wye. Having had no hot water for two days, everyone decided that now was the time to wash everything—the drying room and lines outside were soon full of wet washing. Many of us arrived at supper with damp hair, too. The hostel is one of only two buildings on that side of the river for about two miles and so our evening's entertainment was sought on the other side. This involved crossing a derelict railway bridge with several planks missing, over a very much swollen River Wye. Coming back at 10.30 was even more exciting.

There was good ringing at Monmouth on Thursday morning, also a birthday celebration for a friend of the secretary and a quarter peal at Bridstow. On leaving Llangarron we met the Vicar, pricing our bicycles for sale—"That one's no good, it's only got little wheels." We returned to Welsh Bicknor, where next morning group photographs were taken. Ringing that day was at Ruardean and Staunton.

ST. BRIAVELS FESTIVAL

The hostel that night was at St. Briavels Castle, of great historic interest. The girls' dormitory was the old prisoners' room and the men had a trapdoor in theirs covering an old well. Saturday morning was free from ringing—cricket and rounders on the beach at Lydney, during which Gill slipped and sprained her ankle. That night there was the annual St. Briavels Festival. We danced furiously until midnight, when all the locals left, and we eventually "hit the hay" about 1.30 a.m. St. Briavels revels made it a fitting end to the tour.

Sunday was very wet. After attending Parish Communion at St. Briavels we lunched at Tintern, and had tea, followed by evening ringing at Chepstow. Very cold and wet we arrived at our last hostel, Seven Bridge, Chepstow. The last ring was at Magor, and after lunch we all parted at Newport.

Many thanks to all incumbents for allowing us to ring and to Jill for the excellent arrangements. This was a tour to be remembered.

E. M. E.

WINCHESTER, HANTS. — At the Cathedral, on Aug. 4th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: Katharine J. Maundrell 1, Ann Tubbs 2, C. H. Kippin 3, G. Benfield 4, R. Youdale 5, F. L. Harris 6, D. Wilson 7, S. Kirby 8, J. Dodd 9, F. E. Collins 10, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 11, L. F. Cobb 12. First on 12 bells for L. 7, 8 and 9.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The peals rung at Thatcham, Curdridge and Shedfield, reported on page 641, should be credited to the Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and not as stated.

In the peal at Skillington, Lincs (page 642) a line of the 62 variations was inadvertently omitted. After Lillingstone, read: "Brightwell, Skillington: Stoke Bardolph, Arnold. Sandford, Sulgrave."

Composition of Yorkshire S. Major by Peter S. Muchlinski (page 648). Number of changes 5.152 (not 5.052). Third row of figures 62345 (not 63245).

Mr. John H. Gilbert informs us that the 1969 A.G.M. of the Bath and Wells Association is June 14th, and not June 21st as given in the report of the A.G.M. (issue July 19th).

CHESTER-LE-STREET SURPRISE

Ringers and friends gathered from Sunderland, Lanchester and Chester-le-Street itself for the annual Chester-le-Street trip held on June 22nd. A prompt departure and good coach driving brought us to Masham (8), where the Vicar complimented us as being one of those rare parties who arrive on time. (The Vicar did not know, but that was a supreme piece of dramatic irony.)

We paddled back to the coach through the rain and set off happily over the high hills for Skipton (8). The route looked narrow and winding, but one of the organisers reassured the driver with "Don't worry, I've been over the route before." However, numerous narrow gates, closed gates, mountain streams, sheep and reversings later we found ourselves descending a slippery 1 in 4.3 hill. The gods were against us as we stuck on the tight hairpin bend (with a considerable drop just over the corner), and seemed unable to move backwards or forwards because of the wet gradient. Thinking discretion the better part of valour, we all scurried towards the nearest exit and out on to the bleak Yorkshire moors. Several cars stopped and offered aid (they had to—we were blocking the road with the coach) and after one hour of man power and bus power the coach eventually rounded the bend. (I do wish we had taken a Union Jack to raise the general morale.)

The unfortunate consequence of the delay which no one had expected was that we missed ringing on the fine bells at Skipton. However, the ring at Birstwith (8) proved to be excellent, and it was here that we had the best ringing of the day.

The final objective was the recently installed ring at St. Peter's, Harrogate (8). Here we made good use of the bells in the company of the tower captain, Hugh Dempster. We were apparently rivalising with the "Blood Beast of Terror" showing at the cenema next door, but I'm sure we won!

And so to Chester-le-Street after a most exciting and unusual outing. Thanks are due to the organisers, Ian Wintrip and Denis Bayles, for their reorganisation in the face of unforeseen hazards, and to the coach driver, whose superlative skill extracted us from those hazards on the route—not the least of which was the hairpin bend—and who brought us back home in safely. A. H. W.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

Owing to a mistake in the catering, members attending the Guild meeting at Rotherfield had a picnic tea in the Rectory following the service conducted by the Rev. P. H. D. Gooderham. Mrs. Gooderham kindly supplied cups of tea and biscuits.

The Guild's oldest member, Mr. A. Relfe, was among the 30 attending the business meeting, when three new members were elected. The main business was the programme ahead: September 14th, Hever, combined with stoolball match; October 12th, outing, possibly to Winchester Cathedral (names to Mr. C. A. Bassett); November 9th, Merstham and Redhill; December 14th, Horsham. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and Mrs. Gooderham.

QUARTER PEALS

AUGHTON, LANCS.—At Christ Church, on June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Mary Perry 1, W. E. Court 2, J. Lunham 3, J. Roebuck (first in method) 4, E. Rothwell 5, J. Rothwell 6, D. R. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band in memoriam William Rimmer, 69 years a ringer at this church and buried this day.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (nine meth./var.): K. E. Beale 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. Parker 5, D. Adams 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Evans, of Devizes.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Grant 1, Juliet S. Stoy 2, Clare F. Dolphin 3, P. D. Dawson-Taylor (200th tower) 4, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6, Elizabeth Timmins 7, L. Christine Slater 8.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eve Hodgson 1, T. W. Palmer 2, P. J. Dye 3, W. W. Rich (first as cond.) 4, J. Hodgson 5, R. Hancock 6. First quarter 1, 5, 6. First effort of training programme.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): Pauline Sutton (first quarter) 1, J. R. Palmer 3, E. C. Leigh 4, E. J. Jenner 5, J. H. French 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, Lesley French 8. Rung for Holy Communion to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Boyd (first quarter) 1, G. N. Scott 2, F. C. Price (cond.) 3 and 4, A. H. Long 5, S. G. Scott 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 27th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: R. J. Talbot 1, Caroline Mackie 2, R. I. West 3, T. G. Williams 4, M. S. Loveday 5, B. J. Read 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, R. H. Newton (comp. and cond.) 8. Rung by the U.S.G.C.R. as a compliment to the conductor on his 21st birthday; also a birthday compliment to 1 and 3.

LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Wright 1, A. Frood 2, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 3, N. J. Bagworth (cond.) 4, P. Chapman 5, E. A. Barnett 6, I. Faulkner 7, F. Seabright 8. Rung on the occasion of the "Evening News" river pageant.

MARK, SOM.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. B. Comer 1, K. Prime 2, G. R. Marchant 3, A. G. Kent 4, E. T. Dibble 5, M. J. Stone 6, B. Wylde 7, C. T. Clarke 8.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth M. Stevenson 1, Nancie E. Colley 2, Betty J. Daysh 3, P. Page 4, E. W. Colley (cond.) 5, J. Pitfield 6.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): A. E. Fullbrook 1, J. R. White 2, H. V. Booker 3, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 4, A. R. Wood 5, H. White 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach 4, P. G. Davies 5, I. P. Stoter 6, J. R. White 7, H. White 8. For Evensong.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Minor: H. Archer (first quarter) 1, P. N. Mounsey (cond.) 2, B. Birkett 3, R. Fanthorpe 4, Margaret Womack 5, Chris Wright 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor's sister, Diana M. Mounsey.

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PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Naylor 1, J. C. Hudson 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, S. J. Franklin 4, R. N. Scholes 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. With the best wishes of the Rutland ringers to Ann Sadler, formerly of Preston, on her marriage to Frazer Williams at Windlesham on August 3rd; also on the third wedding anniversary of John and Margaret Woolley.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. Youde has rung his first quarter at Nailsea at the age of 78.

Mr. J. Smith, of Tasmania, who is on holiday in this country, rang in a quarter peal at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

Next meeting of the East Grinstead Guild at Hever on September 14th will be combined with a stoolball match for a pin of ale.

Congratulations to Miss Doris E. Colgate, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild, on ringing her 400th peal. This was rung at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on July 20th.

The author of the recently-published paperback book "Discovering Bellringing" is Mr. John M. F. Camp, J.P., of Amersham, and not Mr. John E. Camp, of Aylesbury.

A welcome visitor to King's Lynn was Mr. Michael Gathercole, home on leave from Lagos, Nigeria. He took part in a quarter of Kent at St. Margaret's on August 11th.

The peal at Ufford on August 17th gave the opportunity for David Vincent and Walter Arnold to ring a peal together, their last with each other being London Surprise at Earls Colne on September 21st, 1926.

Miss Eileen Boast, a pupil of Mr. Charles Brown, of Wingfield, has passed her ringing test in the bronze section of the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme.

The 100th peal has been rung at Cadoxton, near Neath. The first was rung in 1914 and the 100th on August 10th. Mr. David J. Lewis, now in his 88th year, took part in both. Warmest congratulations.

Mr. W. Viggers reports that sales up to date of the fourth edition of Dove's "Guide to Church Bells of Britain" are much in excess of expectations. There is a greater demand for interleaved copies and Mr. Viggers is meeting this requirement of the Exercise in his binding ratios.

The bells at St. Mary's, Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent, are in need of attention and the local ringers have raised £300 towards the cost. They are selling Christmas cards and are planning a charity walk as other means of raising funds. The bells need rehanging on ball bearings, and other work to the floor and its supports in the ringing chamber is required.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

AN ECHO OF 1964-5

When Mr. Fred Price, of Bournemouth, said goodbye to his ringing pupils at Washington Cathedral in February, 1965, one of them, Miss Mary Alice Horstick, said "I shall come to see you in Bournemouth in 1968." It was no surprise when Mr. Price recently received a telephone call from Mary Alice stating that she was coming to Bournemouth for a week-end with her father, the Bishop of Wisconsin, who is attending the Lambeth Conference, and Mrs. Horstick.

That Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Price and their two sons took their guests to Christchurch Priory, which they found of tremendous interest, and to that little gem of Dorset churches, All Saints', Hampreston. It was here that Mary Alice was able to demonstrate that she had not forgotten what she learned at Washington.

A quick trip around Bournemouth's park and back to Fisherman's Walk for an evening meal concluded a happy visit. The Bishop's comment on Bournemouth: "It is not surprising that business is good in this lovely town."

"UNIQUELY ENGLISH PRE-OCCUPATION"

Jeremy Rundall writes an interesting feature article in "Reading Evening Post" concerning our art. A chat with Mr. Albert Diserens forms the basis of the article. The author's summing-up reads:—

"Change ringing, like the yard, the pound weight system, 12 pennies to a shilling and driving on the left is a peculiarly—in this case uniquely—English preoccupation. On the Continent they have some superb carillons of bells and, being logical, level-headed foreigners, they play tunes on them.

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NEW BERKSHIRE EIGHT

It is hoped the bells of Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Berks, will be augmented from six to eight in November.

LOGIKIT RINGING MACHINE AT CAMBRIDGE

An electronic ringing machine was built recently in the Cambridge University Engineering Department as an extension to a course on "Electronic Instrumentation" by two undergraduates—Andrew Marland (a ringer) and Robert Hill. The equipment used a Binary system with standard logic gates, bistables and pulse formers and these were plugged into FB Logikit boards. The capacity of the machine was limited by availability of components—a mere £1,000 worth was used! The machine could be programmed to ring Plain Bob Minor and Doubles and eventually Stedman Doubles, and only time prevented further developments. The output was linked to six lamps and six signal generators and fed into a loudspeaker producing a pleasant electronic organ effect. Perfect striking was produced with open hand-stroke leads. Several people attempted to call touches and had varying degrees of success. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung by Alan Scholfield before the machine had to be dismantled.



JOHN S. RANK AND HIS BRIDE

A wedding of special interest to the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association took place at St. Bartholomew's Church, Clay Cross, Derbyshire, on August 10th, between Mr. John S. Rank and Miss Margaret Kyle Hammerton. The service was conducted by the Rev. L. Reynolds, of Walkington, East Yorks, assisted by the Rev. N. Joyce.

There was ringing before the service, and afterwards members of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association rang a quarter peal of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise: A. B. Cooper 1, G. K. Smith 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, Ronald Ducker 4, I. G. Campbell 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6.

BELLRINGER TO PREACH AT WARMINSTER

Evensong at the Minster, Warminster, on Sunday, September 8th, will be a ringers' service. As part of the Office there will be change ringing and (probably) tune ringing on handbells, and the lessons will be read by members of the Minster ringing band. The sermon will be preached by Mr. Norman Pearson, of Haslemere, who is a diocesan reader and headmaster of a Haslemere school. Mr. Pearson will be remembered as a former headmaster of the Minster School in Warminster and a member of the Minster ringing band. He is notable for the generous hospitality he extends to the Warminster bellringers whenever they visit him in Surrey.

Any ringers not engaged "on duty" are cordially invited to take part in the service, which starts at 6.30 p.m.

BELLS FOR BRIGHTON WEDDING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET

It may seem a far cry to ring bells in Chester-le-Street for a wedding in Brighton, but the footnote to the peal at Chester-le-Street on August 10th was no mere afterthought. Distance prevented Durham and Newcastle friends from attending the wedding at St. Matthias' in Brighton and that church lacks a ring of bells. Accordingly a peal was arranged at Chester-le-Street for the wedding of the Rev. William G. Wilson and Anne Patching. Both were students at Durham University, and Anne learned to ring while teaching at Chester-le-Street. All those taking part know Anne and Bill and join in wishing them every happiness in their married life.

METHODS QUIZ

Answers

[Questions on page 584 of July 26th issue.]

1. Fabian Stedman. Published Richard Duckworth's "Tintinnalogia" in 1668 and his own "Campanologia" in 1677, the first two works on change ringing.
2. New Bob. Doubles published in "Tintinnalogia." Extends.
3. Ten. (Minor 4, Major 6, etc.)
4. Seconds. The second section of all legitimate Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise Minor methods has a place notation of x 12 x.
5. Two, i.e. with or without dodging in 3-4.
6. Barnham. Kent above and Cambridge below is Oswald. Both extend.
7. Wellington Little.
8. Superlative.
9. Seven (Minor 3, Major 5, etc.)
10. Twenty.
11. Double Oxford Bob.
12. Prittlewell.
13. Harleston.
14. Eleven, e.g. Derwent.
15. St. James's Youths Exercise.
16. Albanian.
17. No. The second back sub-section contains only dodging "right."
18. Bala Bob Minor. Does not extend.
19. Plain Bob+hunt bell=Grandsire.
20. York Surprise.

D. W. S.

CHRISTCHURCH FESTIVAL AND RINGERS' SUNDAY

The Christchurch District Festival this year was a little disappointing, probably due to poor publicity. Ringing took place at Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Wimborne St. Giles, Bournemouth (St. Peter's) and Christchurch Priory. About 30 ringers partook of tea prepared by the ladies in Priory Hall.

Ringers' Sunday at the Priory, held the day after the Festival, was most successful, culminating in Choral Evensong, which was attended by a crowded congregation.

The newly-elected Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, Mr. Roger Savory, read the first lesson, and the Vicar of Christchurch, the Rev. Leslie H. Yorke, preached the sermon, his subject being Gifts, Talents and Service. There was special music by the choir under the direction of Mr. Geoffrey Tristram, and the service concluded with 112 Grandsire Triples rung on handbells, to which the whole congregation remained and listened. The ringers were Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1-2, D. T. Matkin 3-4, A. V. Davis 5-6, R. R. Savory 7-8.

The Priory bells were rung for morning and evening service. During the afternoon there was a good attendance of younger ringers, who rang Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, interspersed with good rounds on the twelve.

EAST BERGHOLT BELLS RINGING AGAIN

The 15 cwt. Gabriel bell at East Bergholt, which crashed, has been repaired at Loughborough and is now in use, to the delight of the many visitors. Mr. Claude Rush informs us that the bell frame is out of true and at least one whole side of it has sunk. To put the cage and bells in really good shape some big work will have to be done.

The bells are rung at the following times: Sundays 10.30-11 a.m., 6-6.30 p.m.; Thursdays (practice) 7.30-9 p.m.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHAPWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of five methods—Stedman, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury; five variations—Fortune, Old, Kennington, St. Columb and Southrepps; and four spliced compositions—Dedworth, Northrepps, April Day and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Keith E. Beale	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	4
*Mrs. D. Lesley J. Parker	2	Robert Parker	5
*Graham Nabb	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* Most methods/variations to a peal.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Rev. Canterbury, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

*Helen Kirkpatrick	Treble	Suzanne J. Withers	4
R. William Willans	2	Victor H. James	5
Ronald J. Snack	3	Ralph Haskins	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

* First peal of Doubles.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

William H. Watkin	Treble	Stephen P. Newton	4
John R. Scott	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	*Frederick S. Sutton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 100th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Watkin, wife of the treble ringer.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
BULKINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr 23 lb. in G.

James Draycott	Treble	Arthur R. Wright	5
Hubert E. Ashley	2	†Richard T. Liggins	6
*Alan J. Boyd	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
†Anthony R. Crowther	4	Geoffrey Pratt	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal of Major. † First of Double Norwich.

Rung with congratulations and best wishes to George Pluckrose and Joy Watkin, who were married earlier in the day.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., July 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Adrienne Gibson	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
Jane Foster	2	John R. Pratchett	8
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	9
James A. D. Woolford	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Ronald F. Diserens	5	Philip Mehew	11
Peter Beresford	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

First peal of York Surprise Maximus by all the band and for the Society.

Rung with best wishes to the Vicar, the Rev. D. J. L. Bean, M.A., on his departure after nine years at St. Laurence's to an appointment at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

TOTTENHAM.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Rodney H. French	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
M. Louise Slater	2	C. Martin Press	6
John R. Pratchett	3	John S. Barnes	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

John R. Pratchett	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
*M. Louise Slater	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
*Christopher B. Fynes	3	Dennis Beresford	7
*Christopher P. Starbuck	4	*James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael, Archangel.
On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

James M. Hills	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
David D. Smith	3	Tom Page	7
*Michael J. Church	4	Derek E. Sibson	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major. 250th peal as conductor.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Branson on the occasion of their golden wedding.

LAMBETH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Bristol and Cambridge, 1,248 Superlative and 1,216 London, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

*Doris E. Colgate	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
John R. Pratchett	3	Philip Mehew	7
Edward F. P. Bryant	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* 400th peal. This composition, produced in 1947, is now rung for the first time. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

James M. Hills	Treble	*Norman Summerhayes	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Ian V. J. Smith	3	Peter Beresford	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 448 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Lindum, London, Plumstead, Rutland, Superlative, Thamesmead, Yorkshire and 224 Claybrooke, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Christopher P. Starbuck	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Edwin A. Barnett	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

PLUMSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—58—36.14—14.38.56—36.78. l.c. 12. b.

THAMESMEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
34—34.16—58—36.14—14.38—34—78. l.c. 12. b.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In eight methods, being extents of York and Durham, London, Wells, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet and Norwich.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Jennifer Brackenbury	Treble	John Moore	4
Nora Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Aug 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 13 methods, being extents in Carlisle, Munden and Chester, Alnwick and Newcastle, York and Durham, London and Wells, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, Norwich. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Jennifer Brackenbury	Treble	John Moore	4
Nora Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

Most methods in a peal by all.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

LANSALLOS, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Ildierna.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*Alan N. Frost	Treble	John C. Mitchelmore	5
Alfred Ballard	2	George E. Mudge	6
*Stephen G. Peirce	3	Harry Stacey	7
Brian M. Buswell	4	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Brian M. Buswell.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Stephen G. Peirce.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATON.

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
On Wed., July 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Enid Lawson	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Ann Lawson	2	Kenneth Lawson	6
*Malcolm E. Johnson	3	James Crowther	7
George S. Deas	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal in the method.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At The Watch Tower.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*George S. Deas	Treble	John H. Taylor	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	‡Colin C. Monson	6
†David Martin	3	Michael Maughan	7
Eric N. Harrison	4	Denis A. Bayles	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* 300th peal. † First of Major. ‡ First of Cambridge.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, Co. Durham.—At the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

*Stephen Atkinson	Treble	George S. Deas	5
Ian V. Wintrip	2	Jarvis Close	6
Margaret A. P. Bertie	3	Denis A. Bayles	7
D. Graham Hall	4	Eric N Harrison	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. William G. Wilson and Anne Patching, married this day at St. Matthias', Brighton.

CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (2) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (3) Durham and York, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge, Surfleet and Beverley S., (6) Cambridge S., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

Colin C. Monson	Treble	George S. Deas	4
*Christine H. Telfer	2	Eric N. Harrison	5
*David Martin	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	*Stephen D. Humphrey	7
*Neil V. Avis	2	Michael J. Hallett	8
*Vivian A. P. Cross	3	*Brian J. Vaughan	9
Kenneth Warner	4	*Adrian G. Semken	10
*Peter G. Pitt	5	*†David E. Culham	11
Frank B. Lufkin	6	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Maximus. † 50th peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AYMESTREY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist and St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in seven methods: Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Leslie Evans	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
Peter Sell	2	George T. Cousins	5
Marcus Sherwood	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Michael D. Frost	Treble	Robert E. Hardy	7
Kenneth J. Darvill	2	John E. Ewer	8
Eric Edmondson	3	Anthony R. Carter	9
Katherine S. Hardy	4	Harold V. Frost	10
Thomas J. Lock	5	Gerald Penney	11
Christopher Forster	6	*Peter T. Dale	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Michael D. Frost.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First in the method and on 12 as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Julia A. Fellows.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Wratten's Collection No. 149. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

Eric Edmondson	Treble	*Frederick W. Ellis	6
*Katherine S. Hardy	2	John E. Ewer	7
Kenneth J. Darvill	3	*Robert E. Hardy	8
*Thomas J. Lock	4	Michael D. Frost	9
Anthony R. Carter	5	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal in the method.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

DROGHEDA, Co. Louth.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Martin L. Howe	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	7
Geoffrey R. Parker	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 22 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

CORK, Co. Cork.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Fin Barre.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 20 lb. in D flat.

*Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Martin L. Howe	3	*M. Jack Pryor	7
Geoffrey R. Parker	4	†Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal in the method. † 500th of Surprise.

LIMERICK, Co. Limerick.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 lb.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	*Ronald F. Andrew	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Triples and of Stedman. First of Stedman on the bells.
Rung for the 800th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's Cathedral Church.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5163 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	6
Judith M. Corby	2	John Pladdys	7
Richard Hayes	3	Tony Lewis	8
Doris E. Colgate	4	Philip A. Corby	9
*†Thomas Cullingworth	5	*Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* Have now "circled the tower." † 650th peal. First on ten bells as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Lynn Warner	Treble	Derek Slater	5
Reginald E. Lambert	2	John A. Howard	6
Robert T. Lambert	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Alexander Waddington	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the seventh and tenor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	D. John Hunt	7
Beryl E. Cawser	2	*Geoffrey J. Hemming	8
John M. Jelley	3	John Bramley	9
Martin Green	4	Roland H. Cook	10
Roger G. Havard	5	A. Maxwell Lindsey	11
Gerald C. Hemming	6	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 500th peal

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Martin C. Faulkes, of Hinckley, Leics, and Miss Helen Ashworth, of Hampton, Middlesex, whose wedding took place at Shepperton, Middlesex, on August 3rd. Also to congratulate the ringer of the seventh and Gillian Hunt on the birth of a daughter.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5065 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Philip N. Tubbs	Treble	Michael J. Thomas	7
Ann M. Tubbs	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Jean F. Woolford	3	R. Roger Savory	9
Richard H. Youdale	4	*Edward J. Chivers	10
Michael J. Best	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by Philip N. Tubbs.
* 25th 12-bell peal.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. George's variation of Carter's 12-part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Jane M. Tooby	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Brian L. Burrows	2	Robin A. Gilliver	6
Christopher M. Sturgess	3	John Watkins	7
Neville W. Price	4	William Johnson	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
First peal of Grandsire Triples for all except the ringer of the tenor.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's Plain Bob and four Kent and Oxford spliced.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*Beverley Burrows	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
Hazel G. Nichols	2	Guy Slater	5
Raymond H. Martin	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal at first attempt.

WANLIP, Leics.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

*J. Crawford Allen	Treble	Geoffrey C. Sparling	4
David F. Moore	2	Clive J. Mobbs	5
*Gillian A. Hare	3	Roger N. Scholes	Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.
* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents differently called. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Frances A. Pegg	Treble	Roger I. Kendrick	4
†Cherrill L. Everard	2	B. Stedman Payne	5
Mary C. Poyner	3	Clive J. Mobbs	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal. † First of Minor "inside."

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARSHFIELD, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	Treble	Alexander E. Marsh	5
*Ruth E. Havard	2	Paul A. Williams	6
*Stephen Fenwick	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
*James Clatworthy	4	Charles P. Quartley	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Rutland. First of Surprise and the fastest on the bells.

CADOXTON, near Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods: Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury and Rev. St. Bartholomew and three variations.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

David J. Lewis	Treble	Alwyn R. Lewis	4
Harry Boyce	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
William J. Thomas	3	Benjamin Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
100th peal on the bells. Mr. David J. Lewis rang in the first peal on these bells in 1914, and is in his 88th year.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.

William T. Petty	Treble	John T. Williams	4
Edmund J. Morris	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
*Lawrence C. Hanney	3	Alwyn R. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal of Minor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5136 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 100 lb. in F sharp.

David G. Adams	Treble	Peter Adcock	5
Hilary Adcock	2	George P. Adams	6
Desmond P. Mortlock	3	Leslie F. Bailey	7
Janet House	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.
First peal of Grandsire Major by all the band.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Henry Tooke	4
Desmond P. Mortlock	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
David Cubitt	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

PASTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich, York, Netherseale, Primrose, London, Cambridge and Norwich.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

Gilbert E. Larter	Treble	Walter Ayre	4
C. Valerie Mills	2	Brian M. Barker	5
Richard A. J. Bower	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents of Cambridge, one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Sydney M. Bailey	Treble	Percy Newton	4
Louise A. M. Evans	2	Roland Biggs	5
Joyce I. Cornwall	3	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Wendy Hussey and Kenneth Balfour.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Warks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Beddington version. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

*Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Roger W. Smith	7
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3	Alan J. Frost	8
Barrie Hendry	4	Graham C. Paul	9
Alan A. Paul	5	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 100th peal.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*Kilby M. Holtom	Treble	Barry R. Care	5
*Bridget Bates	2	*Christopher C. Stokes	6
Gillian M. Brearley	3	*Alan A. Paul	7
*Malcolm J. V. Chown	4	*Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Alan A. Paul.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Roger W. Smith and Miss Delia M. Langton, which took place at Milton Malsor, Northants, in the morning previous to the peal.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

PEMBROKE.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being a Morris's 240 and 40 extents (10 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

Anthony R. Trickett	Treble	Philip C. Rogers	4
Simon P. Rogers	2	Richard L. Underwood	5
*John Prytherch	3	†Ivor Russant	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.
Rung to mark the visit of H.M. the Queen to Pembrokeshire to open the Gulf Oil Relinery, at which the ringer of the 3rd is employed.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PEMBROKE DELIGHT MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Rev. Russen W. Thomas	Treble	*Philip C. Rogers	4
Simon P. Rogers	2	Richard L. Underwood	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Anthony R. Trickett	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Peter J. England	5
Susan E. Smith	2	A. Bryan Ellsmore	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Maurice F. Edwards	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
Rung as a compliment to Carole A. Chester and Nigel H. Moore, who were married at St. Peter's Church, Harborne, Birmingham, earlier in the day.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	*John Brian	7
Albert Diserens	2	Ralph G. Edwards	8
Diana M. Bridle	3	†Peter Bridle	9
David J. Forder	4	Tom Chapman	10
James R. Taylor	5	Ronald F. Diserens	11
Philip M. J. Gray	6	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Maximus † First on 12 bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. James.

WEST OVERTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Barbara C. Read	Treble	Ann Toomer	4
Rev. Roger Keeley	2	†George A. Newman	5
Allan G. Keen	3	Frederick J. Read	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Read.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Roger Keeley, who is leaving shortly to become Vicar of All Saints', Whiteparish, near Salisbury.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOTTESFORD, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*G. A. (Ben) Duke	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	5
†Sheila M. Anthony	2	Richard A. G. Inglis	6
‡William L. Exton	3	George A. Dawson	7
§David Stainsby	4	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ 300th peal and 275th for the Guild. § First of Yorkshire "inside."
Rung as a compliment to F. Neville Pailing and Margaret Gardam, who were married this day at the Church of St. Mary, Cottingham, East Yorkshire. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BURES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*John P. Loveless	Treble	Mrs. Leslie D. Mills	5
David J. Reeve	2	†Donald L. Mills	6
†Evelyn R. M. Reeve	3	Alan R. Elliot	7
Leslie D. Mills	4	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mills and the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elliot. Also wishing a speedy and permanent recovery to Nolan Golden.

UFFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Assumption.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

David Vincent	Treole	Ernest G. Pearce	5
W. Keith Whittell	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Alan R. Bridges	3	Walter Arnold	7
Heather M. McArthur	4	Adrian G. Semken	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Julie S. Armstrong	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	5
Christopher F. Mew	2	George A. Dawson	6
Caroline F. Madge	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
Elizabeth J. Foster	4	Christopher P. Starbuck	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Doris Hilda Mann, wife of Bernard Mann and mother of Alison Mann, ringer at this church, whose funeral took place at Goldhanger, Essex, earlier this day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Division.)

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Valerie Howard	Treble	Derek Slater	5
*R. Jean Osbon	2	David D. Smith	6
†Charlotte Harris	3	John A. Howard	7
Roger Osbon	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELING, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Graham M. Hartless (10)	Treble	John S. Hopwood	4
*Gladys D. Northway	2	†Trevor Matcham	5
*Bryan M. Mackrell	3	John Hartless	Tenor

Conducted by John Hartless.
* First peal. † First peal "inside." First on the bells since rehanging. First here by any Eling ringers.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Charles Clisby Green, Vicar.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Barbara.
On Mon., July 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Westminster, Netherseale, Bourne, London, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A.

*Geoffrey J. Hemming	Treble	Geoffrey R. Drew	4
*Ian Lloyd	2	*Arthur C. Berry	5
Shirley M. Drew	3	*Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Pitt on the birth of a daughter.

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ENGAGEMENTS

BROWN—QUILTER. — The engagement is announced between Peter Brown, of Springfield, Chelmsford, and Josephine Ann Quilter, of Braintree, Essex. 4573

KENT—MARCHANT. — Eleanor and Geoffrey, of Bridgwater, Somerset, have pleasure of announcing their engagement on Saturday, August 24th. 4595

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SCHOLFIELD—ALCOCK. — The wedding between Alan and Jenny will take place at St. George's Church, Hyde, Cheshire, on September 7th at 12.30 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. Bells available after the ceremony. Future address: 10, St. Regis, Chesterton Road, Cambridge. 4586

PERSONAL

Will Miss C. Mackie please contact this office as her copies of "The Ringing World" are being returned from the Simpson's Hotel, Brighton.

Congratulations from all ringing friends to Jafus, whose 83rd birthday is during this coming week-end.

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BENNETT.—As from August 29th, David, Gill and Claire's address will be 78, The Lane, Blackheath Park, Blackheath, London S.E.3. Phone No. 01-852 7424. 4583

MOVLEY.—The address of Christopher M. Movley is now Flat 10, 20, Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, Manchester 14. Tel.: 061-224 1732. 4596

NEALE.—Would all ringing friends please note that the address of Brian and Ann is now 166, Llanedeyrn Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff, CF3 7EA. 4606

ROGERS.—Chris and Liz are now living at 25, Windsor Drive, Ashford, Middlesex. No telephone yet. 4591

UDALL.—The address of A. Frank Udall is now 54, Cromwell Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19. Phone: 01-542 7066. 4577

MISCELLANEOUS

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
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There will be no ringing practice on Thursday, August 29th, due to festival performances in the Cathedral. 4576

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September 21st, 1968
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WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
Flower Festival
Sept. 7th 10—8 p.m.
Sept. 8th between services until 8.30 p.m.
Bells on 7th 10—1 p.m., 6—7 p.m. 4593

HERTFORDSHIRE. — Kimpton Cup Competition. — Saturday, October 5th, 3 p.m. Rules and arrangements as last year. Judges: Pat Cannon and Charles Kippin. Entries to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Herts, by September 28th. 4549

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION DINNER
at Moor Court Hotel, Amberley, on Saturday, September 28th. Tickets (25s.) and ringing details from Mrs. Wratten, 19, Ravensgate Road, Cheltenham, by September 14th. 4608

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—Practice night will be held on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. starting on August 30th. All visitors welcome. 4594

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Eliot College, University of Kent at Canterbury, September 21st, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets 19s. 6d. Application for tickets (with s.a.e.) to District Secretaries until September 7th, or until Tuesday, September 17th, to Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. Bed and breakfast available Eliot College, 21s. per head. Apply Mr. Luck. — P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4413

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The September Surprise practice at Wigston Magna has been cancelled owing to holidays.—Ron Hughes. 4515

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will all those starting at Southampton University this October please write to Susan Davis, 90, Elers Road, West Ealing, London, W.13, for details of the Guild's activities. 4540

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Car Rally, September 7th. Assemble outside the Black Swan, Pease Pottage, at 3 p.m. Map of Mid-Sussex required—preferably O.S. 1 inch Sheet No. 182. Entries limited—first 12 cars accepted. Tea and evening ringing for those who arrive at destination. Car entries and names for tea, please, to Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. Tel. E.G. 23815. 4568

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.30 p.m. Full details will be published later.—D. B. 4592

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MEETINGS

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barnby Dun, Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; cups of tea only. 4569

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's Parish Church, Churchtown, near Garstang, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 4572

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Evening meeting at Balderton (8) on Saturday, August 31st, 6 p.m. prompt.—D. Stainsby, Hon. Sec. 4539

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined meeting at Leatherhead, Monday, September 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 32, Gatesden Road, Fetcham, Leatherhead. Regret no name, no tea. 4560

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bolsterstone (8) 3-5, tea at 5 p.m., and Bradfield (6) 6.30-9 p.m., on Bank Holiday Monday, September 2nd. Names for tea to R. Fletcher, 34, Dransfield Road, Crosspool, Sheffield S.10 5RN.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 4545

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch. Quarterly meeting at Exford on Saturday, September 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea for those notifying secretary by September 4th.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 4600

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN.—Ilchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's (6), Hardington Mandeville, Sept. 7th, 3.30 p.m.-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Gilbert Rendell, Hardington (West Coker 266) by Wednesday previous.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 4505

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Wootton, Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names to Mr. S. Wooler, 85, Cause End Road, Wootton, by 5th. 4601

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Great Woolford on Saturday, September 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea until 8 p.m. All most welcome. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa (Tel. Southam 2510), by September 4th. 4603

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Oxford Bob and Hull Surprise. 4607

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Esher on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify J. F. M. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher, by previous Wednesday. 4604

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, September 7th. Sandon (5) 5.30-7 p.m. and Ardeley (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4605

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham, Saturday, September 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. K. M. Haig, Rose Cottage, Cobham, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 4558

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity (6), Darwen, from 1430 to 1700 on Saturday, September 7th. Cups of tea at 1700, then business meeting. Evening ringing **possibly** at Holy Trinity (8), Blackburn. — Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 4598

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 4581

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Eastern Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Spilsby on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by September 1st. 4538

PETERBOROUGH GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

On Saturday, September 7th, at Weldon, near Corby.

Committee meeting in the Rectory at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) from Mr. R. A. Webster, 17, Church Street, Weldon, Corby, before Tuesday, September 3rd.

Ringing arrangements:

Lowick (6)	10.00 a.m.—11 a.m.	
Warmington (6)	10.00 a.m.—11.00 a.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
Stoke Doyle (5)	11.00 a.m.—12 noon.	
Brigstock (5)	11.00 a.m.—12 noon.	7.00 p.m.—8.30 p.m.
Bulwick (5)	11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—8.00 p.m.
Oundle (8)	12 noon— 1.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m.
Deene (6)	12.30 p.m.— 1.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
Corby (6)	1.30 p.m.— 2.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—8.00 p.m.
Benefield (6)	1.30 p.m.— 2.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
Weldon (6)	2.00 p.m.— 4.15 p.m.	After tea—8.30 p.m.

E. BILLINGS. General Secretary. 4533

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Crosthwaite, Kendal, on Saturday, September 7th, on the occasion of the Flower Festival. Bells available all day. Visiting bands welcome, particularly in the morning. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Crakettrees, Whinfell, Kendal. Tea in Lyth Valley Hotel. 4580

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Winnick and Newton-le-Willows on Saturday, September 7th. Ringing at Winnick (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea at Newton-le-Willows (8) 5 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Flint, 16, Rob Lane, Newton-le-Willows. All visitors very welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 4566

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Knighton (5), September 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Old School Hall. Everyone welcome. Names to G. H. Laker, 35, Sidney Road, Leicester (Phone Leicester 74727) by September 4th.—Ron Hughes. 4516

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Branch Striking Competition at Seend, Saturday, September 7th. Draw takes place at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Abbott, 43, The Lye, Seend, near Melksham. 4525

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, September 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Please make own arrangements for tea.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4564

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 4579

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts.—Meeting at Laxton, September 7th, commencing 3 p.m. Book teas from D. Chambers, Dovecote Cottage, Laxton, Newark. 4610

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, on Monday, September 9th, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. All welcome. 4587

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Hessett (5) on Friday evening, September 13th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 4599

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Stoolball match at Hever, Saturday, September 14th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Bring own food—cups of tea will be provided.) Service 6 p.m. Ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. 4590

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at High Halden, Saturday, September 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. F. Burden, 23, The Chennels, High Halden, Ashford, by Thursday, September 12th.—A. P. S. B. 4490

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Damerel (6), Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. J. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, by Monday, September 9th. 4567

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly and committee meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood (jointly with Rochdale Branch meeting) on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. P. Partington, 1, Bankfield Lane, Bamford, Rochdale, by Monday, September 9th. — F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 4543

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Meeting, Scothern, Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, 56, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—G. R. P. 4602

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Hollesley (8), Saturday, September 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by meeting. Ringing in evening about 7 p.m. Please make this a good meeting. All friends welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, **not later** than **Wednesday**, September 11th.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 4609

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Bournemouth, September 14th. Bells 2.45-4.45. Tea and meeting in St. Peter's Hall, 5. Sopley bells after meeting. Names for tea to A. C. Conway, 121a, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, by September 12th. 4584

QUARTER PEALS

BILSBORROW, LANCS. — On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Nelson 1, L. Walmsley 2, S. Anderton 3, D. Lawson (cond.) 4, J. D. Nixon 5, S. Walmsley 6, J. Ellison 7, Miss G. Dean (first quarter) 8. To welcome Rev. B. H. Williams, Vicar of Bilsborrow.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Guille 1, Mrs. M. Chapman 2, J. Hallet 3, R. Le Marechal 4, L. Cull 5, J. Collins 6, T. Chapman (cond.) 7, M. Anstey 8. First Triples 1, 3, 4, 6, 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Chapman, shortly leaving for Somerset.

BREADSALL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Pl Bob Doubles: Bea Theumer 1, J. Greasley (cond.) 2, Linda Greasley 3, Lester Ruckley 4, J. Roe 5, B. Greasley 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For Matins.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt, on Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Barry (cond.) 1, P. Clarkson 2, R. Hazell 3, L. Edwards 4, P. Allen 5, T. Goulter 6, P. Gould 7, J. Whiting 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of W. T. Cox.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral (on the front six), on July 12th: 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Atkin 1, M. Novell 2, R. Gee 3, J. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5, J. E. Sewell 6. A 21st birthday compliment to "Jimmy on the tenor".

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS. — On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Timms 1, J. Sawyer 2, N. Leslie 3, C. R. Miles 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, A. White 6. For Patronal Festival evening service.

LONG LENGTH

MILTON REGIS, KENT. — On Aug. 7th, 3,600 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 1,440 Kent T.B., 1,440 St. Clement's Bob): J. B. Clarke 1, Miss W. R. Austin 2, N. J. Chesson 3, F. J. Dadson 4, G. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (longest length as cond.) 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the Rev. W. Bear, curate, and Mrs. Bear.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 11th, 1,368 Primrose Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Carol Cousins 3, A. Long 4, C. H. Macve 5, R. Grant 6. For Matins.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Hobbs 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, A. Adams 3, B. Sarll (first Minor "inside") 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON. — On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Dodd 1, N. L. Bell 2, J. L. Bell 3, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 4, G. T. L. Read 5, R. J. Edden 6, R. F. Shepperd 7, R. Howse 8. First of Triples 1, 2 and 8.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At 8, Gerald Road, on Aug. 7th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1-2, J. A. Hoare 3-4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5-6, A. V. Davis 7-8. Arranged for Mr. Hoare, of Swansea.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Christine Manns 1, Wendy Meadows 2, Ann Butcher 3, Geraldine Mitchell 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, Joy Tyler 6.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. J. Lovell 1, Miss P. J. Hillson 2, Mrs. K. A. Marriott 3, R. Chapman 4, D. A. Hammond 5, F. C. Hulatt (first in method) 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, C. E. Jeffries 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Stanton, of Bromham.

BURSTOW, SURREY. — On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Mrs. Roxane Sullivan (first attempt) 1, L. Penfold 2, Yvonne Turrell 3, P. Bryant (first "inside") 4, G. Sweet (cond.) 5, L. Wilson 6. For Matins.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Baker 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, D. R. McLean (25th Doubles as cond.) 3, R. R. Kennard 4, S. J. Osborne 5, A. Turner 6. First of Pl. Bob Doubles 1, 4 and 5. A wedding compliment to Jill Walsh and Edwin Macadam, married this day at Lechlade, Glos.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. M. James (13) 1, Miss E. Smith (16) 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, D. A. McEndoo 4, L. R. Taylor 5, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS. — On Aug. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan M. O'Neill 1, Sheila M. Anthony 2, G. A. Duke 3, M. A. Rose 4, P. R. Humphrey 5, B. J. Bull 6, D. Stainsby 7, R. A. G. Inglis (cond.) 8. A compliment to John Miller and Judy Pilgrim, married at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on July 27th.

CRANHAM, GLOS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allen (aged 11) 1, Mrs. Jean Allen 2, I. Goulter 3, P. Gould 4, P. Allen (cond.) 5, G. Hall 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: S. Carter (first on ten) 1, G. A. Packer 2, W. Kerr 3, W. F. Gibbons 4, T. Lamb 5, E. J. Holloway 6, Miss A. D. Edwards 7, M. Allman 8, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 9, R. W. Morant 10. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Aug 4th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss V. Potter 1, Miss G. Bosworth-Smith 2, Mrs. C. Foster 3, Miss C. Martin 4, Miss E. Timmins 5, K. G. Game 6, C. M. Foster 7, P. R. Johnson 8, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 9, W. G. Brownett 10. For Evensong.

DORCHESTER, DORSET. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret M. Godley 1, J. W. Rose 2, T. F. Collins 3, F. Symonds 4, R. H. Duke 5, Betty J. Duke 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, P. Brain 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Canon A. W. Markby.

ELSTOW, BEDS. — On July 31st, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford, Oxford T.B.): Mrs. K. A. Marriott 1, M. J. Marriott 2, A. D. Norman (first T.B.) 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, R. L. Piron 5, B. G. North (cond.) 6.

GLASTONBURY, SOM. — On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Mayell 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, T. W. Prince (first quarter) 3, G. Grenter 4, F. W. White (cond.) 5, F. Paramore 6.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Beach 1, Barbara Hooks 2, P. Mary Beach 3, P. Nix 4, T. Ford (first "inside") 5, Helen M. Simpson (first Minor as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

QUARTER PEALS

HALSE, SOM.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, A. Cross (first attempt) 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARKS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Crabtree 1, W. B. Ellender 2, R. Harris 3, E. Cole 4, T. Warner (cond.) 5, G. Fearn 6. To mark the departure of Mr. and Mrs. L. Holdsworth, ex-churchwarden and P.C.C. member respectively, and in appreciation of their contribution to ringing and other activities at Hampton.

HESSLE, YORKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: R. H. Sharp 1, Mrs. F. Ross 2, Elizabeth Moss 3, R. R. Horton (cond., 25th quarter, "circled tower" twice) 4, R. H. Jordan (20th quarter) 5, Rev. F. Ross 6. A welcome to Bishop G. Cockin to Evensong and to mark R. H. Sharp's 25 years as a local ringer.

HINTON ST. GEORGE, SOM.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Dean 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Dean (cond.) 5, R. Welch 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Robert Parker and Miss Lesley Legget.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy B. Everest 1, Edna M. Everest (cond.) 2, H. W. Brown 3, Dilys M. Smith 4, C. Robinson 5, D. Anderson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of R. Cragg, a member of the local band.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on July 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Shelagh R. Collins 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, D. Gagen 4, C. Tovell 5, M. Gathercole (home on leave from Lagos, Nigeria) 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to St. Margaret's to attend the second performance of "The Prodigal Son" by the English Opera Group.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Aug. 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. McArthur 1, B. Bradbeer 2, Miss H. McArthur 3, Mrs. J. Wildney 4, E. B. Smith 5, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 6, J. Smith 7, U. W. Wildney 8. Arranged for seventh ringer, on holiday from Tasmania.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Hardisty 1, R. Hayden 2, Janet Powell (first "inside") 3, P. Kirby 4, H. Evans (cond.) 5, J. Ryman 6. For the wedding of Edwin Macadam and Gillian Walsh, both former members of tower and choir.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandsire): R. W. Collins 1, Miss R. Collins 2, P. G. Hickey 3, S. B. Bell (cond.) 4, R. K. Williams 5, F. Lawrence 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edward Harling, sidesman at this church.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Warner 1, C. Neville 2, C. Hughes 3, T. Sharp 4, C. Ottaway 5, C. Wright 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, R. Tomlin 8. Rung after a peal failure as a birthday compliment to Ken Warner (21st) and Charlie Hughes (82nd).

LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on Aug. 11th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Susan Davis 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Hilda E. Oatway 3, A. M. Stacey 4, B. Read (first Stedman) 5, R. Cadamy 6, J. Marks 7, W. G. Wilson 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, A. Fulwell 10. For Matins, and as an 82nd birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS. — On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Suzanne Read 1, Ann Baggs 2, Kathryn Jones 3, Mrs. R. Jones 4, R. F. Jones (first as cond.) 5, G. Read 6. First quarter for all except 4 and 5. Rung in memory of Dennis Cane, organist.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Youde (first quarter, aged 78) 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, R. Boultbee 3, J. Everard 4, H. Hardwidge 5, L. Childs 6.

NEWINGTON-next-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Jackson 1, Miss R. Gilbert 2, Miss W. R. Austin 3, F. J. Dadson 4, M. Lacey (first Minor "inside") 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2. Rung as birthday compliments to Mrs. E. Gilbert, sen. (90), Miss R. Gilbert, Mr. L. Wraight and Janette Mitchell: all relations of or members of the local band.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Christine Birks 1, Janet Woodman 2, Linda Cozier (first in two methods "inside") 3, H. Badger 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, Jane Wyatt 6. A farewell compliment to Janet Woodman after eight years' service to the tower.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Cheryl Paul 1, Mollie Care 2, Bridget Bates 3, B. E. Care 4, G. C. Paul (cond.) 5, A. A. Paul 6.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (London Surprise and Chadkirk T.B.): K. R. Holtom 1, Shirley Ruddlesden 2, Bridget Bates 3, A. A. Paul 4, S. M. Ruddlesden 5, G. C. Paul (cond.) 6.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Beech 1, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 4, N. R. Holland 5, P. R. Johnson (first Triples as cond.) 6, F. Beech 7, S. W. Illidge 8.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods, 6 and 7 cover): Karin Hatherly (first quarter, aged 12) 1, R. Tipper 2, Valerie Rushforth 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Sansom 7. For Evensong.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss J. Brown (first quarter) 1, G. Maggs 2, M. Maggs 3, R. Tibbles (cond.) 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, S. Udolloress 6. Rung for the centenary of the restoration of the church.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on July 21st, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Patricia Doorn 1, Katherine S. Hardy 2, Elizabeth M. Barber (first in method) 3, M. D. Frost 4, A. R. Carter 5, R. E. Hardy 6, R. F. Ewer 7, G. Penney (cond.) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for Evensong.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOM.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. E. Welch 1, K. Welch 2, F. Welch (cond.) 3, A. Drayton 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. Hebditch 6, R. Welch 7, E. Rice 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Bool.

STANGROUND, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. R. Charlton 1, Susan Randall 2, Mary Cole (first Doubles) 3, R. H. Daw 4, J. David (first as cond.) 5, A. Dalby 6.

STANTON DREW, SOM. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. J. Coombs 1, R. L. Coles 2, I. P. Cox 3, A. F. Lee 4, D. C. Hawkins 5. Each ringer conducted a different method.

STOKE, Coventry, WARKS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara K. Fyle 1, H. Folwell 2, D. Langton 3, R. D. Hart 4, A. R. Wright (cond.) 5. For Evensong, and in memoriam D. Ellender, one-time ringer at this church.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,356 Pl. Bob Minor: Barbara Newton 1, Anne Rickaby (first quarter) 2, Doreen I. Payne 3, Mary C. Poyner 4, H. M. Payne 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to John Newborn and Carol Mullineux.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Bedford 1, S. J. Bedford 2, J. Marjoram 3, A. Knights 4, V. B. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to William Smith, of Leiston, killed on July 20th when the Tiger Moth plane he was piloting crashed.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, SOM. — On Aug. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Erica Pankhurst 1, Kay Whitaker 2, Shirley A. Cox 3, A. F. Lee 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, R. L. Coles (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Rev. Dr. Francis Pollard, late chairman of the Bath Branch.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anita Douglas (first quarter) 1, Heather M. Craven 2, Catriona M. McNeil 3, H. T. Barber 4, J. M. Hills (cond.) 5, H. Clare McNeil (first quarter) 6. Rung by the local band as a welcome to Helen Louise Austin, cousin of the ringers of 3 and 6.

URCHFONT, WILTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Heath (13, first quarter) 1, Jennifer Alexander 2, G. Heath (cond.) 3, J. Burry 4, W. Alexander 5, D. Cook 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Margaret Harding, daughter of churchwarden and a ringer, to Mr. John Greenfield.

WESTERLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Cleaver (first quarter) 1, Gillian Cleaver 2, T. C. Hine 3, Rev. J. Shepheard-Walwyn 4, A. N. Hine (cond.) 5, P. E. Hine (first quarter) 6. First "inside" 2, 3. Rung for Evensong.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 6th, 1,250 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss V. Murray 1, Jane Mason (first in more than one method) 2, Amette Bradbury 3, Susan Harrison 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, G. Welch (first quarter) 6. For the Feast of the Transfiguration.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Rose 1, M. G. R. Zobel 2, R. F. Symonds 3, Enid Hammond 4, P. Herbert 5, S. G. A. Kear 6, B. S. B. Kear (cond.) 7, S. Hammond 8. For the christening of Michael Spencer, son of the conductor, grandson of 6 and 8 and nephew of 4.

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The Church of St. Michael the Archangel, North Cadbury, Somerset

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Michael the Archangel's, N. Cadbury

By W. A. OSBORN

IMPRESSIVE is the Church of North Cadbury with the almost adjoining Court, a Tudor manor house. The church is described by Dr. Eeles as "the most magnificent example of Perpendicular architecture in the whole of Somerset", and it is in thankfulness for its 550th anniversary that special services are being held and efforts made for the restoration of the chancel windows.

It was in 1417 that the present church was built by Lady Elizabeth Botreaux. She visualised great things and applied for a licence from King Henry V to "erect and transfer the said foundation into a collegiate church and a perpetual college of seven chaplains, one to preside and called the Rector of the College". Apparently this never happened, but the impressive chancel was built for this purpose and once possessed fine stalls.

The Rectors of North Cadbury are traced back to 1297, but nothing is known of an earlier church. The tower was before Lady Elizabeth Botreaux's church, having been built in 1390 by the then Rector, John Ferrowne. It is a rather plain building, but was evidently built for strength as there is a buttress inside the north aisle opposite the turret stairs.

A Crash

It is said to have contained "Five Greate Bells" of which we know nothing, but the following Early English says :—

"In drawing up the Greate Bell into the Tower yt fell down by some mischance, broke down the lofts before it broke the morpell Tomb in the belfry bearing the picture of John Ferrowne which was sometime rector of this parish. Above ye Tomb was written these words: Heare lyeth the bodye of John Ferrowne, Parson of thys place which he bulded this Tower at his own proper coste."

The six bells, which seem to have been cast from the old five, were put there by the Bilbies of Chew Stoke, and there are receipts of payment signed by Thomas and Abraham, 1768 and 1769. Something must have happened to the tenor as the present bell is dated 1818 and was cast by Kingston of Bridgwater.

Prize Ringing

These bells have played their part in unholding ringing. From a Somerset newspaper of 1842 the following extract tells its story :—

"North Cadbury.—The parish was much enlivened on the 12th instant by a match of prize ringing when four excellent peals were rung by Kinson Deveral, Corton Denham, North Cadbury and Pill companies. An excellent dinner was provided on the occasion by Mrs. Masters of the New Inn. (The inn is now a farm house but the old cellar remains.) Denham rung the winning peal, followed by North Cadbury. A convival evening was spent and the ringers took the road for home early next morning."

About 1908 the second and third bells became cracked in the crown and ringing ceased until 1928-9 when a local engineer and ringer took them down and with the help of the Whitechapel Foundry the two cracked bells were recast and the whole ring tuned. The good oak frame was strengthened and tightened up by fitting 16¾ inch bolts from the top to the bottom members and all were hung on ball bearings. Details are :—

Tenor 4ft. 1in., 19 cwt. 1 qr., D. 1818 Kingston Bridgwater.

5th 3ft. 9 ins., 14 cwt. 1 qr., E. 1770 Abram Bilbie, Chew Stoke.

4th 3ft. 4½ins., 10 cwt. 2 qrs. F sharp. 1769 T. Bilbie.

3rd 3ft. 2ins., 8 cwt. 2 qrs., G. Recast 1928, Mears & Stainbank.

2nd 2ft. 11¾ins., 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs. A. Recast 1928, Mears & Stainbank.

Treble 2ft. 10½ins., 8 cwt.

The Festival

This coming week the church will be floodlit and each night different bands of ringers will be in attendance. This will form a prelude to the Festival of Flowers and Praise which marks the 550th anniversary of the foundation of the church.

The Sherborne Group of the Dorset Floral Guild are arranging the decorations of the church and the nearby Elizabeth Manor Court House, which was once the home of the Botreaux family and was inherited by Sir Francis Hastings, who built the stately north front in about 1581. The opening times, during which the old churchwardens' accounts and records will be on show, are :—

Saturday : 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Sunday : 12.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Monday : 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

An organ recital will be given by Anthony Crossland, B.A., B.Mus., on Saturday evening and Bishop of Taunton (the Rt. Rev. F. West) will preach at a service of thanksgiving on the Sunday at 11 a.m.

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POINTS FROM PEALS — By Canon K. W. H. Felstead

THESE ARTICLES seem now to be getting into a routine of one every half-year, covering approximately six months of peal activity. This seems to be convenient for the amount of material covered each time. Of course, if one went to very great detail, there would be sufficient interest to have a few paragraphs each week, but perhaps that would be too much of a good thing!

Before going on to write about the peals rung in the first half of this year there are a couple of items which really belong to last year and which I missed last time. The first was the usual Christmas Eve peal at Long Stratton—I seem to remember it was published a little late this time and I had written the last article before it appeared. Last year I wondered whether this one, the 13th consecutive one, would prove unlucky! I am glad that it was not. It is pretty good going to have 13 peals attempts without a failure. The second was to note the drop in the number of peals in Loughborough Bell Foundry in 1967—only(!) 35 compared with 56 in 1966. The rate has picked up again this year I see, for with a peal or two still to be published (I expect) last year's total has already been passed.

LONG GAPS

Now for the past six months' ringing. Three towers appeared in the lists which had not been seen there since before the first war. The first peal on the augmented bells at Luccombe revealed that the only previous peal in the tower was in 1902. Likewise the only previous peal at Chawton was in 1913. At Clenchwarton there was a little burst of activity from 1910 to 1913, when five peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Then no more peals until the one this year.

Dewsbury has quite an interesting history. I have 37 peals here, but only five this century, including the two rung in April. The first peal was in 1831, followed by two more in 1845 and 1848 (the former of these was of Treble Bob Triples!). After three peals in the 1870's came the main activity, with 25 peals from 1884 to 1893. All these peals were of Kent Treble Bob Major except one of Oxford. After one more peal of Kent in 1899 come Grandsire Triples in 1902, Stedman Triples in 1907 and Kent again in 1919. Then silence until now.

Last seen in the 1920's were Ecton in 1926 (one previous peal to that in 1914) and Castle Donington in 1927 (also one previous peal in 1925). From the 1930's we have Charminster (the only peal on the pre-augmented bells in 1935), Fordington (also 1935 and the only previous peal), Marcham (1938, with a former peal in 1929), Lytchett Minster (peals in 1933, 1934, 1937 and 1938—the last), and Feering (also 1938). The last tower deserves more comment, for the total here is now 82. The first peal was on July 21st, 1900, and 33 peals were rung up to May, 1913. There was one peal during the first war (in 1916)—rather unusual of course—and then from 1920 to 1934, 46, i.e. three or four a year on the average. Then came the one peal in 1938. I expect that the reason for the silence can be seen in the recent restoration of the bells.

As readers may have realised, up to now I have set my arbitrary standard for infrequent visitors as prior to the second war. It seems more convenient now, since 1939 is gradually getting further away, to make it a silence of 25 years or more. So that is what I intend to do in future. Under this "rule" I can say that the only time that Bere Regis has appeared in the peal columns previously was in 1943. I think the same comment as last time is relevant—rather fewer than usual infrequent towers.

FIRST PEAL CLAIMS

On the other hand, rather more first peals on the bells, I think. Practically all were claimed, and so I confirm the following: Radway, Ogbourne St. Andrew, West Tilbury, Bredgar, Durban (St. Mary Greyville), Upper Clatford, Longstock, Wherwell, Halstock, Gaddesby, Mayfield (Staffs), St. Dominic, Tooting Graveney, Claxby, Ellastone, Exeter (St. Mark's), Great Coxwell, Farnborough (Berks), Nidd and Sheen. The peals at Stanbridge and Chirk also appear to have been the first on the bells although not claimed.

As usual, the Loughborough Bell Foundry appears amongst the milestones—this time passing the 1,250 mark in February. Only one other tower has come among the higher numbers this time—Brierley Hill, which reached 250 in January. It appears to be the 37th tower to reach this number and has taken just 80 years to do it. Peal ringing has been pretty consistent over the period—64 peals from 1888 to 1916, 124 from 1917 to 1939 and 63 since 1945. Thus rather a better average between the wars.

Then we have three towers reaching 150 (none reached 200): Old Windsor (where peals were more frequent before the last war than since), Macclesfield (Christ Church), all but 13 of whose peals coming since 1947 after the augmentation of the bells, and Wakefield Cathedral. The last-named tower has a history covering more than 200 years. I have recorded 35 pre-1881 peals, commencing in 1742. The main activity is at the present time, however. There are also three towers which have reached their century. I confirm Daventry's claim to have done so on March 23rd. All the peals except three have come since the last war. Then there was Horsmonden, whose first peal was in 1888, and which had half the peals between the two wars. Finally, Blackburn Cathedral, where the main activity has also been recently.

THE 50 MARK

I confirm that the following have reached the 50 mark — Southwold, Norwich (St. George's, Colegate), Llandaff Cathedral and Wigston Magna. Other towers to do so but not claimed were Turner's Hill, Great Addington, Caerphilly, Sevenoaks, East Tytherley and Swynnerton. Of these, Sevenoaks has taken the longest to reach this goal—198 years! Southwold also had a peal 110 years ago.

Finally, my usual odd comments. The peal at St. Michael du Valle, Guernsey, was not the first of Doubles on the bells. Only two previous peals had been rung here—Minor in 1959, but the next, in 1965, was of Doubles in three methods. Great Barrington seems to be going in for different Surprise Minor methods—13 different ones have been rung in the past 18 months apart from the peal in 86 methods rung in April this year. Still, there are plenty left to ring although I fear that all the regular Surprise Minor methods have been rung to a peal.

TRURO GUILD'S 500th PEAL

FROM early in the year it was apparent there was a good chance of ringing the 500th peal for the Guild in 1968, and as soon as it was known that a peal band was touring the county in August efforts were made to ensure that the 500th was rung with as near a local band as was possible.

With the Spring Festivals and the Central Council meeting behind us, things started moving in June. With six peals to go, Grandsire Triples was unfortunately miscalled at Redruth on June 8th, but we scored a hastily arranged peal of Bob Minor at Wendron the following Saturday with a first-pealer in the band. Two peals were rung on June 22nd some 75 miles apart, at Calstock and Lelant, bringing the total to 497.

Around this time it was decided it would be appropriate if a long-arranged attempt for Rutland at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on July 27th could be the 500th. Number 498 proved more difficult. Bob Royal at Carbis Bay on June 29th being called round halfway due to the uneven ringing. Other Guild activities took up the next three Saturdays, namely the Diocesan Festival, a Branch method-ringing practice and an inter-Branch cricket match, so it was painfully obvious that two peals had to be scored mid-week.

Bob Minor was thankfully successful at New-lyn East on Wednesday, July 17th, again with a first-pealer in the band. Number 499 looked like giving us no trouble at Lelant on Monday, the 22nd, but was unfortunately lost in the last 720. Time was now running very short and Doubles was arranged for the Wednesday with a rather inexperienced band. However, after a false start, the peal was rung with a first-pealer on the tenor, who had previously never rung for longer than 20 minutes.

So we arrived at St. Stephen's on the 27th with the 499th behind us. Luck turned out to be against us because after a good start the Rutland was miscalled after 55 minutes. Adjourning to St. Dennis' for a ring, we were offered the bells for another try, but this came to grief after about 40 minutes. This setback meant that a long arranged attempt for Stedman Doubles on Carbis Bay front six on August 3rd might be the 500th, and we hoped this would be the case, as the peal tour was due to start on the 5th.

We were glad we had arranged an early evening start for the Stedman as when two bells changed over in the 10th extent we still had time for another try. It was unanimously agreed that the method be switched to Plain Bob and the back six rung instead. The change over to even bell ringing and the heavier bells was soon overcome and the peal was rung, the calling and coursing orders being very carefully watched throughout. The 500th peal rung, as it turned out, by three from the Truro Branch and three from the Penzance Branch, was secured with 36 hours to spare.

A. J. D.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

A good sized crowd gathered at Bredgar on July 20th for the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District. The recently augmented six were soon tapping round to a variety of methods under the direction of the District Ringing Masters. The usual service followed with the local Vicar and well-known clerical ringer, the Rev. Stanley Evans, giving an interesting address on how the old Bredgar bells became the new six. Tea was served in the nearby Village Hall and during an ensuing downpour the business meeting took place. The main item of interest was the decision that in future a District chairman was to be elected at each annual District meeting. Six new members were elected and votes of thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting so successful. A return was made to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds and Grandsire for the learners to Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. and a touch of Cambridge Surprise for the not-quite-so-raw learners.

OUR 3,000th ISSUE

will appear on Friday, October 18th. Will those who have taken "The Ringing World" since No. 1 kindly send in names and brief details.

A PITMAN PEAL COMES TO LIGHT

Dear Sir,—Amongst some papers recently sent to the writer by the Editor was the following letter, dated February 28th, 1947, from Albert J. Pitman:—

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to send the figures of following composition in the four methods in which all the bells can ring all the work of the four methods. There are 1,280 changes of Bristol, 1,216 London, and by arranging the Cambridge and Superlative accordingly, gives the nearest yet to a quarter peal in each method.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. J. Pitman.

5,024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

23456	M	B	W	H	Methods
42356				—	LXL
35426	3		—	—	LBBXCSC
43526				—	LXCSC
52436	3		—	—	LBBXCSC
45236				—	LCL
62534	—			—	LBBBBBBB
23645		x			CSCS
24536	2		—	—	SSSBXCSC
32546			—		LXL
24365	2		2		LBLLLLLBL
53462	—			—	LXL
36245	—		2		CSCXBSSS
36452		x		—	SCSC
45362			—	—	BBBBBBBL
34562				—	LCL
25463	—		3	—	CSCXBBL
42563				—	CSCXL
35264	—		3	—	CSCXBBL
63254			—	3	LXLBB
56234			—		LCSSS
23564			—	—	LXL
52364			3	—	LXBBL
32465	—				CSCCL
54263	—			—	CSCXL
54632		x		—	CSBBBB
54326		x		—	BBBBSC
25346			—		LXCSC
34256			—	—	LCCSC
23456	3			—	LBBXL

X=Superlative or Cambridge.

Pitman's well-known peal of all the work of four was published in "The Ringing World" of April 11th, 1947, and he describes it as his "latest" in the four methods. The use of the word "yet" in the above letter suggests that there may have been other compositions containing all the work which have never been published. One can only speculate as to why the above was never published; it may have been that Pitman requested it to be withheld as he had produced what he obviously set out to do with the "quarters" peal of all the work; technical inaccuracy would not appear to be the reason as the peal has been proved, and does contain all the work for each bell.

Although, as set out, this composition bears marked resemblances to the well-known peal, by shunting the composition in various places it becomes very similar, and only differs by something like nine leads. It is therefore quite obviously the forerunner of the later one.

The first peal of all the work spliced to be rung was Harold Cashmore's, on April 19th, 1947, at Lambeth, conducted by the composer. It was therefore appropriate that this composition, which appears to be the first composed with the tenors together, should be rung at the same tower, as it was on July 20th.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK E. SIBSON.

Putney.

"ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES"

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. David's letter, the above method, which takes its name from All Saints' Church, Ashcott, Bridgwater, was rung for the first time at Ashcott on March 12th, 1951, by all local ringers.

When I composed this method, in 1951, the bob was, and still is, a plain lead of Reverse Canterbury. Any alteration to this method would be false

I reserve the right to keep "All Saints" to its original composition.—Yours faithfully,

Ashcott, Bridgwater. W. H. CAVILL.

The Property of the Ancient Society of College Youths

By W. T. COOK

Librarian of the Society.

UNTIL the time of the second world war the bulk of the property of the Ancient Society of College Youths was kept in its meeting house—from about 1895 at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, near St. Paul's Cathedral; but at the outbreak of war the peal and name books and the more valuable plate were removed for safety to the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral. This was fortunate, for the "Coffee Pot" was destroyed by enemy action in the night of December 29th, 1940. The safes in which the Society's property were kept were not proof against fire, and many valuable books and other items were destroyed. The then treasurer of the Society, A. A. Hughes, salvaged from the ruins what was left, and this was taken to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where it remained until 1962, when almost the whole of the Society's property was placed in the ringing room of St. Paul's Cathedral, to be once again readily accessible to members. As a result, it has been possible to make a fresh inventory and to "rediscover" much that had been forgotten. I felt, therefore, that readers of "The Ringing World" might be interested in a description of this property, which includes many items of historical interest.

THE MACE OF 1762

It is a pity that it is no longer possible to display the Society's silver, etc., on the Master's table on meeting nights, as used to be done before the war, but these items are, of course, placed in front of the Master when he presides at the anniversary dinner. Of the silver, by far the most splendid and interesting piece is the mace. The silver head is about nine inches high. Two arms, richly decorated, rise from its base, and from these is suspended a silver bell, round which is the inscription "Intactum sileo percute dulce cano 5th Nov., 1762." Included in the arms are panels on which are portrayed in relief the towers of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

This mace, or staff-head, is a wonderful reminder of the past glories of the Society. At the period it was made, i.e. 1762, there were in existence two societies, both calling themselves College Youths, as a result of a split which had occurred in the band a few year previously. The Junior Society, as it was known, kept up the tradition of the Annual Feast on or near the date of the Society's foundation, November 5th. E. J. Osborn, writing in about 1845, recorded the recollection of an old member, William Eversfield, of Gravesend, that the Annual Feast was a great event with the Junior Society. They used to walk in procession from the club house near St. Bride's to the church for divine service, preceded by their beadle, who wore a black silk gown and a gold-laced hat, and carried a staff surmounted by the silver head just described. From the facts that the Society could afford to equip themselves with such an item, as well as a peal book with silver ornaments on it, and that the dinner tickets cost 15s. each, we can see that the members of those days were indeed, in Osborn's words, "persons of the highest respectability."

HONOURABLE SCARS

George Shury, who was Master of the Society in 1861–3 and again in 1865, gave a mahogany stand on which to place the silver head. It is approximately 16 inches high, with a base in the shape of a bell. This stand was badly charred in the fire of 1940, but it was agreed that it should not be restored but continue to bear its "honourable scars."

Another example of the prosperity of the Society in the latter part of the 18th century can be seen in the copper plate which is now used as the Society's certificate of membership. As was customary with clubs and similar Societies at that time, the ringing societies had elaborately engraved dinner tickets. A copy of the one used by the College Youths from about 1760 is preserved in the Guildhall Museum, and a reproduction of this was sent to those who attended the Society's tercentenary dinner in 1937. In 1788 the Society commissioned the famous engraver, Francesco Bartolozzi, to produce for use as a dinner ticket the plate which is the present-day membership certificate. When this plate was found to be deteriorating a few years ago it was decided not to print any more certificates directly from it; the certificates now issued are, I believe, produced by a photographic process.

THE SONNING CUP

In the year 1783 a band of the Junior College Youths took part in a ringing contest at Sonning, Berkshire, as a result of which they won a beautiful silver cup, about eight inches high. On one side of this is engraved the following inscription: "This Cup, The Gift of Mr. Peter Bluck of Sonning in the County of Berks, Was adjudged To the Society of College Youths for the Superior Stile in which they rang 1008 Bob Major in a Contest with Oxford and Farnham Society's at the above parish church on Monday August the 4th, 1783." On the other side we read, "The Performers on this Singular occasion (sic) Where

Messrs.	John Lyford	Treble
	Willm.Lyford	2d
	Winy. Richardson	3d
	Jno. Povey	4
	Thos. Smith	5
	Jos. Holdsworth	6
	Jos. Monk	7
	Edmd. Silvester	8

Mr. Geo. Plowman attended as umpire."

On the centenary of this occasion a band of the College Youths went to Sonning and rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. To commemorate this, another silver cup was presented to the Society by J. R. Haworth. It is slightly larger than the 1783 cup and, in my opinion, not nearly so handsome. The inscription, which reveals a startling variety of lettering, is as follows: "Ancient Society of College Youths Established 1637. This Silver Cup was Presented to the Society by Mr. J. R. Haworth of London to commemorate the Peal recorded on the other side rung to celebrate the centenary of the victory of The College Youths over the Oxford and Farnham Ringers at Sonning Church Berks on Aug 4, 1783 when the Band was presented by Mr. Peter Bluck of that place with a Silver Cup now in the possession of the Society." On the other side of the cup the peal is recorded as follows: "St. Andrews Church Sonning Berkshire. On Saturday Aug 4, 1883 the Company rang Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples consisting of 5040 changes in 3 hours and 7 minutes.

Performers

J. R. Haworth	Treble	W. Greenleaf	5
J. Pettit	2	J. M. Routh Esqr.	6
G. Mash	3	W. Newell	7
M. A. Wood	4	C. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Pettit. J. Ford Steeplekeeper."

A wooden stand for these two "Sonning" cups was designed and made by Walter Prime, and presented to the Society by the Master, F. E. Dawe, in 1893

A large silver cup, about nine inches high, with a wooden plinth, was presented to the Society in 1937 by the Master, E. H. Lewis, to commemorate the Society's tercentenary. There is also a small mug with the inscription "The Ancient Society of College Youths. 1929. The Gift of Joseph E. Sykes of Marsden, Yorks, and a member of the Society." I have, however, no record of why this presentation was made.

College Youths—continued

THE DUKE'S CANDLESTICKS

The two brass candlesticks which stand before the Master at the anniversary dinners have an interesting history, which is fully described in a letter dated October 18th, 1905, written by Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A. They were formerly the property of the Duke of Wellington and were used by him throughout the Peninsular Campaign. One of the Duke's staff during this campaign was a Lieut, Oliver, to whom these candlesticks were given as souvenirs at the close of the campaign. They passed to Lieut. Oliver's sister, Mrs. Bishop, who, after the death of her husband, went to live with her grandson, Mr. McClellan. Mr. McClellan, who was a scenic painter, inherited the candlesticks on Mrs. Bishop's death in 1879, and later went to live in Boston, Mass., where the candlesticks passed to Dr. Nichols in about 1903. In 1905 he presented them to the Society, of which he was a member, "as a modest addition to their cabinet of curiosities." The Society also possesses a pair of brass candle snuffers—where these came from I do not know; they are not mentioned in Dr. Nichols' letter. Before the war it was the custom to light the candles placed in these candlesticks before the start of a business meeting, and to snuff them out as a token of the meeting's conclusion.

The silver cups described above, except the tercentenary cup, together with the candlesticks, snuffers and a wooden gavel presented to the Society a few years ago, are all kept in a specially-made mahogany box. I have no information as to who made this box.

THE HANDBELLS

The Society possesses three sets of handbells. There is a set of 13 handbells, tenor size 17 in A, which are kept in a specially-made wooden box in the Society's meeting room at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, and are regularly used by members after business meetings. These bells were presented to the Society, by its then treasurer, Albert A. Hughes, in 1954, when the Society started to hold its business meetings at the Ship, Talbot Court, Gracechurch Street. On one of the walls in the ringing room of St. Paul's Cathedral is a large glass-fronted case containing a set of 18 handbells, tenor size 20 in C, which were made by George Welch. A brass plaque above the case has the following inscription: "The Ancient Society of College Youths. These handbells were bequeathed to the Society by William H. Pasmore. In 1965 they were restored by William and Douglas Hughes and placed here as a memorial to their father, Albert A. Hughes." W. H. Pasmore died in 1955. The third set of 12 handbells, tenor size 16 in B, was presented to the Society in 1916 by Lady Heywood, the widow of Sir A. P. Heywood. Unfortunately these bells, though in fair condition, are very untuneful.

FOR TAPPING

The Society was recently presented with a great curiosity in the shape of twelve handbells, tenor size 16 in B flat, which have no clappers or straps, but are attached in a horizontal position to the sides of a wooden box, and are intended for tapping tunes. Two sticks, or hammers, are provided for this purpose. The inscription on the brass plate on the lid reads: "These handbells, made at Whitechapel in 1903, were presented to the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1966 by Mrs. H. K. Nicoll, daughter of Mr. Matthew A. Wood, who was elected Master of the Society in 1856 and 1859." This box is to be found in the ringing room of St. Michael's, Cornhill, where it is shortly to be arranged as a memorial to M. A. Wood, together with his membership certificate and an illuminated manuscript album dated 1898 recording a testimonial to him from his brother ringers.

(To be continued)

CRAFTSMANSHIP OF PAST YEARS



PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY

The Mace, the "Sonning Cups," the old Masters' badge, the pence box, the candlesticks and the gavel.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Pamela J. Clifton (first quarter) 1, Rosemary J. Walley 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, Janet M. Bull 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5, B. J. Bull 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church of Great St. Mary, on Aug. 5th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: I. Quinney 1, J. H. R. Freeborn 2, V. Nutton 3, I. Stracey (first Stedman Caters) 4, G. Pearson 5, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 6, D. Burnett 7, R. M. Damerell 8, A. F. Scholfield 9, D. Bishop 10. A welcome to Catherine, a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Christophre Muncey.

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Letters to the Editor

RECORDS COMMITTEE CHALLENGED

Dear Sir,—I am disturbed not only by the tone of Mr. Blagrove's letter (page 636) but also by some of the technical points.

Firstly, the Council, and therefore the Records Committee, only recognises true peals (page 21 of the 1956 Handbook), and yet is prepared to record the 12,480 of Pudsey without seeing the composition. The circumstances of its disappearance are strange, and it is peculiar that the composer is unable, or unwilling, to reconstruct it. If I were the convener of a committee checking "to the last detail" (including, one assumes, proving the compositions) I would not be satisfied in this case; but then, I have always have had a suspicious nature.

Secondly, I am intrigued by the statement about singles in the 12,096 Glasgow; presumably this is a result of the ruling on singles in Treble Bob on page 26 of the Handbook. But surely three eminent composers have stated that only 53 whole courses of Glasgow may be obtained with bobs and/or conventional singles alone? The very capable, but forgetful, Mr. Parker has introduced the 54th course with unconventional (but legal) singles, and is accused of not having proved their need. Since **proving** the need for singles in this sort of case is almost impossible, I would suggest that Mr. Blagrove prove first that they are **not** required.

Thirdly, having once brought up the subject of singles, I fail to see why there is no comment on the record peals of Surprise Major involving singles, i.e. 9,600 Lincolnshire.

Lastly, it is extremely childish of Mr. Blagrove to reply in this manner to a simple request for the justification of his actions. To suggest that the long length of Cam Maximus was questioned by the committeee **merely** because of Mr. Woodruffe's question reflects discredit on the whole committee and, indirectly, on the whole Council.—Yours sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. HAINES.

Worcester.

RECORD LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—We have now had the official ruling of the Central Council regarding long peals from the convener of the Records Committee, Mr. Blagrove.

In the Central Council's Handbook, pages 19 and 20, it **implies** that the composition should be published in "The Ringing World" before the performance takes place at the same time as notice is given. Clearly from Mr. Blagrove's letter the composition does **not now** have to be published unless the peal is successful or not at all (in the case of the Pudsey). If the Handbook is still correct, neither the 11,872 Glasgow nor the 9,600 Lincolnshire are record lengths.

I cannot see any point in calling some long lengths record peals and others progressive lengths. To the majority of ringers the longest one will stand as the record. I suggest the answer is not to accept or publish progressive lengths as peals.

For the Records Committee not to accept the 13,140 Kent Treble Bob Maximus as a record is ridiculous, as this variation of Kent has been rung and accepted for years. It seems it is all right for ordinary peals but not for record long lengths. Also if Mr. Blagrove can move the treble in Bob Minor and still call it Plain Bob, then we can call the Cam variation Kent.—Yours faithfully,

B. GROVES.

Marple, Cheshire.

NEW SPLICED MAXIMUS RECORD

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns offer my congratulations to the band who rang 40 Spliced Surprise Maximus at Liverpool. Although the band have so many records to their credit I am sure the record in a truly wonderful performance, of which the Exercise at large should be proud.—Yours sincerely,

JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Lincoln.

AUCKLAND'S HOPES

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns offer an apology to the convener of the Overseas Committee of the Central Council. Through my rather imprecise terminology I conveyed an inaccurate picture of conditions in Auckland. We are, unfortunately, still "clocking" at St. Matthew's—but not for very much longer, we hope.

The bell frame is now bolted down for the first time, and the wall-wedges removed. A second wheel has recently been completed and fitted to No. 4 bell. The February "crie de cœur" brought us Alec Cain (formerly of Bentley, Hampshire), so we now have two budding wheelwrights.

Structural repair operations on the tower are hampering our efforts at present, but this state of affairs should not persist for many more months.—Yours faithfully,

W. T. LACK.

Auckland, New Zealand.

CANTERBURY'S OLDEST BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest D. L. C.'s article on Canterbury's oldest bells (page 621). He will probably be interested to know that another ancient bell by Joseph Hatch from one of the city's redundant churches has been doing duty since 1911 in the clock tower at Bexleyheath, erected to commemorate the Coronation of King George V.

The chief organiser of the project was Mr. P. E. Bex, the deputy clerk to Bexley U.D.C., a keen ringer and a former secretary of the Lewisham District.

When the tower was nearing completion he found that the architect had omitted to provide a bell for the clock to strike on and the funds available were insufficient to provide one.

It happened about this time that I was in a peal attempt at Canterbury Cathedral and the then train service was such that I had two hours to spare before the start, which were spent wandering around the city, during which time I came across a church in the process of either demolition or conversion and a bell of about 3 cwt. outside among the rubble.

Next morning I told Mr. Bex of this. He got in touch with Canon Helmore and Mr. Bex acquired the bell for about £20. He recouped himself of the cost by a flag day with the bell paraded round the streets on a decorated council lorry.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

NAME CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—The correct name for the method rung as Headingley Surprise ("Ringing World," August 23rd, 1968) is Benson, this being the name given to the method when it was included in a peal of spliced at Stratton St. Margaret on December 17th, 1966.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Stratton St. Margaret.

COMPARISONS WITH OTHER JOURNALS

Dear Sir,—The article by Mr. Bernard C. Ashford on the front page of the August 23rd issue calls for some comment.

Firstly, Mr. Ashford's price list of similar journals to "The Ringing World" is very misleading. Having spent considerable time in the local W.H.S. branch, I was unable to trace all his examples but the angling and cricket journals of that price were monthly publications, meaning an outlay of less than a shilling a week. There is a large selection of weekly papers priced between 9d. and 1s. 6d.; for your benefit I enclose a list of comparable journals dealing with a great many pursuits. "The Ringing World" falls in the middle of the price range. There are, of course, many monthly publications but the greater majority of those cost under four shillings.

However, be that as it may, comparison of "The Ringing World" with any of these magazines is quite ludicrous. One must consider that the number of people interested in these hobbies is far greater than the number of people interested in bellringing. This means that these journals have a far greater potential readership than "The Ringing World" and in fact only attract a few per cent. of their potential readership. However, the number of bellringers is, say, 30,000 (a little optimistic, I think), and if a readership of 6,000 is attained, then 20 per cent. of bellringers read "The Ringing World," which is far higher than any other journals. It is because "The Ringing World" has to appeal to such a large proportion of bellringers that its price is critical.

Bellringers come from all ranges of incomes, and as a consequence there are those who cannot afford "The Ringing World" (yes, there are some, Mr. Ashford), those who can and, most important, those in the middle who have to decide whether it will be "The Ringing World" or an extra half-pint a week. Bellringers don't begrudge "The Ringing world" its shilling, it is just that some prefer beer in spite of all Mr. Ashford's exhortations.

Improvement, circulation and cost are closely related. Improvements cannot be had without cost. Increased cost lowers circulation, improvements raise it: somewhere there is a balance. It is vitally important that "The Ringing World" finds this balance if it is to survive.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL OXTOBY.

Fareham, Hants.

Prices of various weekly journals:—Golf Illustrated 1s. 3d., Dog World 1s. 6d., Coins 1s. 6d., Amateur Gardener 9d., Popluar Gardening 9d., Garden News 9d., Angling Mail 10d., Angling Times 9d., Stamp Weekly 1s., Motor Cycle 9d., Motor Cycle News 9d., Photonews 1s., Yachting and Boating 1s., Amateur Photographer 2s. There are also several motoring weekly magazines in this higher price bracket.—P. O.

DODD-JONES COLLECTION WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—In view of the Central Council Decision made at Worcester, I have decided not to publish any more copies of the Dodd-Jones Collection. If any ringer who has ordered a copy would like the cost refunded, please let me know as soon as possible, otherwise a copy will be sent as ordered.

The publication, "About Bells and Bellringing," a booklet for the general public and learners, will go ahead as planned.—Yours faithfully,

ROY H. JONES.

118, Oxford Road,
Marston, Oxford.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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DOUBLES: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dear Sir,—I wonder if the misunderstandings over the Central Council propositions concerning Doubles methods can be discussed in a reasonable way and without the asperity shown in recent letters and answers?

I was not present at the Worcester meeting, but have discussed this matter with quite a few of the representatives who were there. The general impression gained is that many of these representatives were not au fait with the matter, as they had not thought to provide themselves with either the two copies of "The Ringing World" containing the propositions and amendments or the 1955 Collection of Doubles Methods. Unfortunately, the report of the debate did not agree with the memories of those attending, so the only thing to do now is to go to the amended propositions and try to see if they have changed the position of Doubles ringers and ringing.

Prior to these decisions, the basis on which I think most people worked was the 1955 Collection and especially its preface. To quote, "In the past the bob leads of certain methods have been rung as the plain leads of another, and vice versa, and this practice is, we believe, undesirable and in the present Collection no method has been included which is the bob lead of another." Contrary to some opinions, it did not bar the use of other bob places, but gave some examples of Plain Bob Doubles variations that "could be used for the sake of variety."

To clear the air, it was, I believe, the then secretary of the Council who put forward the suggestion that methods be defined as those in the Collection, and that the use of different calls and methods with calls as plain leads be classed as variants or variations. As Reverse St. Bartholomew had not appeared in the Collection it was understood that the word "bob" in the above quotation meant any type of call. Therefore Reverse St. Bartholomew was classed as a variation, as were other methods using an Old Doubles single for a plain lead.

The naming of these variations was another difficulty. In many cases insufficient information was advanced by the people who first used a variation in a peal, and when the Dodd-Jones Collection did appear in "The Ringing World" it inevitably contained errors and omissions (though all credit to them for attempting such a task).

The standards in general were not debased until the last few years, when some very dubious "spliced" extents were rung.

Quite obviously something had to be done. Possibly the best solution would have been to use the Collection preface as the basis, with additional propositions regarding the lengths to which splicing of variations could go. This would have meant that some methods in the record peal of Doubles methods would have to be reclassified as variations, but would, I feel, have saved many complications that have now arisen.

Now, the motion as passed at Worcester regarding variations reads, Paragraph 1: "In the case of Doubles only, a variation be defined as the use in a plain method of calls other than the standard calls for that method. The resulting bobbed or singled lead must not by itself constitute a plain lead of another method. Each variation to be given its own name." To me, the second sentence in this means that the plain lead of a method must not be used as the bob or single of a variation. If it is used, it must be considered as ringing the two methods spliced to the extent. Therefore, April Day must go out as a variation. It is spliced Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, spliced in from a treble lie to a treble lie, i.e. half-lead splicing, or "combined" as Kent-and-Oxford was called at one period.

The same reasoning ought to apply to the first 16 variations given in the Appendix on page 575 of "The Ringing World," July 19th issue. These would seem to be all splices of the parent method with Reverse St. Bartholomew. On the other hand, if they are to be classed as variations because the call used is a Grandsire single, then April Day reverts back to being a variation. You can't have it both ways. Of similar nature are many of the other variations given on this page, as plain leads of Reverse Union, All Saints' and Minster Bob are used as "other than the standard call for the [parent] method."

For instance, the parent methods of the first 16 variations on this page can easily be spliced into four extents. If these extents are rung in a peal, then repeated using (a) Grandsire singles, (b) Wallflower singles, (c) Antelope singles, (d) Pink's singles as calls, and the rest of the peal filled up with Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Antelope and Minster Bob, how should the peal be reported? Using the first argument, 20 methods have been rung using lead-end and half-lead splices. Using the second argument, 20 methods plus 64 variations. Is there a ruling on this, or is it to be left to the acumen of the submitter of the peal copy? Paragraph 3 of the motion does not help with this, but does seem to circumvent the Decision that method splicing can only take place at the half-lead or the full-lead.

Getting back to Paragraph 1, a plain lead of a method cannot be used as the call of a variation, but there is nothing in this to say that a plain lead of a method cannot be used as the call of another **method**, and that is how Grandsire survives. Likewise Reverse St. Bartholomew, with the plain lead of Plain Bob as a call. The case for defining Reverse Union, Reverse St. Julian and Reverse St. Faith as methods hangs on a similar thread, though the implied refusal to allow the use of bobbed leads of Reverse Canterbury as a method stretches the demarcation line very thin.

Could I suggest that the person/persons/committees that are editing the submitted copy of multi-Doubles peals be asked to indicate their way of working? It won't alter the way we ring the peals, only the reporting thereof.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. FRITH.

Grantham, Lincs.

NOTE. — Taking each paragraph in turn. There would be no misunderstanding if those interested would make themselves conversant with the C.C. Handbook, page 23, **all** contents of the C.C. Doubles Collection and the wording of the Worcester amendments.

Few members of the C.C. are au fait with all the topics raised, but all are well able to make a choice between alternatives.

I am certain that Mr. E. A. Barnett would never have made the suggestion that the 1955 Collection contained all the (plain) methods that Doubles ringers could use; all else being variations. The methods given on page 575 were omitted from that Collection only because of a misunderstanding about the use of the internal places, thirds or fourths, at the trebles lead. Mr. Frith is confusing a call with a called lead.

The aim of the Appendix is to clear up confusion in names of methods and variations. I am now receiving unpublished names of methods rung to peals in 1965!

The debasement of Doubles variations started with the publication of Newington Doubles on March 20th, 1953.

The Collection preface is being used as the basis for the present Appendix; requirements are also being sorted out with regard to spliced extents.

The next paragraph is 100 per cent. correct.

But this one is entirely wrong. A Grandsire single used with St. Simon's does not give a plain lead of another method. But a Grandsire single used with Reverse Canterbury does give a complete plain lead of Reverse St. Bartholomew spliced in at the half-lead.

Assuming that plain leads of the methods are included, this combination could give up to 20 methods and 64 variations. Each extent would need checking with the amendments, which are not ambiguous. However, I have taken note of a letter from Mr. G. A. Dawson, and am endeavouring to get the Methods Committee to come to a unanimous decision to widen the scope of Amendment 3, to allow "sharing" of leads when there is no ambiguity. Splicing must still be in full leads, at half-lead or full-lead of the treble.

Nowhere is a plain lead of a method used as a bob in another method or vice versa. But eight twin-hunt methods do use a plain lead of a single hunt method as a single; this is as in the 1955 Collection, where leads of St. Bartholomew and St. Sebastian are used as singles for Reverse Grandsire and Reverse Antelope. This is not an ambiguity, or an anomaly, or a precedent for higher numbers. It could be avoided by using alternate singles for the twin-hunt methods. He questions Reverse Union as a method on the grounds that it has an Old single above the treble. Six methods in the 1955 Collection have a Grandsire bob above the treble, and St. Simon's has a Reverse Grandsire bob below the treble! This does not make them called leads of other methods. But Reverse Coxwell is simply a bobbed lead of Reverse Canterbury, with nothing added, both single-hunt; therefore it is not in the Collection. F. T. B.

[Multi-Doubles peals are only checked if they are submitted with methods and variations not listed separately, or if they contain what appear to be dubious splices. They are then published in accordance with the C.C. Decisions. For example, Litchurch gets split up into Plain Bob and Reverse St. Sebastian.

We are trying to compile this Appendix in the open, rather than to present it as a fait accompli in book form. All **constructive** criticism and corrections are welcome.—Editor.]

EUROPEAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—As one who travels a lot, I am very interested in overseas ringing. I should like to request through your columns how to reach Rivoli Veronese (6), Italy, by road (I have not yet succeeded in finding it on any map), and for information on any other rings on the Continent (I have heard rumours of a six in France and of a four in Switzerland). I already know about the six in Stockholm, the eight in Madrid and the six in Malta.—Yours faithfully,

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PEAL TOUR

GEORGE BONHAM HITS SOUTH WALES

IT all started with a birthday party. An unusual way to begin a peal tour maybe, but as that talented young lady, Julia Fellows, was born 21 years ago on August 9th, she kindly invited us to the Haven Hotel, St. Albans, for a celebration. A very enjoyable time was had by all and we met several non-ringing friends of Julia's as well as her parents.

What a change to see the sun again on Saturday morning, and it looked like a good omen for the week ahead. It was, too, from a ringing point of view, though hardly for the weather! Four cars made their own way through Wallingford, Swindon and on to the motor-road over the Severn Bridge and arrived at Chepstow in good time for lunch. David King was thoughtfully pulling the bells up at 2.45 p.m., and at 3 p.m. Ralph Edwards arrived to complete the band for this peal. We scored a good peal of C.S.R. on a pleasant eight by William Evans, with the trebles added by Taylor's in 1953. George Thoday ably called a composition with singles in all sorts of queer places, which fortunately did not affect the back bells! A fairly quick drink, a pleasing ride to Cardiff, our H.Q. for the week, and a good meal of steak and chips made most of us ready for bed after a long day.

INTO WALES RURAL

"Let's see if we can find an eight-bell tower which is new to everyone," said the most experienced tower-hunter on Sunday morning. Some of us had visited the area before, and we eventually decided on Llanbradach. And what a good choice! The Vicar was delighted to let us ring (there is no local band), the bells were Taylor's (1911) and we were very kindly given coffee and biscuits by the Vicar's wife, our first experience during the week of Welsh hospitality.

Few churches can be more isolated than Llanfeigan in Breconshire, our second peal tower. The bells are Taylor's (1921), but there could be a little more ventilation in the ringing room. Our attempt for Lincolnshire was not as good as it could have been, so George Thoday decided to call "Stand" at the end of the first part of Barton's. Meanwhile Graham Elmes had obtained permission for us to ring at St. Mary's, Brecon, for Evensong, the local band being away on holidays. After some tea we were given permission to ring on the excellent ring of six at St. David's, Brecon (Taylor's, 1924), and this again was the first time the bells had been rung on a Sunday for quite a long time. We all enjoyed dinner at an inn near Llanfeigan, and then back to Cardiff via Pontypool.

On Monday morning, after some of us had visited every church in Newport, we eventually found All Saints'! However, we soon started for Cambridge Major on a rather quiet ring, but a shift after one and a half hours caused our second failure. (Why do we ring Johnson's variation instead of straightforward Middleton's!) With two failures out of three, it appeared time for the inevitable Double Norwich—Heywood's, of course! The conductor scored a new county, and an amusing peal was had by all! The tower was at Caerleon (modern Taylor's) and the town is famed for its Roman remains and museum. We were soon on our way to Usk (Taylor's, 1925), and not only enjoyed this fine peal, with three leads of Bristol, but also admired the beautifully kept ringing room. By this time English weather had reached Wales and the "passionate brunette" umbrellas (two) made their owners popular while permission was obtained to ring at Tredunnuck (a "country" six). Steak and chips completed the day.

REBUILT GOTHIC AND RAILWAY GOTHIC

Llandaff Cathedral has been so well restored, after being hit by bombs, that it is difficult to realise that anything had happened. The ten bells, rehung by Mears, hang in the north-west tower, and the ringing room is reached by ascending the south-west tower and then walking along a gallery overlooking the nave. We were met by Nicholas Simon, now one of Wales's leading conductors, and rang a good peal of Y.S.R. George Thoday called a "sensible" composition, and we were very glad to have the services of Tudor Edwards. Lunch consisted of beer and pastries, and we were off on the short journey to Radyr (Taylor's, 1910). A fine ring but, owing to local residential conditions, only one peal has been rung since 1915—in 1965 for Winston Churchill's funeral. The evening peal was arranged at Blaenavon (an excellent modern Taylor ring, like handbells). The Vicar met us and described his church as "Railway Gothic"! It was rebuilt by the local iron foundry and is really quite attractive. We scored a fast peal of Rutland. Afterwards some of us went over to join the local ringers at Usk for a social evening, while four returned to Cardiff for a good meal

EBBW VALE

On Wednesday we had hoped for a peal at Pontypridd, but owing to various contingencies, this was not possible so a phone call to the Vicar of Llanfeigan, and an immediate "Yes, come by all means," enabled Sunday's failure to be turned into success and a good peal of Lincolnshire was scored. Those not ringing spent the morning being initiated into the mysteries of stamp auctioneering in Cardiff, and were driven by Frances Carpenter to meet the peal band for sandwiches at Talybont. Then on to Ebbw Vale to see one of the largest steel works in the world, over a mile long. We were met at the church by Tom Stephens, Jack Alsop, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Wylde and Mrs. Wylde's sister and given a grand welcome, and after Phil Mehew had called a musical peal of Yorkshire on the fine Taylor ring we were most kindly entertained to a lovely tea in the Parish Room. It was a pity we had to hurry away, but we were due for a ring at Abergavenny (Taylor's best). Fast driving allowed for us to have 15 minutes' ringing; we apologise for keeping the tower captain waiting.

THE THREE "P's"

On Thursday we were off to Pentre and for many it was the first experience of a typical Welsh coal-mining valley. In spite of much man-made drabness there is much of beauty and evidence of a God-fearing community, who have lived with danger most of their working lives. Pentre Rhondda Church has a tall unsupported tower, housing a fine pre-1900 Taylor ring. Tudor Edwards welcomed us to his home tower and demanded that a certain well-known tenor ringer should prove again how he rang that bell to a peal of Plain Bob in 3 hours and 3 minutes on December 26th, 1945! A touch was timed and worked out at 3.14 speed! He could not say he was fitter then, because he was not, but gives credit to that fine 7th ringer, the late Fred Lasbury. In pre-war days the local band was one of the best in the country and scored several Surprise peals. It was a great pleasure to meet Jim Evans again, who rang in the peal, and George Bonham made a stylish job of ringing the tenor to Double Norwich; he has the makings of a good tenor ringer.

Rain was falling when we called on the Vicar of Pontypridd and kept on for an hour. He gladly gave permission for us to ring on the Taylor's (1913) ring of eight. The umbrellas were in evidence again, but several members got very wet. Penarth is a residential part of Cardiff and the Church of St. Augustine contains another fine Taylor eight. A good steady peal of Cambridge was scored in 3 hours and 10 minutes. We then attended Cardiff practice and were welcomed by Tim Yeomans. A meal and a social evening with local ringers completed the day.

WEST GLAMORGAN

The excellent Taylor eights at Cowbridge and Bridgend (a good course of London was rung here) were the venues on Friday, but it rained more than usual. Ruth Havard joined us for the morning and the Vicar of Bridgend very kindly arranged for us to ring at Coity (a very pleasant six hung in a central tower). Here we said farewell to Tim Collins, of Dorchester, who with his friend, Bill Perrins, of Ringwood, is a fine example of a competent teenage ringer.

The peal tower for the afternoon was Aberavon, one-time home of that famous composer A. J. Pitman. The bells (Taylor's) are good, but there are no windows in the ringing room, which is not conducive to concentration. George Bonham particularly wanted to ring Stedman and Tudor Edwards came to call, but even his skill could not prevent the way so many peals of Stedman Triples go, though some quite good ringing came over the town for 1 hour and 40 minutes. In addition, George's rope became unravelled, which made things more difficult!

Through the kindness of two old friends, Messrs. E. Morris and G. I. Lewis, a visit to Neath and Cadoxton (two very merry sixes) was arranged at Cardiff practice. The bells will travel at any speed and many peals have been scored at both places. At Cadoxton practice it was a pleasure to meet Gwyn Lewis's father, now 87, and fresh from a recent peal triumph. We enjoyed a social evening at the local with Harry Boyce and other local ringers.

CREDITABLE MAXIMUS

Our last day, Saturday, arrived all too soon. We met Ralph Edwards, Brian Bladon, David Llewellyn and Peter Bennett at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, and with five "firsts on 12," and one "first 'inside,'" we wondered how we should fare. However, it was soon evident from the start that we would ring a very creditable peal on an easy-handled 12. Well done the "firsts on 12"—hardly a word was spoken throughout, and everyone was pleased.

An attempt for Yorkshire at Monmouth was lost through a rope breaking with five courses to go. Apparently the bells did not "go" as badly as was expected, and a return visit is looked forward to.

Before leaving Newport, Julia Fellows (who had very kindly agreed to the solution of who to leave out in the peal of Maximus) presented George Bonham with a large first-aid kit for his car (and perhaps for blisters!) with our grateful thanks for arranging another good week. What a grand country is Wales! We would like to thank all the Vicars and local ringers who met us for their kind permission to use their bells, and especially for the very many acts of hospitality and kindness from everyone during the week. APACE.

Joint Meeting at Holme-on-Spalding Moor

Holme-on-Spalding Moor was chosen for the August meeting of the Beverley and District Society and the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. H. Walker deputised as chairman of the business meeting in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. A. Sheppard; Mrs. D. S. Johnson deputised in the absence of the District secretary. No Beverley District meeting was held. One new member was elected, Miss G. Hardy, of Goole.

It was reported that Howden bells had now been fitted with chiming apparatus and that Bridlington bells were now unringable pending an inspection of the frame and fittings.

Between 30 and 40 people attended during the day, including the Association's president and Mrs. Bottomley, and enjoyed a variety of methods on the light six.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that there is a printing error in the figures of Rutland Surprise No. 4, page 32 of the Central Council publication, "A Collection of Compositions in the Popular Major Methods," published in 1966.

Readers owning a copy might like, therefore, to make the following correction. Opposite the course-end 34256, the figure 2 should be moved under the "W" heading, not under 1/5.—Yours faithfully,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster.

The sender of the multi-method Doubles peal at Curry Mallet (page 657) omitted from the report Heyford variation and Rushall spliced composition.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The August meeting of the South West District was held in the delightful village of Polstead, famous for its juicy black cherries and of Maria Marten fame.

The many ringers who attended were well catered for but, due to ideal harvest weather, only four District towers were represented. At the business meeting members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Walter Bailey.

The chairman, Mr. Lester D. Mills, reported that progress was really being made and he had been asked to arrange a monthly Surprise Major practice. A report was made on a meeting attended by members of the Guild on the vexed question of the repairs to the tower of St. Peter's, Sudbury. Mr. Alan Elliott was elected a non-resident ringing member.

At the conclusion a presentation of a floor standard lamp was made to Mrs. D. Reeve on her marriage. She had been District secretary for many years.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The July meeting of the Mansfield District was held on the 27th at Edwinstowe, a favourite summer venue. As always, a very cordial welcome was extended to the District by the Rev. H. Pickles, who officiated at the service and later joined the company at an excellent tea prepared by the local ladies. The bells were seldom idle during the afternoon and evening, methods varying from Doubles to London Surprise, and were finally lowered at 9 p.m.

The main topics discussed at the business meeting were the damage sustained to the South Normanton clock chimes during the May meeting, and the District outing. The latter, arranged for Scarborough, was finally cancelled owing to lack of support.

Next meeting: September 28th, Sutton-in-Ashfield. D. J. B.

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QUARTER PEALS

BLAISDON, GLOS. — On July 27th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Christine Manns 1, Patricia Stocken (first in method) 2, Geraldine Mitchell 3, Joy Tyler (cond.) 4, L. D. Wilson 5, L. Smith 6. Rung as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wilson.

BRADPOLE, DORSET. — On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Gudge 1, I. L. Andrews 2, J. Hartung (first quarter) 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6. First local quarter by a Sunday service band since 1930. Rung for the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BREDGAR, KENT.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. B. Dobbie 1, G. Wood 2, P. O. J. Beal 3, D. P. Leworthy 4, L. Mitchell (cond.) 5, G. Kenward 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Timothy Beer, whose funeral took place this day.

BROMSBERROW, GLOS. — On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. B. Bell 1, Christine Manns (first "inside") 2, Francis Wilson 3, Geraldine Mitchell 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Patricia Stocken 6. Rung following the opening of Bromsberrow Church fete.

CURRY MALLETT, SOM.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Welch 1, Reginald Welch 2, F. Welch (cond.) 3, Roy Welch 4, T. Hill 5, G. Novell 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Rees-Jones, Rector's daughter, and Mr. Peter Kelley.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On July 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Carol Kemp 1, J. E. G. Roast 2, Mary Roast 3, T. Spurgeon 4, Yvonne A. Murray 5, P. J. Came 6, I. J. M. Saunders 7, J. L. Towler (first Surprise Major as cond.) 8. An engagement compliment to Carol Kemp and Christopher Salter. Also on Aug. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Judy Harrison (first Major) 1, Christine Murray 2, Mary Roast 3, Yvonne A. Murray 4, J. Clark 5, J. West 6, R. J. Harrison 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Susan and Tony Spurgeon, both members of the local band.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. B. Betts 1, J. M. Ineson 2, Jeanne E. Bottomley (cond.) 3, Avis M. Thompson 4, V. Bottomley 5, J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. First in method 1, 4, 6, 7. Also 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. M. Thompson 1, E. B. Betts 2, J. F. Brierley (aged 10, first quarter) 3, J. M. Ineson 4, J. Wightman 5, K. Ineson 6, V. Bottomley (cond.) 7, D. Carruthers 8; also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Ineson 1, A. M. Thompson 2, J. F. Brierley 3, J. E. Bottomley 4, E. B. Betts 5, K. Ineson 6, J. Wightman (first as cond.) 7, D. Carruthers 8. A farewell to the Vicar, Ven. E. C. Henderson.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Anthony (first on a working bell) 1, Miss S. O'Neill 2, S. Rippon 3, Miss S. Anthony 4, R. J. F. Watson 5, J. R. Rigby 6. Conducted by G. A. Dawson. For Evensong. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Doubles: P. Wild 1, Miss S. Anthony 2, R. Anthony (first "inside") 3, Miss S. O'Neill 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, S. Rippon 6. 50th quarter peal on the bells. For Evensong.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Aug. 11th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. West 1, L. W. Jarvis 2, Marion Kemp 3, E. G. Baker 4, E. R. G. West (first P.B. Major) 5, P. D. Harrison 6, A. H. Kemp 7, S. G. Waters (cond.) 8. For St. Lawrence's Day.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Aug. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Gagen 1, Shelagh Collins 2, D. Gagen 3, M. Gathercole 4, W. W. Cousins 5, R. Newsom 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a welcome to the ringer of the fourth, Mr. Gathercole, who is home on leave from Lagos, Nigeria; also as a birthday compliment to David Gagen, who was 15 the same day.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On August 4th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 mehods/variations: Kathleen F. French 1, W. C. Budd 2, R. Jones 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Carol A. Hedges 6. Rung for Family Service. Also on August 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Rigby (first on treble) 1, Joan Cheney 2, Carol Hedges 3, M. Fiander (first inside) 4, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 5, Sophie Meszner, A. G. Eveleigh 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss Sophie Meszner who learnt to ring while over here on holiday from Hungary.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On August 17th, 1,296 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor: R. P. Pearce 1, T. J. Bell 2, C. G. Bryant 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On August 3rd, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Sylvia Lucas 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, R. Lucas 3, E. Clifton 4, J. R. Cooper 5, G. Stewart (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Jennifer Manger 1, Margaret Jenner 2, Pamela Court 3, B. Johnson 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, For Evensong.

QUORN, LEICS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Double: Janet E. Lord (first quarter) 1, Frances A. Pegg (first inside) 2, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 3, R. Martin (cond.) 4, D. L. Alderton 5, N. E. Green (first quarter) 6. Also, on July 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. J. Mobbs 1, D. L. Alderton (first of Major) 2, M. D. Barsby 3, R. Martin 4, R. N. Scholes 5, A. E. Clayton 6, R. I. Kendrick 7, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 8.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At St. Margaret's on August 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Pamela Court 1, P. C. Sinden 2, H. Deacon 3, K. Butler 4, Rachel J. Sinden 5, R. A. Birch 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. P. S. Berry 8.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On August 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Osenton (first Triples) 1, Marion Kemp 2, W. Gorringe (cond.) 3, Margaret Jenner 4, O. Webster 5, A. Leeves 6, J. Hemsley 7, P. Thomas 8. First in method 5 and 7.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. Parsons 1, Miss E. Watts 2, Miss J. Turner 3, Mrs. I. Marshall 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, J. Marshall 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. Also on Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Skelton 1, I. Davey 2, N. Carter 3, G. Francis 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. Also on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Watts (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Smith 2, Miss J. Turner 3, G. Francis 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. Alan F. Lee, secretary of the Bath Branch, on his 100th peal as conductor.

Writes a correspondent: "It may be of interest to ringers that W. W. Ring, alias 'The Lurcher,' has married a fine ringer—Violet Relf. To all Kent ringers—beware of increased lurching in the years to come."

Mr. Dennis Beresford's ringing tour in Devon and Cornwall between August 4th and 10th resulted in seven peals. The peal of London at Tawstock was rung with the compliments of the band to Mr. J. Phillips, "late of this parish."

Before leaving for York, Mr. R. J. Sanderson, of Bentley, West Yorkshire, had a farewell ring at St. Peter's Church. With him ringing rounds for Evensong were his wife, daughter Christine (10), son Peter (7) and his mother-in-law, Mrs. A. Smythe, who made a comeback for the occasion following retirement from ringing a few years ago. We trust that in York they will have happy ringing.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have rung their first peal of Londinium Surprise Maximus—at Walsall on August 17th.

Mr. Adrian G. Semken has accepted an appointment with the Wye River Authority and is moving from Essex to Hereford.

The peal at Guildford Cathedral on August 17th was rung as a compliment to Peter Privett and Jennifer Briggs on their engagement.

The Railwaymen's Guild should note that in the Taunton area a peal was rung at Merriott "in memoriam British Steam Locomotive, 1815–1968."

Mr. H. Westlake, of Kingsbury Episcopi, has been a ringer and church member at All Saints', Langport, for over 50 years. A 65th birthday compliment was rung for him at Kingsbury Episcopi on August 15th.

In the report of six Elliotts ringing golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elliott, at Kelvedon (page 656), the age of David should be nine, and not four, as was inadvertently published.

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"PEALS AROUND PENNINES"

The peal tour we publish this week is a sequel to the tours of previous years called "Peals Around Portishead" and "Peals Around Packwood."

Like its predecessors, "Peals Around Pennines" was highly successful. Twenty peals were rung out of 25 attempts and four of the losses were due to mechanical failures.

Accommodation for the week was arranged in five caravans on a site at Sabden, a small village between Whalley and Burnley, and this provided an excellent centre for the week.

The calibre of the ringing was high. There was one peal of Surprise Maximus, two Stedman Cinques, six Surprise Royal, one Stedman Caters and ten Surprise Major. One peal of four-Spliced Surprise Royal and one eight-Spliced Surprise Major are included in the totals above.

Eleven of the party shared in the successful conducting, viz. three peals each by Tudor P. Edwards, John H. Fielden, Kenneth J. Hesketh and Frank Shallcross; two by Cyril Crossthwaite; one each by Peter S. Bennett, Neil Bennett, Peter G. Brown, J. Barry Pickup, David E. Rothera and Philip J. Rothera.

Peals were rung by 28 of the party. Seven of the men scored ten peals apiece—John H. Fielden, Anthony H. Smith, John G. Gipson, James L. Towler, David E. Rothera, Philip J. Rothera and Kenneth J. Hesketh, and four nine—Donald F. Murfet, Richard S. Starkie, Peter S. Bennett and Tudor P. Edwards.

The ladies did their full share of the week's ringing, with Susan Rothera scoring seven peals and Josephine A. Quilter and Ann E. Fellows six each. Maryl R. Fielden and Marion R. Bennett were also successful.

WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss T. Orris 1, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 2, B. E. Whiting 3, C. R. Nunn 4, T. Spurling 5.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Brenchley, has conducted Holt's Original 46 times and twice rung in non-conducted peals.

	No. of Bell	No. of Bell
Marden, Kent	12..567.	12.....
Staplehurst, Kent.	.234.67.	.....7.
Linton, Kent.	1..45..8	
Brenchley, Kent.	1.3..6..	
Quex Park, Kent.	..3.....	
Hadlow, Kent.	..3.56.8	.....6..
Birling, Kent.	8	
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.	.2.....	
Tonbridge, Kent.	.2.....	Non-cond.
Aylesford, Kent.	1..4...8	
Penshurst, Kent.	.2.4...8	
Wrotham, Kent.	...45...	
Biddenden, Kent.	....5...	
Frittenden, Kent.	..3...7.	
Lenham, Kent.	1...5...	
Headcorn, Kent.	.2....7.	
Mayfield, Sussex.	...4....	
Burwash, Sussex.	.....7.	
Rotherfield, Sussex.	..3.....	
Putney, Surrey.	..3.....	Non-cond.
Conducted	66666565	(5 times.
Non-conducted	11	"round the circle")
Total	67766565	(46 &2)

YOUTH AT THE HELM

From Stanground, Hunts, we learn that the six bells at St. John the Baptist's Church are now rung regularly by a young band. For nearly six years they had been silent until last September, when a local ringer began to instruct Youth Club members. When he left recently it looked as though the bells would be idle for another long period.

The youngsters of the Church Youth Club would not, however, let this happen. Under their instructor, Adrian Dolby (17), they ring rounds for service. Their enthusiasm has resulted in adults taking an interest and the church now has a few older ringers.



MR. CHARLES BROWN, of Wingfield, near Diss, Norfolk, receiving a gold wristlet watch to mark his 50 years of ringing. The presentation was made by the Rev. G. Muir. In our picture are also the two churchwardens, Mrs. Brown and their son and two daughters.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION FINAL OF THE STRIKING COMPETITION

On a lovely, warm summer afternoon in June, members of the Essex Association gathered at the quiet village of Terling for the final of the striking competition.

With plenty of room to spread out on the village green in front of the church, competitors and other ringers made themselves comfortable to listen to rival bands exercising their skill on the good 11 cwt. six.

Seven teams took part, the judges being Mr. Vernon Bedford, Mr. Peter Bedford and Mr. Walter Arnold. The Master, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, umpired the ringing, each team having two minutes of rounds to get the feel of the bells.

After all the teams had had their turn the Rector of Terling conducted the service to probably one of his biggest congregations for some time, as the population of Terling is small.

After the service, members wandered across a green meadow, part of the Lord Rayleigh estate, for tea in the Village Hall, after which the Master called upon the judges to give their decision on the competition. After making very helpful comments on the ringing, the judges named the young team from Barkingside the winners; the runners-up were Danbury and Dagenham.

Barkingside were congratulated on their good effort, as the band was only formed three years ago.

General ringing continued until about eight o'clock, whereupon the party split up, some going for a little liquid refreshment and others, the more energetic, for a swim in the village's own swimming pool. I think it can be said that a thoroughly good time was had by all.

J. A. Q.

ST. MARY'S GUILD, BOCKING

For their outing to London on July 20th, St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Bocking, made up a party of 43, which also included choristers, servers and friends.

The recently restored Church of St. George-in-the-East provided interest and enjoyment on the light eight. Next came St. James', Clerkenwell, which is undergoing extensive restoration and redecoration and ringing was on the 24¼ cwt. eight.

Lunch was taken in Kensington High Street followed by ringing at St. Mary's, the plain riverside church at Battersea, and St. Mary's, Wimbledon, its hilltop providing a view of the famous tennis courts.

We were all thankful for the marvellous tea provided for Chelsea ringers, and afterwards in St. Luke's Church we managed to ring on the 23 cwt. ring of ten. At 9.30 p.m. the coach started its trek home and arrived at the church gates at 11.45 p.m. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

K. S.

AMATEUR BELLHANGERS

"A London Ringer" writes praising Mr Geoffrey K. Dodd for his constructive article on page 594. He concludes by expressing the hope that "a far more tolerant attitude towards the genuine 'amateur bellhangers' will now prevail, as some have borne a good deal of criticism in the past. For these people are without doubt genuine servants of the Exercise, who are prepared to do a lot of hard work on behalf of the Exercise without fuss, without drama and without applause."

PEALS AROUND THE PENNINES

FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Aug 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	Peter G. Brown	6
Anthony H. Smith	2	J. Barry Pickup	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	James L. Towler	8
Donald F. Murfet	4	Frederick Shallcross	9
John G. Gipson	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in D flat.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
Susan Rothera	2	Richard S. Starkie	8
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	9
Ann E. Fellows	4	Philip J. Rothera	10
David E. Rothera	5	Derek Butterworth	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J.. Hesketh.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

John G. Gipson	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	6
Susan Rothera	2	Richard S. Starkie	7
*Peter G. Brown	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	John H. Fielden	9
Neil Bennett	5	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of London Royal.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

John H. Fielden	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Peter G. Brown	6
John G. Gipson	3	James L. Towler	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

NORTHOWRAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

David E. Rothera	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	Peter S. Bennett	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by David E. Rothera.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Marion R. Bennett	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	5
Maryl R. Fielden	2	John H. Fielden	6
Susan Rothera	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
Josephine A. Quilter	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

FOR THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, being 1,320 Cambridge and Yorkshire, 1,200 London (No. 3) and Lincolnshire, with 75 changes of method.
Tenor 25 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Geoffrey H. Pullin	Treble	*Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Susan Rothera	2	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Frederick Shallcross	3	*Philip J. Rothera	8
*David E. Rothera	4	John H. Fielden	9
Richard S. Starkie	5	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	Peter G. Brown	6
Josephine A. Quilter	2	James L. Towler	7
Ann E. Fellows	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	8
Donald F. Murfet	4	Peter S. Bennett	9
Anthony H. Smith	5	John G. Gipson	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 111 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Susan Rothera	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
John H. Fielden	2	Peter S. Bennett	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
David E. Rothera	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	7
Neil Bennett	2	Peter S. Bennett	8
Richard S. Starkie	3	John G. Gipson	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Derek Butterworth	10
Anthony H. Smith	5	John H. Fielden	11
David E. Rothera	6	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by F. A. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Frederick Shallcross	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Jeffrey Kershaw	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Josephine A. Quilter	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	Peter G. Brown	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	James L. Towler	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	John G. Gipson	Tenor

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

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Wed Aug. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5.024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Peter S. Bennett	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	5
Richard S. Starkie	2	David E. Rothera	6
Frederick Shallcross	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
John G. Gipson	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	6
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Peter G. Brown	7
Susan Rothera	3	James L. Towler	8
Donald F. Murfet	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
J. Barry Pickup	5	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Rothera.
First peal on ten bells as conductor.

WIGAN, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D flat.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	6
Ann E. Fellows	2	J Barry Pickup	7
David E. Rothera	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	8
John H. Fielden	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
Geoffrey W. Randall	5	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

PEALS AROUND PENNINES—Continued.

FOR THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WHALLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E flat.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	James L. Towler	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Ann E. Fellows	2	David E. Rothera	7
Anthony H. Smith	3	Richard S. Starkie	8
David F. Moore	4	John G. Gipson	9
Tudor P. Edwards	5	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At The Town Hall.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Susan Rothera	Treble	Edward Jenkins	7
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Richard S. Starkie	8
Ann E. Fellows	3	James L. Towler	9
Peter G. Brown	4	John H. Fielden	10
John G. Gipson	5	Derek Butterworth	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt 1 qr. 17 lb. in C sharp.

Peter S. Bennett	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	David E. Rothera	7
David F. Moore	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

FOR THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CLITHEROE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

Frederick Shallcross	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Philip J. Rothera	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Richard S. Starkie	3	John G. Gipson	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J Ivin. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

MR. GEORGE E. BONHAM'S PEAL TOUR OF SOUTH WALES

ALL PEALS FOR
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	6
Julia A. Fellows	2	George E. Bonham	7
Robert D. Bellamy	3	A. Patrick Cannon	8
Andrew W. H. Wilby	4	George E. Thoday	9
Philip Mehew	5	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Julia Fellows.

CAERLEON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Graham W. Elmes	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	George E. Bonham	6
Andrew W. R. Wilby	3	Philip Mehew	7
*Robert D. Bellamy	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 75th peal.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	*Timothy F. Collins	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	George E. Bonham	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	George E. Thoday	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal in the method.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	6
Julia A. Fellows	2	*William T. Perrins	7
Tudor P. Edwards	3	†Philip Mehew	8
George E. Bonham	4	A. Patrick Cannon	9
Andrew W. R. Wilby	5	†George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 100th peal together. The conductor's 350th tower for a peal.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	William T. Perrins	5
Robert D. Bellamy	2	George E. Bonham	6
Timothy F. Collins	3	George E. Thoday	7
Andrew W. R. Wilby	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

LLANFIGAN, Brecknockshire.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
George E. Bonham	3	William T. Perrins	7
*Timothy F. Collins	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal. The conductor's 500th bell for a peal.

PENARTH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	George E. Bonham	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
Timothy F. Collins	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. P. Cannon.

NEWPORT, Mon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Peter S. Bennett	Treble	†‡A. Patrick Cannon	7
*†Mary E. Elmes	2	†§George E. Bonham	8
Philip Mehew	3	*†Andrew W. R. Wilby	9
*Robert D. Bellamy	4	†‡David J. Llewellyn	10
*†William T. Perrins	5	Brian Bladon	11
*Graham W. Elmes	6	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal on 12 bells. † Completes the family from Minor to Maximus. ‡ First of Plain Bob Maximus. § First of Maximus. The conductor's 1,175th peal, in 875 different towers.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

Arthur H. Reed	Treble	*Graham Nabb	4
*Mervyn A. Arscott	2	*Rodney A. C. Cross	5
†John Cornelius	3	*Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Minor.
Rung in memoriam British Steam Locomotive, 1825–1968

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents Plain Bob and 22 Grandsire.
Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

Stanley C. Davis	Treble	Alan F. Lee	4
*Victor J. Bowring	2	Alan J. Coombs	5
*Henry J. Coombs	3	Albert F. Butt	Tenor

Composed by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal "inside."
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

HAWKRIDGE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 9¼ wt.

Arthur H. Reed	Treble	*Leslie H. Arscott	4
*Alexander R. Jones ..	2	Rodney Cross	5
*Brenda M. Bindon	3	*Raymond F. Arscott ..	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal of Kent T B
Rung for the forthcoming Patronal Festival and the 650th anniversary of the church receiving its first Rector. Also with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Goode (grandparents of the ringer of the 3rd) on their 51st wedding anniversary.

FRESHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being 10 extents of Rev. St. Bartholomew, 12 extents each of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and eight of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*John C. Sheppard	Treble	Julian E. Newman	3
*Kay Whittaker	2	Peter J. Devrell	4
Alan F. Lee	Tenor		

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First five-bell peal. 100th peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Dr. Francis Pollard, Rector of Freshford 1955–67, and chairman of the Bath Branch of Bellringers.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GOOSTREY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

*Stephen H. Carter	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
William F. Gibbons ..	2	†Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	5
Stephen P. Newton	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal and first attempt. † 150th peal for the Guild. Quickest peal on the bells

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

A. Doreen Edwards ..	Treble	Ivor R. Nichols	4
John R. Scott	2	†Frank R. Morton	5
*James S. Baker	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in the method and has now "circled the tower" twice to peals. † Has now conducted a peal from each bell three times in this tower.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Clive M. Smith	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Peter Beresford	8
Jane Foster	3	John S. Barnes	9
Joan Beresford	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Ronald F. Diserens	5	James A. D. Woolford ..	11
Thomas H. Francis	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
First peal of Londinium by all the band except the ringers of 4 and 5, and also the first for the Society.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
RIPLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Gordon A. Halls	Treble	Arthur Hall	5
*Frank Rogers	2	Gordon Foulks	6
Peter Blight	3	Brian Tomlinson	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Alan H. Bridges	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
EATON SOCON, Huntingdon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

George E. Bonham ..	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
Robert E. J. Dennis ..	2	James A. D. Woolford ..	6
Andrew J. Corby	3	George E. Thoday	7
*Kenneth Warner	4	Alan J. Frost	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Bristol.
Rung as a compliment to John William Phelps and Jeanine Anne Blyth immediately after their marriage.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

David N. Wenden	Treble	Neil V. Avis	5
Heather M. McArthur ..	2	Adrian G. Semken	6
*Christopher I. McAtheur	3	Jennifer M. Andrews ..	7
Edward E. Davey	4	Urban W. Wildney	Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. Meadows. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.
* First peal at first attempt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

E. William Ford	Treble	Brian Bladon	5
*Anita D. O'Brien	2	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	6
†John H. F. Fryer	3	William A. Farmer	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in England.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Maurice A. New and Carole Lovegrove, ma ried on August 10th, 1968.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
GUILDFORD Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

*Michael J. Novell	Treble	†Martin J. Kirk	5
Margaret M. Lewis	2	John A. Collier	6
David J. Hughes	3	Roy Collins	7
Peter J. Privett	4	David J. Tubbs	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Collins.
* First peal † 25th peal. First of Triples on the bells, after meeting short for Caters.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BALDOCK, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., July 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill	5
*Christopher Forster ..	2	Michael P. Moreton ..	6
†Roger D. R. Brown ..	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	Peter T. Dale	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* Completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. † First peal of Stedman.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*Catherine M. Robbins	Treble	Rev. Peter T. Robbins	4
Peter F. T. Smith	2	†Andrew J. Robbins	5
Colin J. E. Wylde	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	Tenor

Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
* First peal. † First of Surprise.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)
BLACKBURN, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat. Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*Frank C. West	Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson	5
John T. Parsons	2	John Pilkington	6
Fred Longworth	3	Bryan D. Hill	7
Gary Wignall	4	*Maurice Hill	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by John T. Parsons.
* First peal
Rung by members of the local band for the christening this day of Arinola, Omotayo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Opedaisi Otuyalo of this parish.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven different extents, viz.: One Oxford Treble Bob, two Kent Treble Bob and four Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

John Bagnall	Treble	Alan Capstick	4
G. Alan Metters	2	Kevin M. Price	5
Nicholas M. Newby	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducting shared by Kevin M. Price and Thomas F. Metcalfe.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues. Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In two methods, being two extents of London and five of Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 26 lb.

George L. Pickering	Treble	Brian L. Burrows	4
*Cynthia M. Wells	2	John Watkins	5
Robin A. Gilliver	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* First peal in more than one method.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A flat.

*Andrew S. Hayden	Treble	Brian L. Burrows	4
†Christopher M. Sturgess	2	Robin A. Gilliver	5
*Tony R. Natt	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal of Minor and first in more than one method. † 50th peal.

LUBENHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., July 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents Plain Bob (four callings), 15 extents Grandsire (ten callings) and five Pitman's 240. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

Guy Slater	Treble	Ronald Russell	3
Hazel J. Nichols	2	Raymond H. Martin	4
Edward W. Martin	Tenor		

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Geoffrey R. Parker	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Christopher J. Sharp	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Frederick J. Cullum	9
Herbert E. Audsley	4	John Walden	10
*Peter S. Muchlinski	5	Michael Maughan	11
David Phillipson	6	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Cinques.

LEA, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of (1) Capel, (2) Sandal, (3) London Scholars', (4) Kingston, (5) Oxford, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) London Surprise.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

John F. Underwood	Treble	Jack Bray	4
Jack L. Millhouse	2	A. Robin Heppenstall	5
G. Leslie A. Lunn	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John K. Smith	Treble	Richard Wilson	5
Richard J. Warrilow	2	Frank Beech	6
Frank Chambers	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Edward F. Gobey. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
First peal in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	†Arthur E. Rowley	5
John K. Smith	2	Frank Chambers	6
*Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	E. Frederick Gobey	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* 50th peal together. † 400th peal. First in the method as conductor. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th. First in the method for the Guild.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Lawrence
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*David J. Morgan	Treble	*David G. Fox	4
†Dorothy M. Stopps	2	*Raymond Henman	5
Barry R. Care	3	‡Allan R. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.
* First peal of Minor in five methods. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal. Rung for the Feast of St. Lawrence.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PURBECK YOUTHS.
WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Fri., July 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods being one extent each of Wells, London, Surfleet, Durham, York, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A.

*Graham W. Eimes	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	4
†John W. Blackwood	2	George E. Bonham	5
†Julia A. Fellows	3	*Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* 25th peal together. † First of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
Muriel Reay	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Susan E. Smith	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	James W. Belshaw	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., July 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Susan E. Smith	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
James Insley	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Maurice F. Edwards	3	George E. Fearn	8
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	James W. Belshaw	9
Peter J. England	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
William L. Exton	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	8
Herbert E. Audsley	3	Frederick J. Cullum	9
P Brian Mills	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
B Stedman Payne	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
David Phillipson	6	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Charles J. Copp	Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	F. William Midwinter	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Derek J. Tysoe	Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Tysoe.
First peal of Minor as conductor and his 25th for the Guild.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
HELMINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

William J. Button	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Ernest G. Pearce	6
Neil V. Avis	3	Leslie G. Brett	7
Leonard E. Last	4	Michael J. Howes	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
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GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 23 lb. in G.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Leslie G. Brett	2	Gilbert R. Goodship	6
Michael J Howes	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
George E. Symonds	4	Ernest G. Pearce	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by George E. Symonds.
The conductor is in his 94th year.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

*Barbara Clift	Treble	Laurence J. Parry	4
†Leslie P. Brain	2	‡Roy C. Groom	5
Margaret Egglestone	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ Most methods to a peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Michael B. Jefferyes	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Laurence Way	6
Caroline R. F. Cole	3	Ian L. Dear	7
*Norman F. Edwards	4	Andrew J. Slade	Tenor

Conducted by Ian L. Dear.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Julia A. Fellows.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*Janet E. Turner	Treble	M. Peter Howard	5
Charlotte M. Harris	2	‡Ian Wickens	6
†Jennifer A. Smith	3	Roger Osbon	7
†Hilary Thick	4	David D. Smith	Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Roger Osbon.
* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ 25th peal. First as conductor.
Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthdays of Carol Gosling (sister of the ringer of the sixth) and Irene Marshall. Also rung as a welcome home from hospital for the mother of the treble ringer.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*Geoffrey F. Durrant	Treble	†Patrick Wills	5
Anne M. Stevens	2	Michael J. Wake	6
Philip Stevens	3	E. Winifred Keys	7
Janet E. Blake	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
* First peal at first attempt (aged 12). † First on eight bells.
Rung as a compliment to Andrew Stevens, a Chichester ringer, who was married to Elizabeth Woods at Chichester on August 10th, 1968.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BADSEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., July 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BADSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt.

Harold Schofield	Treble	Ian Lloyd	5
Hugh Evans	2	John Clements	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Peter Robertson	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
First peal in the method. Rung for the Patronal Festival.
BADSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—1236—12—1238—16—7. l.h. 12 b.

OVERBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Faith.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods: (1) Cambridge S., Beverley S., (2) Cambridge S., Surfleet S., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Harold Schofield	Treble	Maurice Ingram	4
Anna Sadowska	2	Peter Robertson	5
Shirley M. Drew	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
Rung to celebrate the engagement of Anna and Maurice.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
RIPON, Yorks.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Wilfred.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

Enid Lawson	Treble	John H. Taylor	6
*Peter Town	2	Eric N. Harrison	7
Ann Lawson	3	George S. Deas	8
†David Town	4	Philip H. Tocock	9
James Crowther	5	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise Royal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Alan F. Scholfield	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Surprise "in hand." First in the method "in hand" as conductor. Tenor size 15 in C.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being eight 120's each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints' and Rev. Canterbury and ten 120's of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	*John R. Scott	3–4
		*Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6

* 150th peal together.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
		Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6

First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to Melvyn J. Price, brother of the conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At 128, Leicester Road.
On Fri., July 12, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge, two of Kent, three of Oxford and one of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Eileen J. Goodall	1–2	Alfred Ballard (cond.)	3–4
		Geoffrey N. Goodall	5–6

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ELDERKIN.—To Sarah and Derek, another daughter, Freya, born August 12th, 1968, Jessica's sister. 4620

VERDON.—To Daphne (née Pankhurst) and Colin, a son, Ian David, on August 22nd, 1968, at home, a brother for Paul and Cynthia. 4634

ENGAGEMENT

INGRAM—SADOWSKA. — The engagement is announced between Anna K. Sadowska, of Bishop's Cleeve, Glos, and Maurice G. Ingram, of Erdington, Birmingham. 4618

DEATH

HAWKSWORTH.—On August 23rd, 1968, Roger H, tower captain of Brewood ringers, after several months' illness, aged 48. 4629

PERSONAL

U.A. TOUR (recent). Reciprocal greetings and thanks for kind remembrance. Deeply appreciated —York. 4627

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Ringing: Friday 7–9 p.m. Surprise Major practice Saturday 5–8 p.m.
Sunday 8.45–9.30 a.m., 10.30–11 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m.
Refreshments till 7 p.m. (Sunday 6 p.m.).
4597

WYMONDHAM ABBEY
(Founded 1107.)
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
September 13th, 14th and 15th.
Bells (10) available: Fri. & Sat. 7–8 p.m.
Sunday 3 p.m.
Refreshment Marquee.
Evensong daily, 6.30 p.m. 4654

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK
Flower Festival
Fri., Sat. and Sun., Sept. 13, 14 and 15. Bells available Sat., Sept. 14th, 2.15–5 p.m., 6.30–8.45 p.m. Short service Fri., Sat., 5 p.m. Refreshments, Market Hall. Ringers are especially welcome. 4644

ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA, OUTING
September 21st, 1968
Would you like to join us on a day's outing to the Leicester area? If so, please contact A Frank Udall, 54, Cromwell Road, S.W.19 (01-542 7066). Approximate cost 27s. 6d. 4578

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN FESTIVAL
To be held at
Shrewsbury, Saturday, September 21st

Ringing:—

Market Drayton	(8)	11.00—12.00
Cound	(6)	11.00—12.00
Hodnet	(8)	12.45— 1.30
Berrington	(8)	12.30— 1.30
Shrewsbury—		
St. Mary's	(10)	1.45— 3.00
St. Chad's	(12)	3.00— 4.30

Service, St. Chad's, 4.30 p.m. Preacher, The Bishop of Lichfield. Tea, St. Chad's Hall, 5.30 p.m. Ringing after tea, St. Chad's, 7.30–9.

Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, Hon. Sec., 4, Abbots Place, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury, by Tuesday, September 17th. Strictly no name, no tea. 4631

ALL SAINTS', MAIDSTONE. — Practices for Thursday, August 29th, and throughout September are cancelled due to "Son et Lumière." Other ringing not affected. 4623

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION
DINNER
at Moor Court Hotel, Amberley, on Saturday, September 28th. Tickets (25s.) and ringing details from Mrs. Wratten, 19, Ravensgate Road, Cheltenham, by September 14th 4608

CRANBROOK PARISH CHURCH, Kent.
FLOWER FESTIVAL
Sept. 7, 8, 9 and 10, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Ringing, Saturday, 7th, 2.30 to 5 p.m.
Teas served 3.30 to 5 p.m.
In aid of Bell Restoration Fund. 4619

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSN.

A dinner to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Association will be held at the Grand Hotel, Cardiff, on Saturday, October 19th. Tickets (25s.) are now available from: M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 4621

RINGERS' SUNDAY, SEPT. 22nd, at KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX
Ringing 7–8 a.m., 10–11 a.m., 5–6.30 p.m.
Services: Holy Communion 8 a.m., Matins 11 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.
Preachers: Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey and Canon Gilbert Thurlow, assisting the Vicar. Rev. Brian Redgers, and the Rural Dean.
Ringing at towers in the District during afternoon.
Social after Evensong and refreshments.
Free breakfast for those who notify me. Everybody welcome to whole or part of day. See some of you at 7 a.m.
Frank B. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road. Holland-on-Sea. 4531

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
Half-Day Instruction Course in Ringing on Saturday, September 28th, at Islip and Thrapston.
Prospectus and application forms from Mr. M. Tyler, County Education Office, Guildhall Road, Northampton.
E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH
Rededication of the rehung ring of 12 bells.
Saturday, October 5th, 1968, at 3 p.m.
Followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m.
Admission by ticket only, obtainable from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. 4650

HERTFORDSHIRE. — Kimpton Cup Competition. — Saturday, October 5th, 3 p.m. Rules and arrangements as last year. Judges: Pat Cannon and Charles Kippin. Entries to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Herts, by September 28th. 4549

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL. — Ringing Alteration. — Floral Festival, Thursday, Sept. 5th. Sunday, September 8th, instead of usual practice on the Thursday and open ringing for Evensong on the Sunday: arranged quarter peals are to be attempted. 4626

MISCELLANEOUS

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—Presentation to Rev. C. E. Beevers, Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. and during evening Short service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. G. Boast, Elm Royd, South Lopham, Diss.—C. F. W. P. 4673

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE. — At from September 9th, practice nights will be on Monday evenings from 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. 4643

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Stoolball match at Hever, Saturday, September 14th. 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Bring own food—cups of tea will be provided.) Service 6 p.m. Ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. 4590

PEALS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS

Prices. — Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d. for each additional card. — "The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Shelley, Saturday, September 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. 4648

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Great Woolford on Saturday, September 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea until 8 p.m. All most welcome. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa (Tel. Southam 2510). 4603

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. Monthly meeting of the above at Workington on Saturday, September 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 4639

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Exeter, on September 7th, 7–8 p.m.—G. Skinner. 4672

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M. at Whitley Bay on September 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to D. Martin, 25, Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay. 4658

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Oxford Bob and Hull Surprise. 4607

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, September 7th. Sandon (5) 5.30–7 p.m. and Ardeley (6) 7–8.30 p.m.—C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4605

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham, Saturday, September 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. K. M. Haig, Rose Cottage, Cobham, Gravesend, please. — T. Barton. 4558

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting **amendment**: Saturday, September 7th. Darwen, 1430–1700. Cups of tea 1700, then business meeting. Blackburn, St. Michael's (note change): 1900–2000 approx. —Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 4647

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Harmondsworth in belfry on Saturday, September 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing to follow.—M. J. Palmer. 4662

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Alton on Saturday, September 7th. Bells from 5 p.m. All welcome. —D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 4674

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Florence, Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. R. W. Thomas, The Rectory, St. Florence.—J. Prytherch, Hon. Sec. 4614

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting at Stapleford. Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 4579

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Lacock (6), Monday, September 9th, 7 p.m. 4660

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on September 10th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: September 10th, St. Paul's Cathedral; September 17th, St. Mary-le-Bow; September 24th, St. Botolph's, Aldgate; October 1st, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, S.W.12. 4575

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting, Northleigh (6), Friday, September 13th, 7.30 p.m.—E. P. Venn. 4611

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Hessett (5) on Friday evening, September 13th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 4599

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting will be at Willington (6) on Saturday, September 14th, 3 to 4.45, and Cople (6), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Usual arrangements. No service. Sincere welcome to all. 4589

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Scarborough, September 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. at Scalby. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. E. P. King, The Cottage, Manor Farm, Muston, Filey, by the previous Wednesday. 4588

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—A.G.M., Lanchester, Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Walker, 6, Ford Street, Lanchester, Durham. 4652

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Evening practice, Elm (6), near Wisbech, Saturday, September 14th, 6.30–9 p.m. Churchyard Bob to Spliced Minor. 4656

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Evening meeting at Horningsea (5), Saturday, September 14th, 6 p.m.–7 p.m. Fen Ditton (5) 7 p.m.–8 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4671

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Evening meeting, Orsett (6), Saturday, September 14th. Bells 6–9 p.m. 4635

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bishopstone (8), on Saturday, September 14th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday, September 10th. 4651

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, September 14th, 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4670

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), September 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 4649

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Striking Contest and by-meeting at East Sutton (6) on Saturday, September 14th. Contest starts 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. L. Howe, 83, College Road, Maidstone. 4613

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at High Halden, Saturday, September 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Names for tea to Mr. J. F. Burden, 23, The Chennels, High Halden, Ashford, by Thursday, September 12th.—A. P. S. B. 4490

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Damerel (6), Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. J. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, by Monday, September 9th. 4567

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Sefton, Saturday, September 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting in Punch Bowl 5 p.m.—G. K. A. 4451

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Bathampton (6), Saturday, September 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Chapman, 8, Homefield, Thornbury, Bristol BS12 2EW, by September 11th. 4636

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Heywood on September 14th. Association Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. P. Partington, I, Bankfield Lane, Bamford, Rochdale, by Monday, September 9th.—G. Cheetham. 4574

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Meeting, Scothern, Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, 56, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—G. R. P. 4602

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern Branch) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting at Harlaxton, Saturday, September 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Denton bells (if available) in the evening. Names for tea to Canon C. G. C. Robertson, Harlaxton Rectory, near Grantham, Lincs (Tel. Grantham 3923), by Monday, September 9th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4617

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bridgend (8), Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and further ringing. — Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec. 4628

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Church of St. Saviour, Markhouse Road, Walthamstow, September 14th, 2–3. Tea, new Church Hall, Lindley Road, Leyton, E.10, 4.30. Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Church Road, Leyton, 6–8. No business.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4655

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Aldbourne, Saturday, September 14th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts. by Tuesday, 10th. 4642

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — Meeting, Compton Abbas, September 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Shroton bells also available. Names for tea to M. M. Godley, St. Francis Cottage, Yetminster, Sherborne, by September 10th. (Yetminster 332.) 4616

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crawford Cup Final, Orston, September 14th. 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea 5.45. Ringing also at Whatton and Sibthorpe afternoon and evening. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Monday previous. 4612

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Hollesley (8), Saturday, September 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by meeting. Ringing in evening about 7 p.m. Please make this a good meeting. All friends welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, **not later** than **Wednesday**, September 11th.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 4609

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Wisborough Green on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m., followed by service at 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall at 5 o'clock. Bells in the evening until 8.30 p.m. Please notfy for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 4653

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Bournemouth, September 14th. Bells 2.45–4.45. Tea and meeting in St. Peter's Hall, 5. Sopley bells after meeting. Names for tea to A. C. Conway, 121a, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, by September 12th 4584

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Meeting at Calverley, September 14th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. M. Dawson, 34, Carr Road, Calverley, Pudsey, Yorks, by previous Thursday. —A. B. Sullivan, Sec. 4615

DERBY ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of the new ring of eight bells at Pinxton on Sunday, September 15th. Ringing 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after Evensong. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. R. L. Gwyther, The Rectory, Pinxton, Nottinghamshire. 4585

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ruishton, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 4667

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, Steventon, September 21st. Bells 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Number for tea, please, to Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, by Tuesday, 17th. 4641

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Meeting, St. John's, Peterborough, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Visit to Cathedral bells being arranged, 2.15 **prompt.** St. Mary's also available for evening ringing. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday, 18th. 4657

SUFFOLK GUILD and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Reeve, 10, High Street, Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk, by September 19th. 4669

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Epsom Common, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing at Ashtead. Names for tea to D. J. F. Oakshott, 114, Manor Green Road, by Wednesday, 18th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 4640

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Beoley, near Redditch, Saturday, September 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Ison, 10, Clent Avenue, Crabbs Cross, Redditch, by previous Thursday, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4646

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — General meeting at Knaresborough on September 21st. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations for Central Council representatives will be received at the meeting. Bells: Pateley Bridge (6) 10.30–11.30; Boroughbridge (6) 10.30–11.30; Harrogate (8) 10.30–11.30 and 6.30–8; Aldborough (6) 11.15–12; Birstwith (8) 11.30–12.30; Beckwithshaw (6) 12–1 and 6.30–8; Whixley (6) 2–3.30; Kirk Deighton (6) 2–3.30 and 6.30–8.45; Nidd (5) 2–3.30 and 7–8; Knaresborough (8) 2–4.15 and after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gudgeon, Sharon, Forest Moor, Knaresborough, by Wednesday, September 18th.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 4555

LATE NOTICE

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Hoddesdon (8), September 14th, 6 to 8.30 p.m. 4677

DATE TOUCH

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On August 20th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: (Comp. George J. Hawkins), R. G. Beck 1, D. Tarrant 2, R. E. Beck 3, W. F. Eyden 4, A. P. Beck 5, P. Jones 6, E. J. Chivers 7, D. Mackay (cond.) 8.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On August 18th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: D. C. Dabb 1, G. E. Kerley 2, D. L. Kerley 3, P. Jones 4, D. Evans 5, J. Clatworthy 6, D. G. Kerley (cond.) 7, L. R. Scott 8. Rung as as farewell compliment to Peter Jones who is leaving Aberdare for Brighton. Also on August 19th 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Clatworthy (cond.) 1, E. J. Evans 2, D. Evans 3, D. L. Kerley 4, P. Jones 5, G. E. Kerley 6, D. G. Kerley 7, D. C. Dabb 8. The conductor has now called a ♩ from every bell in the tower.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On August 3rd, 1.260 Doubles (3 methods): Rosemary Betts 1, R. Weeks 2, Marion Kemp 3, B. Butler 4, A. Leeves (cond.) 5, P. C. Sinden 6. First in three methods 2 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHOVER, DERBYS.—On August 22nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major in 8 methods: M. G. Dodson 1, D. G. Massey 2, P. England 3, E. Skipsey 4, W. S. Rice 5, R. W. Rice 6, J. Brain 7, G. W. Massey (cond.) 8.

BAGLAN, GLAM.—On August 3rd 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Morris 1, Ruth E. Havard 2, L. C. Hanney 3, J. Hodgetts 4, D. G. Kerley 5, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On August 22nd, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: Hilary J. Osborne 1, P. J. Franklin 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, A. Turner 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First in method by all the band. A 37th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner. First quarter peal by all the band in the method.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jean Henderson 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, E. E. Dodds 4, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 5, P. Wally (1st ½) 6. For Evensong.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. M. S. Stracey (first quarter) 1, Miss L. M. S. Stracey (first in method) 2, A. Stracey 3, E. J. Phillips 4, A. M. S. Stracey 5, J. M. Phillips (first in method as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BERROW, WORCS.—On August 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: F. Clarke 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, L. C. Prosser 3, E. C. Biggs 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ellis Dawe, whose memorial service was held here earlier this day.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On June 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Jennifer Manger 1, D Manger 2, H. Deacon 3, A. Leeves 4, E. Clifton 5, R Weekes 6, B Johnson (cond.) 7, L. Payne 8. For Evensong.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on August 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gwyneth Pritchard (first in method) 1, N. E. Burnett (first in method) 2, A. Critchley 3, A. Forester (first in method) 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, D. Makin-Taylor 6, J. Illingworth 7, E. Andrews 8.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On August 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Hemsley 1, B. Johnson (50th quarter in 1968) 2, Margaret Jenner 3, Jane Osenton (1st Minor "inside") 4, R. Weeks 5, A. J. Leeves (cond.) 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On August 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. J. Lindsell 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, Jennifer Milbank 3, C. H. Gillingham 4, C. Barker 5, K. Brown 6, Josephine Quilter (first of Major as cond.) 7, P. Brown 8. For Evensong and the 21st birthday of the conductor, recently engaged to the ringer of the tenor.

BREDE, SX.—On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods) Jane Osenton 1, Margaret Jenner 2, Marion Kemp 3, B. Johnson (250th quarter) 4, J. Hemsley (first in 2 methods as cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

BRINKLOW, WARKS. — On August 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Cox 1, Mrs. A. Boyd 2, I. F. Garvie 3, I. Thompson 4, D. W. Mountford 5, A Boyd (first Minor as cond.) 6. 1st quarter of Minor 1, 2 and 5. To commemerate the dedication of the new ringing room.

BRISTOL.—At Holy Trinity, Horfield, on August 13th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. J. Walker (1st quarter) 1, D. J. Helliwell 2, R. W. Sweet (cond.) 3, N. P. Hancock 4, M. Powell 5.

BURMARSH, KENT.— On June 10th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, R. A. Birch 2, Mrs. R. Wratten 3, K. Butler 4, P. C. Sinden 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Parfrey 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, Mrs. M. de Jong 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, T. R. Hart 5, E. H. Langley 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, L. W. Jewell 8. Rung prior to the baptism of Nicholas, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Eva.

CAXTON, CAMBS.— On August 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Brain 1, M. Giddings 2, P. S. George 3, I. P. Sawford 4, C. R. Hardy 5, C. D. Corby (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to Mrs. E. Corby and Ian P. Sawford.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On August 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Walters (first quarter) 1, S. R. Hare 2, Rosamund Brown 3, D. G. Brown 4, J. K. Ward 5, M. Hatchett (cond.) 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.— On August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Jean Henderson 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, Mrs. J. A. Richardson 3, Mrs. E. Bangham 4, R. J. Cooles 5, M. J. Bangham 6, R. G. W. Richardson (cond.) 7, F. M. Seabright 8.

CHIDEOCK DORSET.—On August 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. A. Hiller 1, Angela Quick 2, D. B. Ellery 3, R. Williamson 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5. A 16th birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Barrett 1, G. C. King 2, Renee Armstrong 3, Valerie Copleston 4, D. Ralls 5, D. Potter 6, J. Armstrong (cond.) 7, R. Copleston 8. For the 16th birthday of Catherine Barrett.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On August 16th, 1,344 Little Bob Maior: Mrs. A. Loake 1, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 2, Mary Coleman 3, A. E. York 4, E. C. Buckby 5, B. Yeomans 6, J. G. Mitchell 7, P. Bosworth 8. A wedding compliment to Margaret Viccars of Swanbourne and Anthony Sansom of Cranford.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.—On August 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Manger 1, Pamela Court 2, A. Bourner 3, A. Leeves 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—At the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew, on August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fox 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, D. Gagen 4, C. Cousins 5, J. W. Paul 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, P. Gagen 8.

EYTHORNE, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. P. S. Berry 1, E. Clifton 2, P. C. Sinden 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, 50th quarter together 1 and 5.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.—On June 8th 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, B. Johnson 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Staples (cond.) 4, P. C. Sinden 5, H. Deacon 6. (50th quarter-peal together 2 and 3.)

FOXTON, LEICS.—On August 10th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B and Plain) Dr. R. W. Adams 1, H. J. Nichols 2, Hunt 3, R. Russell 4, R. H. Martin (cond.) 5, E. G. Slater 6. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt.

GEDLING, NOTTINGHAM. — On August 18th, 1,320 (24 m/v) Doubles: J. Dawson 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, Miss S. O'Neill 3, R. Anthony 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, R. Adey 6. For Evensong.

GNOSALL, STAFFORD.—On August 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Moulton 1, Valerie Key 2, Lucy Key 3, G. S. Keay (cond.) 4, Pamela Key 5, J. W. Dyke 6. A compliment to Barbara Wiggin, a member of the local band on her wedding to Keith Perry.

GOODNESTONE, KENT —On May 27th, 1,360 Little Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, B. Johnson (100th tower quarter) 2, P. C. Sinden 3, H. Deacon 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On August 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, R. A. Birch 2, Pamela Court 3, J. Hemsley 4, P. C. Sinden 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On August 17th 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. G. Sherwood 1, Miss V. Bone 2, Miss M. J. Berndt 3, D. Jennings 4, R. Clist 5, T. Page 6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 7, D. Leach 8.

HERNHILL, KENT.—On August 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Marsh (first as cond.) 1, G. B. Thompson 2, Diana M. Grayling 3, Christina M. Bouldin 4, P. A. Harrisson 5, A. E. Pullin 6. First in the method 2, 3 and 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.— On August 4th 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): W. Birmingham 1, Margaret Wilton 2, G. J. Berry 3, Penelope Ferris 4, P. Ferris 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On August 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Fuller (first of Minor away from cover) 1, T. Spurling 2, B. E. Whiting 3, C. R. Nunn 4, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 5, I. A. Underwood 6. Also on August 22nd, 1,320 Plain and Reverse Canterbury Pl.: Miss J. M. Fuller 1, B. E. Whiting 2, T. Spurling 3, C. R. Nunn 4, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 5, A. R. Fuller First in Reverse Canterbury and two methods by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.— On July 28th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, Pamela Court 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, R. A. Birch 4, P. C. Sinden 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On August 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Osenton (first of Minor) 1, Marion Kemp 2, Margaret Jenner 3, O. Webster 4, B. Johnson 5, J. Hemsley (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On August 11th, 1,280 Doubles (6 methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas 2, P. M. Fleckney 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Most methods for all except 3 and by a resident band.

Appendix to Central Council Doubles Collection

(Continued from page 595)

(r) Using its own bob, together with a single as indicated in (q).

	Plain Course	Single
371	New Bob	G
372	„	A
373	„	W
374	„	P
375	St. Vedast	G
376	„	A
377	„	W
378	„	P
379	Huntspill	G
380	„	A
381	„	W
382	„	P
383	Blaisdon	G
384	„	A
385	„	W
386	„	P
387	Westminster	G
388	„	A
389	„	W
390	„	P
391	St. Hilary	G
392	„	A
393	„	W
394	„	P
395	Blackburn	G
396	„	A
397	„	W
398	„	P
399	Dragon Bob	G
400	„	A
401	„	W
402	„	P

(s) Bob as in Ascension Variation—e.g. Reverse Grandsire below the treble. Four compositions—bob every fourth lead.

	Plain Course	Variation
421	Plain Bob	Ascension
422	Shipway	
423	Rev. Canterbury	
424	Rev. St. Bartholomew	
425	All Saints	
426	Rev. St. Sebastian	
427	Minster Bob	
428	Chase Bob	
429	New Bob	
430	Westminster II	
431	St. Nicholas	
432	Rev. Union Bob	
433	St. Simon	

(t) Bob as in Burghclere Variation—e.g. Reverse New Grandsire below the treble. Four compositions—bob every fourth lead.

	Plain Course	Variation
441	Plain Bob	Burghclere
442	Shipway	
443	Rev. Canterbury	
444	Rev. St. Bartholomew	
445	All Saints'	
446	Rev. St. Sebastian	
447	Minster Bob	
448	Chase Bob	
449	New Bob	
450	Westminster II	
451	St. Nicholas	
452	Rev. Union Bob	
453	St. Simon	

(u) As in (m) but the Reverse methods, calls made below the treble. Can also call PBPBPS or PBPSPB or PSPBPB twice. This section, together with section (m), is being reconsidered in consultation with Mr. G. A. Dawson and Mr. R. L. Underwood. The variations on these twin-hunt methods, together with the correct calls for the methods, will be published in the next part of the Appendix.

(v) Various combinations of calls, each applicable to only a few methods to give a variation.

	Plain Course	Calls	Variation
491	Plain Bob	c, b	Norfolk
492	„	c, e	St. Agnes
493	„	t, e, s	Blunderbus
494	„	t, b, s	Evening
495	„	t, s	
496	Rev. Canterbury	c, b	Shardlow
497	„	c, e	Inkpen
498	„	t, e, s	Pistol
499	„	t, b, s	
500	„	t, s	

In the above a call is made every time that the observation bell is not affected by the call.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO NAMES OF VARIATIONS—No. 1

4	Ludgershall Var.
8	Skillington Var.
64	Saville Var.
121	St. Clether Var., not Cwmdu.
122	Kelmarsh Var., not Tal-y-llyn.
123	Bradden Var., not Cathedine.
124	Tring Var.
243	Fawley Var., not Sturdy Hill.

CALLS USED IN THE VARIATION

(a) 23145, 21354, 12345, 12354, 21345, 23154 — A Grandsire single. This cannot be used with methods that are plain hunting below the treble, since the resulting singled lead is a plain lead of Rev. St. Bartholomew.

(b) 23145, 21354, 12534, 12543, 21453, 24135 etc. — An Old single. This cannot be used with St. Simon, New Bob, St. Nicholas, Westminster II, etc., since the resulting singled lead is a plain lead of Rev. Union Bob.

(c) 23145, 21354, 12534, 15234, 51324, 53142

(d) 23145, 21354, 12354, 13254, 31254, 32145

(p) 23145, 21345, 12354, 13254, 31245, 32145

(e) 23145, 21354, 12345, 12435, 21453, 24135 — A Grandsire Extreme. This cannot be used with St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Westminster II, etc., since the resulting called lead is a plain lead of New Bob, etc.

(f) 23145, 21354, 12354, 12345, 21345, 23154 — A Wallflower single. This cannot be used with methods that are plain hunting below the treble since the resulting singled lead is a plain lead of All Saints'.

(g) 23145, 21345, 12354, 12345, 21354, 23154 — An Antelope single. This cannot be used with methods that are plain hunting below since the resulting singled lead is a plain lead of Reverse St. Sebastian.

(h) 23145, 21345, 12345, 12354, 21354, 23154 — A Pink single. This cannot be used with methods that are plain hunting below, since the resulting singled lead is a plain lead of Minster Bob.

(i) 23145, 21354, 12534, 12354, 21345, 23154

(j) 23145, 21354, 12345, 12435, 21345, 23154

(k) 23145, 21354, 12534, 12543, 21534, 25143

(l) 23145, 21354, 12345, 12354, 21534, 25143

(m) These bobs are the same as the correspondingly named singles, but without seconds and thirds places made when the treble leads its whole-pull.

(To be continued.)

WANTAGE RINGERS IN LONDON

Wantage Church bellringers' outing this year was held on August 10th and departed somewhat from the pattern which has been set in recent years. After an uneventful coach journey to London there was time for a cup of coffee before a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where we were met by Mr. W. A. Hughes, who gave us a most interesting talk on the history of the foundry, which has occupied its present site in Whitechapel since the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and where many famous bells have been cast. The party toured the foundry and was shown the equipment used in the moulding, casting and tuning both of tower bells and of handbells, and Mr. Hughes explained the methods used which have changed but little over the centuries.

After lunch the afternoon was spent at the Science Museum at Kensington, where Mr. Douglas Hughes and Mr. Walter Dobbie demonstrated the Carter Ringing Machine. Mr. Hughes told us the history of this machine, which belongs to the Central Council and which has been deposited at the Science Museum since 1925. Mr. Dobbie ran the machine to a touch of Stedman Carters and a plain course of Eryri Major, and one could not but wonder at the inventive genius of John Carter and admire the work which is still carried out to keep the machine in working order.

On our way home we called at Burnham Beeches, where all did justice to the excellent tea, and then on to St. Peter's, Burnham, where we had an hour's good ringing. By this time the sun was really shining and the adjournment for refreshments to the adjoining Five Bells was very much welcomed. And so back to Wantage after a most enjoyable outing.

We record our gratitude to Mr. W. A. Hughes, Mr. Douglas Hughes and Mr. Walter Dobbie for the trouble they took for our benefit, to the incumbent of Burnham and to our friends from East Hendred, Blewbury and Streatley for the pleasure of their company.

K. L.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT RINGERS IN DERBYSHIRE

Rochdale Branch ringers enjoyed a day's tour of Derbyshire, arranged by Michael D. Fishwick, of Newhey, on July 29th. Nine towers were available and by 10 o'clock we were at New Mills, where some fairly good ringing was obtained on the pleasant, easy-going eight. At Taxal we enjoyed the lovely six. Half an hour had been allowed for the ringing here, as at the other six-bell towers, and we were on our way again at 11.35 a.m., this time to Chapel-in-le-Frith, where we were made very welcome.

After ringing, we had two hours in which to have lunch and arrive at the next tower, where some good ringing was enjoyed. Next came the picturesque village of Eyam, made famous during the Plague, and its lovely old church. The bells were the lightest of the day (tenor 6¼ cwt.) and just suited to the Newhey ringers! Courses of St. Clement's and Cambridge Minor were rung. At Great Longstone much amusement was caused by the positioning of the ropes, there being only about six inches between the wall and the ropes on the 4th and 5th, and not much more on the 2nd, 3rd and 6th. After this we travelled through some beautiful countryside, stopping on the way to eat our packed teas, to the "Cathedral of the Peak" at Tideswell. The lovely bells produced some of the finest ringing of the day, including courses of Double Norwich and Cambridge. The quality of the easy-going six at Baslow was reflected in the ringing. These were undoubtedly the day's favourites with several of the party. The last tower was at Dore, where the best ringing of the day was heard, the highlight being a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

After standing the bells, the company began to disperse, but not before congratulating Michael on the fine job he had made in arranging the outing. The timing had been near perfect and the bells he had chosen had been enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks go to all incumbents and local ringers.

J. L.

COMPOSITIONS

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—An attempt to ring 12,096 Huddersfield Surprise Major will be made at the Church of St. Thomas, Newhey, Lancs, on Saturday, September 7th, 1968, starting at 1 p.m. The composition is appended.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

Rochdale, Lancs.

12,096 HUDDERSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

	234567	I	O	4th	V	M	(3½)	W	H
	352764	2	—	—					
	635427		—		2				2
	(532467)					—			
	763452	—	—					2	3
	763542						S		
	(473652)						S	—	
	563427			—		2			—
	(573624)				—				
	423567			—					—

Repeat twice.

5,056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

	23456	M	B	W	H
	35426	—	x		
A	52364	—	SS		—
A	35264	—	x	—	—
A	23564	—	x	—	—
	23645		A		
	34625	—	x		
	46253		SS	—	—
	54632	—	SS		
	43265		SS		—
	24365	—	x	—	—
	32465	—	x	—	—

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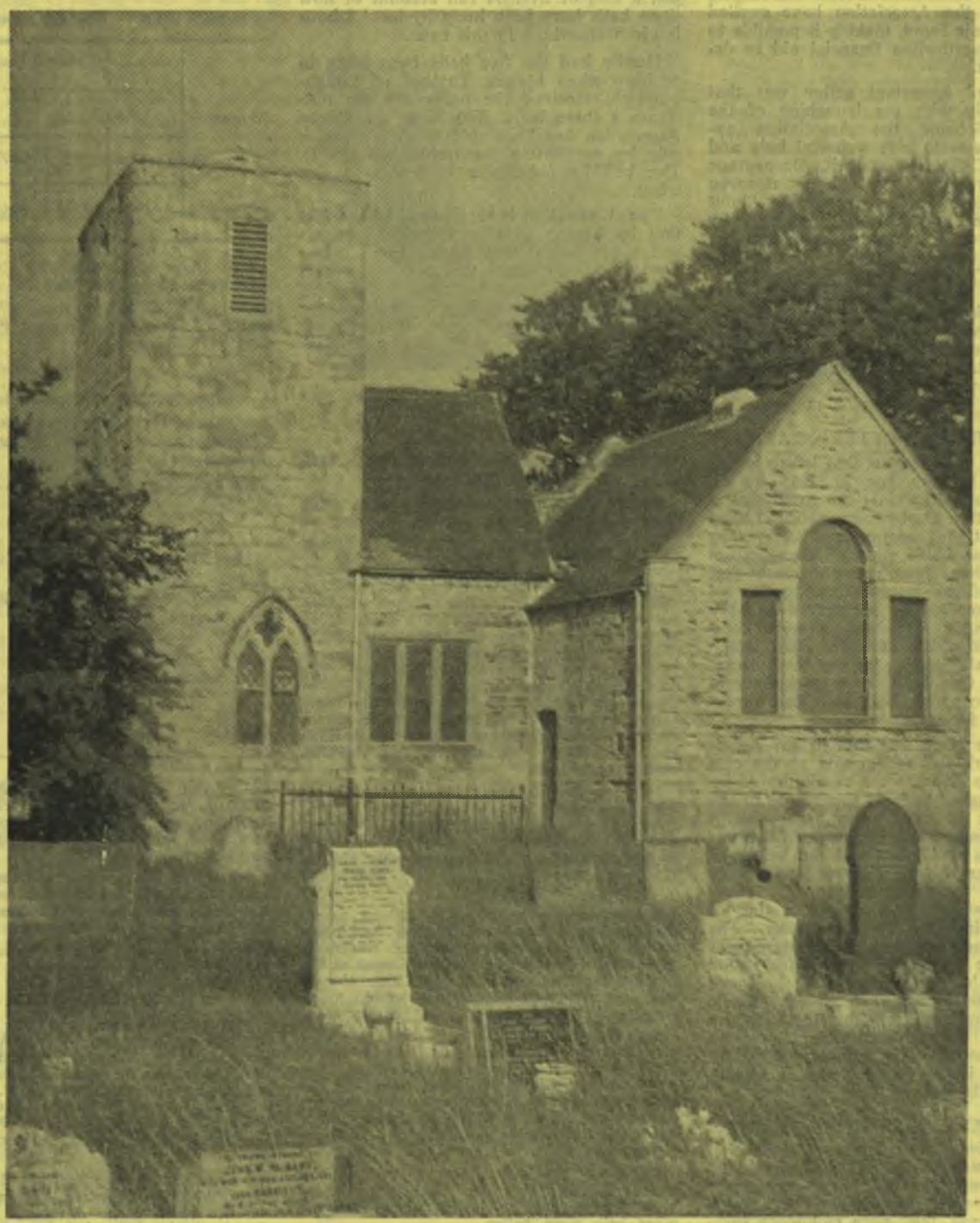
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The Church of St. Helen, Pinxton, Derbyshire

Helping a Mining Village to get Ring of Eight

By GORDON A. HALLS

THE initial steps which made it possible for the Derbyshire Association to play such a significant role in the Pinxton project were laid in 1961. In that year the Association launched its Bell Repair Fund Affiliation Scheme. By paying an annual subscription any P.C.C. of a church having a ring of bells could become affiliated to the Association's Bell Repair Fund. At present 85 P.C.C.s within the diocese have joined and their regular contributions when added to the contributions from the ringing members of the Association have swelled the Bell Repair Fund, making it possible to give really worthwhile financial aid to deserving cases.

The second important action was that simultaneously with the launching of the Affiliation Scheme the Association appointed advisers to give technical help and advice to P.C.C.s requesting it. On average these advisers now deal with about seven or eight requests for help per year. About 90% of cases are dealt with entirely by these advisers. In the remainder additional outside help is sought from either the Central Council Towers and Belfries Committee or from the bellfounders themselves. One of the technical advisers, Mr. G. A. Halls, is also a special adviser to the Bishop's Advisory Committee to the Diocesan Consistory Court. It is in this role that he receives the more unusual requests coming mainly from churches having no bells.

INDESCRIBABLE DETERIORATION

It was one such request that led to an inspection at Pinxton late in 1965 by G. Halls and John Morton (then architectural adviser to the Derby Association). The situation that they encountered at Pinxton was an indescribable state of deterioration and neglect that left no room for doubt that the whole of the internal construction of the tower from top to bottom would have to be removed. The timbers were completely riddled with woodworm, death watch beetle and all manner of rot and decay. There were two bells, one cracked completely in two parts. Both bells had almost non-existent fittings.

The advice given was that in any reconstruction work full recognition at the outset should be given to the possibility of installing a ring of bells at some time in the future. This in itself presented problems because the internal dimensions of the tower were 6½ feet by 12 feet and the height of the tower was 30 feet. However, with early consultation with the bellfounders (Taylors) plans were drawn up for a ring of eight bells installed on two levels. The plans included provision of a lattern roof and blocking up of the louvres for sound control. It also allowed room in the lower part of the tower for a vestry. The whole design is a masterpiece in showing what can be achieved by carefully planning at an early stage to cater for future possibilities. Every credit is due to the architect responsible—Mr. Thomas, of Derby.

ENTHUSIASM AND DETERMINATION

Having given their advice and seen it readily accepted, the two Derby Association advisers never expected to see the plans fully implemented within the next three years. However, they were reckoning without the enthusiasm and determination of the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Gwyther. It was not long before the Derby Association Committee were being called upon to consider making a grant from its Bell Repair Fund towards the cost of installing the ring of bells. The Association, trying in its small way to influence events, offered various amounts from £50 if a ring of five was installed with a frame for eight up to the full cost of the smallest bell if the full ring was installed. The Southwell Diocesan Guild also made a grant of £25. It was at this point that the first and only sign of wavering on the part of the Vicar of Pinxton was noted. He and his P.C.C. chose to have just a ring of five. A full account of how these bells have been hung by local labour is given elsewhere in this issue.

Hardly had the five bells been hung in position when Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, received the order for the outstanding three bells. This time the Derby Association has been able to play a major role by purchasing the treble bell (£167). The bell itself bears a statement to this effect.

The Association is very proud of the fact that by having its own technical advisers and a substantial Bell Repair Fund it has been able to influence the course of events at Pinxton. It has in some small way been able to steer the determined efforts of the people at Pinxton into achieving something of which they as well as the Derby Association can be truly proud.

OUTINGS

CHAPEL ALLERTON OUTING INTO THE YORKSHIRE DALES

Twelve people made an early start from Chapel Allerton, Leeds, on the morning of Saturday, August 24th. Our first call was at Pately Bridge at 9 a.m. The Vicar had warned us that we might have some difficulty ringing the bells and we found that some of them needed a lot of pulling. When we drew out of Pateley Bridge we were a party of 15 in four cars. A steep hill led us out of the town on to the mist-covered heather moors. We arrived on time at Kirkby Malzeard. The six bells are twice as heavy as our own at Chapel Allerton but go very easily and were a joy to ring. Here we could be more adventurous with methods and we rang Stedman and Cambridge. We also had an all-ladies band.

Next on the list was Aysgarth (6) We arrived by a very strange route, closing the windows to keep out the undergrowth. We had a packed lunch before ringing and then had to find the key . . . which was very elusive. The home-made sallies are very faded and dusty but perfectly usable.

Askrigg bells were almost the lightest six on the trip but before many touches had come round there were many exhausted ringers in the tower. This is not a ladies' tower at the moment but the new local band have already made an improvement and may yet do more.

We separated to go over the moors from Wensleydale into Swaledale. By now the mist had cleared a little and we had lovely if breathtaking views down into the dales. We were late at Richmond after witnessing an accident but were allowed extra time on the lovely eight. We then had to drive quickly down the A.1 because our timetable had been disrupted.

Burneston, the sixth tower of the day, was a ground-floor ring. The 5th bell proved to be a nasty surprise to the unprepared but the other bells were better.

We had a salad tea in Burneston and had to hurry down to Harrogate. Unfortunately we were 20 minutes late and found ourselves locked out, unable to ring. After this we split up, some staying in Harrogate for a meal and the others going home. We were very tired, but the outing had been very satisfactory.

We would like to thank all the people who helped to make this a successful tour, especially the Vicars and others who met and welcomed us. Also thanks to Ron, who arranged the outing. M. W.

A DEVON TOUR

In perfect weather conditions another successful tour, organised by Mr. A. L. Bennett, took place on Saturday, August 24th, when East Devon was the venue. Those accompanying him were Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wheeler and daughter, Messrs. D. R. Mould, G. E. Mudge, J. C. Michelmore, E. J. Cann, P. Perkins, A. W. Myers, M. W. Myers, S. Pierce and A. N. Frost.

Towers visited were Brampford Speke, Poltimore, Whimple, Plymtree, Payhembury, Awliscombe, Kilmington, Musbury and Hawkchurch, the lunch break being at Whimple and the tea interval at Axminster. Most of the standard methods were rung, a great deal of this being tape-recorded. A. L. B.

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PINXTON'S FINE EXAMPLE OF "DO IT YOURSELF"

By the Rev. RONALD L. GWYTHER

THE vogue for "do it yourself" has its followers in Church circles, and the Parish of St. Helen, Pinxton, does its best to keep up with current practice.

Pinxton is a small mining village of some 4,000 people on the borders of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and about 14 miles north-west of Nottingham. The church building was begun about A.D. 1150 and the tower built about A.D. 1300. The tower is a squat rectangular edifice, 12 feet by 9 feet, 30 feet high and with a flat roof. Originally it had three bells, but when the present parish priest, the Rev. Ronald L. Gwyther, came to the parish in 1960 there were only two bells in the tower. One, cast about A.D. 1366 by Johannes de Stafford, and cracked completely into two, was hanging very precariously. The other was cast by Thomas Mears in 1803 and was being chimed for services.

OBLIVIOUS OF DANGERS

The quinquennial survey carried out just after Father Gwyther arrived showed that if the chiming had gone on much longer the bell probably would have fallen through the floor. In fact the oak bell frame and floors, riddled with death-watch beetle and suffering from both wet and dry rot, had been condemned as dangerous in 1890. However up to September, 1960, the bell was chimed each Sunday with priest and choir in the vestry below seemingly oblivious of the danger suspended overhead.

With all the other repairs needed the survey showed that about £8,000 worth of work was necessary. The bells for a time were a luxury. By 1965 the essential repairs to the church had been largely carried out and in the process the men learned a lot about church repairs through "do it yourself."

With this experience and enthusiasm the Church Council began to look into the problem of the tower and repairs to the bells. The Diocesan Advisory Committee was most helpful and sent along its adviser, Mr. G. Halls, of Derby. On his advice the architect, Mr. Thomas, of Derby, consulted with Taylors, of Loughborough. Plans for a frame and eight bells were drawn up and costs estimates obtained. With all the works necessary the architect worked out a figure of just over £3,000.

PLENTY OF FAITH

At that time there was no money. What money had been raised had been spent on repairs to the church itself. However, the old bells had to come down before they fell down. Some had plenty of faith, and persuaded the parish to apply for a faculty to take out the old bells and to implement the plan to erect the new ring of eight bells. The Chancellor must have had plenty of faith also, for the faculty was granted.

So a few men and the young servers began to clear out the tower. They began by taking out about two tons of bird droppings and ended with the removal of an old chimney stack inside the tower. One significant landmark occurred on the night four brave men took down the two old bells and thus allowed the choir to assemble in the vestry below in safety.

The bells and some of the bell frame were put on display in the Church Hall. Old choristers blanched when they saw what had been hanging over their heads. Interest rose, and it was decided to send out an appeal to every household in the village. The result was most satisfactory and an order for five of the eight bells was soon placed.



PUTTING A NEW BELL IN THE TOWER

GIFT OF NEW BELL FRAME

Lots of people were now beginning to help. The Derby and Southwell Bell Ringers Associations gave generously. The milkman took the old bells down to Loughborough on his milk float for recasting. The owner of the local steel-fabricating plant ordered his men to make the bell frame and then sent it to Loughborough. Other men began to prepare the tower and dig the holes in the tower walls for the new bell frame and floors. The stone blocks of which the tower is constructed were terribly hard, and an ordinary hammer and chisel had little effect. Fortunately a firm nearby lent a compressor and drills and a wonderful Irish operator. By Palm Sunday Eve, 1967, the work was in full swing.

Slowly the work progressed. Most of it could only be done on Saturdays. Men who worked hard all week now found themselves working even harder on their day off, digging holes in stonework, hauling up great steel beams of the new bell frame. Clerks accustomed to pushing pens all week now found themselves pushing about great blocks of old timber and new steel work. They went to church on Sunday offering up bruises and blood blisters. Women who came into church were likely to find themselves presented with dusters and mops and then working for hours to make the church clean for Sunday services. The congregations suffered minor inconveniences, but nobody complained—members just picked up dusters and cleaned their seats.

HORRIFYING EXPERIENCES

The work had its moments, such as when a beam swung out of control and the parish nearly had to get a new priest. One man, helping to dismantle a floor, stood his crowbar upright on the main floor beam and was horrified to see it plunge through the rotten wood into the vestry below. He got down and did not come up again until the new steel joists were in position.

The old flat roof, which had to be replaced, was left as long as possible but it had to come off to allow the new bells to be lowered into the tower from above. The main beam supporting the old roof had been used throughout the operations to carry the block and tackle, and all the new steel bell frame had been hauled up on this. When it came to dismantling the old roof and dislodging this beam, men went white. It had been a case of "where ignorance is bliss," etc., for two of the men stood on the new bell frame and just lifted up the beam and threw it over the side.

The frame had been set in position by local fitters who, to their great satisfaction, got it to well within 1–5,000th of an inch. Mr. P. Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, like many other people, had been rather dubious of the claim to "do it ourselves." The excellence of the bell frame and the competence of the fitters convinced him otherwise. So much so that in his estimate for the final three bells he allowed just for the casting and tuning of the bells, stating in his letter that the men of Pinxton would do the rest. Finally a great crane, lent anonymously, arrived one day, and the new bells were put into their places.

SPIRITUAL VALUE

It has been a marvellous experience, and the parish is now on the point of dedicating and installing the final three bells to complete the ring. The work throughout has been of a very high standard—it had to be passed both by the architect and Mr. Taylor. The "do it yourself" attitude has saved us well over £1,000, but that is small compared to what has been achieved on the spiritual side.

It has brought people to church, people who know they are wanted—men and women who are being prepared for Confirmation now. It has given the parish a sense of confidence that it can tackle big works and bring them to a satisfactory conclusion.

It is easy to pass disparaging remarks about bells in Pinxton and the starving millions outside. God can be glorified in Pinxton through the offering of time and work and money and effort. People have to gain confidence, feel that they are needed, and then they can go out to do even greater work for God.

THE BELLS

The ring, five bells erected July, 1967.

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Tenor	5	2	8
7	3	3	21
6	2	3	9
5	2	1	25
4	2	0	9

The final three bells are being dedicated on Sunday, September 15th, at 4 p.m. by Bishop T. R. Parfitt.

(See also page 704)

REMEMBERING THOSE OF 250 YEARS AGO

Mr. Bevan Wilgress abandoned at short notice the making of a concrete path in his garden to take part in the memorial peal of Grandsire Triples for Mr. A. C. Haines at Hingham, Norfolk.

The ringers also remembered "James Brook, John Briggs, William Palmer, Robert Crane, Henery Howard, Wm. Callow, Tho. Melchior, Tho. Barrett," who rang John Garthon's composition at Mancroft just 250 years ago. They also noted the splendid work which Mr. Jack Elliot has done in the belfry in maintaining bells and fittings in perfect condition and cleanliness.

WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT IN 12-BELL RINGING

Peal of 40 Surprise Maximus Methods at Liverpool Cathedral

ON the heavy bells of Liverpool Cathedral on August 17th a peal of historical significance was rung—5,040 spliced Surprise Maximus in 40 methods.

Such a meritorious performance is not only a new record for spliced Maximus ringing, but is crowned by having been rung on the heaviest bells in the country.

We are sure that many will re-echo the congratulations of Mr. J. L. Millhouse that appeared in our last issue.

Unquestionably, this is the finest achievement in 12-bell ringing ever accomplished and the Lancashire Association can record with pride a feat that will go down in the annals of 12-bell ringing.

CONDUCTOR'S COMMENTS

The peal at Liverpool Cathedral on August 17th raises the record for Spliced Surprise Maximus from 35 to 40 methods. A feature of particular note. and pleasure to the participants, is that the peal was achieved by a band consisting entirely of ringers trained in Lancashire and Cheshire. The conductor wishes to thank Mr. J. Ridyard for the privilege of using the Cathedral bells, Mr. Shirley Burton for his assistance in obtaining new methods, and also those ringers from the Manchester area who helped in the preparations for this peal.

Would anyone keeping records of compositions please note that the composition of 35 methods rung at Leicester in September last year appears incorrectly in the 1967 Lancashire Association Report. The leads Redfield and Brigstow should be juxtaposed to obtain the composition as actually rung, although its truth is not affected in either form.

NEIL BENNETT.

FINDING NEW BAND FOR PINXTON'S NEW BELLS

THE restoration of the tower and the plan to install a ring of bells at St. Helen's, Pinxton created a lot of enthusiasm in this small Derbyshire mining village on the borders of Nottinghamshire. Whilst the work was going on, the Rector, Father Gwyther, collected a few people together who were willing to learn to ring. Mr. Les Rawson, of Selston. was asked to provide tuition and he readily agreed. Almost at the same time a young man. new to the village, who claimed to have learned to ring in London, came forward with an offer to help. The offer was accepted and he was left to get on with organising and training the new band. Unhappily the young man's abilities as a ringer and as a leader did not match up to what was required and interest and determination flagged. The band, such as it was, broke up.

The prospect of the bells being installed in the tower without a band of ringers to ring them was the cause of dismay among the "do it yourself gang of bellhangers," of whom Bryan Jones was one. The gang had expected to have a ready-made band of ringers to take over as soon as their work was finished. Bryan was doubly concerned because some weeks earlier the regulars in the Horse Shoes had jibed him as to whether the bells would ever ring. Bryan, being rather more full of drink than wisdom, had retorted that the bells would be ringing on July 15th—Carnival Day—when the procession went round the village. Much midnight oil had to be burned but with one day in hand Mr. Paul Taylor inspected the work, test-rang the bells and gave the O.K.

On Carnival Day everyone concerned with the work of installing the bells was well satisfield with the result, as the Selston band rang them for the first time. During the Carnival celebrations the conversation turned naturally towards bellringing and the lack of ringers at Pinxton. There were several suggestions. One was that those who had hung the bells should now ring them. Bryan's opinion was that he had done his bit and that it was now up to someone else. It was at this point that his friend Dennis dropped a bombshell: "I was going to tell you; I have been talking to the Rector about this ringing lark and I've volunteered that you and I will learn." Bryan's reply was short, sharp and unprintable. However, after a few more carnival celebration beers, bought by Dennis, Bryan found the idea more appealing and by the end of the evening was even looking forward to his first lesson.

Some weeks passed before anything more happened; holidays interrupted organised activity. Early in September Father Gwyther made a fresh effort and decided to learn himself. There would now be about seven people wanting to learn to ring. Once again a Pinxton band went to Selston; this time progress was more positive and after a few weeks the learners were capable of ringing rounds and call changes. Following Mr. Rawson's advice, the band started to ring on their own bells at Pinxton, practising what they had learned at Selston. For some time the striking was erratic and even non-existent. Several stays were despatched—largely due to the lightness and quickness of the new ring (tenor five cwt.).

With the exception of weddings the new bells had not been rung for service. By October there was sufficient confidence to make the first attempt, so on Sunday, Oct. 15th, 1967, the bells were rung for Evensong for the first time by the local band. The band now ring regularly for service and they have started to train their own recruits. The strength of the band is now twelve, with the majority in the 11 to 15 age group.

The amount of time spent in teaching learners has slowed down the rate of progress in change ringing, nevertheless three of the band are learning Bob Doubles and two others can plain hunt the treble. If progress continues at the present rate it should be possible to ring Bob Doubles before too long.

This, then, was the beginning of the Pinxton band. They would like to thank publicly all those ringers who have helped and encouraged them so far, particularly Les Rawson, Cyril Jacques, Fred Ball, Gornet Noon, Stanley Harpham, Don Hutchinson and Stephen Marshall of the Selston band.

B. J.

OBITUARY

REV. A. T. STEPHENS

The death occurred at Bournemouth on August 23rd of the Rev. Arthur Treeve Stephens in his 84th year. He was Rector of Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset, from 1945 until his retirement in 1963.

Although not a ringer, he took a keen interest after coming to Somerset and was chairman of the Crewkerne Branch from 1948 until 1961. In appreciation of his devoted and faithful service he was made a vice-president of the Bath and Wells Association in 1962.

He was laid to rest at Shepton Beauchamp on August 26th. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung in his memory by the local band.

J. C.

R. L. HAWKSWORTH

Roger Lovatt Hawksworth was associated with Brewood Church all his life and became a ringer there under the direction of John Perry in the middle '30's. His work as a farmer restricted his peal activities but he had rung about 75, chiefly for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. His first, on June 18th. 1938, was Grandsire Triples at Pattingham. His last was Grandsire Caters at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. The one of which he was most proud was a peal of Grandsire Triples by a local band, which he conducted. Outside of farming his main interest was his church with its magnificent ring of eight. He served on the P.C.C. and was a member of the choir. His unassuming but pleasant manner endeared him to all his associates, and the number of regular performing local ringers is evidence of his untiring efforts in the tower.

His funeral was on August 28th, the service being conducted by the Rev. R. Schottelvig and attended by numerous parishioners and friends. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service and a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung later in the day.

K.

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

By R. A. G. INGLIS.

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(b)=2. 13s. 15s. 19.

First rung by the Cambridge University Guild at Christchurch Priory on August 20th, 1968.

The Property of the Ancient Society of College Youths

By W. T. COOK—Librarian of the Society.

(Continued from page 685)

UNTIL the year 1936 the Master's badge of office was quite a small affair, not originally designed for the purpose. In 1837, at the time of the Society's bicentenary, the Master was Richard Mills. The Society at that time was at a low ebb and, in an endeavour to improve matters, he offered a silver medal to each of the band who should ring peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus.

The first set of these medals was won by a band who rang a peal of Oxford Major at Newington in 1840. James Mash was one of the band, and his son, George, afterwards presented his father's medal to the Society. It was this medal which was used as the Master's badge, and is now worn by the Immediate Past Master. On the obverse, surrounding a bell, are the words "Campanalogia. R. Mills, Master, 1837," and on the reverse "Society of College Youths. Established A.D. 1637." Details of the peal are also engraved on it. A similar medal, won by J. R. Haworth in 1841 for a peal of Oxford Royal, is also in the possession of the Society. Both these medals are approximately two inches in diameter.

THE MASTER'S BADGE

The present Master's badge of office was designed by E. A. Young and presented by past officers in 1936 to commemorate the forthcoming tercentenary of the Society. At the ends of the ribbon are six coats of arms, those of Lord Brereton (the Society's first Master), St. Paul's Cathedral, Sir Richard Whittington, the City of London, Southwark Cathedral, and Sir Henry Tulse (Lord Mayor of London and Master of the Society in 1684). Beneath these on either side are reproductions of the Society's mace. The main part of the badge is surmounted by a reproduction of the "Muse of Campanology" from the membership certificate, under which is a production of the old Master's badge, flanked by men wearing typical dresses of 1637 and 1937. The inscriptions on the badge read "Ancient Society of College Youths, 1637–1937," and "Vivamus unanimiter. Sit perpetuum."

At the Society's business meetings the Master uses a gavel with a head carved in the shape of a bell inscribed "Junior Society of College Youths, 1820." This Junior Society was founded in 1820 to supplement the work of the older Society. It survived until 1839. It is the custom at these business meetings to pass round what is known as the "Pence Box," by means of which members contribute to the Society's Benevolent Fund. The box normally used is a small one in light oak, but the Society also has a much larger one, carved from solid oak, with bell-shaped decorations on its lid and sides. This was made by Thomas Hussey, a ringer at Hughenden, Bucks. When Hughenden Church was restored in 1875 it was decided to augment the then existing ring of four bells to six, and Thomas Hussey made the box out of wood from the original bell frame to collect money to do this. Although he was not a College Youth he was always keenly interested in the Society, and when he was forced to give up ringing, in 1882, he presented the box to the College Youths.



THE MASTER'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

BUST OF W. T. COCKERILL

Nearly all the items of property I have so far described are kept in the bookcase which stands in the centre of the ringing room at St. Paul's. On top of this bookcase is a plaque with the following inscription: "The bust of W. T. Cockerill, made by Muriel Hiley, exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1929 and presented to the Ancient Society of College Youths by E. A. Young, was placed in this Tower by permission of the Dean and Chapter in 1938. In the same year, in his memory, W. S. B. Northover of Bridport made and gave to the Society this bookcase." The bust referred to will be familiar to all who have rung at St. Paul's It stands at the exact height of W. T. Cockerill, and on the pedestal is recorded that he was conductor of the St. Paul's band from 1911 to 1938, and secretary of the A.S.C.Y. from 1892 to 1937.

In the bookcase just mentioned, besides several books, manuscripts and other documents, are also kept a stainless steel tray presented to the Society by J. E. Lewis Cockey in 1936 in appreciation of the assistance in ringing he had received from various members, and some gramophone records of historic interest. These are of half-muffled ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Armistice Day, 1927 (Stedman Cinques—a poor recording) and two test records of handbell ringing—three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a bob course of Stedman Triples, rung in 1928 by C. F. Winney, H. R. Pasmore, H. Langdon and W. T. Cockerill (some first-class ringing on a light set of handbells).

(To be continued)

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On August 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Humphrey 1, P. Hawcock 2, J. Sneyd (first quarter) 3, G. Duke 4, Miss S. Popleston 5, R. Blackler 6. A farewell to J. Sneyd, moving to Burton-on-Trent.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On August 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rachel J. Sinden 1, J. Hedgcock 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, P. J. Heritage 4, R. A. Reeves 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

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LETTERS

INCOME TAX AND WEDDING FEES

Dear Sir,—"My attention was drawn to a lady in Surrey who recorded her wedding fees on her Income Tax return." This is what our Editor said in a footnote to a letter published in "The Ringing World" of July 19th. Whether this was with tongue in cheek or not I do not know. I recall this because only last week my accountant rather surprised me when he wanted details of income from this source for Income Tax purposes. This could well serve as a caution to other ringers, especially to tower captains or their secretaries who receive the money for distribution either to keep a record of its distribution, as the Vicar no doubt has to, or to keep no record at all and not to talk about it to non-ringers, as I think this is the way my accountant got his information. You will be pleased to know, however, that owing to the nature of my work my income from wedding fees was nil.

In passing, I know of one church where £100 is quite often spent on flowers for the day and therefore charges a guinea a rope for the bells—or should I not have said this lest the Income Tax man hears?—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Cosham, Hants.

WEDDING FEES

Dear Sir,—May another G. Robinson answer the letter of his namesake in "The Ringing World" of July 19th? My experience has been that when a regular church member is married the ringers take the trouble to find out when the service is taking place so that they may join in the celebration and that they give their services freely as a wedding present.

I should not keep my ringers long if I informed them that their services were required at such and such a time for the wedding of someone who never entered the church at all—whether it were "for an hour or so" or even five minutes on a Saturday afternoon. Has Mr. Robinson ever in his search for motives asked why such folk really want the bells or whether the occasion is a proper one for their use at all?

No one else is expected to give his services free or for the benefit of church funds at a wedding—why should ringers? £5 is quite inadequate, anyway.—Yours faithfully,

GORDON ROBINSON.

Sherborne, Dorset.

KEEPING "DOVE'S" UP TO DATE

Dear Sir,—We have just seen a new copy of "Dove's" and a discussion ensued; we have come up with the following suggestion. All changes of practice nights, augmentations, etc., should be notified to Mr. Dove and the whole published at three- or six-month intervals in "The Ringing World." We have been caught by changes of practice nights which have been notified in "The Ringing World" and which have not been altered in our copies of "Dove" at the time. We are sure Mr. Dove keeps his copy amended. Could we ask that he should help ringers in this way—by keeping and sending regularly for publication a list of amendments.

Could we further suggest that the next edition includes the postal town of each tower where this is different from the name of the tower listed.—Yours faithfully,

A. HORSFORD, All Hallows', Twickenham.
P. W. BEVINGTON, St. Mary's, Twickenham.
M. J. BANGHAM, Wimbledon.
D. BROCK, Sunbury-on-Thames.
N. F. EDWARDS, Chiswick.
J. F. M. MAYBREY, Esher.
M. J. SEAGRAVE, Cheltenham.

AMBIGUITY OVER RECORD PEALS

Dear Sir,—Almost every issue of "The Ringing World" this year has included some reference to the rules of the Central Council. A common factor has been ambiguity. F. Price asked for "clarification and modernisation" (page 59); B. J. Woodruffe asked for "points to be clarified" in a two-column letter (page 103) and suggested that similar rules should be introduced for multi-spliced peals: "Anon." (page 598) extended this idea to include the calling of intricate compositions. The significance of the 6,720 has been explained, but not very well. We still do not know if it is necessary to publish the composition beforehand—presumably it is unnecessary because of the way in which the peals of Glasgow have been accepted. Yes—clarification is required but I suppose we shall have to wait for the next social week-end. The tangle of Doubles methods/variations which has developed since it was possible to ring 220 methods/variations has become far too technical for the average ringer to understand

Let us turn to the 13,140 Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Cam variation). I am afraid that Mr. Blagrove is almost fifty years too late in telling us that the Cam/Granta/Gonville variations are really spliced. These were introduced by the James brothers and rung, mainly on handbells, by the Cambridge University Guild in the early 'twenties and were first referred to as "cut" variations. Peals have been published as Kent T.B. (Cam variation) ever since. I also believe that peals have occasionally appeared as Granta Treble Bob in the Nottinghame area in the past. There is no reason to change now, but it is interesting to note that a peal of Cam rung by a Lincolnshire band on April 26th, 1968, was published as spliced in two methods. When Treble Bob was first introduced Oxford and Kent were called variations and perhaps this was the reason for the Central Council Decision to which C. Wratten refers on page 652 (Kent and Oxford half-lead spliced). Before the peal attempt began it was jokingly suggested that we were in fact attempting a peal of spliced. I am sure that none in the band would wish to establish a record length of Spliced Maximus in two such simple methods as Mr. Blagrove expects us to. I cannot agree that two types of bob were used. 1-4 was made with the treble leading at each bob—not like Mr. Blagrove's extents of Bob Minor with "two types of bob" (F. T. B., page 240). Yet another example of Mr. Blagrove's "whizzkiddery" which is good enough for himself but not for others.

It would appear that Mr. Blagrove is gunning for our long peal, but I am assured by another member of the Central Council that this is not so. There was nothing wrong with the tone of B. J. Woodruffe's letter (page 606)—he just asked why the peal of Pudsey had been accepted (The conductor still has not "found" the composition.) It appeared that there was no proof that the peal had been rung or if the composition was true. We all want to see the matter of long length ringing sorted out but there are more important issues involved than the precise way in which the 13,140 Maximus was published. The rules must be clarified, punctuated correctly and all ambiguity removed so that there will be no need to introduce two categories—progressive lengths and record lengths proper—and the possible anomally of the former being longer than the latter will not arise again.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD.

Clare College, Cambridge.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL WEST FRONT

Dear Sir,—I would like to stress the reasons why the west front of Hereford Cathedral was rebuilt by John Olrid Scott for A. W. Davis of Reading and clear up the many notes which have been written.

I have been doing research on the Scott family of architects for three years years now and I have so far been able to discover the following information.

On Easter Monday, 1786, the west front of the Cathedral collapsed and the Dean and Chapter asked James Wyatt to restore the building. He was perhaps a little more successful in his vandalism at Hereford than that at Salisbury and Durham. Wyatt altered the whole proportion of the building by shortening the nave by 15 feet and erecting a new west end in his own particular Gothic style. His most flagrant action was the removal of all the Norman work in the nave above the arcading and substituting a design of his own. To complete his "more restrained compositions," he pulled down the old campanile, rearranged the monuments and put plaster mouldings on to the arcade arches.

The mock-Gothic was a disgrace to the once noble Cathedral and at the turn of the century Dean Leigh managed to raise some £16,000 for the removal of Wyatt's west front. The work was carried out between 1904 and 1908 by John Olrid Scott, and perhaps the only lamentable thing was that Scott used Hollington red stone instead of local stone.

Wyatt's design is in no way worthy of merit but it must be stressed that he did patch up the west end and so preserve the Cathedral. I can, though, find no grounds to appraise his work for I find it hard to appreciate that 18th century mock-Gothic is finer than original Norman work.—Yours faithfully,

JULIAN W. LITTEN.

Clayhall, Ilford.

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL, OXFORD

Dear Sir,—Three-bell enthusiasts and others may like to amend their copies of "Dove's" to the effect that only two, and not three, of the bells at St. Edward's School, Oxford, are hung for ringing. "The Church Bells of Oxfordshire" contains a similar error.

The bells were all cast by Taylor in 1879 and, excluding the sanctus, their notes are, rather curiously, F, E flat, C and F. The lighter pair are hung for ringing and are fully ringable; the heavier pair are hung "dead" and evidently always have been.

Incidentally, the bells of St. Michael's, Oxford, and Waterstock, both listed in the Guild's report as unringable, are both quite definitely hung "dead." Many Oxford ringers seem to be under the illusion that St. Michael's bells are still hung for ringing, although this ceased to be the case when the present framework and chiming fittings were installed in 1898. Waterstock bells, unlike St. Michael's, have never been hung for ringing; they were cast and hung as a chime by Gillett in 1888.—Yours faithfully,

Twickenham. CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

REVIEW

A BOOK YOU WILL ENJOY

"DISCOVERING Bells and Bellringing," a paperback of Shire Publications series, will, we are sure, delight the Exercise. John Camp, the author, writes in a delightful fashion and with a pretty touch of humour; we are certain that the young enthusiasts in our ranks will regard it as a book to be read at a sitting!

Bellringing arouses curiosity among the public and this book reveals much that the non-practising lover of bells wants to know, as technicalities are reduced to a minimum. The historical background tells how the change from the quarter- and half-wheel to the whole-wheel and the introduction of the slider and stay paved the way for a rapid advance in the art of ringing changes. In dodging and hunting, the author emphasises a cardinal rule of ringing that is so taken for granted that beginners are rarely told of it—"that a bell can only change places with the bell that is ringing next to it, i.e. either before it or after it."

BELFRY REFORM

The chapter headed "Ringers v. Clergy" is a useful addition to those searching for conditions prevailing in England 100 years ago. Beer was the normal drink of most people in those days, when the water supply was anything but safe and tea and coffee were only for the well-to-do. An example is quoted from the accounts of a Lancashire parish: "Spent on ourselves when we met at the Abbey Arms to decide how much to give to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel."

A deep rift had developed between the ringers and clergy and this found expression at High Wycombe in 1832, when the bells were rung to celebrate the passing of the Reform Bill. But a few days later, on the occasion of the annual visit of the Bishop of Lincoln, the ringers refused to turn out and the bells remained silent, the reason being his Lordship had voted against the bill in the House of Lords!

Few of the present generation realise that much of the reform was due to the Oxford Movement of John Henry Newman and Keble and the Cambridge Camden Society. The latter body, under the name of The Ecclesiological Society, sent representatives round the country talking to the ringers about their problems. They encouraged the appointment of tower captains not only to decide what was to be rung but also to be responsible for the general conduct of the ringers. Advice was given on the formation of rules, which not only imposed penalties for bad ringing but also for bad behaviour. "The Ecclesiologist," the journal of the Camden Society, printed an article by a country curate on the best method of dealing with "an ungodly set of ringers."

At the same time came improvement in bells: rehanging them with ball bearings, and iron frames had taken the place of the old oak frames. Then came ladies in the belfry and the eventual formation of the Ladies' Guild, gladly welcomed by some:—

Like a breath of summer laden,
Like a cheery ray of hope,
Is the sight of gentle maiden
Deftly handling of a rope.

RELATIONS WITH CLERGY

We hope that none of our clergy will take to heart the necessity of the clergy bridging the gap between the other servants of the Church and those in the belfry. "Instead of taking an interest in them and making them feel they are performing an essential service for the Church, some clerics completely ignore the ringers, never visit the ringing chamber and are often woefully ignorant which of their congregation are in the band." Perhaps our president and other members of the Clerical Guild will take this general condemnation to heart and explore the means of creating a better understanding among the cloth, amplifying the work being attempted in the training colleges.

Under the heading of "Mishaps and Dangers" the author has some useful observations to make about accidents in the belfry—which, happily, are comparatively rare. The most common type of mishap is letting a novice practise on a heavy bell before full control has been obtained. There is a responsibility on the tower captain or ringer in charge that belfry doors are locked and a clearly-printed notice displayed if the bells are left "up."

The author concludes with a final reminder to all who participate in ringing—"Don't let your enthusiasm blind you to the fact that you are ringing for the Church—and for the Glory of God. Having this always in mind will ensure that you derive the maximum satisfaction from a hobby that is comparatively unusual, yet very much part of the fabric of English history."

The book is illustrated with eight pages of useful photographs and various diagrams. "Discovering Bells and Bellringing" is obtainable from Shire Publications, Gubblecote Cross, Tring, Herts. and is stocked by Heffer's Bookshop. 3-4, Petty Cury, Cambridge, price 5s. including postage.

PETER LAFLIN

A Tribute.

Born in the then quiet village of Stoke-by-Nayland in the south-eastern corner of Suffolk justly famed as the Constable country, Peter Laflin imbibed the beauty of that area, thus developing a keen eye for the loveliness of scenery and sounds which remained with him for the rest of his life. A few years after his birth the family moved to Debenham and he eventually joined the church choir and later on he learned to ring.

On leaving school Peter became apprenticed to a firm of builders and his technical abilities were of great use in keeping the old ring in good order; at that time the frame rested on oak pillars sunk into the ground floor, and the frame was kept rigid by wedges driven between it and the walls of the tower.

In course of time his ringing abilities were noticed by James Motts, then conductor at St. Mary-le-Tower, who thought highly of his back-end abilities and encouraged him in that direction; in those days the peals were somewhat slower than today, and Peter had to put his brakes on to suit the older men he was ringing with.

On August 2nd, 1914, we rang our first peal of Maximus, but it was five years before we met again. He served in the Royal Engineers during the First War.

In August, 1919, he emigrated to Canada and for the next seven years lived in Toronto—six of the winters there he was unemployed. One evening, when cycling home from work, Peter met a car head-on and took flight over it, spreading himself on the road and badly marking his face. That evening was his first date with Annie, who eventually became his wife. His second summer was spent in building a house, timber-framed on brick and concrete foundations and floors of hard wood, principally maple. It was in this house that Peter and Annie lived during their stay in Canada.

Peter had a very pleasing tenor voice, which gained him admission to a choral society. It was the custom to combine the choral societies of the city into one and give recitals of the great works of Haydn, Handel and others.

But as idle winters were becoming hard to bear, Peter's thoughts turned towards home and in May, 1926, they returned and took up residence in Manchester: he obtained employment in the Electricity Department of the Corporation, living for a time at Blakeley and later moving to Stockport, where he resided for the rest of his life.

Here he joined St. George's, Heaviley, becoming towerkeeper and, later on, librarian of the Beeston library, for which he made a very fine bookcase. He also did much work in the church and for its many activities, for he was a dedicated servant of his church.

All progressions have their occasional setbacks, and the loss of Annie, his wife, went deep, but the arrival of grandchildren softened the blow and Peter, as is the wont of grandparents, could see himself in some of them, and it was a great joy for him to relate some of their incidents into at least one pair of willing ears.

His ringing was probably the great joy of his life, and being a member of the justly famed Cheshire band was the ultimate of his ringing life.

When retirement came Peter was ready for it and could give more time to his woodturning, home wine-making and fishing.

Those of us who enjoyed his friendship are left with many precious memories and we can rejoice that his knowledge of men and matters rendered his conversation so interesting and fascinating, covering as it did a period of over 60 years.

We hope that in the Shades he may meet and commune with the great ones of the past, the Haydns and Handels, the Wrens and Vanbrughs, the Annables and Haleys, and perhaps our own greatly-loved John Worth.

E. JENKINS.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stephens (first quarter) 1, R. Tigwell 2, D. Carey 3, J. Martin 4, G. Fell (first "inside") 5, H. Fell 6, W. Page (cond.) 7, J. E. Martin 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Jack Trout, a faithful member of the band for many years, who died on July 30th, aged 83.

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LANCASHIRE PEAL WEEK'S 75 per cent SUCCESS

THIS year's tour of Lancashire (August 11th to 18th inclusive), organised by Dave Bennett and Geoff Fothergill, centred mainly on towers in or around the Bolton and Wigan Branches of the Association and resulted in 75 per cent. success—10 peals from 15 attempts. A striking feature—and one which distinguished this tour from last year's, from which, I think, only two participants remained —was the variety of the bands and the number of ringers who took part, although this did, at times, lead to some confusion. Five ringers shared the conducting as follows: Keith J. Walpole (4), Geoffrey Fothergill (3), James E. Andrews, John Ashcroft and Richard Stevens.

An adventurous start to the week paid dividends when a good peal of Dorchester was scored on the Sunday at Farnworth. Monday saw a peal in six Minor methods successfully accomplished under Keith's guidance at Halsall, but the first failure of the week came at Walkden, when an evening attempt for Aldenham came to grief after only half an hour. As one of the band put it, "we never got off the ground."

On Tuesday morning Jim Andrews joined the party at Parbold, fresh from a holiday in Germany, and, amidst calls of "lazy" and threats to make him ring Leigh tenor next day, conducted a reasonable, if rather sluggish, peal of Plain Bob from the treble. Owing to their Tuesday practice, the Westhoughton contingent were prevented from ringing in the evening but, nevertheless, a peal of Kent T.B. Major was attempted at St. Helens, where, unfortunately, the ringing was not up to standard and the bells were set up after an hour and a half.

A GOOD, FAST PEAL

Undaunted by the previous failure, Geoff chose to ring Aldenham at Leigh and bullied Jim into ringing the tenor (the previous day's threats were not idle ones!). In spite of this however, a good, fast peal was brought round without a hitch in 2 hours and 48 minutes. The expression on David Makin-Taylor's face showed his obvious delight at ringing a peal in his home tower, whilst that of the tenor man was one of despair on realising that he had to recuperate in less than two hours to ring in the evening peal at Deane. Here there was some confusion in that one of the Westhoughton ringers did not arrive, but we were very grateful to Roy Jolley (also from the "Metropolis") who stood in at very short notice, enabling us to ring Bristol for an hour before some hesitation resulted in a late call and the prompter called "Stand!" It was decided, however, to try a fast peal of Grandsire, with Jack Ashcroft again at the helm, and this was duly accomplished in 2 hours and 25 minutes, probably the fastest peal on the bells, although, at the conductor's request, it was not claimed as such.

Judging from the yawning faces at Standish on Thursday morning, some of us had suffered a "hard day's night," but after bandaging operations had been completed and Keith Lister's tin of Elastoplast had again been put to good use, an average peal of Yorkshire was rung after a shaky start. Two attempts were arranged for the evening: John P. Partington joined us at Hindley, and Painswick was scored, but the other attempt, Cambridge at Southport, was struck by ill fate—Dave's mad mechanical monster, which he affectionately calls his car, broke down en route.

SPECTATOR'S SANDWICHES

The choice of Swinton as the venue for Friday morning's attempt at Cambridge was perhaps unwise, as the bells are a heavy though good-toned eight and require a good deal of hard work. To make matters worse one of the young local ringers, who had unlocked the tower for us, insisted on watching the peal all the way through, and it was most disconcerting when, after three-quarters of an hour, she produced a pile of sandwiches and started munching happily. However, after an hour's very unsettled ringing, Keith called "Stand," much to everyone's relief. Jim's earlier idea to have a peal at Horwich in the afternoon was no longer a lost cause, and frantic preparations were made to raise a band, Albert Greenhalgh kindly stepping in at the last minute. The elusive peal of Cambridge was finally scored on the musical if rather odd-struck bells, and special mention should, I think, be made of David Makin-Taylor, who, despite the fact that he had never rung a touch of Cambridge "inside" and also had a difficult rope to contend with, rang consistently well throughout.

Saturday's arrangement for a peal of Stedman Caters at Worsley resulted in a good peal of Cambridge Major, and the following day, whilst an almost certain peal of Christ Church Surprise Major at Accrington was brought to an abrupt end after two hours, by a broken rope. Double Norwich was successful at Newton-le-Willows

Thus ends the saga of a most enjoyable and, on the whole, successful week, for which we would like to give special thanks to our organisers-in-chief, David Bennett and Geoffrey Fothergill, and, of course, to all incumbents and local ringers for their co-operation.

J. E. A.

Between Matins and Evensong

PRITTLEWELL RINGERS and Thorpe Bay Campanologists met at cricket between services on Sunday, August 18th. Of the 38 Prittlewell ringers at practice, 18 rang for Matins. Thorpe Bay were at a disadvantage, as only six rang for the morning service. Conditions of play were that each side should bat for an hour and a quarter with a brief interval in between so that the proceedings ended at 5.15 p.m. in order to ring for Evensong.

Prittlewell batted first and Thorpe Bay's demon bowlers had three batsmen back in the pavilion for three runs. The organiser of the event, a keen cricketer, then came to the crease and took the sting out of the bowling; indeed Jerry Bawn and David Sloman put on 59 for their partnership and the final score was 75. The best of the bowlers was the one in the yellow shirt!

Because of ominous dark clouds there was no interval. Thorpe Bay made a disastrous start, losing five wickets for five runs. An S.O.S. resulted in the scorer putting on the pads and the Prittlewell field was soon in the hunt for the ball. Although he once fell on his wicket in his delight at hitting the ball, this was deemed not out by the umpires. A crafty ball had him caught near the wicket and Thorpe Bay were all out for 44.

With an innings victory in prospect, Thorpe Bay were again at the wicket. Soon the Campanologists were in trouble and again the scorer had to give up his pen for the bat. Dogged batting followed and with only three minutes left on the clock the last Campanologist was out.

Thorpe Bay in the two innings had made 74. It was then found that the scorer had made a mistake in the Prittlewell total by adding a run when two batsmen changed over when one was caught. So this made the scores level and the game was officially drawn. It is now assumed that the organiser (the keen cricketer) will again have his lads and lasses practising on Monday evenings before ringing practice.—"The Ringing World" Special Correspondent.

A SUMMER SATURDAY IN DEVON

Three ringers from Somerset and Bristol set out for a peal attempt at Buckfast on a recent Saturday. Now six hours for the 100 or so miles from Bristol would seem reasonable—but not on a West Country summer Saturday! Bridgwater was almost impassable, but only a fool would try the A38!

Although fair time was made "across the hills" to Tiverton, it then seemed that all the motorists in the area had "taken to the lanes" to avoid Exeter—and these lanes are in general only wide enough for one vehicle! After much "backing up" and encounters with one calf on the road, a large milk lorry and a car stuck on a hill with a burnt-out clutch, they only made Moretonhampstead, 20 painful miles short, by the appointed starting time. The nearest they got to hearing bells was over the phone to the Abbey!

Since it took nearly as long to retrace their steps, they had to suffer 12 hours on the road without so much as ringing a bell, meeting a ringer, or even having a pint for their pains.

Albert Tyler, Brian Wylde and Pat Bird would like to apologise to those unknown and unseen ringers who waited in vain at Buckfast and hope they scored an alternative attempt. Their advice to all and sundry is—if you want to attempt a peal in Devon on a summer Saturday, either travel mid-week or don't bother!

BELFRY GOSSIP

London ringers and others are reminded that tickets are necessary for the dedication of the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on October 5th. Particulars are advertised.

Recent peals of Stedman and Cambridge within a fortnight have enabled Mr. J. Brain, of West Town, near Bristol, to complete the "family" in each method.

Mr. Herbert Hardwidge has completed his half-century as a ringer. He took part in a congratulatory peal of Stedman Doubles at Compton Bishop, Somerset, on August 10th.

Mr. F. E. Collins, former Master of the College Youths, rang his first quarter of Grandsire Doubles at Stourpaine, Dorset, on August 21st.

Two Penarth ringers—Elizabeth Jacklin and David Hobert—rang their first quarter at first attempt at Sully. They rang extremely well, reports our correspondent.

The Editor thanks Michael Haighton, of Nantwich, for the story of his visit to Littleborough tower on St. Bartholomew's Day and hopes that his wish for a light six in place of a solitary bell will materialise.

Owing to the indisposition of one of the band, a quarter peal of Bob Doubles was rung at Blofield, Norfolk, as a wedding compliment to two local ringers. A peal of Minor is to be attempted next month.

Geoffrey F. Durrant (aged 12), rang the treble to a peal of Plain Bob Major at Hawkley on August 17th, this being his first peal at the first attempt. A very praiseworthy achievement not only on account of his age but in view of the fact that he only learned to ring 12 months ago, and this at a four-bell tower at Aldwick, Sussex.

QUARTER PEALS

LONG LENGTH

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On Aug. 26th, 4,320 Allendale Surprise Minor: Jane P. Lawrence 1, R. J. Snack 2, Margaret Warford 3, Suzanne J. Withers 4, K. B Sissons 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. Peal attempt disrupted by complete light failure due to mains being switched off by a member of the public. Last changes rung in complete darkness.

QUARTER PEALS RUNG IN MEMORIAM

PRINCESS MARINA, DUCHESS OF KENT.
Died August 27th. Funeral, Windsor, Aug. 30th, 1968

BECKENHAM, KENT. — On Aug. 29th, at the Church of St. George, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples: D. P. Smith 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, D. E. Beach 4, Mrs. Christine Shiers 5, S. A. Nicholls 6, P. W. Cave (cond.) 7, M. Powell 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT. — At the Cathedral, on Aug. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. A. Huckstepp 1, Miss F. Templeman 2, P. J. Small 3, N. J. Small 4, T. F. Collins 5, R. Eliot 6, D. Chatfield 7, E. T. Eades 8, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 9. A. S. Phelips 10. First of Caters 1, 4, 5 and 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I Summerhayes (first quarter) 1, N. Summerhayes 2, S. R. Elliott 3, W. A. Peck 4, A. D. Flood (cond.) 5, M. S. Loveday 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, C. M White 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK. — At St. Margaret's Church, on Aug. 27th, 1,260 Bob Royal: P. Gagen 1, R. Newson 2, D. Gagen 3, Shelagh R. Collins 4, W. W. Cousins 5, C. Tovell 6, R. Moore 7, L. W. Houghton 8, C. Cousins 9, N V. Harding (cond.) 10.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, B. G. Butcher 4, R. A. Birch 5, R. G. Baldock 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. T. Shelton 1, Carol Martin 2, W. E. Dunn 3, K. G. Game (cond.) 4, G. Stevens 5, W. Inwood 6. T. T. Jones 7. J. Knipe 8.

THREE QUARTERS IN SUSSEX ON AUGUST 17th

RUSPER.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Knipe 1, K. G. Game (cond.) 2, J. Maybrey 3, Carol Martin 4. R. Grant 5, W. E. Dunn 6, A. Long 7, A. Brown 8. First in method 4 and 5.

FAIRWARP.—1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Long 1, K. G. Game (175th quarter, cond.) 2, R. Grant 3, W. E. Dunn 4, Carol Martin 5, J. Maybrey 6, A. Brown 7. J. Knipe 8.

PETWORTH.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: K. G. Game (cond.) 1, A. Long 2, W. E. Dunn 3, G. Stevens 4, Carol Martin 5, A. T. Shelton 6. R. Grant 7, A. Brown 8

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 25th, 1,320 York Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N. Bennett 2, Wendy Wallace 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Carol Cousins 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On June 3rd, at Handen Wood Cottage, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. G. Erith 1–2, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 3–4, N. J. Davies 5–6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Law (first Triples) 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2, H. Moody 3, M. Lockyer 4, L. Noakes 5, C. Chennell-White 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, E. Hedger 8 Rung for the annual rural deanery service.

ALVESTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Clatworthy (cond.) 1, J. W. Callard 2, T. Newlands 3, D. Rennolds 4, B. Martin 5, P. A. Williams 6

APPLETON, BERKS. — On Aug. 24th, at the Church of St. Laurence, a well-struck touch of eight courses of Stedman Caters, on the occasion of the wedding of Ivor White, brother of Brian White and nephew of Frank White: W. Hibbert 1, A. Kench 2, A. Stubbs 3, M. Chilcott 4, R. Overington 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6, A. Pattison 7, D. Hilling 8. D. Randall 9, M Moreton 10.

ASHWICK, SOM.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (Surfleet and Beverley, York and Durham): R. Smith 1, D. Targett 2, A. Perry 3, J. Maggs 4, A. P. Beck (cond.) 5, R. Beck 6.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. A. Izzard 1, P. C. Worthington 2, R. T. Falder 3, Rosemary A. Spicer 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, A. Gray (first quarter) 6. For morning service.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Judith Furnival (first quarter) 1, M. Bray (first "inside") 2, Mary D. Kinchin 3, A. S. Hayden 4, Sandra E. Poynor 5, T I. Roper 6, T. R. Natt 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong and to congratulate Mr. T. R. Natt on obtaining three "A" Level passes

BACKWELL, SOM.—On July 24th, 1,280 Watford Surprise Major: J. Brain 1, Diana M. Bridle 2, E. T. Lee 3, S. Brown 4, J. R. Taylor 5, A. E. Cox 6, R. C. Kippin 7, P. Bridle (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4, 6 and 7

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Andrea M. North 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. D. Barsby 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. Rung to wish Andrea North success in her new career.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen E. Chilcott 1, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 2, Clare F. Dolphin 3, Juliet S. Stoy (first as cond.) 4, R. J. Talbot 5, N. Thomson 6, F. D. Jennings 7, S. F. Kimber 8. For Evensong.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Worthington 1, A. R. Carter 2, Brenda Harris (first Surprise) 3, G. Penney (cond.) 4, P. Worthington 5, D. C. Price 6, J. E. Ewer 7, F. W. Ellis 8. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. T. Falder (first Major) 1, Josephine Trigg 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, Rosemary A. Spicer 4, P. C. Worthington 5, S. J. Gullick 6, D. L. Gullick 7, M. R. Worthington (first Major as cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of Charles Howgego, grandson of A. E. Jones, a ringer at this church.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: H. Ford 1, K. L. Brown (cond.) 2, W. L. Gates 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, H. W. Barrett 5. Rung in honou. of the wedding of David Blyth and Miss Gwendolyn Tooke.

BRAY, EIRE. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. McEndoo 1, Joy Pluckrose 2, L. R. Taylor 3, G. Pluckrose 4, P. W. Brown 5, C. J. Reede 6, J. P. O. Barry (first Triples as cond.) 7, D. Bell 8. A wedding compliment to Joy and George.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON. — On Aug. 28th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Forder (cond.) 1, A. Jenner 2, M. E. L. Chapman 3, S. Jenner 4, H. Heard 5, P. J. Dye 6, T Chapman 7, H. Stacey 8.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Bell (first quarter) 1, J. L. Bell 2, B. Dodd 3, N. L. Bell 4, R. Edden (cond.) 5, T. B. Davies (first quarter) 6.

BRONLLYS, BRECS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss G. M. James 1, Miss E. Smith 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, E. J. Smith 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, C. F. N. Wedgwood 6. First quarter by a Glasbury band since the 1930s.

BURRINGTON, SOM.—On Aug. 13th, 1,440 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob): B. Martin 1, J. Clatworthy 2, S. Bateman 3, P. L. Williams 4. D. Rennolds (cond.) 5, T. Newlands 6.

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (four methods): S. Lucas 1, A. S. Whiteley 2, V. Roberts (cond.) 3, M. J. Whiteley 4, M. G. Bartlett 5, C. P. Wainwright 6. First Mixed Doubles 1, 2, 4 and 6. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. Willans (cond.) 1, S. Bateman 2, Janine Blanch 3, H. Coombs 4, T. Newlands 5, R. Tutton 6.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. T. Yeomans 1, W. H. Harford 2, P Thomas 3, R. B. Smith 4, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 5, C. Thomas (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Kent and Bob Minor: B. Edwards 1, E. G. Swift 2, Mrs. J. Kelly 3, M. Hawkins 4, B. Pocock 5, A. Butcher 6. Jointly conducted by 2 and 6. For the Patronal Festival and 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Dye 1. Rosemary Morris 2, T. W. Palmer 3, K. W. Johnson 4, G. K. Cook 5, W. W. Rich (cond.) 6. First Plain Bob Minor "inside" 2, 4. Also on Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eve Hodgson 1, T. W. Palmer 2, R. Hancock (first G.D. "inside") 3, P. J. Dye 4, W. W. Rich (cond.) 5, J. Hodgson (first covering) 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sept. 1st, 1,306 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. Foster 1, Miss E. Timmins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 4, Miss C. Martin (first on 12) 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, R. Davies 7, N. S. Brown 8, I. M. Parry 9, C. M. Foster 10, A. Brown 11, W. F. Oatway 12

CHAWTON, HANTS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Sims 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, Miss M. Sutcliffe 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White (cond.) 5, L. Noakes 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Thorne (first "inside") 1, A. Binstead 2, A. C. Eastmed 3, R. Elliott 4, K. Butler (cond.) 5, A. P. S. Berry 6. Rung for the appointment of the Rev. Barry Cooper as Rector of Cheriton and Newington.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. M. Cuckson (first Kent as cond.) 1, M. Wareing 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, G. H. Walker 5, J. E. Murfitt 6. First of Kent for all except the conductor.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Worrall 1, Sheila Taylor (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. Sherratt (first quarter) 3, C. A. S. Webb 4, N. Sherratt 5, W. Sherratt (cond.) 6.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: W. H. Minnear 1, W. F. Cowley 2, Brenda Ivings 3, W. Ivings 4, C. C. Clarke 5, M. W. Coleman 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, O. J. Hemmings 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Colombo (Rt. Rev. H. de Soysa).

DURWESTON, DORSET. — On Aug. 7th, Plain Bob Doubles: A. B. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 3, M. J. Corry 4, D. J. Knight 5, B. R. Jeans 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. R. G. Tapper (one-time captain of tower) and Mrs. Tapper.

EARL SHILTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,344 Bob Major: Lillian Bowley 1, J. W. Lawrance 2, Jane M. Tooby 3, W. Newton 4, G. Wright 5, I. S. Merry 6, H. Bowley 7, G. A. Newton (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth Jager, daughter of the Rev. G. and Mrs. Jager.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,334 Pl. Bob Major: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, L. F. Cox 3, B. M. Wheeler 4, J. W. T. Hibbert 5, M. Dane 6, W. Corderoy 7, R. B. Blond (cond.) 8.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOM. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,259 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Tutton (first on working bell) 1, M. J. K. Griffiths (first "inside") 2, Helen Kirkpatrick 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, S. J. Bateman 5, B. Martin 6.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 25th, 1,440 Double Oxford and Kent T.B.: W. Shipp 1, R. Harrop 2, V. Bowen 3, R. Shipp 4, C. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Etheridge.

GLASGOW.—On June 30th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss F. Winderam 1, R. L. Preston 2, Miss J. Cleeve 3, R. M. Preston 4, J. Preston 5, T. C. Winderam 6, T. J. Winderam (cond.) 7. A. Haynes 6. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. C. Winderam 1, R. M. Preston 2, Miss J Cleeve 3, D. M. Graham-Service 4, T. J. Winderam 5, M. J. Pink 6, P. T. Fisher 7, J. Preston (cond.) 8. Both for Evensong.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 17th, Grandsire Doubles: G. W Dennis 1, L. Ridout 2, D. J. Knight 3, B. Ridout 4, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 5, J. N. Houghton 6. Rung for the Flower Festival.

SULLY, GLAM.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Elizabeth Jacklin (first quarter) 1, Susan M. Evans 2, Ruth E. Havard 3, G. Davis 4, R. G. Havard (cond.) 5, D. Herbert (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1. Katharine M. Thorley 2, Ruth Bedford (first Minor "inside") 3, Christine Broadley 4, V. B. Bedford 5, S. J. Bedford 6.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—At All Hallows' Church on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley Warwick (first quarter) 1, Pamela Brown (first Triples as cond.) 2, C. R. Harris 3, Mary Knight 4, Anne Horsford 5. P. W. Bevington 6 E. Morris 7, A. Bentley 8.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On St. Bartholomew's Day, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. J. Verity 1, J. P. Sale 2, J. C. Parker 3, I. G. Morgan 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Double Court Bob Minor: M. E. L. Chapman 1, D. J. Forder 2, T. Chapman 3, P. J. Dye 4, H. Stacey 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOM.—On August 14th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: H. V. Young 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, Brenda M. Bindon 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. S. Bishop 5, A. H. Reed 6, K. E. Beale 7, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge 3, 7 and 8. Rung with best wishes to the tower captain (D. F. Sheldon) and Mrs. Sheldon, on their 36th wedding anniversary.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Herbert 1, G. Abbott 2, F. Stedman 3, J. Rose 4, P. Herbert 5, F. Symonds (cond.) 6, B. Kear 7, M Harris 8. For divine service and rung on the 94th birthday of the ringer of 3rd.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

CRANFORD'S 25 YEARS OF HAPPINESS

As will be seen in the peal columns, a peal of Bob Minor was rung at Cranford on August 18th to mark the 25th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. The ringers wished to dedicate this in memory of the Rev. Maurice Child, who was Rector here and gave permission for the first peal.

It was at his express wish that it should be rung on a Sunday for the Feast of the Assumption B.V.M.; a full peal before Evensong he felt was a most appropriate honour. He is regarded by those who remember him well as the founder of the Cranford ringing band with its happy associations with so many ringers. How pleased he would have been to know that in the anniversary peal three of his young ringers took part and that the effort produced a peal almost without blemish and comparable in striking to the first peal. Ringers who have enjoyed Friday practices at Cranford, the pre-College Youths' dinner "get togethers" and the Boxing Day mornings will hope that these will be traditions carried on for many years to come, fostering the happy fellowship which we ringers are so fortunate to enjoy. W. H. C.

LOCAL RADIO

The Chapel Allerton outing on August 24th was covered by the B.B.C. both before and after the event. On the Wednesday before, an interview was made in the belfry with the bells ringing as a background for part of the time. Listeners to Radio Leeds could hear some indifferent St. Clement's College Bob Minor and some very well-struck Plain Bob Minor during the interview.

Two young members of the local band were interviewed live in the studio the next morning after the broadcast and were asked questions about bellringing. After the event there was another interview covering a brief summary of the trip and more general questions about ringing.

THE POSITION AT DURBAN

Mr. C. Chambers writes encouragingly from Durban as follows: "Ringing here still shows the good influence of Geoffrey Armitage having been with us for three months, and this is particularly so at St. Mary's. We have also been lucky recently with visitors, having had three from overseas this year, with a fourth calling next month.

"At St. Paul's we look like getting some beginners from the ranks of non-Anglicans, namely Catholics and Jews, but it is yet to be seen whether religious prejudice can be overcome, and it is no good counting one's chickens before they are hatched. However, if they are barred, it looks as if St. Paul's at the present time is all set for a decline."

BECKENHAM'S LOSS

Mr. and Mrs. R. Ling have been regular ringers at St. George's, Beckenham, for the past two or three years, but having recently moved away from the district will no longer be available. They will be sorely missed at Beckenham. On Sunday, August 24th, which was to be their last Sunday at St. George's, a pleasing little ceremony took place when the local ringers presented Mr. and Mrs. Ling with an ornamental hors d'œuvre dish as a token of their esteem and a recognition of their valuable services. In reply, Mr. Ron Ling said how happy they had both been to ring at St. George's, which was always a very happy tower.

SOLUTION TO URANGWOT 6

There were three ringers and each could have decided to be truthful or a liar, giving eight possible combinations. These may be set out together with the answers to the two questions.

			Answer of 1.2	Answer of 3.4
1.2 Tr	3.4 Tr	5.6 Tr	Yes	No
		L	No	No
	L	Tr	No	Yes
		L	Yes	Yes
L	Tr	Tr	No	Yes
		L	Yes	No
	L	Tr	Yes	No
		L	No	Yes

It will be seen that the only distinctive combinations are No, No and Yes, Yes, and when these occur the 5.6 man is a liar in both cases. Since 5.6 replied in the negative and he was lying, the peal was rung, and T. Surr paid for the drinks on that occasion. Two correct solutions were received and so the Editor has decided to split the beer money on this occasion between their senders:—

J. F. Roebuck, 12, Rothwell Close, Ormskirk.

J. Q. Rahtz, B7, New Court, St. John's College, Cambridge

WALKING AND RINGING

St. Peter's Guild, Petersfield, had their annual walk on August 24th. The route took them over Butser, the highest hill in Hampshire, and into the rapidly expanding village of Clanfield. A long walk on the hard road brought them to Catherington, where they arrived at the church some 60 minutes late. Fortunately the tower was open, and mixed Doubles and Grandsire Minor were rung.

A picnic tea in a nearby field was possible through Mr. Hatherly's services in conveying the refreshments by car. The walk was resumed over Wardown Hill and through Queen Elizabeth Forest to Buriton, where more Doubles were rung at St. Mary's Church. A much enjoyed visit to the Five Bells Inn followed. The walk was about 13 miles, and waiting cars took the company back to Petersfield. The captain and organiser of the walk, Mr. Ken Tipper, is thanked, together with incumbents and Mr. Hatherly.

"IDLE FELLOWS"

Extract from "Cleveland Mercury," August 26th, 1893:—

At Long Ashton Petty Sessions, James Hacker and George England appeared on a summons charging them with smoking near Pill Church during divine service. Supt. Drewett asked that the case should be withdrawn, as he was not prepared to go into it.

Mr. Mirehouse, in dismissing the case, remarked: "Of course I am cognisant of what you men are charged with. It is not right that you should be smoking in a churchyard. Go back and tell your brother ringers, idle fellows, that they must not loiter in the churchyard."

N.B.—In Ellacombe's "Church Bells of Somerset" it is recorded that Pill Church possessed one small turret bell, but that there had formerly been six. This is dated 1870, so the puzzle is—what bells had the delinquents been ringing?

KING CHARLES SURPRISE MINOR

A peal attempt in this method to enable Geoff Dodd to complete the sequence in the Kings and Queens Minor methods, made on August 17th at Winston, Hants, seemed fated from the start. The treble lacked a stay, oil had to be bought for the bells were dry, and the band was stopped by the Vicar for a further 30 minutes whilst a local builder inspected the tower. A good first 720 was spoilt at its end, so a quarter peal of 1,440 changes was rung, the first in the method by the following: M. Holbrook 1, R. W. Rex 2, B. M. Johnson 3, A. J. Mason 4, D. Jackson 5, G. K. Dodd (conductor) 6. Place notation is: 34—34.16—1236—14—1. 2nds. i.e. 36245. Bob 4ths. G. K. D.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The August meeting of the Marlborough Branch, held at Overton with East Kennett on Saturday, August 17th, attracted an attendance of between 35 and 40 ringers of both sexes and all ages.

Members were present from Aldbourne, Chisledon, Marlborough and Everleigh, and they were joined by visitors from Stratton St. Margaret, Blunsdon, Fittleton, Swindon and, further afield, from Hannington, Nether Heyford (Northants) and Portsmouth.

Also present were the Guild president (Mr. W. C. West) and Mrs. West, from Melksham.

Ringing on the six at Overton was under the direction of Mr. A. Keen (Deputy Ringing Master), and ranged from the higher methods to rounds and call changes for beginners.

The Guild service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev Frank Morley), with Mr. C. Brindley at the organ.

At the conclusion of the service Mr. G. Newman (chairman) paid a well-deserved tribute to the Rev. Roger Keeley, who was attending his last Marlborough Branch meeting before becoming Vicar of Whiteparish. Since coming to Marlborough as curate five years ago, Mr. Keeley has done a tremendous amount of work for the Branch, and while everyone was pleased at his preferment there was a feeling of sadness at his going.

Mr. Newman, on behalf of the Branch, thanked Mr. Keeley for all his help and guidance, and the Rev. F. Morley added his tribute. Mr. Keeley suitably responded. His induction and institution as Vicar of Whiteparish will take place on Tuesday, September 24th, at 7 p.m., by the Bishop of Sherborne.

Largely through Mr. Keeley's initiative since coming to Marlborough, the octave at St. Peter's, which was in a poor condition, has been taken down, and some of the metal will be used to add two more bells to St. Mary's six, at the east end of the town. This will give the Branch another octave to keep company with St. Michael's, Aldbourne.

After the service a move was made to the Village Hall, where a flower show was in progress and tea was obtainable. All the exhibits were duly admired and ringing was resumed at East Kennett on the very light five and in the exceedingly small tower. Despite a threatening sky, a very pleasant meeting. W. A. E.

The many friends of the Misses K. and G. Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, will be sorry to hear that Miss Grace has broken her collar-bone. This was owing to a fall down the last few steps at Gamston Church after ringing a seven-method peal of Treble Bob on September 2nd. It is to be hoped that she will soon be well again.

TOWER BELL PEALS

RECORD PEAL

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 4 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 40 methods, comprising 144 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Bedford, Belgrave, Brigstow, Cambridge, Deansgate, Feering, Gartree, Halifax, Lambeth, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Manitoba, Newgate, Oldham, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Redfield, Rochester, Solihull, Southwark, Stoneygate, Superlative, Wembley, Wycombe, York and Yorkshire, 96 each of Ashton, Belvoir, Londinium, Saskatchewan and Westminster, and 48 each of Conisbrough, Eldon, Kidderminster, Quex and Wigston, with 104 changes of method.

Tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Basil Jones	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	8
Alan McFall	3	F. John Nelson	9
Neil Bennett	4	Robert B. Smith	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	John H. Fielden	11
Derek Butterworth	6	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor
		Jeffrey Brannan	

Arranged and Conducted by Neil Bennett.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a 12-bell peal.

CONISBROUGH 1426
—3t—14—12—36—12—3t—16—3t—16—3t—16— hl 3t lh 12

KIDDERMINSTER 1573
—38—147t—50—169t—7t—18—129t—30—14—5t—16—
hl et lh 12

QUEX 1573
—38—147t—1250—369t—147t—58—169t—70—18—9t—10—
hl et lh 12

A DEVON PEAL TOUR

ALL RUNG FOR THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS EXCEPT CORNISH PEAL

APPLEDORE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Jane Foster	2	Norman Summerhayes	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Nicholas J. Davies	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

SOUTH MOLTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., Aug 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr 12 lb. in D.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Norman Summerhayes	6
Nicholas J. Davies	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

NORTHAM, Devon.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Jane Foster	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Brenda M. Davies	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Joan Beresford	3	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

COMBE MARTIN, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol, 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire and 160 Pudsey, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Jane Foster	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of title.

BIDEFORD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Jane Foster	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

TAWSTOCK, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Jane Foster	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
John N. Longridge	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ST. STEPHEN'S-BY-LAUNCESTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Tues., Aug. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Peter M. Wilkinson	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Canon Arthur S. Roberts	3	Dennis Beresford	7
Harry Stacey	4	Nicholas J. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

A LANCASHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL RUNG FOR THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., Aug. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Joseph Thornley	Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson	5
John Illingworth	2	John P. Partington	6
R. Keith Lister	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
James Cunliffe	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal in the method for all the band and for the Association.
Rung to mark the occasion of the Thomas Hardy Festival.

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

Graham K. Austin	Treble	Martin E. Snape	4
Elizabeth Timmins	2	H. Lyndon Hatfield	5
John Ridley	3	Keith Walpole	Tenor

Conducted by Keith Walpole.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

James E. Andrews	Treble	David C. Makin-Taylor	5
Geoffrey Fothergill	2	R. Keith Lister	6
Graham K. Austin	3	David J. Bennett	7
Thomas Hobson	4	Keith Walpole	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard.
Arranged and Conducted by James E. Andrews.

LEIGH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

David C. Makin-Taylor	Treble	David J. Bennett	5
Keith Walpole	2	*R. Keith Lister	6
Elizabeth Timmins	3	*Geoffrey Fothergill	7
H. Lyndon Hatfield	4	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method for all except the ringer of the second. Tenor 16 cwt.

DEANE, Bolton, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. (7th obs.) Tenor 12 cwt.

Elizabeth Timmins	Treble	Bernard Moss	5
Geoffrey Fothergill	2	†Roy Jolley	6
Keith Walpole	3	*John Ashcroft	7
*James E. Andrews	4	David J. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* 25th peal together. † First in the method.

STANDISH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*David C. Makin-Taylor	Treble	R. Keith Lister	5
*Neil T. E. Burnett	2	James E. Andrews	6
Geoffrey Fothergill	3	Keith Walpole	7
*David J. Bennett	4	H. Lyndon Hatfield	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Keith Walpole.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt.
Rung in memory of Thomas Grounds, a ringer at this church for over 50 years, who died on June 23rd, 1968.

LANCASHIRE PEAL WEEK—Continued.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

David C. Makin-Taylor	Treble	John P. Partington	5
John Illingworth	2	Keith Walpole	6
R Keith Lister	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Elizabeth Timmins	4	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to John Halsall, who has completed 65 years as a local ringer.

HORWICH, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	R. Keith Lister	5
*David C. Makin-Taylor ..	2	Neil T. E. Burnett	6
James E. Andrews	3	Keith Walpole	7
Geoffrey Fothergill	4	†David J. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Keith Walpole.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First in the method.

A WEEK IN SUFFOLK

ALL RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun . Aug. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Christopher J. Groome	Treble	†Vernon B. Bedford ..	4
*Christine Broadley	2	Stephen J. Bedford	5
C. Jack Gibson	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* Most methods to a peal. † Has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a 14th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and Paddy

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Vernon B. Bedford	Treble	*Stephen J. Bedford	4
Katharine M. Thorley ..	2	Christopher J. Groome ..	5
J. Martin Thorley	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* 25th peal

THORNHAM MAGNA, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Mon . Aug 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Surfleet, (2) Cambridge, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

A Colin Banton	Treble	Roger N. Scholes	4
*Vernon B. Bedford	2	*Stephen J. Bedford	5
Christopher J. Groome ..	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* 25th peal together.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues. Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Surfleet and Beverley, (2) Cambridge (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	*Stephen J. Bedford	4
Roger N. Scholes	2	Christopher J. Groome ..	5
*Vernon B. Bedford	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* Most methods to a peal.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Beverley, Childwall, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Stephen J. Bedford ..	Treble	J Martin Thorley	4
Vernon B. Bedford	2	A. Colin Banton	5
Roger N. Scholes ..	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
The conductor's 100th peal.

OTLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Stephen J. Bedford	Treble	*A. Colin Banton	4
Vernon B. Bedford	2	Christopher J. Groome ..	5
Roger N Scholes	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
* 50th tower for a peal.

PAKEFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Stephen J. Bedford	5
Roger N. Scholes	2	Vernon J. Bedford	6
Katharine M. Thorley ..	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	7
*Christine Broadley	4	A. Colin Banton ..	Tenor

Composed by F Bennett. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Aug. 15 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Surfleet and Beverley, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Cambridge, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Roger N Scholes	Treble	Christopher J. Groome .	4
Vernon B. Bedford	2	A Colin Banton	5
Stephen J. Bedford	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

MARLESFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Aug 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in twelve methods: (1) Hereward and Single Oxford, (2) Surfleet and Beverley, (3) Cambridge, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B. and (7) Plain Bob . Tenor 9¼ cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Roger N. Scholes	4
Christopher J. Groome ..	2	Vernon B. Bedford	5
Stephen J. Bedford	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

LAXFIELD, Suffolk.—In the Staffroom of All Saints' Primary School.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being four extents each of Grandsire, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon and Reverse Canterbury and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E.

J Martin Thorley	1–2	A Colin Banton (cond.) ..	3–4
Christopher J. Groome ..	5–6		

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
First peal on the bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968 in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	†Roger N. Scholes	6
Vernon B. Bedford	2	†Stephen J. Bedford ..	7
Robert E. Lester	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	8
*J. Martin Thorley	4	*A. Colin Banton	9
†Katharine M. Thorley ..	5	Peter S. Bedford	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker.. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* 25th peal together. First of Royal. Tenor 8 cwt.

HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods: (1) Cambridge, (2) Beverley, (3) Cambridge, (4) Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Cambridge, (6) Surfleet and (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

Roger N. Scholes	Treble	Christopher J. Groome ..	4
*Stephen J. Bedford	2	A. Colin Banton	5
*Vernon B. Bedford	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*Rosemary Short	Treble	†John Brain	4
George Prescott	2	Leonard Derrick	5
Marjorie Legg	3	Herbert Hardwidge ..	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First of Doubles and has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques
Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Hardwidge on the completion of 50 years' ringing, which started at this tower.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WOOLAVINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being five extents each of Grandsire, Antelope, Union, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place, and four extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin.

*Alan Kent .. .. .. Treble	John Coombs 4
†Bryan Mills 2	John S. Walton 5
Stanley Lewis 3	Jesse R. Lee .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal in nine methods. ‡ First "inside." Believed to be the first peal in nine methods on the bells Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ASHBRITTLE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods—All Saints', Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury; 22 variations—Marchington, Fortune, Eynsham, St. Albans, Elford, St. Ignatius, St Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, Churchill, St. Giles, Lapley, Shareshill, Heyford, St. Miles, St. John, Ryton, Chilton, Old, Kennington, Southrepps and St. Columb; and 12 spliced compositions—Rushall, Northrepps, Cassington, St. Peter, St. Thomas, St. Luke, April Day, Seighford, May Day Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and Royston. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

*Mervyn R. Arscott .. .. Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott 4
Keith E. Beale 2	Robert Parker 5
John Cornelius 3	D. Lesley J. Parker .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* 25th peal, 25th for Association

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KEMPSTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

James G. Newman .. .. Treble	Rodney H. French 5
Kathleen A. Marriott .. 2	C. Michael Orme 6
Mary E. Edwards 3	Alfred E. Rushton 7
Keith H. Fleming 4	Stephen Ivin .. .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Pearl Inskip, who was tower captain at this church from 1920 to 1963; also the golden wedding of Mr and Mrs. F. Stanton, of Bromham.

STOTFIELD, Beds.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Ipswich, Norwich, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

Roy Webb .. .. Treble	Ronald J. Sharp 4
Linda Ellison 2	Keith H. Fleming 5
Audrey R. Alexander .. 3	Stephen Ivin .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BITTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Trevor Newlands .. .. Treble	Bruce Martin 5
*Heather A. Walters .. 2	*James Clatworthy 6
*Stephen J. Bateman .. 3	*Paul A. Williams 7
David Rennolds 4	*Robert C. Kippin .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Little Bob.

LITTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Trevor Newlands .. .. Treble	*John W. Collard 4
*Stephen J. Bateman .. 2	David Rennolds 5
†James Clatworthy 3	Paul A. Williams .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David Rennolds.
* First peal on six bells.. † First of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Stephen J. Bateman .. .. Treble	*Bruce Martin 4
Trevor Newlands 2	James Clatworthy 5
John W. Collard 3	David Rennolds .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David Rennolds.
* First peal on six bells. Most Minor methods to a peal for all the band. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Containing 294 singles and no bobs, being seven different extents, each containing 42 singles. Tenor 9 cwt.

Susan E. Davis .. .. .. Treble	Graham Newman 4
Ann M. Smith 2	Timothy Wylie 5
Herbert E. Taylor 3	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
DAGENHAM, Essex.— At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F sharp.

*Catherine M. Barrett .. Treble	Roy E. Copleston 5
David E. Porter 2	Janet A. Pullen 6
Renée L. Armstrong .. 3	David Ralls 7
Paul J. Bloomfield 4	John Armstrong .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John Armstrong.
* First peal
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. E. P. C. Paterson, incumbent of this parish for 15 years.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Ian V. Foster .. .. .. Treble	Peter G. Pitt 5
Yvonne A. Murray 2	Walter Arnold 6
Frank B. Lufkin 3	James L. Towler 7
George E. Thoday 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

ARDLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Heather M. McArthur .. Treble	*Jennifer M. Andrews .. 5
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Adrian G. Semken 3	Walter Arnold 7
Neil V. Avis 4	James L. Towler .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
OATLANDS PARK, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*R. Anne Collins .. .. Treble	John A. Collier 5
Bruce B. Rogers 2	Martin J. Kirk 6
Dudley P. Elsmore 3	Malcolm M. Powell 7
Roy Collins 4	E. John Wells .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a compliment to Dudley and Pat Elsmore on their wedding anniversary. Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Robert A. Hatcher .. .. Treble	Austin T. Wingate 5
John W. Hope 2	*Thomas Bound 6
Gillian E. Lewis 3	Colin A. Lewis 7
Frederick R. Harris 4	Danzey H. Watkins .. Tenor

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
* First peal of Triples. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STRETTON GRANDISON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Rosemary Collins .. .. Treble	Patrick G. Hickey 4
*E. Charles Biggs 2	Roy K. Williams 5
Leonard J. Walters 3	S. Barnaby Bell .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by S. Barnaby Bell.
* 25th peal.
Rung with the band's best wishes as a birthday compliment to Miss Amaryllis Bell-Richards.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GREAT GADDESDEN, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich, Netherseale, Primrose, London, York, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Stephen J. Crawley .. .. Treble	Reginald E. J. Sheppard 4
C. Valerie Mills 2	†Keith D. Waples 5
Walter Ayre 3	Francis M. Byrne .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of seven-Surprise.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Alice Robinson, an old friend of the ringers.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral and Parish Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 4 hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
A 27-course block reduced. Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Margaret Wright .. .. Treble	Christine Andrew 5
Michael J. Platt 2	Christopher M. Movley .. 6
Derek J. Marshall 3	Alan Ward 7
Peter J. Bellamby-Knights 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

MIDDLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

J. Barry Pickup .. .. Treble	John P. Partington 5
Michael J. Platt 2	Michael D. Fishwick .. 6
*Michael J. Tompsett .. 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
Cyril Crossthwaite 4	†Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † 200th peal.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*H. Lyndon Hatfield .. Treble	*Kenneth Wilson 5
John Elliott 2	†Joseph Ridyard .. ..
Martin E. Snape 3	Ronald Kenrick 7
*Stanley Livesley 4	‡Dennis Jones .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ronald Kenrick.
* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal on the bells. ‡ Has now "circled the tower" First of Triples on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Norman Heaps.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Monica M. Jelley .. .. Treble	John M. Jelley 5
Malcolm E. Wade 2	David F. Moore 6
William A. Lacey 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Martin Green 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*Dorothy Mason .. .. Treble	*Philip A. Mason 5
*Monica M. Jelley 2	*John M. Jelley 6
Martin Green 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Malcolm E. Wade 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal of Leicestershire Surprise Major.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
METHERINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

*Kathleen Fox .. .. .. Treble	*Aidan C. A. Hopkins .. 5
Jack L. Millhouse 2	†David Phillipson 6
*Gillian Radley 3	†Christopher J. Sharp .. 7
Margaret A. Parker .. 4	Peter A. Sharp .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire Surprise.

(King's School Society.)
BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

*G. J. N. Colborne (1963-5) Treble	D. J. Hopkinson (1958–65) 4
F. W. Pinchbeck (1925–30) 2	B. Buttery (1950–55) .. 5
P. A. Slight (1952–59) .. 3	W. R Read (1952–59) .. Tenor

Conducted by Graham J. N. Colborne.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

EATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 41 extents in the following 28 methods—Stedman Slow Course, St. Botolph, Coxwell Place, Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse Union Bob, Reverse St. Faith Bob, Reverse St. Julian Bob, Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon Bob, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Blaisdon, St Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Huntley, Reverse Canterbury, All Saints' Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury Bob, Plain Bob; and 101 variations—St. Laud, Susanmead, Wroughton, St. Firmin, St. Eadburga, Aspley, St. Kenelm, Spindlebury, Simpson, St. Katherine, St. Magnus, Kent, Sexagesima, Winchester, Wykeham, Vectis, Quinquagesima, Southampton, Romsey, Hampshire, Ember, St. Wilfred, St. Oswald, Sussex, Septuagesima, Stoke Bardolph, Arnold, Sandford, Sulgrave, Iffley, Ardingly, West Hanney, Darwin, Epperstone, Sevalcliffe, Standlake, Rousham Burton Joyce, Lillingstone, Brightwell, St. Merryn, Hadham, Chippingham, Saville, St. Clether, Bradden, Kelmarsh, Tring, St. Samson Oake, Stowey, Queens Park, Hendred, Radlett, St. Brewood, St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Greasley, Ezneih, Shareshill, Ryton, St. Cleer, Omega, Heyford, Chilton, Serratt, Dummer, St. Mary, St. Crispin, St. Cecelia, Laverstoke, Lapley, St. John, Horsley, Obediah, Southrepps, St. Columb, Marchington, Fortune, St. Albans, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, St. John Evangelist, Elford, Austrey, St. Feux, St. Wenceslas, St. Ignatius, Churchill, Amersham, St. John Divine, St. Jude, St. Laurence, St. Austell, St. Stephen, Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, St. John the Baptist, Kennington, Old. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Graham J. N. Colborne Treble	Peter A. Slight 4
*Vaughan P. Evans 2	*Dennis A. Frith 5
Owen Homewood 3	†David Leafe .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* 25th peal together. † First peal at first attempt.
Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. A. Hodgins to the parish.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being four callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

Josephine Pole .. .. .. Treble	Frank T. Blagrove 4
Michael J. Palmer 2	Jeffrey Britchford 5
Peter J. Woodgyer 3	William H. Coles .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William H. Coles.
Rung in affectionate memory of Rev. Maurice Child, and marking the 25th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WOOD GREEN, London, N.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Sheila A. Spreadbury .. Treble	Michael J. Palmer 4
Joan Hooton 2	Alan G. Spreadbury .. 5
David Sloman 3	Roger A. Gage .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger A. Gage.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Preb. J. S. Aldis, Vicar of this church for 19 years, on his appointment to the British Embassy in Vienna.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., July 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards .. .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 6
John K. Smith 2	Derek P. Jones 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 8
William J. V. Conduct .. 4	Frank Beech 9
Arthur E. Rowley 5	Frank Chambers .. .. Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., July 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

George L. Roobottom	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	E. Frederick Gobey	6
Frank Chambers	3	John K. Smith	7
Roland Beniston	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Frank Chambers	Treble	Ron Hughes	5
*Roger N. Scholes	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
E. Frederick Gobey	3	Derek P. Jones	7
William J. V. Conduct	4	Frank Beech	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of Triples.
Rung on the 250th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung on August 26th, 1718.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Charles A. S. Webb	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Walter Sherratt	6
Gerald Parsons	3	Paul J. Atkins	7
*Christopher Morey	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 16¾ cwt. in F.

Nolan Golden	Treble	H. William Barrett	5
Henry Tooke	2	George Sayer	6
*Bevan W. Willgress	3	Clifford Bird	7
Frank C. Arnold	4	Bert Gogle	Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 50th peal for the Association.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Allan Charles Haines, for 40 years a ringer at this tower.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F.

Thomas R. Roast	Treble	Leslie F. Bailey	5
Desmond P. Mortlock	2	Thomas E. Spight	6
*Keith M. Gilbert	3	David E. House	7
Maureen P. Cubitt	4	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

William Birmingham	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	6
William Butler	2	Christopher C. Clarke	7
David C. Brown	3	Sydney M. Bailey	8
Alan R. Pink	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	9
*Ronald K. Russ	5	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside."

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 NORTHAMPTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Patrick I. Chapman	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., July 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe	Treble	Peter J. England	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	Terry R. Hampton	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	James Insley	9
Vernon Green	4	George E. Fearn	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	James W. Belshaw	11
Geoffrey W. Randall	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
Muriel Reay	2	George E. Fearn	7
Susan E. Smith	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	8
Maurice F. Edwards	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
Vernon Green	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CORSLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (10 callings), and Morris's 240. Tenor 14 cwt.

Jennifer Alexander	Treble	Reg Jones	4
*Rosalind Payne	2	Robert Purnell	5
Ruth Jones	3	Norman G. Knee	Tenor

Conducted by Robert Purnell.
* First peal of Grandsire "inside."
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the second, who is to spend a year in America.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Tony Skilton	Treble	David W. James	5
*Geoffrey W. Stephens	2	Peter T. Dale	6
*Juliet S. Stoy	3	Michael J. Parmer	7
A. Stephen Taylor	4	*Roy D. Mills	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Roy D. Mills.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BURWASH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.) Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Paul Fox	Treble	Leslie W. Jarvis	5
*Jane A. Mason	2	M. Iain Davey	6
Ann Harris	3	Alan R. Baldock	7
Frederick J. Lambert	4	†Geoffrey D. Welch	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal on eight bells and first of Grandsire. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURLEYDAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Geoffrey A. Edwards 1-2 | *John R. Scott 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) 5-6
* 150th peal.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.
*Geoffrey A. Edwards 1-2 | *John R. Scott 3-4
*Frank R. Morton (cond.) 5-6
* 150th peal together as a trio.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	George E. Feirn	5-6
Frank Lord	3-4	Jack Bray	7-8

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
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BOOTHMAN.—To Janet and John, of 37, Green Hill Gate, High Wycombe, on August 25th, 1968, Andrew, a brother for Peter. 4687

PENFOLD.—To Patrick and Peggy (née Butcher), the gift of a daughter, Kerry Lynn, on August 28th, 1968, at home, 1, Lancaster Road, Shortstown Estate, Bedford. 4682

ENGAGEMENTS

EBSWORTH—SPARSHOTT. — The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ebsworth, of 2, Sunshine Close, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and Elisabeth Anthea Mary, only daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. D. T. Sparshott, of 5, Margetts Close, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. 4691

PETT—RICHARDS. — The engagement is announced between Gillian Richards, of Claines, Worcestershire, and Timothy Pett, of Dereham, Norfolk. 4708

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GRIFFIN.—The address of Alan and Margaret is now Rosebank, Bloxham, Banbury, Oxon. Telephone 0295-72 (Bloxham) 359. 4722

LOCK.—The address of Martin F. Lock is now 108, St. Katherine's Road, Whipton, Exeter, Devon 4276

POYNER.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Poyner now live at The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts. Telephone: Sturton-le-Steeple 339. 4683

TOMSETT.—The Rev. and Mrs. J. Tomsett have now removed to their permanent address at St. Cuthbert's House, 9, Martins Close, Wells, Somerset Telephone No. Wells 3202.

PERSONAL

"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." — Proverbs xvi. 31.

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	2.00- 2.45
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Teas available at Great Baddow. 4675

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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN FESTIVAL
To be held at
Shrewsbury, Saturday, September 21st

Ringing:—

Market Drayton	(8)	11.00—12.00
Cound	(6)	11.00—12.00
Hodnet	(8)	12.45— 1.30
Berrington	(8)	12.30— 1.30
Shrewsbury—		
St. Mary's	(10)	1.45— 3.00
St. Chad's	(12)	3.00— 4.30

Service, St. Chad's, 4.30 p.m.
Preacher, The Bishop of Lichfield.
Tea, St. Chad's Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Ringing after tea, St. Chad's, 7.30-9.

Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, Hon. Sec., 4, Abbots Place, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury, by Tuesday, September 17th. Strictly no name, no tea. 4631

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Eliot College, University of Kent, at Canterbury, September 21st, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets 19s. 6d. Application for tickets (with (s.a.e.) until Tuesday, September 17th, to Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. Bed and breakfast available Eliot College, 21s. per head. Apply Mr. Luck. — P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4413

RINGERS' SUNDAY, SEPT. 22nd, at KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX
Ringing 7-8 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 5-6.30 p.m.
Services: Holy Communion 8 a.m., Matins 11 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.
Preachers: Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey and Canon Gilbert Thurlow, assisting the Vicar. Rev Brian Redgers, and the Rural Dean.
Ringing at towers in the District during afternoon.
Social after Evensong and refreshments.
Free breakfast for those who notify me.
Everybody welcome to whole or part of day. See some of you at 7 a.m.
Frank B. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea. 4531

SILSOE, BEDS.—The weekly practice on Tuesdays will be resumed on September 10th. —T. P. Harris. 4684

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Conductors' course for Guild members, Henley, Saturday, September 28th. Meet in Village Hall at 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Ringing 6.30-9. Those attending please notify by September 21st.—G. W. Pipe (R. Master), 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich. 4724

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Prospectus and application forms from Mr. M. Tyler, County Education Office, Guildhall Road, Northampton.
E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

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Rededication of the rehung ring of 12 bells.
Saturday, October 5th, 1968, at 3 p.m. Followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m. Admission by ticket only, obtainable from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. 4650

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSN.

A dinner to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Association will be held at the Grand Hotel, Cardiff, on Saturday, October 19th. Tickets (25s.) are now available from: M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 4621

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29 towers available.

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Full details will be published **once** in "The Ringing World" during mid-October. 4680

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17th ANNUAL DINNER
Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock,
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Tickets 22/- each.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and West Lindsey Branches.—One-day Ringing School at Lea (near Gainsborough), October 5th. 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Fee, including tea, 7s. 6d. Bring own lunch. Beginners, plain methods and Surprise Minor groups. Details from and fees by September 25th to C. A Harrison, Greetwell Cross Roads, Kirton-Lindsey, Lincs. 4696

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Commencing at noon Sat. and Sun.
Bells available during intervals.
Refreshments available. 4710

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE
Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Wirral, Saturday, October 12th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (27/6) from Mr. A. J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, before October 8th. 4719

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

READING UNIVERSITY DINNER

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UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD.

New students at Brighton are invited to join the Guild. Please contact Susan Hopkin, 18, Newton-Nottage Road, Newton, Porthcawl, Glam, or come to St. Peter's, Brighton, practice—Friday, 7.30 p.m. 4716

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY welcomes all ringers coming up this year Practices every Thursday, 6.30–8 p.m., at St. Olive's, Hart Street (tube to Tower Hill), commencing October 3rd. Further information from Audrey R. Alexander, 89, High Street, Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts. General meeting October 26th. 4624

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY. — New students are invited to write to R. Harpole, Westcott, Heronway, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, for details of this Society. 4698

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Goostrey, September 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, by September 11th. 4678

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Evening practice. Elm (6), near Wisbech, Saturday, September 14th, 6.30–9 p.m. Churchyard Bob to Spliced Minor. 4656

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Evening meeting at Horningsea (5), Saturday, September 14th, 6 p.m.–7 p.m. Fen Ditton (5) 7 p.m.–8 p.m.—B. Pratt Dis. Sec. 4671

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District — Evening meeting, Orsett (6), Saturday, September 14th. Bells 6–9 p.m. 4635

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, September 14th, 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4670

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), September 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 4649

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Hoddesdon (8), September 14th, 6 to 8.30 p.m. 4677

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Striking Contest and by-meeting at East Sutton (6) on Saturday, September 14th. Contest starts 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr M L. Howe, 83, College Road, Maidstone. 4613

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Striking competition at Littlebourne on Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. F. G. Young, 2, Loddington Cottages, Littlebourne, near Canterbury, by September 12th. 4688

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern Branch) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting at Harlaxton, Saturday, September 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 Tea 5. Denton bells (if available) in the evening Names for tea to Canon C. G. C. Robertson Harlaxton Rectory, near Grantham, Lincs (Tel. Grantham 3923).—F G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4617

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch — Quarterly meeting, Bridgend (8), Saturday. September 14th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and further ringing — Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec. 4628

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Church of St. Saviour, Markhouse Road, Walthamstow, September 14th, 2–3. Tea, new Church Hall, Lindley Road, Leyton, E.10. 4.30. Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Church Road, Leyton, 6–8. No business.—Miss V. E Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4655

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crawford Cup Final, Orston, September 14th. 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea 5.45. Ringing also at Whatton and Sibthorpe afternoon and evening. Names for tea to W L. Exton. St. Ouen's, Whatton. 4612

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening practice, Thames Ditton (6), Saturday September 14th, at 7 p.m.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4275

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Wisborough Green on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m., followed by service at 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall at 5 o'clock Bells in the evening until 8.30 p.m. Please notfy for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex 4653

DERBY ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of the new ring of eight bells at Pinxton on Sunday, September 15th Ringing 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after Evensong Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. R. L. Gwyther, The Rectory, Pinxton, Nottinghamshire 4585

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice meeting at Stevenage on Tuesday, September 17th, 7.30–9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4717

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Penn. Wednesday, September 18th. Bells available 7.30–9 p.m.—J Muller. 4706

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Hawley (8) on Friday, September 20th, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Evening practice at St. George's, Mossley, on Friday, September 20th. Bells (8) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please note: Roughtown bells not available. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 4681

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at Harefield on Friday, September 20th, at 7.30 p.m. —M. J. Palmer. 4664

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ruishton, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 4667

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Backwell (8), Saturday, September 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4340

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ——Biggleswade District.—Striking Competition will be held at Stotfold on Saturday, September 21st. Practice ringing 5 p.m. Draw and competition at 6 p.m., followed by buffet-social (including film "Ringers Required"). More details at Willington meeting on 14th. Closing date for entries September 16th. — Linda Ellison. 4729

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—Meeting at Wolvey on Saturday, September 21st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to L. Trevor, 61, Watling Street, Nuneaton. 4668

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting, Hemingford Abbots, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 5.30. Special methods: Lightfoot Surprise, Grandsire Doubles.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4690

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, March. Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4703

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch Striking Competition, Great Barrington (6), September 21st, 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Pearse, Silver Street, South Cerney, by 17th. 4661

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Haresfield (6), September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Hardwicke (6) also available after tea. Social gathering with handbells 9.15 at Beacon. Painswick (12) available 2–4 p.m. also. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by 17th, please. 4713

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Walden (6), September 21st, 3 p.m., with service and tea. Meeting follows in church. King's Walden (6) available 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Dennison, 50, Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin, Herts.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4637

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Halliwell (Smithills), Bolton (8) on Saturday, September 21st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., then business meeting. Evening ringing 6–8.30 at All Souls', Bolton (8). All visitors made welcome. Names for tea to Mr. J. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Smithills, Bolton.—A. J. I., Branch Sec. 4721

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Laurence's, Chorley, Saturday, September 21st. No tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 4571

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Cosby, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. K. Needham, 12, Park Close, Cosby, Leics, by the previous Wednesday, please.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 4720

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Thurnby, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Free Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pawley, 8, Anthony Drive, Thurnby, not later than Friday, September 20th.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4692

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Messingham on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea. Special methods: London Surprise and St. Simon's Doubles. Notify me for tea by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. (Tel. 2623.) 4700

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, North Mimms, Saturday, September 21st. Bells from 3.15 p.m., followed by service and tea. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 4728

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch.—Annual general meeting at Piddington on Saturday, September 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, by 18th, please. 4727

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, Steventon, September 21st. Bells 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Number for tea, please, to Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, by Tuesday, 17th. 4641

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on Saturday, September 21st, 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. 4705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Meeting, St. John's, Peterborough, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Visit to Cathedral bells being arranged, 2.15 **prompt.** St. Mary's also available for evening ringing. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday, 18th. 4657

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Bugbrooke (5), Saturday, September 21st. Names for tea to Mr. K. Rogers, Downs Farm, Weedon, by Monday previous.—Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec. 4712

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Lyme Regis, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. Visitors welcome.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Collingham, Saturday, September 21st. Bells, N. and S. Collingham. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. N. Collingham and S. Scarle open in evening. Names for tea to D. J. Tysoe, 2, Valley View, Coddington, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. T., Dis. Sec. 4693

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Brandeston (6) on Saturday, September 21st, 6.30–9 p.m. 4709

SUFFOLK GUILD and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Reeve, 10, High Street, Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk, by September 19th. 4669

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Epsom Common, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing at Ashtead. Names for tea to D. J. F. Oakshott, 114, Manor Green Road, by Wednesday, 18th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 4640

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to J. M. Hills, 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex BN4 6PJ, by previous Wednesday, please. 4702

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Autumn meeting at Perran-ar-Worthal (6) on Saturday, September 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Miss B. J. Duck, 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 4714

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Beoley, near Redditch, Saturday, September 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Ison, 10, Clent Avenue, Crabbs Cross, Redditch, by previous Thursday, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4646

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual **Snowdon Dinner** will be held on Sat., October 19th, at the Victoria Hotel, Bridge Street, Bradford. Tickets (30/-) from F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, Yorkshire. Names with applications, please. 4520

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — General meeting at Knaresborough on September 21st. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations for Central Council representatives will be received at the meeting. Bells: Pateley Bridge (6) 10.30–11.30; Boroughbridge (6) 10.30–11.30, Harrogate (8) 10.30–11.30 and 6.30–8; Aldborough (6) 11.15–12; Birstwith (8) 11.30–12.30; Beckwithshaw (6) 12–1 and 6.30–8; Whixley (6) 2–3.30; Kirk Deighton (6) 2–3.30 and 6.30–8.45. **Nidd (not available now);** Knaresborough (8) 2–4.15 and after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gudgeon, Sharon, Forest Moor, Knaresborough, by Wednesday, September 18th.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 4555

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting to be held at West Hallam (8) on Friday, September 27th, to commence at 7.15 p.m. until 9 p.m. Looking forward to good turn-up.—W. B., Hon. Sec. 4622 4690

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by ringing at Hatfield Heath (6) 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting at Ulceby, Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—C. A. H. 4695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — White Horse Branch.—Autumn meeting, Ashbury, September 28th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berkshire, by 25th. 4694

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Willingdon on Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing 6–7.30 p.m. Bring own food: cups of tea provided. — G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 4685

QUARTER PEALS

TOUR OF EAST DORSET SIXES

It was originally planned on August 21st to attempt four 720s of Minor and three quarters of Doubles on seven Dorset sixes. However, a quarter of New Bob was abandoned in favour of 720 Grandsire, due to lack of lubrication, at Sturminster Marshall. St Clement's at Canford and Stedman at Bryanston were unsuccessful, but some good ringing was enjoyed on the heavy six at Bere Regis and in the evening at Durweston. Ringers taking part were from Hordle, Lymington, Ringwood and Bournemouth. Details:—

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS.—720 Double Oxford Bob Minor: J. Wilcock 1, Faith Riley 2, F. E. Collins 3, W. Shute 4, A. Nunn 5, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 6.

BERE REGIS.—720 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wilcock 1, Faith Riley 2, H. A. Mitchell 3, A. Nunn 4, W. T. Perrins 5, F. E. Collins (cond.) 6.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL. — 720 Grandsire Doubles: Faith Riley 1, A. Nunn 2, J. Wilcock 3, W. Shute 4, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 5, F. E. Collins 6.

STOURPAINE.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Mitchell 1, W. Shute (cond.) 2, W. T. Perrins 3, A. Nunn 4, F. E. Collins 5, J. Wilcock 6.

DURWESTON.—720 Rev. Canterbury Minor: J. Wilcock 1, Faith Riley 2, H. A. Mitchell 3, W. Shute 4, F. E. Collins 5, A. Nunn (cond.) 6.

SHERBORNE, DORSET. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian M. Brearley 1, G. Prescott 2, G. Hebden 3, P. J. England 4, J. Brain 5, S. G. Smith 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): K. R. Stubbington 1, Mary White 2, H. O. Chaddock 3, D. G. Hatherly 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, W. J. Stubbington 6. For Evensong.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES METHODS

(Continued from page 575)

Section I.—Principles. Renumber all methods in the 1955 Collection by adding the prefix P to all numbers. Thus Stedman is P5.

Section II.—Methods With Two Hunts. Renumber all methods by adding the prefix T. Thus Antelope is T7. Add these irregular methods.

T21 Newark Place
345, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 145.

T22 Rev. Newark Pl.
5, 1, 5, 1, 125, 123, 5, 1, 5, 1.

T23 New Newark Pl.
5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 345, 145.

T24 Rev. New Newark Pl.
5, 1, 5, 123, 125, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1.

T25 Wollaton Place
345, 145, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1.

T26 Rev. Wollaton Pl.
5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 123, 125, 1, 5, 1.

T27 New Wollaton Pl.
5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 145, 345, 1.

T28 Rev. New Wollaton Pl.
5, 1, 125, 123, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1.

The calls for Newark, etc., are Wallflower bobs and singles, made above or below the treble as necessary. Six callings only, as in Antelope, etc.

The calls for Wollaton, etc., are Pink bobs and singles, made above or below the treble as necessary. Six callings only, as in Antelope, etc.

N.B.—The calling SBSP three times is false if rung to Antelope, Newark, Wollaton and their New and Reverse alterations.

Section III.—Methods With One Hunt. Renumber all methods in the 1955 Collection by adding as a suffix the composition letter for the method. Thus 33A is Blackburn Place and 33L is Cranford S.C. Number Braywood, Welford and Longworth as 24N, 25N and 29N. The call for these methods is a Wallflower bob, call BPP or PBP each four times, or start 12345—21345—23154 and call PPB four times.

Corrections to page 575:

47T should read 3, 145, 5, 3, 145, 3, 5, 145, 3, 123.

55V Names this Pensthorpe Bob.

79U should be Nunthorpe, not Gunthorpe.

Renumber Chavasse, Maltby and Callender as 77R, 80R and 84R. The correct call for these methods is a Grandsire single above the treble.

The call for methods marked P is the following single:

54132
51423
15243
15234
51234
52143

Call SPPPSSPPPSPP or any transposition of this, but if finishing with a single, start as in All Saints' bob.

Rev. St. Bartholomew may still be rung with a plain lead of Plain Bob for the bob, but this can now be called Spliced Rev. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob. Similarly Rev. St. Sebastian.

All Saints' may still be rung with a plain lead of Plain Bob or Rev. Canterbury as a bob, but this can now be called Spliced All Saints and Plain Bob or Rev. Canterbury.

Additions to irregular methods III (b) on page 575:

66H Screveton Bob
3, 1, 125, 123, 345, 123, 125, 1, 3, 125.

68H Strelley Place Bob
3, 145, 125, 123, 345, 123, 125, 145, 3, 125.

70H Ossington Place Bob
345, 1, 125, 123, 345, 123, 125, 1, 345, 125.

80N Sutton-upon-Trent Bob
5, 1, 125, 123, 345, 123, 125, 1, 5, 125.

N.B.—In Section III, no method is the bobbed lead of another, or vice versa.

(To be continued.)

QUARTER PEALS

ASHCOTT, SOM.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): S. Lewis 1, B. Mills (first as cond.) 2, K. Prime 3, J. Coombs 4, J. S. Walton 5, J. R. Lee 6. A 15th wedding anniversary compliment to J. R. Lee.

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—On August 18th, 1,280 D.N.C.B. Major: Gillian M. Brearley 1, M. G. Dodson 2, P. England 3, A. Flood 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice 6, D. Orledge 7, R. O. Fry (cond.) 8.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOM.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Rothwell 1, Mrs. D. Lesley J. Parker 2, R. Welch 3, R. Parker (cond.) 4, H. C. Clark 5, G. Pope 6. Rung by ringing friends of Mr. H. Westlake of Kingsbury Episcopi as a compliment to him on his 65th birthday and retirement. He has been a ringer and church member for over fifty years.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 18, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Brentnall 1, Miss G. Barker (first inside) 2, J. Naysmith 3, P. W. Harper 4, K. D. Waples 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's on August 20th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Plain): W. W. Cousins 1, D. Gagen 2, R. Newson 3, T. D. Leask 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6, and L. W. Houghton cover. To welcome Mr. T. D. Leask from Thorne, Yorkshire.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. S. Webb 1, Patricia M. Gardiner 2, M. Nunns 3, A. Cole 4, C. Maxfield 5, A. Newbold (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 15, 1,260 Doubles (four methods 4-6-8 covering): V. H. James 1, Janine M. M. Blanch 2, Suzanne J. Withers 3, M. J. K. Griffiths 4, Helen Kirkpatrick 5, L. Sutherland (first quarter) 6, W. Willans (cond.) 7, J. Boulter (first quarter) 8. Rung before Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the B.V.M.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Donaldson 1, R. J. Latham (first of Minor) 2, R. W. T. Slack 3, N. G. Hughes 4, A. J. Mason 5, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On August 16th, 1,320 Doubles (11 var. of Grandsire): Kathleen L. E. Ennor (first quarter) 1, T. J. Bell 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, R. P. Pearce 4, F. M. Bowers 5.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On July 22nd, 1,272 Minor (Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): Anne Barber 1, Pamela Court 2, R. A. Birch 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, P. C. Sinden 5, B. Johnson (150th quarter as cond.) 6. Also on August 17th, 1,260 Minor (2 methods): Jane Osenton 1, J. A. Hemsley 2, A. J. Leeves 3, Margaret Jenner 4, B. Johnson 5, R. Weeks (first Minor as cond.) 6. First in two methods 2 and 4.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—At the Cathedral, on August 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Anne Cooke 1, Susan Harber 2, Anne Pilgrim 3, M. Pilgrim 4, N. James 5, S. Fenwick 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, T. Hopkins 8. For Evensong. Also on August 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Anne Cooke 1, F. Corney 2, P. Reading 3, N. James 4, J. Wood 5, P. A. Williams 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, S. Fenwick 8. For Evensong.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On August 18th, 1,440 Oxford T. B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles: A. G. Button 1, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 2, G. J. Neilson 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, B. G. Butcher 5, D. Gower 6. Also on August 18th, 1,320 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, R. A. Birch 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, B. G. Butcher 5, P. I. Chittenden (first quarter) 6.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. H. Cook 1, Mrs. D. A. Day 2, O. Homewood 3, W. Clamp 4, H. Clayton 5, R. Preston 6, R. E. Manton 7, J. L. Day 8, R. H. Cook (cond.) 9, W. H. Holmes (first on tenor) 10. First Grandsire Caters 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong and as a welcome to the Suffragan Bishop of Michigan, Rt. Rev. A. N. Crowley, also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. J. L. and Mrs. D. A. Day and a birthday compliment to Stephen Manton.

NETHERAVON, WILTS.—On August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Day 1, W. Pearce 2, F. Pearce 3, R. Day 4, J. Pearce (cond.) 5, B. Hayward 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. For Sunday service.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Aug. 18, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Prisca Treemer 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane Dando 3, R. L. Underwood 4, Katherine Maundrell 5, M. Palmer 6, A. J. Mason 7, B. R. M. Johnson (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3, 6 and 7. Rung for Deanery Service, and to mark Mr. Palmer's 50 years of ringing.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On August 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hodgkins (first attempt) 1, Brenda Dixon 2, G. Muncey 3, B. Whitworth 4, E. Buckby 5, R. Coley 6, L. Hall 7.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On August 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Jenner 1, O. Webster 2, Jane Osenton (first in method) 3, Marion Kemp 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. Hemsley 6, P. C. Sinden 7, P. Thomas 8.

SANDHURST, KENT.—On August 15th, 1,360 Little Bob Minor: Marion Kemp 1, Margaret Jenner 2, J. Hemsley 3, H. Deacon 4, O. Webster 5, B. Johnson (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 5.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On July 28th, 1,320 St. Bartholomew's Bob: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Bradley (cond.) 3, D. Lazzerini 4, F. Bradley 5. On Evensong. Also on July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (6 methods): R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini (first as cond.) 3, D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley 5. On August 6th, 1,320 Doubles (2 methods: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini (first as cond.) 2, F. Bradley 3, D. Bradley 4, D. Lazzerini 5.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Johnson 1, Anne Barber 2, Pamela Court 3, H. Deacon 4, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 5, P. C. Sinden 6. Also on July 7th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Pamela Court 1, A. P. S. Berry 2, H. Deacon 3, D. Manger 4, P. C. Sinden 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. 50th together 5 and 6. 150th together 3 and 6. Also on August 6th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: E. Clifton 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, R. Lucas 3, J. R. Cooper 4, G. Stewart (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

SOUTH HARTING, SUSSEX.—On August 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Pl: Bob and Grandsire): Gillian Read 1, D. M. Hughes 2, R. Smith 3, V. Walder 4, R. B. Walton (cond.) 5, J. Cook (first quarter) 6. First in two methods 3 and 4.

SYDLING, DORSET.—On August 17th 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. B. Ellery 1, Angela Quick 2, R. Williamson 3, A. Scott 4, M. J. Hiller 5.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on August 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. P. Pearce (first of Royal) 1, F. M. Bowers 2, V. Mary Matthews 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, A. Locke 5, C. P. Yates 6, T. J. Bell (first on ten) 7, G. D. Carter 8, C. G. Bryant 9, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 10. Rung to welcome members of the Lambeth Conference visiting Cornwall.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Thompson (first away from cover) 1, A. F. Lee 2, Hilary Jacobs 3, J. H. Thompson 4, Shirley A. Cox (first as cond.) 5, Erica Pankhurst 6. For Evensong.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On August 18th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Patsy M. Barnes 1, J. C. Hudson 2, S. J. Franklin 3, R. N. Scholes 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WALMER, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Anne Barber 1, Pamela Court 2, P. C. Sinden 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, R. A. Birch 5, K. Butler 6, N. J. Davies 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On July 28th 1,295 Erin Cinques: Liz C. Duncan 1, Jane Chapman 2, A. J. Slade 3, Glynis Perry 4, Laura M. Grindrod 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, June Whitcher 7, M. C. Austin 8, R. Durrant 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, I. L. Dear 11, J. E. Murfitt 12. First quarter peal of Erin Cinques for all the band. For Matins. Also on August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynda Davey (first quarter) 1, Jane Chapman 2, Liz C. Duncan 3, Glynis Perry 4, G. Walker 5, R. E. J. Dennis 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8. For Matins.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.—On August 14th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Arnold 1, B. Dennett 2, Miss M. Hill 3, L. Lyddon 4, C. Lock (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 3.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.—On August 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Bourner 1, P. C. Sinden 2, Pamela Court 3, R. A. Birch 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,272 Primrose Surprise Minor: P. Richardson 1, P. Staples 2, B. Johnson 3, D. Manger 4, R. Carlton 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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The Church of St. Mary the Virgin
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St. Mary the Virgin's, Great Baddow

"THIS being a very pleasant village, it hath been inhabited long by families of fashion." It may have been so when Morant wrote his "History of Essex" in 1768, but nowadays Great Baddow is really more a suburb of Chelmsford than a proper village. The name used to be blithely derived from "Bad Eau"—like Ilford—but etymologists are more careful now, and say that it "may be Celtic."

The church, which is mainly 13th and 14th century, has a fine 16th century brick clerestory, and a tall leaded spire, with a bellcote containing an uninscribed sanctus bell.

Early records of the bells seem to be lacking, though an article on the church ("Essex Review," 1894) suggests that Great Baddow may have had its own bellfounder; it quotes from the burial register "Joyce Clarke, Belfounder, was buryed the 21 day of Marche" (no year is given, but the entry immediately above it is for 1538). Unfortunately there seems to be no trace of such a person in the registers, and so far other sources have failed to explain the quotation.

The first direct reference to the bells is in 1686, when the Archdeacon was told that the ropes were in disrepair, and one bell needed a new headstock. In 1721 the old ring of five was recast. The churchwardens went to London, apparently to get an estimate; their accounts, which show "Spent with Bellfoundrs in London 7s. 8d.," suggest that it must have been quite a happy party. The bells, however, were finally recast at Sudbury, presumably by Thomas Gardiner, who was writing to the churchwardens about them in 1728.

These bells were augmented to six by "the Gift of Mr. Watson Gower" in 1738, but the ring does not seem to have been very satisfactory, for in 1781 they were recast into an eight with a 13¼ cwt. tenor, "The Essex Chronicle" for August 3rd advertising:

Ringing

At Great Baddow, near Chelmsford, Essex, a new peal of Eight Bells will be opened on Monday 13th instant, cast by Mr. Mears of London. Any number of ringers will be admitted, if they choose either five or six bells, after the company which is first to open them."

Why the visitors were confined to five or six bells remains a mystery.

RIVAL PUBLICANS

The White Horse and the Blue Lion, still the principal pubs in the village, entered into competition:

"As a New Peal of Eight Bells will be opened on the 13th instant at Great Baddow,

Charles Harman at the White Horse Inn informs his friends and the public, that a good ordinary will be provided at the said Inn.

Dinner on the table at half past two o'clock."

Thomas Norfolk at the Blue Lion said much the same—but his dinner was on the table half an hour earlier.

However, the new bells were duly opened, and "The Essex Chronicle" records that:

"On Monday a musical peal of eight bells, cast by Messers Mears of London, was opened at Great Baddow, by the Chelmsford ringers, who, besides other peals, rung with ease and propriety the complete peal of 5,040 Bob-Major, in two hours and fifty-three minutes, striking the bell close, to an excellent pitch; and giving full satisfaction to a respectable company assembled on the occasion."

Unfortunately the new tenor had to be recast in 1782. This may have been due to the inexperienced ringers, for in 1783 the churchwardens' accounts include:

"Pd a man for instructing the ringers .. .. .. 10s. 6d.
Pd the same for instructing the ringers .. .. 10s. 6d.
Pd Chappel for teaching the ringers .. .. .. £1 11s. 6d."

rather surprisingly, as it seems an early date for a ringing course—and they certainly were not subsidised by the local authority!

Mr. Chappel's instruction must have had some effect, for the next bell (the third) was not recast until 1787, and then there was a long gap until the second was recast in 1809, followed by the fourth in 1837.

The second peal, in 1819, was unusual. A notice in the belfry commemorates: "The quarter peal of Bob Major 10,080 changes . . . . nobly brought round in 5hr. and 50mins. being the master peice of the art ever performed in the county." After "the master peice" there were no more peals until 1885.

THE NEW BELLS

The bells had been becoming difficult for some time when the 23rd and last peal on the old bells was rung in 1912; and in 1913 ringing stopped altogether. Apparently no one but the local band could manage them, and even they found it hard work. However, there was no lack of interest, and in 1916 a new ringing gallery was put up in anticipation, though the parish had to wait until 1924 to hear its bells again.

The new eight, with a tenor of 14¼ cwt., was cast by Taylors in 1923, and hung the next year in a new steel frame. Even allowing for local partiality, they are still certainly one of the best rings in Essex.

When the bells were rehung, one of the churchwardens decided that he ought to set an example and learn to ring. Today, 44 years later, Dr. Spencer-Phillips, who was Master of the Essex Association from 1936 to 1952, is still both churchwarden and bellringer.

In the 1930's Great Baddow had a strong band who set a high standard of ringing, mainly of Grandsire and Stedman. Their captain, George Green, was a ringer of the old school who would not tolerate any form of slackness.

By 1945 most of the band had dispersed, and restoration work to the tower stopped ringing for a time in 1960. However, even with these setbacks and the usual problems of recruiting and training ringers, Great Baddow can be proud of the fact that its bells have been rung regularly twice on Sundays since 1924.

At present the parish is coping with a £15,000 scheme for restoring the church. One of the fund-raising activities planned for this year is a flower festival on September 21st, and any visitors who would help to ring on that day would be most welcome.

R. C. C.
G. A. B.
et al.

[Photograph by Ronnie Crowe, Great Baddow, Chelmsford.

MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Of the third's place Delight methods listed by Mr. Bishop on page 680 of "The Ringing World," one (36—34.16—12—36.14—12.5. i.e. 12. 165324) appears in several notebooks of the late John E. Wheeldon under the name of Kingsley. I have no record of it ever having been rung in a peal (or, indeed, at all), but it may well have been practised in the Norton-le-Moors area at the turn of the present century.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

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THE FOUR-BELL TOWERS OF DORSET

By C. J. N. DALTON

A COMPLETE list of the Dorset "fours" will be a useful addition to the lists for other counties which have, from time to time, appeared in "The Ringing World."

Where no note to the contrary, bells can be assumed to be "ringable"; however, this does **not** necessarily imply that they are rung or that permission to ring will be forthcoming.

For clarity, Mr. Dove's system of using italics for chimes has been adopted. Guessed tenor weights are denoted by a question mark.

Affpuddle.—13¾ cwt. E. 1 and 4 Mears 1927, 2 William Knight 1722, 3 John Wallis 1598. Treble and tenor recast, others retuned, and all hung "dead" in new framework by Mears 1927. A grand-toned chime, all "Simpson" tuned except, curiously, the treble.

Almer.—? 13 cwt. F sharp. 1 Warner 1872 (recast), 2–4 15th century. For a major four, treble semitone sharp and 2nd semitone flat. Wood frame and fittings c. 1900. Unringable due to beetle in both; parts of wheels missing.

Alton Pancras.— ? 10 cwt. G sharp. 1 1596, 2 pre-Reformation, 3 15th century, 4 Thomas Purdue 1664. For a major four, 3rd sharp. Antiquated frame and fittings, dated 1761, 1818 and 1842, but older in part. Condition very bad; belfry filthy and woodwork infested with beetle.

Brownsea Island.—? 5 cwt. C. sharp. Warner 1855/6 complete. No ropes. 3rd wheel broken during S.D.G. meeting June, 1965–? not yet repaired.

Burton, Long.—7–3–26. G sharp. 1 Thomas Knight 1701, 2 and 3 Thomas Bilbie 1764, 4 c. 1500 (Salisbury foundry). Retuned and rehung in new frame and fittings by Taylor 1967.

Cann, alias St. Rumbold's, Shaftesbury.— ? 7 cwt. B. Steel bells by Naylor Vickers, 1861–3. Softwood frame. Local band (1966).

Charlton Marshall.—8–3–9. G sharp. 1 Mears 1804, 2 pre-Reformation, 3 15th century (Salisbury foundry), 4 Gillett and Johnston 1911 (recast). Not a major four (notes of front three D/C sharp, C/C sharp. B). Local frame and fittings. Unringable (since before 1911) due to condition of headstocks, etc. and to clock mechanism.

Compton Over.—11–3–1. G/F sharp. 1 1618, 2 Taylor 1934, 3 15th century (Salisbury foundry), 4 1596. 2nd recast, others retuned (except treble) and all rehung with new fittings in existing frame by Taylor, 1934.

Compton Valence.—7 cwt. ? G sharp. 1 Mears 1847, 2 Warner ? 1870, 3 George Purdue 1620, 4 Thomas Purdue 1676. Suspended from rolled steel joists and "clocked". Previously they hung in a Hooper (of Woodbury) frame dated 1870.

Godmanstone.—? 16¼ cwt. F. 1 c. 1500 (Salisbury foundry), 2 and 3 William Warre 1607 and 1610, 4 George Purdue 1617 [part of this information is taken from the R.C.H.M. West Dorset Inventory]. Massive early 17th century frame and old fittings in very bad condition. 2nd cracked and all totally unringable. 3rd and tenor exceptionally fine-toned bells.

Ibberton.—? 10 cwt. G sharp. 1 Thomas Mears I 1799, 2 James Wells 1813, 3 Thomas Purdue 1656, 4 William Purdue 1641. Ring augmented to four by addition of 2nd in pit added to old 3-bell frame. Half-wheels except 2nd, which has a normal wheel. No pulleys. Swing-chimed only.

Longburton.—See **Burton, Long.**

Margaret Marsh.—? 25¼ cwt. C. Warner 1874 complete.

Melbury Bubb.—7¼ cwt. A. 1 and 4 Wiseman 1638 and 1616, 2 pre-Reformation, 3 1641, 19th century frame. Treble broken; 2nd broken and falling to pieces; 3rd wheel broken.

Osmington.—? 7½ cwt. A. 1 and 2 ? 14th century, 3 and 4 John Wallis 1593. Hung for chiming only in 1857, on new stocks in new rudimentary wooden frame; gudgeons and bearings reused but bells incapable of being swung.

Pentridge.—? 7½ cwt. D. Warner ? 1857 complete. Wheels in very bad condition; bells "clocked." Front four of a major five.

Pulham.—? 7¼ cwt. A/B flat. 2 ? 1651, rest Warner 1884. Hung "dead" in unusually fine old 3-bell frame by Warner 1884. 2nd cracked.

Shaftesbury.—See **Cann.**

Shapwick.—? 7 cwt. A/B flat. 1 Aldbourne foundry 1768, 2 Mears 1912, 3 and 4 pre-Reformation. Tenor hung below others. 2nd recast and all rehung with new fittings in existing (old) frames, by Mears 1912. Additional small 15th century bell hung "dead" on tower roof.

Shipton Gorge.—5–2–4. C sharp. 3 Thomas Purdue 1655, rest Warner 1910. Treble added, two others recast, and hung in iron frame by Warner 1910–11.

Stour Provost.—? 10 cwt. G/F sharp. 1 1609, 2 and 3 pre-Reformation, 4 Friary Works, Salisbury, 1902. 2nd and 3rd are remarkably fine castings with beautifully ornamented lettering; tenor is very poor-toned bell. Old frame and antiquated fittings; tower and belfry generally in deplorably bad condition. Tenor appears to be on roller-bearings (an exceptionally early instance of their use?); appears also never to have been swung.

Stourton Caundle.—11 cwt. G sharp. 1 Thomas Purdue 1685, 2 c. 1400, 3 Thomas Bilbie 1743, 4 John Wallis 1588. New frame and fittings by Blackbourn (of Salisbury) 1902. Tenor slightly sharp for the others. Local band (1967)

Studland.—6–2–0. B. Mears 1898 complete. Hung "dead" in a framework incorporating parts of the old frame. Harsh-toned bells with very irregular harmonics (especially distressing in a chime).

Tarrant Keynston.—? 7 cwt. A/B flat. 4 pre-Reformation, rest Gillett and Johnston 1914. Three bells added, the existing bell "Simpson" tuned, and H-frame with room for six bells installed by Gillett and Johnston 1914

Toller Porcorum.—8–3–17. G. 1 Thomas Purdue 1669, 2 T. Pyke (of Bridgwater) 1779, 3 Thomas Bilbie 1767, 4 16th century. Retuned (not "Simpson") and rehung with new fittings in 6-bell A-frame by Gillett and Johnston 1937. Tenor a poor-toned bell. Local band 1966.

Tolpuddle.—I have not so far been able to look at these bells; there is no permanent access to the belfry and a long ladder is needed, but not available, to the Vicar's regret (1966). Three bells are said to be ancient and a fourth dated 1655. Ropes unringable and bells probably so.

Warmwell.—? 5½ cwt. C/C sharp. 1 Warner 1889, 2 1629, 3 1659, 4 1629. Hung "dead" locally in simple ? early 20th century, framework. Not a major four (treble semitone sharp, etc.).

Winterbourne Kingston.—? 8 cwt. G sharp/G. 1–3 John Wallis 1600, 4 William Elery 1749. Frame and fittings by Hooper and Stokes (of Woodbury) 1878. Belfry filthy (1966).

Winterbourne Stickland.—7¼ cwt. A. 1 1670, 2 Mears 1905, 3 John Wallis 1622, 4 John Danton 1626. 4-bell frame c. 1850 2nd added and 3rd and tenor refitted by Mears 1905. The treble, which is well above the others in note (F/F sharp), retains its original fittings (including half-wheel) and is disused.

Winterbourne Zelstone.—? 9 cwt. A/G sharp. 1 William Purdue 1640, 2 James Wells 1815, 3 pre-Reformation, 4 Llewellin and James 1905, Tenor recast, other three retuned, and rehung with new fittings in existing frames by Llewellin and James 1905. Tenor hangs below the others and overpowers them in the ringing chamber.

Wootton Glanville.—? 8 cwt. A. 1 and 3 Warner 1876, 2 Thomas Knight 1700, 4 pre-Reformation. Frame and fittings (not by Warner) dated 1876. Front four of a major five.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A recent quarter peal at Hessle was rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. F. Ross and as a special token of thanks to Fred for all his teaching and assistance, on their leaving Hessle for the parish of Marlpool, Derbyshire. Unfortunately Fred's new parish has no bells. The ringers of Hessle also express special thanks to Fred and wish him the best of luck in his new parish.

Two records in one for the Hereford Diocesan Guild—Miss Valerie M. Edge, of Much Wenlock, Shropshire, is not only the Guild's first lady Ringing Master—she is also their youngest "Master" ever. Congratulations, Valerie, on both counts.

Mrs. E. S. Powell asks us to say much she regrets the increase in prices indicated in her advertisement for the "Ringers' Handbook," made inevitable by the increased printing charges and the cost of type resetting. We at "The Ringing World" office have considerable fellow-feeling with Mrs. Powell.

Our 1,000th issue will appear on October 18th. Names wanted of those who have taken "The Ringing World" since No. 1.

St. Clement Danes' tenor is in the news again. After five minutes' ringing on Sunday morning, September 8th, its clapper shaft broke. Fortunately the falling clapper did no other damage

The handbell peal of Doubles at Pembroke Dock on September 5th may well have been the first in a doctor's surgery. The rain came down and prevented an open-air attempt.

The band who rang the peal at Kippax on September 7th would like to associate the performance with the christening there recently of Helen Louise Brice, niece of the ringer of the fifth, and also with the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. Darvill.

(More Belfry Gossip on page 729)

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Mr. Derek C. Jackson points out that the Warsop Surprise Minor recorded in a peal (page 660) rung at Warsop, Notts, on August 3rd, is also recorded on page 637 as Rampton Surprise Minor, rung in a quarter peal at Rampton on July 20th.

Mr. Laurence J. Haines asks us to note that the last line of the penultimate paragraph of his letter about record lengths (page 686) should read: "e.g. 9,600 Lincolnshire Surprise" (not "i.e."—there is a subtle difference).

In the caption to our picture of the ringers of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in action (page 667) the name of the ringer of the second should have been given as Angela Wright, and not as submitted and printed.

The Property of the Ancient Society of College Youths

Continued on page 705)

BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

The would-be historian of the Society of College Youths is considerably hampered by the lack of contemporary documents illustrating its early history. This dearth of material was aggravated by the fire of 1940, when many of the older pence books and minute books of the Society, going back to 1825, were destroyed, along with numerous other irreplaceable documents. However, as I have already mentioned, the main name and peal books were placed for safe keeping in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral in 1939, where they remained until being removed to the ringing room in 1962.

The oldest name book which the Society possesses contains names of members from 1637 to 1871, and peals from 1725 to 1753. Oddly enough, this book, although apparently first compiled in about 1755, did not come into the possession of the Society until 1843! E. J. Osborn, who was responsible for its discovery and acquisition by the Society, gives a somewhat confused account of its history, which may be summarised as follows. It was not until a hundred years after its foundation that the Society decided to keep a permanent record of the names of members and of peals rung. Before that, peals, names of members and a large selection of methods and compositions were written haphazardly in a book in ordinary script. They had been copied from earlier manuscripts, and it is probable that nothing from the 17th century had survived. In about 1753 James Albion, a member of the Society of Union Scholars, who was noted for his penmanship, was commissioned to write the peals and names in a book in elaborate style. In 1754 he went to Bath, where he had been appointed master of a school, and he took the records with him to use in making the new book. As a result of the split in the Society, which occurred at this time, he was not paid for his work. The book was bought from Albion by Samuel Blackwell, of Ampney Park, near Cirencester, and it remained in the library there until 1839, when the library was sold. The book was purchased by a Mr. Strong, of Bristol, and was bought from him in 1841 by Osborn for six and a half guineas. Osborn sold it to the College Youths in 1843 for the same sum, which was raised by subscription. Osborn also obtained what remained of the manuscript from which Albion worked, and this is now in the British Museum.

The names of members of both the "Ancient" and "Junior" Societies were later transcribed into the book and the list was maintained therein until, in 1871, the book was full. As already mentioned, the book contains details of 64 peals rung by the Society between 1725 and 1753, and one rung in 1761 at Fulham, which is in a different hand. On the first page of the book is inscribed in ornamental lettering "Orders instituted and agreed upon by the Society of College Youths London in the year 1637. And now Reviewed, Reform'd and Confirm'd by the Said Society In the Year 1735." There follow some blank pages on which it was no doubt originally intended to write these rules. A set of rules printed in 1776, now in the British Museum, is headed with the same words. After these blank pages there is a list of subscribers to the purchase of the book from Osborn, then the list of names of members, headed "The Names of the Company of College Youths According to their time of Entrance in the said Society till this time. Only such as have Left and Deserted the Company are Left out and not Mentioned in this Catalogue." Columns are ruled beside the names up to 1754, with the date of a member becoming steward or Master entered therein. The peals can be found by reversing the book and starting from the other end.

The book, which is of folio size and bound in morocco with a loose outer cover, has embossed brass plates on the front and back with designs, in the centre of which are engraved the words "College Youths London 1637," while a small leather label above these plates bears the words "College Youths London. 1735." There are also ornamental brass corners.

The book containing names of members who joined between 1871 and 1959, a folio volume in calf binding, was presented by the Rev. Richard Cattley, Canon of Worcester Cathedral, while the present book has on its front page this inscription: "This Book was provided from the bequest of the Rev. Frank Llewellin Edwards Rector of Kington Magna, Dorset, and a member of this Society for fifty nine years. Born 1873—Died 1956."

JUNIOR SOCIETY'S NAME BOOK

The second oldest book belonging to the Society is a quarto volume containing approximately 80 pages, originally purchased as the Junior Society's peal and name book when this Society was formed in 1756. It contains 79 names written in large "black-letter," four to a page, and details of eight peals. On the first page is written the Society's motto, "Vivamus unanimiter." In 1773 the Junior Society purchased a much larger book, described below, which they called "The Grand Book," and the quarto book was thereafter used as a rough name-book, new members signing their names in it on joining. Notes about these members were sometimes subsequently added before their names were transcribed into the Grand Book, if for any reason they had ceased to be members before this was done. For example, the name of Isaac Smith of Cambridge, who joined on August 9th, 1790, has been crossed out, and the note written under his name "Expelled by Complaint from his friends at Cambridge and Notice thereof sent by letter on Wednesday the 27th October, 1790." The last entry is dated 1823.

This book, which had become old and delapidated, was restored in 1927 by E. A. Young, and suffered a further setback when it was charred by the fire of December 29th, 1940. It has since been rebound.

The "Grand Book" referred to above must originally have been a very beautiful volume. According to Osborn it was "of the large folio size, handsomely gilt and bound in crimson morocco, with many valuable silver ornaments about it, and on a silver plate fastened on one of the outside covers was engraved an inscription." This inscription, on a plate which was oval in shape, read as follows: "This Book, belonging to the Society of College Youths London: Containing the Members Names and a recital of the several Performances completed by them since the year MDCCLVII Was procured by the Voluntary Subscription of the Members at large in the year MDCCLXXIII."

This book continued to be used for recording peals and names until on the meeting night of October 22nd, 1832, it was found that the book was missing from the Society's club room. A reward was offered for its recovery, but there was no trace of it until some months later when James Platt discovered some leaves of it being used for waste paper in a butcher's shop in Ray Street, Clerkenwell. The butcher, on being questioned, could only say that he had bought it with other waste paper from some unknown person. One of the members was strongly suspected, but the thief was never discovered. The Society purchased what was left of the book and found that over a hundred pages had been destroyed, and, of course, the costly binding and silver ornaments were gone.

REWRITING PEALS

In his account of these events, Osborn further states: "Shortly afterwards the Company began to raise a fund (which went slowly on) to pay for rewriting the lost peals, etc. In 1836, in consequence of this loss, and of the funds of the Society being very low and no probable chance of improving, I entered into a contract to completely restore these peals (in the ornamental style and large folio size) at the small charge of 3s. 6d. each, and after writing about 120 I declined doing any more through the insolent and ungracious behaviour I received from some of the Members, and I believe the Book was not complete for binding until about the year 1843 or 4." He goes on to say that "Mr. Cooper the Beadle of the Society of College Youths, who took upon himself the management of the Company," arranged that the peals rung by the "Ancient" as well as the "Junior" Society from 1756 onwards should be written in this book as far as they could be traced, while the names of members of both Societies, without distinction, were written into the original name book when it came into the Society's possession in 1843.

A pocket book dated 1841, written by E. J. Osborn, contains his fair draft for the writing of the peals and names, which he probably collected from lists supplied to him by the Society; but he seems to have been unaware of the contents of the quarto volume described above. This pocket book was presented to the Society by E. A. Young.

The reconstituted peal book continued to be used until 1867, when it was full up, and a similar volume was presented by C. A. W. Troyte. As peals by the Society were fairly prolific in those years, and as each peal occupies a full page, this book was filled up by 1885, when a new book was presented by Sir A. P. Heywood. When this in its turn was filled up in 1900, the current volume was presented by Dr. A. H. Nichols. The last volume is thicker than the others, and peals are now booked in it four to a page, so it should last for some time yet! All these books have red morocco bindings with loose outer covers.

I have already mentioned that in the year 1820 a second "Junior" Society of College Youths was formed to supplement the work of the old Society, which was at that time low in numbers. They had their headquarters at Southwark, and their leader during most of their existence was Samuel Austin, a solicitor's clerk. This Society also provided itself with a folio volume in which to record its peals, and this book is now in the possession of the College Youths. Samuel Austin, who was an excellent penman, himself did all the writing in it. It contains details of 58 peals rung by the Junior Society, and also records the Society's foundation in 1820, its union with the main body of the College Youths in 1830, and its refoundation (after quarrels had arisen) as the Sussex Society in 1832. This Society was wound up in 1839.

COPY PEAL BOOK

Another book of great interest, which was very badly damaged in the war, is a Copy Peal Book containing a copy of the peals rung up to 1861. The title page reads: "A Copy of the Peals that have been rung by the Society of College Youths." There follows a four-page "Historical Account" of the Society, which was apparently written in 1738, with the footnote: "This account was taken from the Oxford Ringers Register Book and communicated by Mr. George Scarsbrook, 1796." This is followed by "An Epitome of the Art of Ringing. Compiled from indisputable sources of information by Mr. Francis Marshall, a member, in 1849." It also occupies four pages. On page 9 we read: "The first three Peals of Minor were rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on Novr. 18th, 1684, the methods were: Oxford Treble Bob, College Single and Oxford Single, total 2,160 changes." Below this is written: "No 1. St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill. On January 7th, 1689. The Company rang the first Peal on eight bells; the method was Plain

Bob Triples (containing 5,040 changes) with two singles; it was accomplished in three hours and forty five minutes. Composed and conducted by Mr. Benjamin Annable." As J. A. Trollope has pointed out in his book, "The College Youths," Annable was not born until 1702. The peals from 1725 to 1760 appear to be in the same hand as the first pages; those from 1760 to 1861 are in a completely different hand. There are a good many blank pages at the back of this book. On the fly-leaf it is noted in pencil that the book was restored and rebound at the instance of E. A. Young in 1932.

Three other copy peal books, covering the period 1725–1932, have recently been checked against the main peal books, and deposited for safe keeping in the Chapter House of St. Paul's Cathedral. The copy peal book containing peals from 1932 onwards, presented by J. S. Hawkins, is always held by the Master, it being one of his duties to keep it up to date.

The only minute books that survived the fire of 1940 are those covering the periods 1884 to 1903, 1919 to 1926, and 1931 onwards. Five of these were badly damaged by the fire, and so that they can be preserved while their contents can easily be referred to, a copy is being made of them.

TERCENTENARY RECORD

For a time in the last century it was the custom to obtain photographs of new members, and to mount them in an album. Two such albums exist, both badly damaged by fire. The first of these was presented by C. E. Troyte, and the second by F. E. Dawe in 1886. After the Tercentenary Dinner, William Roughton, a printer by trade, prepared a magnificent album containing a record of the events of that memorable day. The Society possesses two copies of this album. They were both badly damaged, but fortunately among the Society's papers were sufficient duplicates of the material contained in the album to enable another album to be prepared; this is on a much less lavish scale, but contains the same information as the original. W. Roughton was for many years the chief link between the College Youths and the B.B.C., and recently there has come to light an interesting file of correspondence.

GIFTS TO LIBRARY

Since the war, many members have left their ringing books to the College Youths, and the Society now has a library of nearly 300 books, pamphlets and manuscripts. There is a complete set of bound volumes of "Bell News" and bound volumes of "The Ringing World" from 1912 to 1923. Is it merely a vain dream of the writer that one day this series will be completed?

The oldest printed book in the Society's possession is a copy of "De Tintinnabulis" by Hieronymus Magius, which was presented to the Society a year or so ago. This book on bells (which does not, of course, mention the art of change ringing) was written in about the year 1572, and this copy was printed in 1664. A slim volume called "The Art of Ringing, also Artificial Fireworks, likewise the Art of Gardening" is reputed to have been published in 1668, the same year as Duckworth's "Tintinnalogia." The Society also possesses first editions of Stedman's "Campanalogia" of 1677, the 1702 "Campanalogia" by J. D. and C. M., the "Clavis Campanalogia" of 1788, and Shipway's "Campanalogia" of 1816. Among manuscripts of interest are Joseph Monk's peal book, covering the years 1756 to 1792 and including an account of the College Youths' visit to the Isle of Wight in 1770, the peal books of J. Carter and M. A. Wood, a collection of compositions by H. W. Haley, and the bound original manuscript of "The College Youths" by J. A. Trollope.



CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Many of the miscellaneous papers and newspaper cuttings of the Society have recently been gathered together and arranged in a loose-leaf "scrap book." The oldest of these items is a dinner ticket of 1839, which shows that in that year the Society dined at the Royal Hotel, Leicester Square, at the cost of five shillings a head, at two o'clock on Monday, November 11th. The officers at that time included the Master, six stewards and the beadle.

The Society used to keep the more interesting of its correspondence in an inwards letter book. This was another partial victim of the fire of 1940, but once again it was possible to preserve the original letters and yet be able to refer to their contents by removing them carefully from the book and copying them. These letters cover the period 1892 to 1928.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' PROPERTY

Mr. W. T. Cook, librarian of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who concludes his interesting article in this issue, adds: "I have tried to check all my statements, but if I have made any mistakes I should be glad if readers would point these out. As librarian of the Society, I should also welcome the gift of any other documents of interest, which could be placed with the Society's records for the benefit of future historians."

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Letters to the Editor

THE TRUTH

Dear Sir,—May I reply to Mr. Smith with facts and whole-truths instead of saloon bar gossip and half-truths.

He says that I am using my power as convener of the Records Committee to exclude the 13,140 Maximus from the records. On the contrary, when I saw the notice of the attempt, my immediate interpretation was that since the Cam variation does not comply with the Report on Regular Methods it could only stand as a progressive length; but if expressed as Spliced Kent Little Court and Kent T.B. then it could stand as a record peal proper. I said nothing about this in the Press, public or private, and intended "using my power as convener" to include it in next year's report to the Central Council in the form 13,140 Kent T.B. Maximus (Cam variation) and with no comment to differentiate it from the record peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Lincolnshire Major.

I must repeat again that in the past it has not been necessary to distinguish between progressive lengths and record peals proper (see page 636). But Mr. Woodruffe asked publicly for an explanation of this procedure, and this is what he got. It is only record peals proper that must comply with the special conditions, and for first peals and progressive lengths it is only necessary that the composition be available to the committee.

As a result of Mr. Woodruffe's letter, it is obvious that we must now clearly distinguish between progressive lengths and record peals proper. I stated that the 12,096 Glasgow is a progressive length, whilst the 9,600 Lincolnshire is a record peal proper. I did not state what would happen to the 13,140 Maximus. The band have not been precise in their claim; when they make it, it can be considered and, if necessary, passed to the Methods Committee for an interim decision. Next year it will be placed before the Council with all other such peals, for its decision.

His quote, "In some cases it is possible to found a method on two principles," refers to forming the path of the treble. And mixing something with Treble Bob means that the result is **not** Treble Bob. A requirement of a regular method is that there shall be a lead which contains the whole working of the method, and all bells shall do the same work. Can he please give us a plain lead of the method (singular) Cam variation of Kent? The title Cam variation of Kent is completely explicit, but means nothing to most members of the Exercise. In it, instead of six leads (288 changes) with 8, 0, t, e, 9, 7 in the slow, six leads (24 changes) of Kent Little Court are rung. For example, the lead (48 changes) with the 8 in the slow becomes the four changes—

18604t2e3957
8160t4e29375
81064t2e3957
1806t4e29375

108t6e492735

The effect is that these six bells course continuously throughout the (spliced) course, with no broken effect when one of them is in the slow; and these six bells do entirely different work to the other five working bells in the plain course.

My expression "two types of bob" should have read "two types of call," one being the ordinary bob, which was called, the other an indication to the treble to make seconds, instead of dodging, which was rung silent.

His idea of a solution to a situation which appears unsatisfactory to him is precisely the same as indicated by me on page 636; unofficial records are known as progressive lengths and official records are known as record peals proper. But to establish a record peal proper it is necessary to comply with all the special conditions laid down (C.C. Handbook, page 19). It is not sufficient to have competent umpires, give notice in "The Ringing World" and publish the composition. The methods must comply with the Report on Regular Methods, and also notice must be sent to the secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the peal (which it is proposed to surpass) was rung. Presumably this means one notice only, for the peal in that method, on that number of bells, and either tower bells or handbells. Major cannot surpass Royal, tower bells cannot surpass handbells, or vice versa.

If he will read all Decisions of the Council, instead of quoting out of context, he will find that Kent and Oxford can be spliced at the half-lead if there are no bobs at the lead-end. Mr. Smith and Mr. Woodruffe have done this themselves in a record peal proper. Perhaps Mr. Smith sticks to the principle "I observe rules and Decisions—when they suit me." —Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor, Berks.

P.S.—Might I suggest that Mr. Smith owes a public apology to the composer of the 12,480 Pudsey for his unjustifiable suggestion that the peal was false.—F. T. B.

RECORD LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—If your front page correspondent (Aug. 30th) had read closely the footnote of the Spliced Treble Bob Major peal at Staines he would have seen that the change of method was called when the treble was lying at the back, although, of course, this change would not affect the work of any bell until the treble reached the 3-4 position.

Surely it would appear, therefore, from the exact wording of the Central Council rule, that it is legitimate to describe the aforementioned peal as spliced, although it might be argued that the implied meaning of the rule had been infringed.

To my mind this peal has focused attention on an ambiguity that exists in this rule and we should urge that the rule be amended to remove this anomaly.

Regarding a totally different matter, I should like to say that I support some of your recent correspondents who suggest that a list of amendments to Dove's "Guide to the Church Bells of Britain" should be published at regular intervals in "The Ringing World," preferably every three or four months or so. This facility would enable us to keep our new editions up to date. Presumably details of augmentations and rehangings would be forthcoming from the bellfounders, and tower secretaries could notify you of changes of practice night.—Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM S. LOVEDAY.

Staines, Middlesex.

CAUTION NEEDED AT NIDD

Dear Sir,—I see that in an announcement of the Yorkshire Association meeting to be held at Knaresborough, Nidd is listed as a tower that can be visited during the afternoon.

As one who spent several hours working on the bells and who stood in the recent peal at Nidd, may I, through your columns, just warn prospective visitors to that tower of what could happen.

When we rang our peal at Easter the treble slider was missing. Also, the wheels of the treble and third are in an advanced state of decay. I managed to patch them up sufficiently for our peal to be rung, but we rang Southrepps Doubles, which involves no dodging. There is a risk that any sudden jerking on these wheels could cause their collapse. —Yours faithfully,

G. D. ARMITAGE.

Harrogate, Yorkshire.

P.S.—Either the 4th or the 5th at Pateley Bridge is cracked, if I remember correctly.—G. D. A.

Note.—The Nidd bells will not be available at tomorrow's Knaresborough meeting.—Ed.

A TYRO ON DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. K. Massey's letter ("R.W.", page 602) condemning the C.C. Doubles decision, I feel I must take exception to his attitude.

(1) Mr. Massey states that the majority of C.C. members were "blinded by the pseudo-science of the vociferous few". I have been ringing for just over a year and know little of methods above the four standard ones, yet I could understand this "pseudo-science", so I am sure the members in the C.C. could. If they were blinded by the logic of the Doubles reformers then they ought not to be on the Council.

(2) If the Central Council's Decisions discourage the average Doubles ringer from his April Day, etc., then it is about time he woke up and saw sense. Most Doubles ringers care little for splicing, but like most ringers they surely want to widen their horizons and have, until now, not been able to ring Spliced Doubles (officially). Now they have the chance to start spliced ringing I am sure they will welcome it, not despise it.

(3) Mr. Massey states that the C.C. have made a proper mess of Doubles ringing. If they have, then it is not a bigger mess than existed before the Worcester meeting.

(4) Mr. Massey mentions "us ordinary ringers". Surely Mr. Massey cannot be described as an "ordinary" ringer. In the same copy of "R.W." he is included in a peal of seven-method Surprise Minor and this year has rung such peals as Wembley, Aldenham and Rutland S. Major.

(5) Mr. Massey gives the impression that Doubles ringers only want April Day and other such prettily-named variations. If Doubles ringers are that narrow-minded that they cannot part with April Day and Clifford's P.B. then they are more than stupid, for it is only the name that has been changed, not the method.

(6) Mr. Massey says it is ridiculous to spoil our pleasure by interfering with any of the simple variations. Rubbish! How can changing the name of a method remove the pleasure of ringing it?—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT A. GILLIES.

Habrough, Lincs.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Letters—continued

METHODS AND VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—May I agree with Mr. Massey on the need to encourage young bands? This is the function of a football crowd, but it is up to others to analyse the team's methods and to suggest means of better results. A band sends in a peal of six "variations" and seven methods. It is good to give them a pat on the back, but of far more use to point out that they had actually rung three variations and ten methods spliced together. And that if they combined the work of some of the methods they could immediately get three more methods; just as Oswald can be obtained from Kent and Cambridge.

I have a letter of congratulations from the late Ernest Turner, when we rang the peal of 45 Doubles methods in 1954. But it was a letter from Alan Pink in 1953 that showed us the path to progress.

And may I agree with Mr. Massey's last paragraph—no method or variation should use the plain lead of another method as a call. I assume that he means within the same Section, II or III, or does he follow Mr. Wratten, and ask for Reverse St. Bartholomew to be banned?

I would not attempt to convert the unteachable or, shall I say, teach old dogs new tricks. Mr. Dodd's third paragraph is a deliberate half-truth. When he wrote to me in 1955, for the figures of some named variations, I sent them to him, together with a collection of Little and Alliance Doubles, and also a list of unnamed variations, which I asked him to name by ringing in peals, in anticipation of my publishing a collection of variations. With this he readily agreed. Since 1953 many Doubles ringers have been asking for the Central Council to sort out the mess of methods/variations. It is the Central Council which has set up the present ruling. It is the Dodd—Jones Collection that calls April Day one method—the amendments show it to be **two** methods spliced. Havant and Braunstone is not the same thing. To ring one of these methods, **all** the "inside" ringers need to know the method. But to ring 42 variations of Plain Bob Doubles, one of the "inside" ringers can ring 126 plain courses of Plain Bob.

Several of the younger Doubles conductors have written to me for help and information regarding methods, variations and compositions for spliced. I am sure they will honestly better the dubious methods/variations records of their elders.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor, Berks.

EUROPEAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. G. A. Armitage's letter (page 687). I have just returned from Northern Italy; I stayed near Verona and tried to locate (without success) Rivoli Veronese. No one knew of its existence, neither was it marked on any map. I had understood this particular tower to have only five bells. However, in the mountainous regions (Mt. Pasubio, Asiago) there are many towers with three, four or five bells rung by hand. The more prosperous villages and towns have either mechanised bells or have some difficulty in obtaining permission to ring installed amplifiers and play records. "Tower grabbing" is unheard of, and there may be the bells, for ringing is not regarded as a hobby or interest (as is often the case in England) but as a way of expressing devotion to the Madonna.—Yours sincerely,

A. M. BALDWIN.

Chartham, Kent.

TREVOR BAILEY'S WELSH TOUR

HAVING visited Ireland, Scotland and Cornwall in previous years, the intrepid East Anglian explorers decided to tour another "foreign" country by descending on Wales.

The arrangements having again been made by Trevor Bailey, we met on Friday, August 16th, at Banbury, and having navigated our way round the famous cross to find a suitable Chinese restaurant it was time for some rest.

On Saturday morning the tour began in earnest, the first call being at the heavy six at Lower Brailes, where we heaved our way through touches of Cambridge Minor, etc. The bells themselves are a fine-toned ring with a tenor second only to that at Queen Camel, but the amount of tower sway reduces the mechanics of ringing to nothing less than brute force, resulting inevitably in the rest of the morning being spent in liquidation.

Lunch at Shipston-on-Stour was followed by a long drive to Grosmont in Monmouthshire, where we found a ring of six recently rehung in a new timber frame constructed by local workmen (including the Rector) and placed in an octagonal central tower. A peal was attempted here, but after an almost perfect extent of Beverley Surprise, a mix-up in the second 720 of Double Court proved our undoing, the lung power of the conductor being unable to overcome the sound of the bells.

IN INDUSTRIAL WALES

Having visited the ruins of the Castle, the party separated for the night. Sunday morning ringing was on the superb ten at Abergavenny, where we were welcomed most kindly by the local ringers, and a good touch of Grandsire Caters was brought round. The afternoon was spent in climbing a nearby mountain, though we were somewhat disturbed to find a slag heap at the summit. After going in circles round Ebbw Vale Steelworks we managed to find Christ Church, where hangs a magnificent Taylor octave with a tenor of 25 cwt. Stedman Triples and Spliced Plain Major were the order of the day here as we rang for evening service, interest being given to the touches by a device on the wall which counts the number of revolutions of the tenor. Having attended the service, we journeyed via the Heads of the Valleys road to Aberdare.

Monday was to be spent in industrial Wales, and it was an appropriate day for it, too, being dull and damp. Aberdare was the first tower to be visited and here we found an old-fashioned eight in a tower which reminded several members of the party of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. A touch of Cambridge Major was amongst methods rung here before adjourning to a very efficient restaurant for lunch. Tudor Edwards had been warned of our impending visit to Pentre and, having located him anchored firmly in the Queens, he accompanied us to the tower and called one of his special touches of Stedman Triples. Most of us climbed to the roof of the tower, but the fine view of the Rhondda Valley was largely obscured by mist and the ubiquitous rain with which this unfortunate part of the world seems to be perpetually afflicted. Our departure from Pentre was somewhat delayed as some of the thirstier members had discovered that closing time was not till 4 p.m., but we eventually arrived in Bridgend and, having selected the correct church (no mean feat), the bells proved to be a very handy eight, so much so in fact that they succumbed to an elusive touch of Original Major! Our journey continued to Porthcawl for the night's entertainment, which included dodgem cars and the Big Dipper at Coney Beach.

The following day was mainly spent in exploring the Gower Peninsula and investigating the aquatic life of the beaches before ringing on the pleasant new light eight at Llanelli. Some initial difficulty was experienced here because everything appeared to be written in Welsh, but we had a most enjoyable ring, after which the local ringers very generously provided us with a delicious tea and gave us a demonstration of their tune ringing on handbells. All too soon it was time to go, so bidding farewell to our new-found friends we travelled on to our hotel at Carmarthen, where later that evening we met no less a personage than a Welsh Nationalist claiming to be the "Uncrowned King of Wales." A most hilarious evening ensued and many were the arguments propounded by the English contingent only to be as speedily demolished by the Welsh King with his ready wit and lilting accent, which captured the imagination.

RINGING AND PADDLING

Wednesday morning dawned bright and clear—almost the first time we had seen the sun in Wales—and we set out to ring on the eight at Carmarthen Parish Church. The frame here was so loose that the "go" of the bells left much to be desired. The fifth was found to have no stay As the bell was dangerously loose on the headstock we restricted ourselves to Minor before moving on to Tenby. Here we found a superb beach, and so an "Official Paddle" was called for prior to lunch. During the afternoon a variety of methods, including three leads of Bristol, were rung on the eight at Tenby. Our final tower of the day was at Pembroke.

Thursday was relatively uneventful. A leisurely journey to St. David's was interrupted for yet another paddle and a tough steak at Newgale before a peal attempt on the excellent, if rather noisy, Mears eight at St. David's Cathedral. A good peal was rung at a cracking pace, the only incident being the gradual disintegration of the conductor's tail-end. One strand was left intact at the end of the peal, but the ministrations of Tom and his redoubtable penknife left it none the worse for the experience. Having "moistened our clay," we made for Cardigan and the fish and chip shop before turning in. The final full day for some of us started on the six at Cardigan, where we were welcomed by the Vicar and one of the local ringers. A large number of methods, ranging from four-spliced Surprise to Single Court and St. Clement's, was rung here before moving off to Llanrwda for lunch en route for Brecon. By now, visibly wilting in the heat, we were glad to see reinforcement waiting at St. Mary's in the person of Andrew Corby, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Plain Bob were rung here, after which a local ringer conducted us to the friendly shelter of a nearby alehouse. The night was to be spent at Weobley, near Hereford, and this was also our last tower of the day. By the light of an oil lamp we lumbered our way through London and Spliced Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet on this heavy-going six.

Saturday morning found us at Kemerton, near Tewkesbury. Two members of the party had recently rehung these Rudhall bells, but nevertheless they went very well and the usual methods were enjoyed before retiring round the corner for some draught cider, etc. Leaving Kemerton we retraced our steps (or should it be wheels?) to Banbury, where farewells were said to the Staffordshire and Lancashire representatives, the East Anglians returning to Rushden for the night and ringing on Sunday morning before heading for home. J. B. P.

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TOURS IN NORTH & EAST

UPHILL IN THE FLATLANDS

ON the evening of Sunday, July 28th, eleven ringers (The Peripatetic Pealers) from Herefordshire, Surrey, Monmouthshire and Pembrokeshire converged on Grimsby, in Lincolnshire.

Our first attempt of the week was at Heckington. Was it due to the mixed band or the chicken lunch that Bob Major was rather unsettled for some time? The peal was, however, successful. A "short-cut" caused one car to oe 20 minutes late at Bicker, but Stedman Triples was soon going well. The three non-pealers, accompanied by three local ringers, set out to visit Frampton, where a quarter peal was rung. At the end of the quarter eight more ringers joined the company, Stedman having fired out after 25 minutes.

Tuesday was a day of mishaps. Due to two ropes having to be replaced at Grimsby we were three-quarters of an hour late in starting for Grandsire Caters. A good peal was rung and a hurried departure was made for Waltham. Here St. Clement's Minor ground to a halt after an hour and two extents. Handbell ringing concluded the evening.

A good peal of Yorkshire was rung at Gainsborough the following morning, but having completed this, as the rest departed for the next tower, two of us were forgotten. Why are Lincolnshire roads so long and straight, and drivers unwilling to offer lifts.

Scunthorpe was the evening's venue, but a slip in 3-4 ended Little Bob.

Thursday was a day of "rest." No peals, but 11 towers visited. We were joined by Mr. Durant and his son, Geoffrey, and also by Messrs. Dawson and Reynolds at Boston. Thanks must go to Mr. Dawson for arranging a visit to this tower.

TROUBLE WITH THE CLOCK

The initial peal on Friday was not without its mishaps. On the last stroke of 12 the clock wire at Caistor jumped off its retaining nail, swung across the room and hit the unsuspecting tenor man in his back. During the next five minutes the rest of the band were virtually helpless with laughter at his attempts to evade the swinging wire which threatened to become entwined about him. The peal now had to be finished by one, before the clock struck again. Two extents in 22 each brought the peal round at two minutes to one o'clock. Investigation showed that no damage had been done, however.

Cambridge at Burton-on-Stather lasted only three courses, and a fresh start was made with Plain Bob. During a race back to the fish and chip shop at Brigg, a missed turning caused us to follow an untarred track through a field. An unsuccessful attempt to overtake at this point resulted in the premature reaping of some of the ears of corn.

Our H.Q. was left on Saturday morning and Putney Surprise was successfully rung at St. Giles', Lincoln, followed by Kent and Oxford at the unused church at Walesby. Three cars then departed for London, where Cambridge was attempted at Putney on Sunday afternoon. However, this was stood up after half an hour due to the tiredness of the band and the heat of the ringing chamber. A group photograph was then taken, and the members went their various ways with talk of another tour next year, possibly in Cumberland.

Finally, I think that thanks must go to Mrs. Jubb for her kind hospitality during the whole week. Her care helped to make the week a success.

R. K. W.

ASKERSWELL, DORSET. — At St. Michael's Church, on Aug. 30th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: R. J. Mears, jun. 1, Mrs. R. H. J. Mears 2, C. W. Tidwell 3, R. H. J. Mears, sen. 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, P. R. Board 6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Vivienne Smith (first Stedman) 1, K. Fursdon 2, Valerie Stephens 3, P. A. Lock 4, W. Simmonds 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. Handley 8. For Evensong.

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' TOUR

ON a bright Sunday morning in July a 41-seater coach left Grundisburgh Green bound for Sheffield, which was to be our home for six nights. Our usual coach firm had been given a rest and a trial given to Braybrookes, of Mendlesham, with Edgar, a wiry little Welshman, as driver. Edgar did his best to please us all through the week and proved a remarkable little man. Apart from beeing a speedy driver, lady killer and story teller, he loved, in fact insisted, circling more than once the several roundabouts he encountered amid loud cheers.

Between 10 and 11 a.m. we had reached Folkingham and were greeted by Cuthbert Bradley in the belfry of his parish church. Lunch was taken in Lincoln and, through the kindness of Mr. John Freeman, we were able to ring at St. Botolph's, St. Peter's and the Cathedral in the afternoon and St. Giles' for evening service. Thence to the Rutland Hotel, Sheffield, where, as soon as we stepped inside we sensed we would be happy and comfortable for the week. By then the party was complete, as follows:—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bagworth, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kynaston, Mr. and Mrs. Denis Laud, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lester, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oatway, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pipe, the Misses Clare Dolphin, Jill Laud, Gillian Smith, Juliet Stoy, Elizabeth Timmins, Messrs. John Avis, Neil Avis, John Brain, Tom Clark, Mark Damerell, Ronald Edwards, Harold Frost, David Godfrey, Phil Johnson, Stephen Laud, Alan Munnings, Ernie Pearce, Adrian Semken, Irvin Slack, Richard Stevens and Dan Dawson-Taylor. The reception desk was staffed by some of the most attractive ladies one ever clapped eyes upon and arrangements were made that they should not walk home unaccompanied. (Fast workers, these Pilgrims.) When the tour organiser heard of this he remarked that he was shocked to hear of such behaviour by members of the most august party in the whole of the Exercise. Whereupon he was reminded that he was only jealous at not having thought of the same chivalrous action himself. (This pilgrim is slipping—or is he?) In order to give Edgar an easy day, seven towers had been arranged for us to ring at by Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, to whom we are much obliged. With lunch and tea in between, we rang at South Anston Handsworth, Whiston, Dore, Ranmoor and All Saints' and St. Marie's in Sheffield. All nice bells and much enjoyed.

LOUTH BELLS APPRECIATED

Tuesday was chosen to give us another look at Lincolnshire and our journey to Louth was pleasant. The magnificent tower and spire, the church and grand bells were all a joy and regretfully we left for Grimsby to a lunch of fresh fish and all the trimmings that go to make a first-class meal. Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Plain and Cambridge Royal were creditably rung and all too soon we were off to Barrow-on-Humber to an exceptionally fine ring of eight. The two eights at Barton-on-Humber are well worth a visit and good ringing was enjoyed, followed by the last tower of the day, at Scunthorpe. Three more nice eights were visited on Wednesday, namely Cleckheaton, Liversedge and Rothwell before the greatest treat of the week which awaited us at Wakefield Cathedral. It was nice to see Wilfrid Moreton and the Rev. Mr. Webb, who had raised all the bells for us, and soon we were listening to some of the best bell music of the tour. There was more joy at Ossett, where one of the loveliest rings of ten in the country is to be found, and although we did not complete the course of London Royal a thoroughly good job was made of Yorkshire Royal and various other touches. At Horbury we were pleased to meet Irvin Slack's mother, a wonderful lady of over 80 years of age, and somehow we thought she was equally pleased to see us. Mytholmroyd bells form a nice eight and St. John's Halifax, has a fine-sounding twelve, which went well to a full course of Cambridge Maximus, etc. The bells at Brighouse, Lindley, Longwood and Holmfirth, all good eights, kept the party happy.

FRIDAYS NOT POPULAR

We never like Fridays. It is the last full day with the complete party, but we set out for Penistone and were well rewarded with a fine eight, as also at Bolsterstone. More good ringing came at Ecclesfield, Conisbrough and Wath-on-Dearne, followed by an enormous gorgeous tea, and finally to Wentworth (in place of Rawmarsh) and Rotherham. Our late return to the hotel meant a hasty supper in order to get on with the business of making speeches and saying nice things about nice people who had contributed to another happy week. Presentations were made to Edgar, the driver, and Sylvia and Jim Pipe, who suitably replied.

Farewells began early on Saturday morning and by 10 a.m. we were ringing on the beautiful new ten at East Retford, followed by the majestic ten at Grantham. By the time we reached Oundle our party had diminished by half, and at Cambridge only the Essex and Suffolk contingent remained.

A PILGRIM.

OBITUARY

CANON F. R. MONEY, M.A.

Folkingham, Lincs, has sustained a great loss in the passing of Canon F. R. Money at his home on August 4th at the age of 63, after an illness of some six months. Prior to his appointment as residentiary Canon of Winchester Cathedral, he held the living of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, and, later, Basingstoke, Hampshire. In October, 1960 Canon and Mrs. Money accepted the Folkingham living with the neighbouring parish of Threekingham. In more recent years six other parishes have been added to the Folkingham group, which necessitated the help of two curates. The majority of the churches in Canon Money's charge were in urgent need of restoration on a large scale. During his seven and a half years he put in much work in organising and raising funds to make these restorations possible.

At the funeral on August 8th St. Andrew's Church was packed to capacity. The robed clergy leading the procession included the Bishop of Lincoln (the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches), the Bishop of Grantham (the Rt. Rev. Ross Hook), Bishop A. Otter (former Bishop of Grantham), the Archdeacon of Lincoln (the Ven. A. C. Smith), the Revs. B. Forster and D. Theaker (curates) and many more clergy and friends from the surrounding district, also many close friends from the deceased's former parishes. The service was conducted by Bishop Otter, the lesson read by the Archdeacon of Lincoln, and the Bishop of Lincoln gave the address, paying great tribute to the late Canon Money for his life and work in Lincolnshire. Cremation followed.

The bells he loved so well and always appreciated on all occasions were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and the ringing concluded with a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The local band was assisted by the Bourne ringers. Those taking part were C. Wilkinson 1, Mrs. D. Cox 2, Mrs. P. Barnes 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, C. T. H. Bradley 5, L. Blanchard 6.

C. T. H. B.

MR. JAMES TAYLOR

Many will be sorry to hear of the death of James (Jim) Taylor, of Christ Church, Healey, Lancashire, on August 28th after a long illness. He had rung in the Rochdale Branch, in which he had held office, for over 50 years (mainly at All Saints', Hamer). He rang a number of peals but his chief contribution to ringing was his gift for teaching young people to ring simple methods well, and he also taught a large number of people tune-ringing on handbells. His dedication to his home doubtedly helped to foster those ideas which come to some people's minds such as making French beds, pinning up pyjamas and probably a lot more nonsense.

WEEK-END AT C.C. MEETING

By D. A. R. MAY

"THE RINGING WORLD" has reported fully the transactions of the third meeting of the current session of the Council, and with election by Societies of their representatives for the next session being imminent, many prospective members must have studied reports with particular interest. Perhaps a personal view of the whole week-end, as usually programmed, and suggested improvements may well be appropriate at the present time. Mr. Arthur Davis has written glowingly about the social side, obviously a very personal interpretation. The majority of those on the own-transport ringing tours would hardly agree with him, and he would have us believe that something on the lines of the Rev. John Scott's "Devon Tours" is usual. In fact this was only the second evening of entertainment since Great Yarmouth.

Whilst having no statistical evidence to support the assertion, I would suggest that the average age of the members during the 1960's is lower than that previously obtaining. This, and an apparent change in the attitude to the well-established members, seems to have the effect of increasing the number of speakers. Half of the members at Worcester who were not on the top table made at least one speech to the Council, probably being a higher proportion than at any time in the previous five years and possibly more than ever before. The four senior officers of the Council inevitably contribute most to the meeting; the speeches made to the other members present some interesting statistics.

STATISTICS

There were 183 speeches by 81 "other" members, but of these 109 were made by 25 people. Even more interesting is that 43 speeches were made by nine people, two members contributing ten and seven respectively. A statistician would undoubtedly consider the ten to be a freak statistic—perhaps the Council should merely consider he who delivered so many (and of above average length) as a freak! Do the "leading speaker" and the other "regulars" not realise that as it is only possible to hear about 180 speeches, a mere 18 people would be heard if everyone who spoke occupied the same amount of time? It seems that the Council provides a forum for people who like to hear their own voices.

What of the members who do not speak? Do they sleep, have nothing to say, or find it difficult to get a word in? I suggest a few are shy, but most are either beaten to their feet by the well-practised "president's eye catchers" or fear that anything they say would seem as irrelevant as most that the regulars say. The Council would be improved by having an even larger number of speakers, if only to keep the loquacious members quiet. Perhaps a limit of three or four speeches each, with no more than one in each debate, would help.

It remains to be seen how Mr. John Freeman manages a Council meeting, but whatever his capabilities would it not be better if the president occupied the chair only long enough to "see off" the local dignitaries and have a chairman elected annually for the remainder of the meeting? Good presidents do not necessarily make good chairmen.

At the beginning of this session the election of committees was a farce. Little thought was given to the question of the best people for the job apart from one very firm stand, against great odds, by Mr. Dennis Beresford in relation to the Records Committee. He won that battle but it should not have to be a battle. Few people have his courage. Elections en bloc are always to be deprecated and, if no chance is given to add names, despised. Membership of "The Ringing World" Committee only received the consideration it deserved as a result and in the wake of criticism of the paper.

If a member of a committee is not re-elected by his Society then only in exceptional circumstances, such as for membership of the Towers and Belfries Committee, should be be made an honorary member, because those who are elected should be given the opportunity of taking a more active part.

The provision for 24 honorary members reduces the honour of such an election. This year, with only 12 months of the session to run and no further meeting, a very respected member of the Exercise was made an honorary member with work in mind that could easily have been done by others on the Council. If the presence of this person was particularly desired, should he not have been requested to first seek election by his Society rather than bolster the ranks of the honorary?

The Council meets once a year and has to cram its business into one short day. Why not have the meeting on Saturday and continue on Monday, or on Monday and Tuesday, so the motions and reports can be thoroughly debated instead of having the mad rush that usually occurs, such as in 1967, when nothing of importance was resolved, everything being referred to committees to save time? This remedy is unimaginative and, indeed, useless if one takes as a typical example the peal of half-lead Spliced Surprise Major. The usual answer to my question on a two-day Council is that the clerics could not attend or the Standing Committee could not meet beforehand, but neither is necessarily true. At Worcester about five minutes remained for "any other business" and the secretary had ample important matters to fill this several times over. A shorter form of this article was intended to be an "A.O.B." speech but was excluded by one of the very points it intended to raise! An ideal solution would be to begin the meeting on Sunday afternoon, continuing on Monday. Ringing could then commence after the meeting, continuing on Tuesday. By increasing the business time, the ringing could be curtailed a little, but this might not be a bad thing if the quality of both were improved. To those who do not spend their spare time during the week-end ringing peals, it must be apparent that the ringing on the tower grabs is deplorable, except the coach tours. I am sure that many local ringers lose respect for the Council because they feel that members cannot strike a bell. The number of non-Council "hangers-on" is amazing, causing frayed tempers and bad manners. Why not circulate the itineraries to members with the agenda and not publish them in "The Ringing World"?

I would urge that the Standing Committee for the next session be carefully selected, with sufficient non-prejudiced new blood to have a complete re-think of the whole week-end.

Editor's note.—We print this interesting and thoughtful article not because we agree with all its suggestions but in the hope that it will produce some useful comments.

QUARTER PEALS

QUARTER PEALS RUNG IN MEMORIAM H.R.H. PRINCESS MARINA

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 New Grandsire Doubles: R. R. Flagg 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, F. J. White 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, T. W. Prince 6. First in the method by all. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 P.B. Triples: Mrs. R. H. J. Mears 1, R. H. J. Mears, sen. 2, J. W. Marshall 3, R. A. Bryant 4, C. W. Tidwell 5, P. R. Board 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears, jun. 8. Rung fully-muffled.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Wareing 1, G. H. Walker 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, J. E. Murfitt 4, Laura M. Grindrod (cond.) 5, R. A. Poole (first quarter) 6. First quarter as conductor at first attempt. First Grandsire Doubles "inside" for 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): R. King 1, J. Mowle 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, A. Cook 6, O. P. Claxton (cond.) 7, H. B. Fuller 8. Rung half-muffled.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Poolman 1, Miss A. Pullen 2, Miss A Rowland 3, G. Beadle (first quarter "inside") 4, D. Heath 5, W. Poolman (cond.) 6, H. Perry (cover). Rung half-muffled.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Baldry 1, N. Rogers 2, Wendy Ellis 3, A. Ellis 4, J. Rampley (first quarter as cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Rung half-muffled.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At 23, Radway Road, on Aug. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen J. Carruthers 1–2, Hazel Way 3–4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5–6.

BARKSTON, LINCS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,320 Plain and Kent T.B. Minor: T. Relf 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, B. Buttery 3, W. Dale 4, R. Woods 5, B. D. Hill (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor who is leaving the district.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob) on handbells: Ann Harris 1–2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3–4, D. J. Winchester 5–6.

BURNESTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (one 720 each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): G. D. Armitage 1, W. P. Haskins 2, R. H. Jordan 3, A. J. Newbould 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, R. R. Horton 6. This quarter and those at Kirkthorpe and Whixley were rung on a week-end peal tour.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. T. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. R. Smith 2, J. R. Smith (cond.) 3, D. Grey 4, D. Phillips 5, D. Pardon 6.

CALGARY, Alberta, CANADA.—At Christ Church, Elbow Park on Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Lois Cutler 1, Judy Midgley 2, Mrs. Wendy Foster 3, Pat John 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5, Deirdre Emmett 6. First quarter 1, 6. First quarter on the bells by a Sunday service band.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The rest of the band in the peal of Braunstone at Mitcheldean on September 2nd would like to congratulate Christopher Hims on the way he rang the treble. This was Chris's first peal, and a very confident performance.

During the Sawley Flower Festival (Bank Holiday week-end) almost 1,000 visitors saw the bells and watched short touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Little Bob Major.

Mr. Robert Ward, of Croxton Kerrial, Leics, aged 75, rang his first quarter peal on Thursday, September 5th. He has been a ringer and chorister at Croxton for about 60 years. This is the first time he had had a chance to ring in a quarter. He rang without a mistake.

After the peal at Yateley, Hants, on September 7th, which is believed to be the first peal by a visiting band since 1899, the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. C. Hall. They would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hall very much for their generous hospitality, and also the Vicar, the Rev. L. Greensides, for kindly giving permission. The tower is built mainly with ships' timber, with brick facing at its base.

The peal at North Lopham, Norfolk, on August 21st, was rung with best wishes for the Rev. C. E. Beever's retirement. It was largely through his efforts that the whole church, including the derelict ring of bells, was restored.

We have just received information of the death of Mr. G. H. Hancock, of Willoughby, Warwickshire, a former member of the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. A fuller report will appear next week.

To celebrate the appointment of Lord Rhodes, of Saddleworth, former Member of Parliament for Ashton-under-Lyne, as Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, a peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Ashton on August 21st.

Regarding the peal of Treble Bob Minor at the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, Oxford, on August 29th, the opportunity was taken to consider it a peal to celebrate the golden wedding of John and Elsie Humphreys. Mr. Humphreys is the people's warden at his church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

FIFTY YEARS AFTER

Friday, August 30th, 1918—Friday, August 30th, 1968.

It was precisely 50 years since Gerald Moorhouse had rung his first peal when a band assembled to ring at Prestbury to ring a peal of Plain Bob Minimus on handbells. Gerald conducted the peal, one of his father's compositions, it being his first peal on 12 bells as conductor.

The conductor of Gerald's first peal was Percy J. Johnson, and the other two members of the band were John W. Moorhouse (Gerald's father) and Malcolm Moorhouse (Gerald's brother). In the years 1918 to 1931 Gerald rang 28 peals, mainly on handbells, on eight and ten bells. These peals include a number of famous names in ringing circles—Miss Edith K. Parker, Harold J. Poole, Walter P. Whitehead, Josiah Morris, Leslie W. G. Morris and Alfred H. Pulling. For business reasons Gerald gave up peal ringing in 1931, but continued to take "The Ringing World."

On his retirement in 1965 Gerald found that he could once again devote time to peal ringing and since August of that year his total has grown to 141 peals. These include 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus, 13,140 Kent Maximus and 19,620 Plain Bob Royal, all on handbells. In the field of method ringing his handbell peals include Spliced Surprise Major to six methods, Yorkshire Royal and Oxford Maximus.

In 1966 Gerald moved to Prestbury from Cheadle Hulme (where there are no church bells), and since that time the bells have been recast and rehung. This is in no small way due to Gerald's influence. He and Herbert Heaton are now training a young band there.

Following the handbell peal on August 30th, some 16 ringers and friends were entertained to a fine spread laid on by Gerald's wife, Molly. Gerald was presented with a suitably engraved brass bell to mark the occasion. His peal total to date makes interesting reading.

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Stedman 1.
Triples.—Stedman 1.
Major.—Plain Bob 4, Kent T.B. 8, Oxford T.B. 2.
Surprise.—Aldenham 1, Bristol 1, Cambridge 1, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 2.
Royal.— Plain Bob 1.
Caters.—Stedman 1.
Total.—24.

HANDBELLS

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, three methods 1.
Triples.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 2.
Major.—Plain Bob 15, Kent T.B. 15, Oxford T.B. 8, Double Norwich C.B. 8.
Surprise.—Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 2, two-spliced 1, five-spliced 1, six-spliced 1.
Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 6.
Royal.—Plain Bob 12, Kent T.B. 9, Oxford T.B. 5.
Surprise.—Yorkshire 1, two-spliced 1.
Maximus.—Plain Bob 14, Kent T.B. 5, Little Bob 1, Oxford T.B. 1.
Cinques.—Grandsire 2.
Total.—117.

R. B. S.

The handbell peal rung at Gillingham, Kent, on August 13th, was a birthday compliment to Phyllis Chidwick, the conductor's fiancée, also for Jennifer Cross, whose father rang 3–4.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The Ilchester Branch held its September quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Hardington Mandeville (the nome tower of vice-chairman Mr. Gilbert Rendell and Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. E. Turner, on September 7th.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. A. Martin, with Miss L. L. Jearum as organist. An excellent tea was provided in the Village Hall, and at the business meeting following, under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, new members were elected, namely Mr. H. T. Wheeler (West Coker) and Mr. W. Bennett (Hardington). Certificates were issued to Miss S. Mayell (Somerton) and Messrs. R. Chedzoy and G. Gillan (Preston). Twelve names were suggested for the proposed Association Roll of Honour of 40 or more years' service to ringing, and Mr. Roger Fox (Yeovil) was proposed as a diocesan instructor.

A half-day outing was arranged for October 12th by the Ringing Master, details of which may be obtained from him (Martock 2329) or the Branch hon. secretary (West Coker 208). All towers will be fairly near at hand.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Rector, Miss Jearum, the tower master (Mr. Gilbert Rendell) and Mrs. R. E. H. Rendell and her tea ladies for the excellent tea.

Ringing on this popular light six was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. Gordon Rendell) and included a record number of methods for an Ilchester Branch meeting.

M. M. L.

AN INTERESTING ISSUE

The September news letter of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is full of interest to ringers. In addition to Guild news and dates, a quiz, a short story, the letter includes some useful short touches of Grandsire Doubles and details of local practice nights. A quotation from a Leicester incumbent of 1870 is typical of its time. "Bellringers," he wrote, "are not all that I could wish them to be . . . but . . . if it be that you have known some very bad men among bellringers, let me say that I have known some very quiet, decent, well-conducted men. . . . . One thing I must say at any rate for ringers, they are not fools. They could not ring if they were." We ringers must be grateful for this last tribute at least.

88—NOT OUT!

If you are ringing the 6th or 7th at Kettering Parish Church you will see opposite a peal board recording a local band peal of Grandsire Triples on December 30th, 1903, and that the ringer of the fifth bell in that peal was Robert F. Turner. You may say "What is remarkable about that?" Robert F. Turner still rings the fifth or any other bell for that matter, and is now a lively 88!

Eight members of the local band, including Bob, attempted a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major to celebrate the occasion on September 1st, 1968, but a slip halfway brought this to an end.

However, the ringing for Sunday Evensong continued with Stedman conducted by R. F. T., and some Double Norwich.

Bob is the last surviving member of a famous local band, which, prior to the 1914–1918 war, rang peals of Stedman, Superlative and London Surprise Major

Although the present local band does not reach these heights of method ringing, the bells are rung always for two services each Sunday, and forming part of the band is Bob Turner; and long may he continue to do so! B.A.

REPAIR OF CRACKED BELLS

We acknowledge the September issue of "Copper," a journal produced by the Copper Development Association. It contains a long, interesting and well illustrated article by Mr. K. J. Clews, of the Welding Institute, on the repair of cracked bells.

The Institute acknowledges help in its investigation from the Council for the Care of Churches and from Mr. R. W. B. Clouston. Of 90 cracked bells examined, almost half of them were cracked in the crown, usually associated with the presence of a cast-in wrought iron staple from which the clapper hangs. Examples of bells successfully treated are given, including the treble, by John Darbie in 1676, of the peal at Groton, Suffolk. It was in this village that John Winthrop, first Governor of Massachusetts, U.S.A., was born. He founded the city of Boston, Mass., and his birthplace is commemorated in the name known to all our readers—Groton School.

NEWTON ABBOT BELLS

Newton Abbot is planning to have its bells rehung and tower repaired. At the September Urban Council meeting it was stated that the estimated cost was £2,000, of which £600 would be spent on the bells. So far £450 has been subscribed and Mr. Shobbrook, chairman of the Appeal Committee, said he was confident that the money required would be raised without any charge to the rates.

The proposal is that the Council should take over the tower, which contains six bells cast in 1772. The bells would be rung on special national and local occasions, and an assurance was given that there would be no annoyance to residents. This historic tower is in the main shopping street and Mr. R. B. Smith appealed to the Council for the tower to be left as a "visual insignia" of the town.

RESTRICTED PEAL RINGING AT STOW

By kind permission of the Rev. W. H. Way, Rector of Stow-on-the-Wold, the bells of St. Edward's Church, Stow-on-the-wold, are now available for peal ringing. It is pointed out, however, that peal ringing will be restricted to one peal per year, and will be by invitation only.

Invitations will be issued by Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell and will be confined to members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, preferably to ringers of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.

The peal for 1968 was rung on Monday, September 2nd, by members of the Stow-on-the-Wold and Chipping Camnden Deaneries. The peal for 1969 has already been booked for a local band.

LEONARD C. DOWDESWELL,
Tower Sec. and Hon. Sec.,
Stow-on-the-Wold Branch,
Gloucester & Bristol Association.

PRESENTATION TO RECTOR AT HARPTREE, BRISTOL

The ringers at East Harptree, Bristol, have presented the Rev. John Ainger with Dove's "Guide to Church Bells of Britain" at a parish farewell and presentation meeting on his retirement as Rector of the parish. Mr. Ainger attended ringing practices and was always willing to assist in service ringing and is well known in the Frome and Chew Branches of the Bath and Wells Association.

WILFRED WILLIAMS' PEAL TOUR OF EAST ANGLIA

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
GREAT WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,280 each London and Rutland, 1,120 Bristol and 480 each Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
John G. Gipson	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley	7
Susan Rothera	2	John G. Gipson	8
George E. Thoday	3	Cecil W. Pipe	9
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Philip J. Rothera	10
John S. Mason	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by P. Border Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew.
On Sun., Aug. 25, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
William A. Theobald	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
George E. Thoday	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by S. J Ivin. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., Aug. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Norman V. Harding	2	Peter Border	6
George W. Pipe	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk.—At the Norman Tower.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	George E. Thoday	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	Tudor P. Edwards	8
David E. Rothera	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
Cecil W. Pipe	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal in the method on the bells.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 7 lb. in D flat.

Peter Border	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
John G. Gipson	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
David E. Rothera	3	George E. Thoday	7
Tudor P. Edwards	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by A. R. Kench. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
First peal in the method on the bells.

EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Peter Border	5
John G. Gipson	2	George E. Thoday	6
David E. Rothera	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

WILFRED WILLIAMS' PEAL TOUR OF EAST ANGLIA—contd.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DISS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	Ralph G. Edwards	5
William A. Theobald	2	Peter Border	6
A. Patrick Cannon	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	John G. Gipson	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Princess Marina, who died this day.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D flat.

John G. Gipson	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	6
George E. Thoday	2	*A. Patrick Cannon	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	Tudor P. Edwards	8
David E. Rothera	4	George W. Pipe	9
Rev. Giles C. Galley	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 Rutland and London, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Peter Border	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	George E. Thoday	7
David E. Rothera	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Thomas à Becket.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.

William A. Theobald	Treble	George E. Thoday	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	Ralph G. Edwards	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Peter Border	9
David E. Rothera	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of London Surprise Royal on the bells and for the Association.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F

John S. Mason	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	John G. Gipson	6
George E. Thoday	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

Rev. Giles C. Galley	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Peter Border	6
John G. Gipson	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
David E. Rothera	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	John G. Gipson	7
Peter Border	2	Cecil W. Pipe	8
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	A. Patrick Cannon	9
George W. Pipe	4	George E. Thoday	10
David E. Rothera	5	Tudor P. Edwards	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

WILFRED WILLIAMS' PEAL TOUR OF EAST ANGLIA—contd.

HINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

John S. Mason	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	George E. Thoday	6
Ralph G. Edwards	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
John G. Gipson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

KINGS LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., Sept. 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	George E. Thoday	6
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Ralph G. Edwards	8
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
David E. Rothera	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Norman V. Harding	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
William A. Theobald	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
Cecil W. Pipe	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
John G. Gipson	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr 10 lb. in E flat.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	David E. Rothera	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	Ralph G. Edwards	8
George E. Thoday	4	A. Patrick Cannon	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

HEREFORDSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

G. John Collett	Treble	Michael R. Rose	5
Peter J. Wycherley	2	Michael P. Moreton	6
Frances Fairbank	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Sara K. D. Woolley	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Michael P. Moreton	4
Kenneth R. Dunstan	2	John C. Eisel	5
Peter Pearce	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by John C. Eisel.

BROMYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*G. John Collett	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
*Sara K. D. Woolley	2	*Frank Reed	6
*Terence J. Hester	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
*Michael R. Rose	4	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by D. W. Layton Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method. First on the bells since augmented at Easter, 1968.

LLANFIGAN, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HUNGERFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Sara K. D. Woolley	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
Frances Fairbank	2	Kenneth R. Dunstan	6
Peter J. Wycherley	3	*Michael P. Moreton	7
Frank Reed	4	*Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* 200th peal together. First in the method—previously rung in spliced.

HEREFORDSHIRE PEAL WEEK—continued.

EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*Leslie Evans	Treble	*Peter Pearce	5
*Frances Fairbank	2	*Frank Reed	6
*Terence J. Hester	3	*D. Kay Adkins	7
*Peter J. Wycherley	4	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method. The treble ringer's 400th peal.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising the following: (1) London, (2 and 3) Beverley, (4 and 5) Surfleet, (6 and 7) Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

G. John Collett	Treble	Michael P. Moreton	4
Michael R. Rose	2	Austin T. Wingate	5
Sara K. D. Woolley	3	John C. Eisel	Tenor

Conducted by John C. Eisel.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 FEERING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

G. John Collett	Treble	Michael R. Rose	5
Frances Fairbank	2	Peter Pearce	6
Sara K. D. Woolley	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Peter J. Wycherley	4	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all.

ALMELEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Sara K. D. Woolley	Treble	John Clements	4
Robert Hatcher	2	John C. Eisel	5
Frank Reed	3	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by John C. Eisel.

EARDISLEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising: (1) Bourne, (2) London, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*Terence J. Hester	Treble	Frank Reed	4
*Robert Hatcher	2	*John Clements	5
Michael P. Moreton	3	John C. Eisel	Tenor

Conducted by John C. Eisel.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

MALVERN LINK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Matthias.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Pearce	Treble	*G. John Collett	5
Michael R. Rose	2	Frank Reed	6
Frances Fairbank	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Terence J. Hester	4	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method "inside."

WOOLHOPE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sun., Sept. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising: (1) Kent T.B., (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Childwall, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Thelwall, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. in A.

Sara K. D. Woolley	Treble	Peter Pearce	4
*G. John Collett	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in seven methods "inside."

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

*Austin T. Wingate	Treble	*Brian W. Hall	6
Frances Fairbank	2	D. Kay Adkins	7
Alfred E. Rushton	3	Frank Reed	8
*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	4	John C. Eisel	9
Peter J. Wycherley	5	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to mark the passing of Sir Percy Clarke Hull, organist and choirmaster of this Cathedral 1918–49, also conductor of the Three Choirs Festival, who died on August 31st, 1968.

HEREFORDSHIRE PEAL WEEK—continued.

COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Peter J. Wycherley	2	Frank Reed	6
Frances Fairbank	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	7
Sara K. D. Woolley	4	John C. Eisel	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by John C. Eisel.

UPHILL IN THE FLATLANDS

(See page 708)

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HECKINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., July 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Michael J. Uphill	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
Roy K. Williams	2	Paul A. Williams	6
*S. Barnaby Bell	3	Peter D. Sell	7
Richard L. Underwood ..	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal on eight bells.

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., July 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

*Roy K. Williams	Treble	†S. Barnaby Bell	6
Michael J. Uphill	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
*Julie S. Armstrong	3	Rev. Michael Hart	8
Richard L. Underwood ..	4	Alan E. Bagworth	9
Peter D. Sell	5	Paul A. Williams	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Caters. † First on ten bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Harling and Mary Humphries, married at Ledbury, Herefordshire, on Saturday, July 27th, 1968.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., July 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E.

*Roy K. Williams	Treble	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Rev. Michael Hart	2	*Peter D. Sell	6
Julie S. Armstrong	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
*S. Barnaby Bell	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by A Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Wed., July 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Michael J. Uphill	Treble	†Paul A. Williams	4
Marcus C. W. Sherwood	2	Richard L. Underwood ..	5
*Leslie S. Hodges	3	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal "inside." † 25th peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Peter D Sell	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
*Michael J. Uphill	2	Paul A. Williams	6
Roy K. Williams	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	7
Richard L. Underwood ..	4	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* 75th tower for a peal.

UPHILL IN THE FLATLANDS—continued.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CAISTOR, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being two extents of Cambridge S., one each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.

Rev. Michael Hart	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	4
Richard L. Underwood ..	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	5
*Roy K. Williams	3	Peter D. Sell	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* Most Minor methods to a peal Tenor 14¼ cwt in F.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*S Barnaby Bell	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
*Peter D. Sell	2	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	6
*Julie S. Armstrong	3	†Michael J. Uphill	7
*Richard L. Underwood ..	4	Alan E. Bagworth	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.

WALESBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Worcester variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Richard L. Underwood ..	Treble	Roy K. Williams	5
Alan E. Bagworth	2	S. Barnaby Bell	6
Rev. Michael Hart	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	7
Paul A. Williams	4	Peter D. Sell	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* 50th peal First in the variation for all the band.

A WEST COUNTRY PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Stanley Jenner	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Richard J. Parker	7
Edward F. P. Bryant ..	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J Ivin. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

HIGH BICKINGTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

D. Paul Smith	Treble	Richard J. Parker	5
Tony Lewis	2	Edward F P. Bryant	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	D. Roy Bould	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

EGLOSHAYLE, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Petrock.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	D. Roy Bould	6
Richard J. Parker	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Edward F. P. Bryant ..	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin Conducted by Tony Lewis.

BRIDGERULE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	Tony Lewis	6
Edward F. P. Bryant ..	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Richard J. Parker	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Richard J Parker

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LANCASHIRE PEAL WEEK

(See pages 711 and 712 for other peals rung during Week.)

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Graham K. Austin	Treble	Elizabeth Timmins	5
Martin E. Snape	2	Bruce Wakefield	6
John R. Ridley	3	Dennis R. Jones	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Richard C. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1968, 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.

David Makin-Taylor	Treble	*John R. Ridley	5
Elizabeth Timmins	2	*David J. Bennett	6
Richard C. Stevens	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
Kenneth Edwards	4	*Graham K. Austin	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

William Hibbert	Treble	John W. Stephenson	7
David E. Parsons	2	John Chilcott	8
Roger F. Overington	3	Brian R. White	9
Raymond G. Cousins	4	Ronald N. Marlow	10
David P. Hilling	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
William T. Cook	6	Michael V. Chilcott	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Bruce Martin	Treble	Brynley A. Shackleton	5
Heather A. Walters	2	Alan Tubb	6
Robert J. Purnell	3	Gordon W. Land	7
Robert C. Kippin	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by Peter S. Muchlinski. Conducted by Gordon W. Land.

STOGURSEY, Somerset.—At the Priory Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 24 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

Edwin Dibble	Treble	Michael J. Stone	4
Alan G. Kent	2	Ronald D. Short	5
Brian J. Wylde	3	Cecil T. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil T. Clarke.
Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. Geoffrey Marchant and Miss Eleanor Kent.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Aug 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Christopher J. Morey	Treble	Charles A. S. Webb	5
Norman Sherratt	2	David J. Midgley	6
Felicity Ashford	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Derek F. Yates	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARWICK.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	6
Peter H. Mackie	2	*Ian D. Thompson	7
Anthony J. Cox	3	Ian C. Maycock	8
John K. Foot	4	Patrick I. Chapman	9
Maurice F. Edwards	5	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* First peal of Plain Bob.
Arranged to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Coventry.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 33 methods, viz.: (1) Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fyfield, Thorne, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning and Linden (ten methods by P. W. Saltmarsh), (2) Beighton, Redcar, Pattiswick, Appleby, Terling, Hatfield, Eastwood, Caithness, Beverley and Surfleet (ten methods by P. W. Saltmarsh), (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (4) London and Wells, (5) Berwick and Hexham, (6) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich, with 116 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*Robert W. Sherriff	Treble	†Anthony J. Cox	4
*†Stephen F. Royal	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Peter H. Mackie	3	‡Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ 100th peal for the Guild. The greatest number of Surprise Minor methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EASTWOOD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat.

Frank Rogers	Treble	Clive Thrower	5
Gordon A. Halls	2	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
Edward F. Gobey	3	Alan H. Bridges	7
Harold Taylor	4	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter G. Bellamy-Knights.
First of Surprise as conductor.

HATHERSAGE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	Treble	John D. Arkell	4
Susan E. Davis	2	Malcolm P. Phipps	5
Ann M. Smith	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATON.
TANFIELD, Co Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Lindoff's five-part. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

James Crowther	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
*C. Duncan Davis	2	John H. Taylor	6
*Malcolm E. Johnson	3	*Michael Maughan	7
George S. Deas	4	Kenneth W. Cheeseman	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Stedman Triples

CHESTER-LE-STREET, Co. Durham.—At the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

Michael Maughan	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
*Ann H. Whaley	2	George S. Deas	6
*Ian V. Wintrip	3	James Crowther	7
D. Graham Hall	4	Denis A. Bayles	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to honour the baptism of Christopher John, son of Graham and Mary Hall of the local band.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 416 of Lincoln, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*John G. Gipson	Treble	Derek E. Sibson	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	*†David E. Rothera	6
Susan Rothera	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 25th peal together. † 25th for the Association. First of Surprise on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's as follows: (1) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Court, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Court, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob. (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

David Vincent .. .. .. Treble	Brian J. Vaughan 4
Vivien A. P. Cross 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Neil V. Avis 3	Peter G. Pitt .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

FYFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

Frederick C. Whitby .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Stanley F. Clark 2	*Anne C. Simkins 5
*James F. Woodford .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

*Colin H. Gillingham .. Treble	Cecil Barker 4
Jennifer M. Millbank .. 2	*Roy Threadgold 5
*Carol Patey 3	Robert J. Lindsell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.
* First peal in two methods.
Rung half-muffled on the eve of the funeral of Princess Marina.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 1 lb.

Jessie M. Kippin .. .. Treble	Jeffrey M. Britchford .. 5
*Sarah P. Hughes 2	A. David Leach 6
Margaret M. Lewis 3	W. John Couperthwaite .. 7
*Simon A. Reed 4	Charles H. Kippin .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Surprise and first of Major.
Rung by a local band with associates, as a farewell peal for Sarah Hughes, leaving for Oxford.

CHOBHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*Michael J. Uphill .. .. Treble	*Alan D. Flood 5
*†Nigel Thomson 2	Walter S. Rice 6
John C. Sheppard 3	Edgar T. Skipsey 7
Roy W. Rice 4	David G. Massey .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major. † 25th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Massey, father of the tenor ringer, on his birthday.

HERSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

*Jeffrey P. Ladd .. .. Treble	Walter S. Rice 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	Roy W. Rice 6
Norman Summerhayes .. 3	Michael J. Church 7
David G. Massey 4	Michael J. Uphill .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASTON INGHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being in two methods—Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, two variations—Southrepps and Kennington, and nine spliced compositions—Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Salwarpe, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, April Day, Dedworth and Windrush.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B.

*Amaryllis Bell-Richards Treble	E. Charles Biggs 4
Patrick G. Hickey 2	†Leonard J. Walters 5
S. Barnaby Bell 3	Peter L. Hughes .. .. Tenor

Conducted by S. Barnaby Bell.
* First peal. † 25th for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising six extents of the following seven methods: Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*Thomas A. Relf .. .. Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 3
Vaughan P. Evans 2	Peter A. Slight 4
Owen Homewood .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* 25th peal.
Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Evans on the birth of a daughter, Sharon Margaret.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Howard E. J. Smith .. Treble	Richard H. Youdale .. 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	P. Gerald McIlhone 6
Michael J. Church 3	John N. Diserens 7
*Stephen T. Kirby 4	Ronald F. Diserens .. .. Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal of Rutland "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (2) St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall, (3) Cambridge, (4) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

William P. Haskins .. .. Treble	Alan Newbould 4
C. Barrie Dove 2	*Charles Maxfield 5
Ronald J. Snack 3	Ronald R. Warford .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in eight methods. 225th peal as conductor. The conductor has now "circled the tower" twice.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Maxfield on their wedding anniversary.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Alan F. Scholfield 1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5–6
†Robert B. Smith 3–4	‡Trevor A. Cross 7–8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method "in hand." † 50th of Surprise "in hand." ‡ First of Surprise "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7–8
Julia A. Fellows 3–4	Roger Baldwin 9–10
John R. Mayne 5–6	*Gerald Penney 11–12

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 400th peal. First of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 26 methods, comprising 480 each of Eastcote, Elford and London, and 160 each of Ashtead, Aldenham, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Dublin, Ealing, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Yeading and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
Umpire: Martyn L. J. Jordan.
This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal of Surprise Major on handbells. The umpire checked every lead-end and call throughout the peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alfred Ballard 1–2	John J. Morris 3–4
Michael Vernon (cond.) .. 5–6	

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CORBY. — On August 31st, 1968, to M. Roselyn (née Crewe) and R. Gordon, a son, John William, a brother for David. 4755

OGLESBY.— To Frances (née Proctor) and Howard, a daughter, Sarah Louise, born September 8th, 1968. 4744

MARRIAGE

CARVETH—HAYNES. — On Saturday, September 7th, 1968, at the Church of St. Mary, Trumpington, Cambridge, there took place the marriage between Eric Gordon Carveth, of Southampton, and Pamela Mary Haynes, daughter of Frank E. Haynes and the late Dorothy Haynes. 4739

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HUMPHRIES.—The address of Richard O. Humphries is now Waterfield Cottage, Alsager Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. 4763

INGRAM.—As from September 17th the term-time address of Maurice Ingram is 1, Dene Road, Headington, Oxford. Home address still 22, Warren Hill Road, Birmingham 22 C. 4731

RANK.—The address of John and Margaret is now 32A, Millington Road, Cambridge. Phone 50176. 4765

SCUDAMORE. — The address of P.Sgt. William Scudamore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, is now County Police Station, Badminton Road, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. BS17. 2Sz. Tel. No. Winterbourne 3138.) 4752

PERSONAL

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Would any ringer coming up to Cambridge please write to Richard Underwood, Long Park, Manorbier, Tenby, Pembs, or Peterhouse. First practice of term, Wednesday, October 9th, 8 p.m., St. Andrew's. 4632

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. welcomes ringers coming up this October. Please contact Margaret Nicholson, Trevelyan College, or come to our stall on Societies Morning. 4737

RINGERS coming up to the University College, Cardiff, are invited to join in the ringing at Llandaff Cathedral. Sundays: 10.15–11 a.m., 2.30–3.30, 5.30–6.30. Tuesdays: 7.15–9 p.m. 4734

ST. ANDREW'S AND DUNDEE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practice of term will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, on Friday, October 11th, at 7.30 p.m. All visitors will be made very welcome. Will all freshers coming up in October please contact S. P. D. Burnett, The Vicarage, Tadcaster, Yorkshire, before October 4th. 4740

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD welcomes all ringers coming up this year and invites them to attend the first practice of term at St. Marie's (R.C.), Norfolk Road, at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 4th. 4759

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY welcomes all ringers coming up this year Practices every Thursday, 6.30–8 p.m., at St. Olive's, Hart Street (tube to Tower Hill), commencing October 3rd. Further information from Audrey R. Alexander, 89, High Street, Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts. General meeting October 26th 4624

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Freshers coming to Bristol in October are invited to write to the Secretary, Anthony Cox, 7, Bertie Road, Kenilworth, Warwicks. 4741

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE.—Would freshers coming to Keele in October please write for information about the Society to Mr. P. Gosling, 12, Ullswater Avenue, Halfway, Sheffield. —J. M. Q. 4757

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD.

New students at Brighton are invited to join the Guild. Please contact Susan Hopkin, 18, Newton-Nottage Road, Newton, Porthcawl, Glam, or come to St. Peter's, Brighton, practice—Friday, 7.30 p.m. 4716

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner at Caveman Restaurant, Cheddar, October 19th, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Five-course meal, 22s. 6d. Tickets from J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts Avenue, Backwell, Bristol, before October 12th. S.A.E., please. Cheddar bells available 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 4736

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The Diocesan Striking Competition will be held at Houghton (Huntingdon District) on Saturday, September 28th. Six bells. Draw at 2.30. p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. **Please send names for tea** (except members of ringing teams) to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon, by September 25th. 4769

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Eliot College, University of Kent, at Canterbury, September 21st, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets 19s. 6d. Application for tickets to Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. Bed and breakfast available Eliot College, 21s. per head. Apply Mr. Luck. — P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4413

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, September 21st, Eliot College, University of Kent, Canterbury, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Ticket holders only.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4414

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The final of the Striking Competition will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, September 28th. Tea in the schoolroom (approx. 5 p.m.). Names for tea to J. Bracewell, 2, Bull Hall, Bacup, by Wednesday, September 25th. Ringing after tea at Christ Church, Bacup.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 4747

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, September 28th. Ringing: St. Margaret's, 1 to 2.15, Cathedral 2 to 2.55, St. Mary's 3 to 4, St. John's 4 to 5.15, Knighton 5 to 5.45. Dinner 6 for 6.30, Stamford Hall, Stoughton Drive South.—A. J. Poynor. 4767

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Conductors' course for Guild members, Henley, Saturday, September 28th. Meet in Village Hall at 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Ringing 6.30–9. Those attending please notify by September 21st.—G. W. Pipe (R. Master), 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich. 4724

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH

Rededication of the rehung ring of 12 bells.

Saturday, October 5th, 1968, at 3 p.m. Followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m. Admission by ticket only, obtainable from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. 4650

READING UNIVERSITY DINNER

On October 19th at the Ship Hotel, Reading.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE

at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 26th, 1968. Tickets 27/6 each. Apply (with s.a.e.) to C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 4746

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

331st ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, November 2nd, 1968.

The 331st Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 1968 (6 for 6.30 p.m.) at the Wallbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London, E.C.4. the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

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Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later. —J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 4733

MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at Harefield on Friday, September 20th, at 7.30 p.m. —M. J. Palmer. 4664

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Meeting, Upper Cam (6), Saturday, September 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Visitors for tea please contact the Pike House Cafe, Kingshill, Dursley, Glos (Tel. Dursley 2535), by Saturday (21st) morning. 4761

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Albury on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing at Braughing (8) in the evening. Names for tea to A. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, near Much Hadham, Herts.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 4735

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting, Hemingford Abbots, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 5.30. Special methods: Lightfoot Surprise, Grandsire Doubles.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4690

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, March, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4703

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Haresfield (6), September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Hardwicke (6) also available after tea. Social gathering with handbells 9.15 at Beacon. Painswick (12) available 2–4 p.m. also. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester. 4713

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Walden (6), September 21st, 3 p.m., with service and tea. Meeting follows in church. King's Walden (6) available 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Dennison, 50, Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin, Herts.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4637

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Messingham on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea. Special methods: London Surprise and St. Simon's Doubles. Notify me for tea.— Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. (Tel. 2623.) 4700

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, North Mimms, Saturday, September 21st. Bells from 3.15 p.m. followed by service and tea. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 4728

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch.—Annual general meeting at Piddington on Saturday, September 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 4727

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Lyme Regis, Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. Visitors welcome.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Collingham, Saturday, September 21st. Bells, N. Collingham and S. Collingham, 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. N. Collingham and S. Scarle open for evening ringing.—D. J. T. 4760

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Brandeston (6) on Saturday, September 21st, 6.30–9 p.m. 4709

SUFFOLK GUILD and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at All Saints', Sudbury, Saturday, September 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Reeve, 10, High Street, Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4669

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, September 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to J. M. Hills, 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex BN4 6PJ. 4702

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Autumn meeting at Perran-ar-Worthal (6) on Saturday, September 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Miss B. J. Duck, 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 4714

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Beoley, near Redditch, Saturday, September 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Ison, 10, Clent Avenue, Crabbs Cross, Redditch, please. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 4646

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Alderton (6), September 23rd, 7.30 p.m. 4781

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at West Clandon on Monday, September 23rd, 7.30–9. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol, London, Superlative.—J. P. O. 4770

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Wednesday, September 25th, at 7.30 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 4777

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Surprise practice at Shalford on Thursday, September 26th, 7.45 p.m. to 9.30. Touches of Bristol and London.—F. W. Housden. 4753

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting to be held at West Hallam (8) on Friday, September 27th, to commence at 7.15 p.m. until 9 p.m. Looking forward to good turn-up.—W. B., Hon. Sec. 4622

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Burnham-on-Sea, September 28th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—M. Legg. Hon. Sec. 4751

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Practice at Winsford (6) on Saturday, September 28th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 4743

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting and Ringing Contest, Tilsworth, Saturday, September 28th. Practice ringing from 3 p.m. Contest at 4. Tea at 5, together with judges' remarks and presentation of trophy. Names for tea to Mr. D. Bunker, Derphine, Tilsworth, near Leighton Buzzard, Beds., by Thursday, 26th. 4758

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by ringing at Hatfield Heath (6) 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 4686

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Cranleigh, September 28th. Evensong 5.30. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Bells 6.30–9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Y. L. Eloie, Dis. Sec. 4659

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at Woodlesford (6) 3–4.45 p.m. and Rothwell (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Rothwell Parish Hall. Names, please, to Mr. Robin Brown, Lyndhurst, 5, Copley Lane, Robin Hood, Wakefield, by previous Wednesday. 4762

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting at Ulceby, Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—C. A. H. 4695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — White Horse Branch.—Autumn meeting, Ashbury, September 28th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berkshire, by 25th. 4694

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Beaconsfield, Saturday, September 28th, 3.30. Service 4.30. Names for 5 o'clock tea to J. Muller, 7, Brampton Court, Maidenhead, by Tuesday, 24th. 4707

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), Saturday September 28th. Bells 4–9 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 4766

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Willingdon on Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing 6–7.30 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. — G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 4685

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Puckington (6) on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, meeting and ringing after. **Names for tea essential** by Tuesday, October 1st.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Dis. Sec. Tel. Ilminster 2435. 4745

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, North Wingfield (8), Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, **without fail, please**, to Mr. D. Davis, 48, Cartmel Crescent, Dunston Estate, Chesterfield. Tel. Chesterfield 51175.—B. P. Morris, Gen. Sec. 4754

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 57827. 4764

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Washfield, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Thursday, please. 4780

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South West Branch. — Autumn meeting at Tamerton Foliot, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Emmanuel Church Hall, Plymouth. Evening ringing at Emmanuel (8). Numbers for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, by Monday, September 30th. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 4723

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—A.D.M., Hawkhurst, October 5th. Ringing 2–3.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to S. G. Waters, Meadow Bank, Hawkhurst, by October 2nd. 4748

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Hindley on Saturday, October 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Halsall, 82, Lord Street, Hindley.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 4732

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.— Striking Competition, All Saints', Leicester, October 5th, after Leicester District meeting. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to A. Cattell, 58, Saffron Road, South Wigston (Phone Wigston 2000), not later than October 2nd. Competion entries to Hon. Gen. Sec. **not later than September 25th.**—A. J. Poynor. 4768

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Maiden Newton, October 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Miss E. Cooper, The Bakery, Maiden Newton, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 4776

LATE NOTICES

WEDDING

PRYTHERCH—GRINTER. — The wedding between John and Diane will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Tylorstown, Rhondda, at 12.15 p.m. on September 28th. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 33, Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest. 4779

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Names for tea to Mrs. M. Kelleher, Braunston, Oakham, by Tues., Oct. 2nd. Sincere welcome to all. 4783

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Annual Dinner and Social, St. Nicolas' School, Newbury, Saturday, September 28th. Tickets (18s. 6d.) from R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury. Assemble 7 p.m., please, for 7.30 dinner. 4774

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Appendix to Central Council Doubles Collection

VARIATIONS ON PLAIN DOUBLES METHODS

(Continued from page 719)

Section III.—These are contained in paragraphs (a) to (j), (n) to (t) and (v). It must be emphasised that in Section III no method or variation uses as a call the plain lead of another method in this section.

Variation 94 is Queen's Park Var.

Section II.—By rationalising the calls for Newark (Wallflower bobs and singles) and for Wollaton (Pink bobs and singles) and their New and Reverse alterations, it has become necessary to change the names of twelve methods/variations. Delete the variations given in paragraph (m), page 595.

In this listing of variations on the methods with two hunts, the first letter gives the bob used, and the second letter the single used. Thus, New Antelope rung with a Wallflower Bob and Pinks single is Westleigh variation.

The variations on Reverse Wollaton and Reverse New Wollaton will be given when they are rung in a peal and named.

Calls—Grandsire	New Grandsire
GA—St. Helen	Lambley
GW—Newborough	Gonalston
GP—Longparish	Churchdown
AG—St. Quintin	Fulmer
AA—Allestree	Rylsun
AW—St. Lucy	Cropwell-Bishop
AP—St. Frideswide	Dell
WG—Daffodil	Donningleigh
WA—St. Anne	Mitre
WW—Bluebell	Ferncliffe
WP—Middleton Stoney	Oxbridge
PG—Ladbrooke	Cowleigh
PA—Keysoe	Wensley
PW—Zennor	Westwell
PP—Pinks	Gotham

Calls—Antelope	New Antelope
GG—St. Margaret	Wheatley
GA—St. Valentine	Woodborough
GW—Oxford	Woodthorpe
GP—Freeland	Uppingham
AG—St. Swithun	Gunthorpe
AW—Northleigh	Caythorpe
AP—St. Cross	Upton
WG—Isis	Bulcote
WA—Ray	St. Aldate
WW—Beckley	Netherfield
WP—Stanton	Westleigh
PG—Gresford	St. Callen
PA—Jacobstowe	Stowe
PW—St. Tydfil	Ardleigh
PP—Harbury	Bucknell

Calls—Newark	New Newark
GG—Quantoxhead	Perlethorpe
GA—Nazeing	Elton
GW—Southwell	Colwick
GP—Oxton	Gratton Flyford
AG—Saxondale	Plumtree
AA—Uttoxeter	Flawforth
AW—Tuxford	Holme Pierrepont
AP—Vauxhall	Adbolton
WG—Pinxton	Gedling
WA—St. Endellion	Remstone
WP—Roxholme	Kinoulton
PG—Waxham	Pagham
PA—Yaxley	Ripe
PW—Xanxene	Staunton-in-Vale
PB—Zeal Monachorum	Hooe

Calls—Wollaton	New Wollaton
GG—Moxley	Rolleston
GA—Allexton	Tavistock
GW—Clashmore	Balderton
GP—Beauxfield	Stafford
AG—Foxhill	Wysall
AA—Hexgreave	East Leake
AW—Goxhill	Sutton Bonington
AP—Ixworth	Broughton Sulney
WG—Coxmoor	Fyram
WA—Duxford	S. Collingham
WW—Pancrasweek	N. Collingham
WP—Euxton	Whatton-in-Vale
PG—Jevington	Kirklington
PA—Laxton	Eastry
PW—Kexby	Halstead

Calls—Rev. Grandsire	Rev. New G'sire
GA—St. Florentius	Modbury
GW—St. Brynach	Headbourne Worthy
GP—St. Ystyffan	Ruyton
AG—St. Benet	De Freville
AA—St. Nom	Grange
AW—St. Illtyd	Harston
AP—St. Dingad	Litlington
WG—Fen	Kingsworthy
WA—St. Clears	Stoughton
WW—Granta	Shincliffe
WP—Cam	Stoney Middleton
PG—St. Padarn	Chinley
PA—St. Elli	Marple
PW—St. Teilo	Abbotsley
PP—St. Bride	Hyde

Calls—Rev. Antelope	Rev. New Antelope
GG—Emmanuel	Abbotsworthy
GA—Newnham	Catherington
GW—Downing	Owlesbury
GP—Trinity Hall	Crawley
AG—Corpus Christi	Sparsholt
AW—Queen's	Barton Stacey
AP—Sidney Sussex	Upham
WG—King's	Kingsgate
WA—Clare	Fearon
WW—Peterhouse	Itchen
WP—Fitzwilliam	Chesil
PG—Caius	Chernocke
PA—Gonville	Preston Candover
PW—Pembroke	Moberly
PP—Girton	Bramston

Calls—Rev. Newark	Rev. New Newark
GG—Barton	Manorbier
GA—Sidgwick	Dyfed
GW—New Hall	Itchen Abbas
GP—Lady Margaret	Martyr Worthy
AG—St. Catharine	Burry Port
AA—Selwyn	Gower
AW—Petty Cury	Cardigan
AP—Winton	Laugharne
WG—Ridley	Lydstep
WA—Chesterton	Penally
WP—Fairbairn	Jameston
PG—Grantchester	Caldy
PA—Kemble	Redberth
PW—Ditton	Tenby
PP—Cavendish	Lamphey

The list of variations on Doubles methods will be added to and amended as necessary.

FROM OUTSIDE THE TOWER

I MUST admit that whenever I go on a ringing outing I am invariably one of the first people up each tower and always stand in for more than my fair share of touches. Yet it suddenly occurred to me the other day that some of my happiest recollections of other people's bells were of occasions, not when I was on the end of a rope, but when I was on the outside of a tower, listening.

It happened like this. On a Saturday in mid-August we were visited by a band from North Derbyshire. As I had to go over to Glossop, another member of our local company met the visitors. I returned, earlier than expected, just after they had got under way, but instead of going up to the tower I climbed the hillside above the church to listen. Not a bad standard, either, though they tended to rush our easy-going eight a little too much, with consequent loss of their full-mouthed tone.

Sitting there in the warm sunshine my thoughts went back to another occasion when I listened to a ring of bells from a hillside.

It was in December, 1963, and I had decided to have a Saturday afternoon with the Colne Valley Beagles. We set off at 2 p.m., on foot, of course, from the Hanging Gate in Diggle, but it must have been 3.30 before we found a hare, right on the bleak sweep of Stanedge Moor, the watershed between Yorkshire and Lancashire. She was a mountain hare and gave us a good run along the crest of the Wessenden Valley towards Holme Moss, but turning back towards Alderman we lost her on the edge of Saddleworth Moor as the light was fading. The weather had taken a turn for the worse, too, for it was sleeting heavily. The fair weather hunters had long since departed and there were only six or seven of us left with those merry little dogs at our feet as we advanced, bent double against the weather, into the growing darkness.

We came over the edge of the moor at Pots and Pans. Below us we could hear someone ringing at Saddleworth. I do not know who was in the band; perhaps Joe Burgess or the ringers from Roughtown, for it was closed lead Oxford Minor with never a blow struck wrong. I paused to listen to the welcoming sound and as I pulled up so did the other hunters. Though all non-ringers, each was entranced with the magic of the bells as I was, and their music cheered our footsteps as we descended that lonely hillside.

From a winter evening in the high Pennines my thoughts turned to a summer afternoon at Whitby, the song of the bells dancing across the waters of the harbour from the ruins of the Abbey; to Meltham ringers, heard quite by chance one Saturday after a wedding, bringing their bells down in perfect rounds; to some superb Royal heard at Ashton one Sunday evening last winter (we ring in the afternoon in winter); and to a touch of Stedman on the back eight at Lincoln. I had left the ringing room for a breath of air and was standing on the gallery to the south of St. Hugh's tower looking over the flat lands towards St. Botolph's, a mere speck on the far horizon, and listening to the bells move from rounds to Queens to Tittums and back to rounds without either fault or hesitation.

There were other times, too, of course. A peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus at Halifax by the Lancashire band. I do not pretend to understand 12-bell ringing and much of the peal sounded a jumble to me, but at regular intervals during the period I was listening, the back bells would come together giving sudden order and dignity. And a touch of Cambridge Royal by members of the Yorkshire Association on Beverley Minster bells, the glorious tenor singing out amongst her lighter sisters.

I can recall one other occasion which stands in my mind most vividly. It was when I was in my mid-teens, years before ever I set foot on a tower stair. We were camping for the week-end at Youlgreave, near Haddon Hall. I shall never forget the music of those lovely, deep-toned bells, rung by the local company for morning service, rolling down that peaceful valley, proclaiming to the hills and dales of Derbyshire the majesty and wonder of the God whose praises they sang. I knew then that one day I would be a ringer.

Keeping a local band together is often a disappointing task. Too few recruits, irregular attendance, late arrivals, six bells rung when there are eight bells in the tower, call changes when one would have preferred a touch of London. I do not despair. When things look at their blackest I think of those happy experiences in the past, when other people's ringing has given me so much pleasure. And I think of all the work and the patience and the effort which must have been involved in enabling bands to perform with such an excellent degree of skill.

What alternative is there left but to carry on in the Church's service, hoping that we, too, may occasionally give to others, on the outside of our tower, the pleasure which other people's ringing has given to us? I. R.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTH OF PUDSEY

Dear Sir, — The following composition, which I have obtained from the composer, was that used for the long length rung on November 11th, 1967. I hope that this will satisfy those who have recently questioned the validity of this peal as it has been proved since I received it.

12,480 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
By RICHARD J. PARKER

234567	5	B	M	W	4	In	H
647532				—	—		
(456237)						x	
367425				3	—		
643527						x	
456237		x					
(274536)	2					x	
275634			3			x	—
762354		x					
562374			S				
524736			S		—		
625347	—	x					
235647				2			3

Repeat twice.

Yours sincerely,
DEREK E. SIBSON.

Putney.

5,184 HORNCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
By D. KNOX

23456	M	W	B	H
(35426)	—		x	
(45236)	—	—	x	
34256		—		
(34562)		—	x	
(46325)			x	
(62345)	—		x	
(24653)			x	
(24536)		—	x	
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23564	—			

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THE TOWN HALL, MANCHESTER

RINGING IN LANCASHIRE

By Canon A. HODGSON,
President of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers

LANCASHIRE, famous for producing the best comedians, and pop singers of fabulous reputation, also enjoys the privilege of having nearly 200 ringing towers and, generally speaking, bands to man them.

The Association covers the whole of the county, including the attractive Furness area together with a small part of Westmorland, and we are not surprised to find that visitors are amazed by the beauty of our countryside. From the plain of Southport and the Fylde to the moorlands of the eastern boundaries and the fells and hills of the north we can offer possibly more real variety than almost any other part of the country.

This same characteristic is found in the variety of location of our towers. From the vast conurbations of "Cottonoplis" and Merseyside we move into what were once essentially the "cotton" towns, to the smaller market towns and into the small villages of the Lune Valley and Furness. True dialect is dying out but there is still the rich variety of "twang," especially in the north and in South Westmorland, and each town expresses its character in its ringers.

Lancashire has also been a ridiculously hard-working county. Men and women had to work to keep up with the swift-running cotton loom or the spinning frame, and this characteristic still marks a good deal of our ringing. We are fortunate in having some very fine leadership in all the 11 Branches, and the meetings of the Association Committee are a joy to share in because of the fellowship, keenness and forthright speaking.

The county has always had an honoured place in the list of "firsts" and record peals, and in recent times the explorations into Spliced Surprise with all the work in each method have given a fillip to that aspect of peal ringing outside our boundaries. A more recent experiment in Glasgow Surprise Major added "grist" to the correspondence columns of "The Ringing World"! But we hope there are no hard feelings. We may not all be Al Reads or Dora Bryans but we retain our sense of humour!

All that being said, it is good to be able to say that the main work of the Association, which is the ringing by the Sunday service bands to call men to worship "whether they hear or whether they forbear," goes on in the great majority of our towers. No doubt, as elsewhere throughout the country, the quality and the loyalty vary also. What can be confidently asserted is that our older ringers set an excellent example in this work as well as in the instruction of the younger and in all aspects of ringing, whilst we are blessed with a steady flow of young blood, many of whom have the perseverance to become change ringers and, in course of time, conductors of peals.

We Lancashire folk often tend to be a noisy lot covering up a suggestion of an inferiority complex in comparing ourselves with the more polished South. Let us then leave at this. We may and do thank God for our fellowship together, for the opportunity of serving Him and His Church in so pleasant a manner, for those who accept responsibility in our affairs and for the grand body of youngsters who back them up so loyally.

THE WOODHOUSE RINGING MACHINE

By CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE

IT is now several years since an account of this machine appeared in the pages of "The Ringing World," so readers may well be wondering what has happened to it. For much of the year it lies dormant under its glass case at Preston, but occasionally an inquiry from a visiting ringer or party of ringers results in the cover being removed, connections made and a variety of methods being rung perfectly on its eight handbells.

Its greatest event during the last 12 months, however, occurred earlier this summer, when it was taken from Preston on the Friday night and set up at Blackburn, where it gave many demonstrations during the following day in connection with the Blackburn Cathedral tower's open day.

This resulted in some publicity in the local Press in which the reporter—probably as a result of being told that the operator merely had to "programme" half a lead of any method and the machine would then proceed to ring this method—opened his article thus: "Science master Mr. G. F. Woodhouse was years ahead of his time. Long before the electronic era he had designed a **computer.**" However, the remainder of the article was by no means as misleading, and gave quite a good account of the history of the machine—of the early trials of its inventor and the infinite patience of its rebuilder, Mr. G. Thwaites.

This publicity led to several interesting letters, some from old acquaintances of the late G. F. Woodhouse, reminiscing of the hours he had spent in his workshop trying to perfect his earlier models, and of the pleasure he derived from demonstrating it to his friends. One couple even made the journey to Preston to see it in action again! Another letter came from the Science Museum, where the "Carter Machine" is housed. Apparently they were not aware of the existence of **another** ringing machine, and were eager to acquire photographs of it. These were promptly supplied, and so, I trust, dispelled any doubts they may have had on the possibility of this "other" ringing machine really existing.

At the last Central Council meeting a suggestion was made that both the Carter and Woodhouse machines should be on display together, and it would indeed be interesting. It is doubtful if these two inventors ever met each other: and certainly they both seemed to have worked on quite distinctly different lines. It remains to be seen whether or not this suggestion will be realised. At the moment the Woodhouse Machine requires some minor overhauling. The diagram writing mechanism is not functioning properly; and in recent demonstrations occasional faults have occurred with the programming buttons (resulting in one instance of a course of Glasgow coming round at hand!).

Unfortunately, Mr. Gordon Thwaites, its rebuilder, is working abroad at the moment and is not therefore available to service it. We are hoping, however, that some other capable technician will come forward and offer his services!

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MANCHESTER TOWN HALL AND ITS BELLS

By ALAN WARD

THE first Town Hall of Manchester stood on a site now occupied by Lloyds Bank at the corner of King Street and Cross Street—some 200 yards to the north of the present building. It was built in 1825 by Francis Goodwin at a cost of £40,000, and was used until 1877. The facade—a reproduction of the Erechtheion of Athens—was re-erected in 1912 in Heaton Park, one of the largest parks in the city, situated on the north side of Manchester on the Prestwich boundary.

The present Town Hall—known to all the local ringers as "The Cottage" stands on a commanding site facing Albert Square, on an open space so named in honour of His Royal Highness Prince Albert, Prince Consort to Queen Victoria. The building was designed by Sir Alfred Waterhouse in 13th century Gothic style and cost £1,000,000. The foundation stone was laid on October 26th, 1868, and the building was officially opened on September 13th, 1877. When opened, it was described at the time as "unmatched for size, completeness and adaptability to its purpose amongst the municipal structures of Europe."

The building is triangular in plan view and in each apex there is a granite spiral staircase of Scotch, Irish and Welsh granite respectively. The grand staircase from the main entrance to the large hall is of English granite. The most noteworthy external feature is the 280 foot tower which dominates Albert Square. From the top of the tower on a clear day there is an excellent view of the entire city and of the surrounding country as far as the Pennines and Welsh mountains.

The four dials of the clock are each 15 feet 9 inches in diameter and above them are the words "Teach us to number our days." Each minute hand is 10 feet long and the hour hands are 6 feet long. The space between each minute is nine and a half inches and the hours are marked by fleurs-de-lys instead of the usual figures.

THE MAIN ENTRANCE

A striking feature of the entrance is the patterned marble mosaic of the floor and ceiling. In the centre is a geometric design in Roman tiles discovered by the architect in a garden rockery and preserved in this unusual manner

In the centre of the ceiling there is an ornate candelabrum, suspended from an oaken trapdoor bearing a gilt reproduction of the Royal Coat of Arms. Through this trapdoor the bells can be lowered from the tower.

THE LARGE HALL

At the head of the grand staircase is the entrance to the large hall, which measures 100 feet by 50 feet and is used for the principal municipal functions. It has richly decorated panels on the ceiling bearing the arms of cities and countries with which Manchester has trading connections. The walls are decorated by a carved and panelled oak dado with 12 panels bearing mural paintings depicting incidents and people from the city's past. Against the furthest wall from the entrance is the organ, a magnificent instrument by Cavialle-Coll, erected in 1877 and rebuilt in 1912. This instrument has five manuals and over 5,000 pipes. The hall is frequently used for mid-day promenade concerts by the B.B.C. Northern Orchestra.

THE RECEPTION ROOM

This splendid suite occupies almost 200 feet of the Albert Square frontage. The reception room, has an oak-panelled ceiling embellished with the armorial bearings of notable Lancashire families.

The banqueting hall, a somewhat large room with tall traceried windows, has the same rich appearance.

THE CONFERENCE HALL

Once the Council Chamber, this hall is dominated by a traceried oak screen and canopy forming the background to a dais.

THE CIVIC PLATE

Manchester's silver plate is undoubtedly one of the finest municipal collections in existence. It consists of 150 pieces now estimated to be worth over £30,000. The value of the original service alone was £7,000 at the time of its presentation in 1877.

THE BELLS

The tower originally contained a ring of 21 bells which were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1877 at a cost of £3,500. Of the 21 bells, 10 formed the ring with a tenor of 52 cwt. Lord Tennyson's celebrated poem "In Memoriam.' written on the death of his friend, Arthur Henry Hallam, in September, 1833, was considered so unpropriate that a line from it was inscribed on each bell. The weights and inscriptions were as follows:—

	21	G	162 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. Ring out the false, ring in the true.
	20	A	100 cwt. 2 qr. Ring out the grief that saps the mind.
	19	B	71 cwt. For those that here we see no more.
*	18	C	52 cwt. Ring out the feud of rich and poor.
	17	C sharp	43 cwt. 2 qr. Ring in redress to all mankind.
*	16	D	39 cwt. Ring out a slowly dying cause.
	15	D sharp	31 cwt. 2 qr. And ancient forms of party strife.
*	14	E	27 cwt 4 lb. Ring in the nobler modes of life.
*	13	F	23 cwt. 11 lb. With sweeter manners, purer laws.
	12	F sharp	21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. Ring out false pride in place and blood.
*	11	G	17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. The civic slander and the spite.
	10	G sharp	16 cwt. 6 lb. Ring in the love of truth and right.
*	9	A	14 cwt 1 qr. 3 lb. Ring in the common love of good.
*	8	B	10 cwt. 14 lb. Ring out old shapes of foul disease.
*	7	C	9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. Ring out the narrowing lust of gold.
	6	C sharp	8 cwt. 3 qr. Ring out the thousand years of old.
*	5	D	8 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. Ring in the thousand years of peace.
	4	D sharp	7 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. Ring in valiant man and free.
*	3	F	7 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. The larger heart, the kindlier hand.
	2	F	7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. Ring out the darkness of the land.
	1	F sharp	6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. Ring in the CHRIST that is to be.

* Denotes ringing bells.

With a total weight of 34 tons 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb., this was the heaviest ring of bells in any one tower in Great Britain. The bourdon (bell 21) was named "Great Abel" after Alderman Abel Heywood, who opened the building in 1877.

The first peal to be rung on the bells was 5,129 of Grandsire Caters on January 14th, 1888, by a band from St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, and the last peal on the bells was 5,000 of Stedman Caters on June 6th, 1925. The bells were reputed to be difficult to handle and only 17 peals were rung: Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 1, Grandsire Caters 7, Stedman Caters 5, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3. Of these, nine were rung with two men on the tenor, but the three peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal were all rung with the tenor turned in single-handed.

Shortly after the first peal was rung a resident band was formed from the ranks of the Manchester City Constabulary, and they still continue the tradition today. When the resident band was first formed, ringing at Manchester Town Hall was by invitations only, but the Town Hall authorities thought it right and proper to do away with the closed shop business and allow ringers from all over the country to have the pleasure of ringing on their bells.

In September, 1936, all the bells except the bourdon were lowered from the tower and left on view in Albert Square where the citizens of Manchester could see them before being taken back to Loughborough for recasting. From the metal of the old 20 bells Messrs John Taylor and Co. cast a new ring of 23 bells, which included a ring of 13 with a tenor of 42¼ cwt. at a cost of £1,200, including repairs to the tower.

An interesting feature of the new bells is the inscription on the tenor, which reads "Recast for the Coronation of H.M. King George VI." The new bells were originally cast to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VIII, and the tenor with its appropriate inscription was ready when the abdication was announced. The raised word and figures "Edward VIII" were removed and "George VI" cut into the metal in their place. When rehung, the bells comprised a ring of 13 bells and an electrically-controlled carillon using all the 23 bells, which played each day at 9 a.m., 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Six tunes, recorded on perforated rolls similar to those of a pianola, can be played on the carillon. The tunes are "Ye Banks and Braes," "Drink to me only with thine eyes," "Bluebells of Scotland," "Men of Harlech," "All Through the Night" and "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may." There is also a roll which will produce a course of Grandsire Triples on the light eight.

The clock, which was installed by Messrs. Gillett and Bland of Croydon in 1887/88 at a cost of £3,485, is reputed to be one of the finest timekeepers in the country. It strikes the Westminster quarters on 6, 7, 8 and 11 of the ringing bells, and the hour is struck on the 8¾ ton bourdon.

The new bells were opened on May 8th, and the first peal—5,037 Grandsire Cinques—was rung on July 3rd the same year. The peal was rung by members of the National Police Guild representing Manchester City, Birmingham City, Leicester City, Bolton Borough and Liverpool City Police Forces.

For many years it has been customary for the bells to be rung on the occasion of an outstanding event. Among the events commemorated were the Reliefs of Mafeking and Ladysmith, the end of the Boer War and World War I and the two public celebrations after World War II—VE Day and VJ Day. They were also rung to mark the accessions of their Majesties King Edward VII, King George V, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth II and the births of all the royal children. During the second World War, when the ringing of church bells was prohibited, the ban was twice lifted, at the suggestion of the King and the Prime Minister Mr. Winston Churchill. The first was on Christmas morning, when the bells were rung for the festive season and also to mark the victory of the River Plate on December 13th, 1939. The second occasion when they were rung was to mark the victory at El Alamein in November, 1942. From then onwards the bells remained silent until VE night—May 8th, 1945—when they announced the **victory** to the largest multitude ever to be seen in Albert Square.

To date, 62 peals have been rung on the new 12. Most of the peals have been either for the Lancashire Association or the National

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Manchester Town Hall—continued

Police Guild. A summary of the peals rung follows:—

Grandsire—Doubles 1, Triples 3, Caters 4, Cinques 2. Stedman—Triples 3, Caters 1, Cinques 10. Plain Bob—Royal 2, Maximus 1. Kent Treble Bob Maximus 4. Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 1. London Surprise Major 1. Superlative Surprise Major 1. Yorkshire Surprise Royal 1. Yorkshire—Surprise Royal 1, Maximus 7. Cambridge Surprise Maximus 14. Belgrave Surprise Maximus 1. Londinium Surprise Maximus 1. Lindsey Surprise Maximus 1. Newgate Surprise Maximus 1. Spliced Surprise Maximus—three methods 1, 18 methods 1. Total 62.

With the 17 peals rung on the old ten, this makes a grand total of 78 peals rung in this tower.

Practices are held each Wednesday evening by the resident band and the Manchester Branch regularly hold 12 practices throughout the year. At the practices visitors are always welcome. The bells are rung for official occasions on Spring Bank Holiday Monday for the annual Anglican Whit Walks, Mayor-Making Day, Civic Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, the annual Christmas Carol Service, Christmas morning and New Year's Eve, but due to administrative offices in the building, employing people working normal office hours, the bells have never been rung when Royalty have been in the city.

THE TOWN HALL EXTENSION

In the late 1920's the Mayor and Corporation decided that the Town Hall, as it stood, was not large enough to accommodate all the departments under one roof. An extension on the south side, designed by Mr. E. Vincent Hurris, A.R.A., at a cost of £75,000, was opened by H.M. King George VI on May 18th, 1938.

THE COUNCIL SUITE

The Council suite in the Town Hall extension consists of a Council Chamber and anteroom, four committee rooms, two consultation rooms and members' common rooms.

An interesting feature is the voting machinery. Each member's desk is numbered and fitted with two buttons marked "Aye" and "No," and the member of the Council records his or her vote by pressing the appropriate button. The result of the vote is shown on the indicator panels on the wall and on the Lord Mayor's table. Simultaneously a permanent record of each vote is made by an instrument housed in an adjoining room.

In 1966 the Town Hall and the Cathedral set the pattern for the North's "Operation Spring Clean." The old Gothic building of the Town Hall was cleaned at a cost of £26,000 and it has now restored the building to its original beauty.

Editor's note.—We apologise to Mr. Ward for the omission of some of his interesting article because of lack of space.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday, August 31st, at All Saints', Otley.

Over 30 ringers attended the meeting, including some advance members of a visiting party from Hampshire, who were touring Yorkshire towers during the following week. A good standard of ringing was enjoyed, particularly after tea, when several well-struck courses of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire were rung.

At the business meeting the gathering was entertained by four members of the local church youth. Three girls and one bearded youth, armed with guitars, sang several devotional songs in the modern idiom. One of the lady guitarists also proved to be a competent member of the local band.

The next meeting of the Society will be on September 28th at Woodlesford and Rothwell.

R. C.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM PYE

With much regret we report the death of Mr. William Pye on August 30th at the age of 71.

Bill was taught the rudiments of the art at Newchurch (Warrington) before he joined the Armed Forces in the First World War. In 1922 he moved to Manchester, where he joined the City Constabulary and the band at the Town Hall. When Joe Wilson retired from the police force in 1938 Bill made made "Chief Ringer" at the Town Hall until he relinquished the position to Richard Benson upon his own retirement in 1948. Most of Bill's peals were rung for the Lancashire Association and the National Police Guild. He was a member of the band which rang the first peal of Cinques for the Police Guild at Leicester, and also rang in the first peal on the new 12 at the Town Hall.

After his retirement from the Police Force, Bill joined the Cathedral band and rang there until he was forced to give up climbing to the belfry tower because of an abdominal complaint. He then became churchwarden at his local parish church—Holy Trinity, Platt.

The funeral service took place on September 4th at Holy Trinity, followed by cremation at Manchester Crematorium, which was attended by relatives, close friends and members of the National Police Guild and the Lancashire Association. A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Cathedral the following Sunday evening by members of the Cathedral band and close friends representing both the Police Guild and the Lancashire Association.

A. W.

MR. G. H. HANCOCK

The death of Mr. G. H. Hancock, of Willoughby, Warwickshire, occurred at Rugby Hospital on August 30th at the age of 64 years. George, an active ringer until recently, was a native of Willoughby and together with his father and brother Fred was a founder member of the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild when this was formed in 1925. He had held office, first as a committee member and later as Branch president for 20 years (from 1943 to 1963) and was highly respected. He was, amongst other things, a chorister and member of the P.C.C.

The funeral service, held at St. Nicholas', Willoughby, on September 4th, was conducted by Rev. W. A. B. Barham and was attended by many ringing friends from both Coventry and Peterborough Diocesan Guilds. As the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled to various methods by friends present. A well-struck half-muffled peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Staverton on the preceding Monday.

EDGAR SKIPSEY'S TOUR THROUGH THE NORTH MIDLANDS

BASED on Chesterfield, and supported by some 20 ringers from Somerset and the London area, this nine-day holiday proved highly successful in many ways. It will be remembered particularly for its late nights—the hotel closed at 11.30 p.m., and one group found themselves locked out at 11.45—for its early morning starts, when two or three of the party regularly failed to make the grade, for huge late night meals in the steak bar and Chinese restaurant, for the friendly battle in the TV lounge, for the conductor who could keep everyone right except himself, for handbell ringing almost drowned by noise from the weir at Ilam, for peculiar map-reading by second-rate navigators, and for many excellent rings of bells, fine churches and friendly welcomes.

Most of Sunday was spent in Derby, but a quarter peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at Ilkeston in the afternoon, while the remainder of the party drove to Dovedale, found a ring of five in the charming little church at Ilam, and rang before an audience which would have done better to have spent their time studying the Saxon crosses and font and the fine manor house behind the church.

Only two peals were arranged, both unsuccessful, but the errant conductor at Ashover made partial amends by calling a quarter of eight-spliced. Quedgeley Surprise Major at Bolsover proved uphill work and was lost quite early, enabling the band to reach Ashover in time to grab the tower. Meanwhile those not involved in the peal attempts visited Haddon Hall, enjoying the house, gardens, tea and company on a sunny afternoon. They also drove (?) up a steep hill for an early evening stroll on the heather-clad hilltop before rejoining the main party at Staveley for a local practice.

As some 65 towers were visited during the tour, it would prove boring to list them all, but among the best remembered are Repton for fine bells, graceful spire and Saxon crypt, Glossop for the difficulty of finding the church and the impossibility of finding the eighth bell rope, Buxton (Fairfield), where the Vicar was wiring the church for a flower festival, Bradbourne, where we were very late (our apologies to the two gentlemen who met us), Lincoln Cathedral and Southwell, both for magnificent architecture and the latter as one of the few anti-clockwise rings of 12, Wirksworth was the only planned tower where we failed to ring, but we were 20 minutes late arriving, having previously made our way to Alton Towers instead of Alton Village.

East Retford and Melton Mowbray provided enjoyable ringing, and at Oakham we were photographed en masse with three cameras—one at a time—wielded for our benefit by a local ringer. We did some unnecessary travelling in Leicester, especially those left behind at traffic lights when we were led from the Cathedral to St. John's by Mr. Shirley Burton. After wending a circuitous route to the next tower we were told: "It's a straight road from St. John's to St. Margaret's." Not the way we went.

Near the end of the tour the thanks of all the party were expressed to Edgar and his wife for their very able organisation of the holiday, and the London contingent then left for home. The rest of us went to Netherseale, where the tour officially closed with three leads of Bristol and a course of Double Court Triples. A second contingent then left for Birmingham, where they were to grab three towers on the Sunday before reaching home.

The six remaining Somerset ringers returned for a final night in Chesterfield. For their Sunday morning ringing they had to do a little emergency repair work at Newhall (a South Derbyshire six), where they found two bells down, one with a broken stay, and four bells up, one without a rope. An old bell rope, which had served for years as an emergency tow rope, was rescued from a car boot and pressed into service, and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor rung, thanks to the Vicar and a local ringer who willingly gave us the necessary permission. Indeed, we are most grateful to all incumbents who allowed us to ring, and to the many local ringers who met us, also to those of the party who entertained us in the evenings with their stories of past exploits. Methods rung included London Surprise Royal, ten-spliced Surprise Major, and some rather shaky Cambridge Surprise Maximus. It was not entirely the fault of the bells that Reverse Stedman did not "go" at Ilam, but the fourth certainly wanted some pulling, didn't it, Edgar?

H. M. M.

HOLIDAYING IN THE EMERALD ISLE

THE idea was to organise a holiday, with some ringing, that would be equally enjoyable to non-ringing wives and friends. Our organiser, John Smith, did very well in providing for all tastes on this trip to Eire. He was very ably assisted by the secretary of the Irish Association, Fred Dukes, but had some difficulty in persuading him that we did not want to ring all day every day!

The party assembled on Friday and Saturday, August 2nd and 3rd. Jack and Joyce Pryor travelled by car and ferry via Holyhead, Bob Smith, Bernard Groves, Ron Andrew, Martin Howe and Peter Muchlinski in Bob's car via Liverpool, whilst Jack Millhouse with his sister, Betty, and her friend, Barbara, came over on the night crossing from Holyhead. Mesdames Andrew, Smith (and baby Lisa), and Groves and Brenda Ludlum travelled by air from Manchester. This brought the first crisis when it was announced that the flight would not arrive until 1.30 p.m., the time arranged to start the first peal at Drogheda. This was overcome by leaving Joyce with a car at the airport and the rest travelled to Drogheda. One amusing sight at Drogheda was a horse and cart parked in the main street and tied to a "No Waiting" sign.

At the church we were met by Geoffrey and Margaret Parker and their son, John, to complete the party, to the great relief of the organiser. After being welcomed by Fred Dukes and shown how to stop the organ motor, we set off for a peal of Cambridge on the fine eight at St. Peter's Church. The lack of sleep during the previous night was evident, but Bernard managed to keep us all in order and we completed the peal in 3 hours and 12 minutes.

Back to Dublin and a reasonably early night. On Sunday we rang at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the morning service and those who were brave enough ascended the open spiral staircase to the ringing chamber of the Augustinian Church of St. John the Baptist to ring on a rather odd anti-clockwise ring of ten. After lunch we travelled down to Glendalough in the heart of the Wicklow Mountains, a most delightful spot, and then over the mountain pass to Blessington. Reference to Dove's "Guide" says "St Mary (6, 15 cwt.), unringable, anti-clockwise," and Dove is not far wrong; however, we did manage to ring some short touches for Evensong, including a course of Cambridge Minor. We were met here by Peter Brown, who brought with him an invitation to visit Mr. and Mrs. Colin Lewis at their home in Bray. Led by Peter and his friend, George, we recrossed the mountain range via the Sally Gap and enjoyed a most pleasant hour and coffee at Bray before returning to Dublin.

Monday was Bank Holiday in Ireland and we met quite an amount of traffic on our journey to Arklow, a very pleasant journey which took us through the Vale of Clare. During the afternoon we enjoyed the best ringing of the week on the bells of St. Saviour's (tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.) and marvelled at the feats of J. W. Washbrook as recorded on the walls. The method was Lincolnshire Surprise Major, but alas, after two and a half hours, "Stand" was called due to a miscall—by a Lincolnshire conductor, too! On the return journey to Dublin some of us stopped at Bray and were privileged to ring on the grand eight (tenor 28 cwt.).

Tuesday was a non-ringing day and the five cars set out, by different routes, to travel to Cahir, which was to have been our H.Q. for the next four days, but for various reasons we left Cahir on Wednesday morning, the men travelling southwards to Cork, whilst the ladies travelled via Tipperary to Killaloe to seek out new quarters for the next three nights.

The ringers were met at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral by the president of the Irish Association, Mr. Fred Bogan. Instead of the planned Double Norwich it was decided to make another attempt for Lincolnshire on this magnificent ring (tenor 27 cwt. 20 lb.). After a false start, due to someone trying to gain access to the ringing chamber, the peal was duly completed in 3 hours and 26 minutes under the conductorship of Jack Millhouse. It was a long and tiring journey back to Killaloe.

Thursday was another non-ringing day. Peter and Martin spent the day fishing in the lough but we have not yet seen the results. The rest of the party went their various ways to see the beauty of the west coast area. Some stopped at a small seaside resort, Lahinch, for picnic lunch and then we made our way to see the Cliffs of Moher and the magnificent view overlooking Galway Bay. The time passed all too quickly and we left little time to enjoy the hospitality of the Lakeside Hotel before going on an evening cruise up the length of Lough Derg.

Limerick was the target for Friday. The ladies wished to do some shopping whilst the men made their way to St. Mary's Cathedral (tenor 24 cwt.), where we were welcomed by Mr. Ellis, the Ringing Master of the Southern District. On this anti-clockwise ring Bob Smith conducted us safely through a peal of Stedman Triples to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the church.

We reluctantly left Killaloe early on Saturday to return to Dublin: the lack of traffic was most obvious and we covered 50 miles in the first hour. At 12 noon we were joined by Fred Dukes and Peter Brown and started off for a peal of Bob Royal at St. Patrick's Cathedral, but after 2¼ hours "Stand" had to be called as our tenor ringer was suffering from stomach trouble. As a consolation we were able to have a short ring on the nearby ten at Christ Church Cathedral, after which some dispersed to catch the night boat whilst the remainder stayed until Sunday, when we rang before and after the morning service at St. George's, Dublin.

We all enjoyed our holiday very much, thanks to our organiser, Bob, Fred Dukes and Peter Brown for showing us around, and, above all, thank you, Ireland, for providing such wonderful weather—not a spot of rain all the time—and for the wonderful scenery. Many hope to come again and see some of the places in the West that we could not include in this trip.

M. P. J.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD IN SUFFOLK

Thursday, July 4th, saw the starting of the 1968 summer tour of the Southampton University Guild. We made the journey to Ipswich, our centre for touring Suffolk, in the University minibus, which had certainly aged since last year, but any doubts about its roadworthiness were quickly dispelled when the minibus, subjected to an on-the-spot M.O.T. test on the A.30, passed with flying colours. At Ewelme, an excellent lunch, later followed by ringing, was enjoyed at the home of our last year's Master, Robert Partridge; we extend our thanks to Mrs. Partridge.

At Ipswich our numbers were increased and rose to 13 by the week-end. On Sunday several friends left, but three members of the Sussex University Guild joined us in the evening.

On Friday the towers were remarkable but, as we found nearly everywhere, were good. At Clopton the nerves of the Guild were shattered, for apart from the six bells being rung anti-clockwise and not at all easy to ring, we discovered that the centre of the ringing room floor consisted of nothing more than a fragile wooden lattice, which gave a splendid view down into the porch!

Saturday was perhaps the day of the most impressive churches, especially those at Lavenham and Long Melford. At Sudbury the problem of keeping off the clock hammer was solved by our Master, Howard Payne, with a system of wiring (centred on a nearby coat-hook) that would have done justice to a signal box!

Sunday was our day of comparative leisure. After ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, George Pipe, our captain, directed us to Tuddenham, where we again rang for morning service and afterwards doubled the congregation. After lunch we headed for the beach at Bawdsey. Even though the weather was cool and indifferent, our members enjoyed themselves swimming and, of course, ringing handbells. We then went on to ring for evening service at Grundisburgh, the second lightest ten in the world, where we felt at home. (The Guild's home tower of North Stoneham is the lightest ten in Hampshire.)

Monday was uneventful but the churches were interesting. At Ufford we admired the unique carved 12th century font cover, and at Burgh, our last tower, we almost forgot we were in the 20th century as we rang in the porch around a low hanging oil lantern in the twilight, the church being lit and heated entirely by oil.

Tuesday was interesting socially, and Debenham was perhaps the best tower. The flower festival at Otley fascinated the female members. At Henley we met Alfie Bowell, the famous Ipswich bellfounder. We visited St. Margaret's, Ipswich, for the practice night but unfortunately we did not meet as many local ringers there as we had hoped.

Wednesday was the last day of the tour and we took it easy. A late start was made at Ipswich towers to allow for such frivolities as shopping. Before lunch we rang at St. Matthew's and, after a very brisk walk across Ipswich, at St. Clement's. The four afternoon towers were all very near Ipswich and, to save further exhaustion, were all sixes. However, six of our members were sufficiently awake to ring a quarter of Spliced Cambridge/Plain Bob in 33 minutes at Hintlesham.

In true S.U.G.C.R. fashion the evening was spent wining and dining, indulging in a slap-up meal, bringing us to the end of an extremely enjoyable 1968 tour. Our thanks are due to Robert for driving us and to Susan for writing for the towers.

M. J. D.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Holidays deprived a first-class attendance at the Northern Branch meeting at Garveston on September 7th, but over 30 enjoyed an excellent tea.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. Rye, of the Barnham Broom Group. T. Roast played the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. F. N. Golden.

Ringing prior to the service was halted by the tenor rope breaking (thanks to Henry Tooke for splicing same). In the absence of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. M. Cubitt, the bells were rung after the meeting to a variety of methods under the leadership of the Association Ringing Master, Mr. P. Adcock.

Neville Fenn and Eric Durrant, of Reepham, were re-elected. Roy Smith, Janet Westwood and J. Reeve, also of Reepham, were elected.

Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Mr. A. C. Haines, of Hingham, who died on August 11th, a member since 1947, also for the wife of Mr. S. Marshall, a member of the Dereham band, who died suddenly in hospital after an operation.

Mr. P. Adcock told members that the striking competition was to be held at Bunwell on Saturday, October 19th.

Mr. G. Sayer, chairman, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. R. Rye, Mr. T. Roast, Mr. H. C. Kiddle, his wife and helpers.

Mr. Sayer said the Spalding handbell ringers would be at Christ Church, New Catton, on Thursday, October 17th, in aid of the Restoration Fund.

After the meeting it was discovered that the cycles belonging to H. C. Kiddle and D. Bord were missing. After frantic calls to the police, however, both were recovered.

LETTERS

A METHODS COMMITTEE DECISION

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if you would publish the following unanimous Decision of the Methods Committee, which is aimed at widening the scope of Amendment 3 passed at Worcester:—

"One variation with one or more methods, or two or more variations with or without methods, may be spliced in the same extent provided there is at least one plain lead of each variation and method and at least one called lead for each call of each variation; if no call is made for a method, the plain course of that method must be different from all plain courses of the variations in the extent. But if all the plain courses of the variations and methods are the same, then one plain lead will be sufficient, and if a call is common to all the variations and methods then one example of that call will be sufficient." — Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

THE UNDERGRADUATES' 12,480

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession a copy of the composition used for the peal of 12,480 Pudsey Major rung at Loughborough in November last by eight undergraduates. This composition has been checked and found to be true by someone very competent in such matters. I do not intend to send this to you for publication until asked to do so by the composer and conductor, Richard Parker, who, it is rumoured, has mislaid his copy.

I have no intention of being drawn into the progressive lengths/record peals proper controversy, but would like to point out that due to difficulties of arranging a band for our peal it was not possible to publish notice of the peal beforehand.—Yours faithfully.

GEOFFREY W. RANDALL.

Coventry

PROPERTY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Dear Sir,—Your article on "The Property of the Ancient Society of College Youths" prompts an inquiry with reference to their headquarters at the Ship, Talbot Court, Gracechurch Street. I have in my possession a one-pint pewter pot bearing the inscription "J. or I.) Pearce, Bell, Bell Yard, Gracechurch Street.'

Is this coincidence or was there a hostelry called the "Bell" in "Bell Yard" near where this Society now makes its headquarters.? fully. Comment will be appreciated.—Yours faithfully.

JOHN HILL.

Haslemere, Surrey.

NEW MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir, — May I, on behalf of Minor ringers who wish to keep their collections of methods correct, ask why the Central Council does not publish lists of new Minor methods similar to those of Major, Royal, etc., yearly?

Since the publication of the excellent "Index" at the end of 1965 there has not appeared any list of named Minor methods. My records (possibly incomplete) show that some 60, admittedly mainly "irregular," have been rung since then. The volume of material concerning Doubles, Major, etc., is surely out of all proportion to the amount which is actually rung. May I thus appeal to Minor ringers and the Central Council to even up the score in the near future.—Yours faithfully.

DEREK J. JONES.

Spalding, Lincs.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS AND RECORD PEALS PROPER

Dear Sir,—May I quote the last sentence of Mr. Woodruffe's letter on page 606: "No notice was given of this peal and the composition has not subsequently been published." My committee has the true figures of this 12,480 Pudsey and I was not aware of the rumours being put around that the figures of the peal were lost and the peal probably false. Therefore the only interpretation I could put on Mr. Woodruffe's letter was that he was questioning the action of my committee in submitting to the Council both progressive lengths and record peals proper under the single heading of "Performances." If he had questioned the availability of the figures of the peal, he would have received a simple answer without comment. If he had written to me and questioned the above-mentioned action of the committee he would have received an explanation and a request to preserve the status quo until the forthcoming revision of Decisions. But the words of his letter publicly question the above-mentioned action of my committee. Therefore I gave this explanation and indicated that because of his letter it would now be necessary to distinguish between progressive lengths and record peals proper.

To Mr. Haines I would suggest that he apologises firstly to the committee for saying that they had not checked this peal, and that he then joins the queue to apologise publicly to Mr Parker

Secondly, I did not say that I classed the 12,096 Glasgow as a progressive length because of the use of singles. I did say that the ringers of the peal asked for it to be classed as a progressive length, due to their not complying with all special conditions.

Lastly, I did not say that the Cambridge Maximus was questioned merely because of Mr. Woodruffe's letter. I did say that Mr. Woodruffe's letter caused the need to distinguish between progressive lengths and record peals proper. I therefore raised the question of the irregular call used in Cambridge Maximus. His many misconstructions merely reflect discredit upon himself.

In reply to Mr. Groves, I did not give the official Central Council ruling. I quoted part of the C.C. Handbook, but not out of context, explained the past action of the committee and expressed my personal views on one of this year's long performances.

The Handbook might imply a desire that the composition should be published with the notice, but it does express a requirement. It is possible to give seven days' notice of 20,161 Double Norwich and to compose it the night before. And an eminent long-length ringer has drawn attention to the possibility of an unscrupulous band ringing a progressive length between the notice and proper attempt, using possibly an extension of the published composition.

Perhaps he will argue his third paragraph with Mr. Smith, with whom I agree on the need for official and unofficial records, now known as record peals proper and progressive lengths.

He is correct in comparing Cam variation of Kent with Holt's composition of Plain Bob. They can be called Kent and Plain Bob. They are both all right for ordinary peals **and** progressive lengths, but they both use an irregular call which affects the treble, so neither can be used to establish record peals proper. But both can be expressed as spliced. Kent Treble Bob and Kent Little Court, and Plain Bob and Original. And only in this way can they be used to establish record peals proper. The Cam variation might be years old: Holt's composition is centuries old!

Finally, I apologise for being unable to read that which is not written. Precise inquiries save a lot of trouble.—Yours sincerely.

Windsor. FRANK T BLAGROVE.

INSURANCE OF BELLRINGERS

Dear Sir,—It has recently come to our attention that our Church Insurance Policy only covers ringers from the age of 16 years. Correspondence with the company concerned reveals that they are willing to extend the cover at a reduced benefit from the age of 12, but "cannot usually reduce the age limit further than this."

Because of this our P.C.C. has categorically stated that no ringers under this age should be allowed to watch or take part in ringing. This is a severe blow, although very reasonable, and we have been prompted to inquire about the situation in other towers. It would appear that although captains usually consider their ringers fully insured, in each case the cover extends only to age 16 or 12.

It would therefore seem that a very large number of young ringers are not insured, and that their churches are unaware of this. The situation would appear most unsatisfactory, as it is quite possible that other councils will be prompted to take the same action as ours, and prospective young ringers be lost at a crucial time unless regular insurance cover for such persons is offered. The position of learners or observers in the tower could also be clarified

We should be interested to hear if this is the situation generally and, if so, how it can be improved.—Yours sincerely.

KENNETH E. WHITE.
IAN M. M. O'REILLY.

Wheatley, Oxford.

RINGING INTRUSION

Dear Sir,—I have been asked to send you a letter for publication. On Saturday, August 24th, a party of ringers entered our church at Breamore and rang our church bells without asking permission. Surely the ringing Exercise does not encourage this kind of thing. Therefore would the persons responsible for ringing these bells have the decency to make a reply to this letter in "The Ringing World" or to myself, giving their names and addresses.—Yours truly,

F. H. J. MUSSELL.
Captain of Ringers.

The Shallows, Breamore.
Near Fordingbridge, Hants.

METHOD MISNAMED

Dear Sir,—The method which was published as "Headingley Surprise Major" in "The Ringing World" of August 23rd is, I am informed by several sources, misnamed; it should be corrected to "Benson Surprise Major," as it was rung in a spliced peal in 1967. Perhaps you would be so kind as to publish a correction for me.

So far as I am aware the claim of "First peal in the method" is still valid." — Yours sincerely,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster.

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BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Wants Conference to Discuss Long Length Peals

Dear Sir,—It is plainly obvious to many ringers that the present Central Council rulings or recommendations on long-length peals are far from satisfactory. The correspondence over the Glasgow peals, complete silence on the matter at the Worcester meeting and the recent discussion about the 12.480 Pudsey and the 13.140 T.B. Maximus tend to confirm this view.

Firstly, I wish to take up the points raised by Mr. Blagrove in his reply to my query about the 12.480 Pudsey. In their report to the Central Council the Records Committee simply listed the Pudsey peal and the 11.872 Glasgow Surprise Major under "New Methods and Performances" ("Ringing World," July 5th, 1968, page 519). They did not distinguish, as Mr. Blagrove now does, between the Pudsey as a "progressive length" and the Glasgow as a "record peal proper." This grouping into progressive lengths or record peals proper is solely for the benefit of the Records Committee, who only give their decisions when asked and otherwise remain silent. No doubt, however, they have had the decency to inform Mr. R. J. Parker that his 12.480 Pudsey is only a progressive length and not the record length proper for Pudsey, which remains as the 10.560 rung at Loughborough on July 6th, 1963. May I ask what is the longest peal of Pudsey and Glasgow yet rung? May I also ask why has the Records Committee suddenly decided to check to the last detail only the record peals proper and not the "progressive lengths"? If this decision was made prior to our recent attempt at 13.140 T.B. Maximus, why wasn't I, as conductor, informed what would be the Records Committee decision if the peal was rung? The notice was in "The Ringing World" of June 28th and the "decision" appeared in "The Ringing World" of August 16th in reply to an entirely different question. To return to the question of the Pudsey long peal, am I correct in believing that the Records Committee are not interested in seeing the composition of a peal which exceeds the previous best by almost 2,000 changes and that they are not interested in whether it is true or false? If this is so, then they do not deserve to be a Records Committee at all or at least should be relieved of their duties of recording long peals, and a new long-length committee established, a committee which has a little respect for long peal ringers. And since the committee have not publicly asked Richard Parker for his composition of Pudsey, may I do so and request that he submits it for publication within the next month or sends it privately to me, as conductor of the 10,560, so I can prove and confirm that the 12,480 deserves to be recognised as the longest peal of Pudsey.

As for the 13,140 T.B. Maximus, I was not aware that we used two types of bobs, but then it all depends on what is a bob. I follow the Central Council ruling on such occasions, which states (Handbook, page 26): "A bob can affect any number of working bells and its effect should be to alter the coursing order of three of them." All the bobs I called were 4ths place and they altered the coursing order of three **working** bells—the treble was never affected by calls. If there were other bobs then they were silent ones and the umpires missed them. And since Mr. Blagrove wants us to choose which record we would like (how thoughtful to give us the choice of a record we never attempted to beat), our decision is this—we'll have both! And when another band exceeds 13,140 in one, other or both, we will have another go and see what choice we get then. I have been approached by a meritorious Hertfordshire conductor and composer to explain what the second type of bob was, but having only the Central Council Handbook to guide me, I had to confess I did not know. Perhaps Mr. Blagrove's rules are different from mine (1956 edition) and he will help me to amend them by explaining the bob and stating at which Central Council meeting these rules were altered and passed.

POSITION OF SINGLES

May I take up another point about the single used in the 12,096 Glasgow and 9,600 Lincolnshire? The Central Council Handbook states (page 26): "Singles in T.B. methods may be used only when a desired result cannot be obtained by bobs." This, as everyone knows, is way out of date. Singles in T.B., and especially in Surprise, are an accepted part of recent composing, and in accepting ordinary length Surprise peals, this ruling has been disregarded by the Methods, Records and Peals Analysis Committees. So why should it be used as a reason for discarding the 12,096 Glasgow but accepting the 9,600 Lincolnshire?

Mr. Blagrove has, no doubt, proved that 9,600 Lincolnshire cannot be obtained without singles but finds the Glasgow a trifle more difficult despite the fact that at least two very competent composers have stated that 11,872 is the maximum with bobs only. The added reason that only a day's notice was given does not in any way detract from the performance of the peal since there is little doubt that it was rung and rung well. This was more than a little unfortunate and pressure should be brought to bear on the Lancashire Association representatives that this must not happen again or the peal will be discarded entirely. (I see today that the same thing has happened over 12,096 Huddersfield—perhaps the conductor or arranger will explain why this has occurred again.) But the "decision" to demote the 12,096 is ridiculous, and to "upgrade" the Lincolnshire, though the composition was not published until after the peal had been rung, contravening Central Council rules again, is beyond anyone's capacity to follow the wily workings of the Records Committee.

I made a point in my letter of February 9th (page 103) that the present Central Council ruling **implied** that the composition be published before the record attempt took place, but no one answered this or contradicted it and there was not a bleep out of the Records Committee about it. We now assume, following the recent decisions, that this does not apply any longer, but nobody on the Records Committee has told us.

What a situation! If any long peal arranger knows where he stands now amid all this rule contravening and the illogical confusing unpublished "decisions" of Mr. Blagrove, then he has probably used a computer to help him. Where do we go from here?

Firstly, I cannot understand how Mr. Blagrove can remain as convener of the Records Committee and I suggest his easiest way out is to resign.

Secondly, I feel that something should be done quickly about long peal attempts and that we cannot wait for the 1969 Hertfordshire Central Council meeting to see if somebody puts forward proposals for a revision of the rules. I therefore would like to suggest that a meeting of long-peal ringers and Central Council officials be arranged at the earliest possible opportunity to discuss the problem. The people I would like to see at such a meeting would be Messrs. V. Bottomley (C.C. secretary), E. A. Barnett, J. A. Ainsworth, J. Freeman, C. Crossthwaite, C. K. Lewis, R. B. Smith, D. Knox, H. W. Egglestone and Brian R. White. These ringers are suggested as being representative of past and present long peals, of Guild and towers where long peals have predominated and of the present appropriate Central Council committees. I further suggest that such a meeting be held at a central location, e.g. Loughborough, with Paul Taylor as a possible chairman.

TENTATIVE PROPOSALS

Tentative proposals which might be discussed are outlined below, and these are based on two criteria which, I believe, are of the greatest significance in record attempts:—

(i) That it is the longest peal, i.e. the greatest number of changes in a method or methods which is the prime consideration. (There is no point in distinguishing between progressive lengths and record peals proper, since it is the merit of the performance, the ringing of the peal, which is important.)

(ii) That the opportunity of allowing interested ringers to listen to and witness these attempts must be considered.

These are my proposals:—

(a) That notice of any record attempt be submitted to the Central Council secretary (or suitably appointed official) at least 21 days prior to the attempt.

Note.—Record peal here means any peal of over 6,000 changes which exceeds the length rung in that particular method, e.g. notice would be required for 6,000+ London Surprise Royal (present record 5,400) but not for 10,000 Plain Bob Major (present record 40,320).

"Notice" of the attempt means submitting the date, tower, time of start and composition.

Twenty-one days is suggested since few long peals are arranged within a few days and also that this would give the secretary (or official) time to carry out the procedure below.

(b) The secretary shall then appoint an umpire of sufficient ability to check the figures, to be present on the occasion of the attempt, and to state at the end that it was rung satisfactorily.

(c) The secretary shall also forward the notice of the attempt (date, tower, time, method(s) and length, **not** the composition) to the Editor of "The Ringing World," who will publish it at least seven days prior to the attempt.

(d) The composition of the attempt be available outside the tower while the attempt is in progress to enable interested ringers to follow the peal and check it if they so wish.

(e) If the attempt is successful, the composition to be published with the account of the peal. The peal then becomes a record length.

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Long Lengths—continued

(f) Should the Editor receive a peal report of record length (i.e. over 6,000) which does not fulfil these conditions, the peal should not be published but submitted to the Records Committee to discuss its merits. If it is a "record length" and no notice has been given it is not to be published but returned to the conductor with an explanation why it is not acceptable. This way the onus of having the peal recognised rests with the conductor, and not with the Records Committee, and the onus of providing umpires rests with the Central Council secretary (or appointed official).

Lastly, I have one alternative suggestion which is also worth discussing and that is—no rules at all, each record length accepted on its merits.

I would welcome further discussion on the points raised and any other proposals.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

Editor's note.—The fact that we have published this letter in full does not imply that we necessarily support Mr. Woodruffe's proposal for what may be described as a "self-chosen" little Central Council meeting or that the people he mentions have agreed to attend such a meeting. Mr. Woodruffe can invite who he wishes to attend a private meeting—we will willingly quote him the advertising rate—and it remains to be seen who turns up.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District met at Sandon and Ardeley on September 7th. Ringing commenced with call changes on the five at Sandon, followed by touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, rung with varying degrees of success. After some good ringing the company adjourned to Ardeley, where ringing continued on the pleasant six until 8.30 with a variety of methods, including London, Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Double Court and six spliced plain methods.

The next meeting will be a quarterly meeting, probably at Aston and Benington, when we hope the meeting will be equally successful or even more so. M. R. W.

HINCKLEY RINGERS IN YORKSHIRE

Leaving the fine ring of eight at Market Bosworth during a Hinckley District meeting, the minibus roared away towards Yorkshire, and Sunday saw us at York Minster for service ringing. We were joined here by Dave Cooke, from Hull. Due to our limited experience on 12 bells the Grandsire Cinques was not so good as it might have been. At Escrick in the evening we showed improvement—Bristol Surprise, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob were rung. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hartley joined our ringing at this tower. Our final achievement of the day was doubling the congregation at the service, and one of our members read the lesson.

Monday morning we visited Pocklington, where we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brown and their baby daughter, Marion. Some good Bristol was rung but the six leads of London were not of the same standard. Various Minor methods were rung at Hutton Cranswick and following this we moved to Bridlington, where we rang Bristol and Stedman Triples. From Bridlington we proceeded in sedate fashion to Scarborough.

Tuesday was our busiest ringing time. The first tower of the day was at Kirbymoorside (6), where a nice touch of Norwich was followed by Spliced Surprise Minor in six methods. Our next tower was at Helmsley (8). Yorkshire Surprise went quite well here and was followed by Stedman Triples. Spliced in ten methods followed on the 11 cwt. six at Hovingham. We then visited the fine eight at Norton and rang some fine Bristol and Lincolnshire Surprise Major. The day was rounded off at Scalby, where two touches of Spliced Surprise Minor were rung and an excellent touch of Oswald Delight Major.

On the fourth day we rested. The morning was spent on the beach at Scarborough. Several of the party decided to savour the delights of the sea and the sun. Among the activities of the afternoon was a game of bowls. In the evening we joined the practice at Scarborough, where we rang Yorkshire, Kent and Bristol and helped the young (and obviously keen) band with Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Double Norwich was rung at Thirsk on Thursday, followed by a course of London Surprise Major. Here we bade farewell to Barry Brown and his family. At Wath we rang a course of Wath Surprise and a touch of spliced. We then moved to new digs at Harrogate for the last night of the holiday. The excellent eight at Harrogate demanded good ringing. Here Stedman, Bristol and Yorkshire were rung.

Sunday morning saw us at the golf course for 18 holes. At mid-day, at Ilkley, we experienced Yorkshire "tufts" for the first time. Yorkshire went quite well here and this was followed by a touch of Stedman, in which we were joined by a local postman. Afterwards a course of Kent Maximus was lapped on Ilkley Moor (bart 'at) and this was followed by Little Bob Maximus. The remainder of the afternoon was spent with handbells. The final tower was Otley, where Grandsire Triples was rung and also Little Bob, in which we were joined by a local ringer. We now bade adieu to Dave Cooke and returned to Kit's (Ashby Parva, Leicestershire) for a game of table skittles before disepersing.

The grateful thanks of the party must go to K. Paul Gilliver and Christopher M. Sturgess for efficient organisation of the towers and hotels respectively. B. L. B.

DELIGHT MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Can anyone supply the names of any of these 4th place Delight methods?

—34—14—12—16—12—56.	l.e. 14.	164235
—34—14—12—16—34—56.	l.e. 14.	164235
—34—14—12—16.34—12.36.	l.e. 16.	134625
—34—14—12—16.34—34.56.	l.e. 14.	164235
—36—14—12—16.34—12.36.	l.e. 12.	142563
—36—14—12—16.34—12.36.	l.e. 14.	154263
—36—14—12—16.34—14.56.	l.e. 14.	135642
34—36.14—12—16.34—12.36.	l.e. 12.	154632
34—36.14—12—16.34—12.36.	l.e. 16.	165243
36—36.14—12—16—12—36.	l.e. 12	165324
36—36.14—12—16—12—36.	l.e. 14.	136524
36—36.14—12—16—14—36.	l.e. 14.	164235
36—36.14—12—16—34—16.	l.e. 14.	145362
36—36.14—12—16.34—12.36.	l.e. 14	146325

Yours faithfully,

A. BISHOP.

London, S.W.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — On Aug. 11th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Ruby Fardon 1, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 2, Ruby Myllys 3, J. Walters 4, R. A. Fardon 5, Patricia Copas 6, A. R. G. Twinn 7, C. H. Bagot 8, J. Hill 9, R. K. Russ 10. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Venn 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, Ruby Myllys 3, Patricia Copas 4, C. Venn 5, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 6. For Family Eucharist.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. M. Fuller (first Minor) 1, R. D. Hart 2, C. R. Nunn 3, C. R. Stannard 4, B. E. Whiting 5, A. G. Feaver (cond.) 6.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—At St. John's Church, on Aug. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Brown 1, Clare R. Taylor (first quarter) 2, Mrs. Helen R. Taylor (first Plain Bob) 3, Hilda C. Taylor (first Plain Bob) 4, R. Percival 5, E. J. Taylor (first as cond. in method) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. E. Brown, to celebrate 50 years of ringing at Hensingham

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Chapman (cond.) 1, M. E. L. Chapman 2, H. Stacey 3, D. J. Forder 4, P. J. Dye 5, S. Jenner 6. Rung after Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS. — On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Hawkins 1, K. Lewin 2, Margaret P. Booth 3, N. Garrard 4, J. G. Newman 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, J. A. Booth (cond.) 7, D. Redfearn 8. First Surprise 2 and 4. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Aug. 25th, 1,300 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, B. G. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, J. Lyn Garraway 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, D. Gower 6. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,320 Doubles: J. Bailey (first quarter) 1, G. J. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, B. G. Butcher 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, M. J. Taylor 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. G. Butcher 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. G. Baldock 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Adrian Neilson and for Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples: J. Warboys 1, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. Moy 4, A. J. House 5, T. Sharp 6, M. J. Hallett 7, W. Ward 8. First Spliced Triples for 1 and 6. For Evensong.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Meadows 1, Patricia Stocken 2, Ann Butcher 3, Geraldine Mitchell 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Jov

SALEHURST, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles (6, 8 covering): Ruth Waghorn 1, Gillian Coman 2, Helen Dadswell 3, Eileen Coman 4, Angela Holland 5, T. Edwards 6, A. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Coman 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of William Penfold.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On July 18th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge, Kent and Oxford T.B. combined): J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 1, D. Phillipson 2, Kathleen Fox 3, D. W. Bee 4, A. C. A. Hopkins 5, C. V. Cade 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl M. Leys (first quarter) 1, Brenda M. Stone 2, Judith M. Corby 3, Isabel M. Pearce 4, P. A. Corby (cond.) 5, R. T. Pankhurst 6, Doris E. Colgate 7, A. L. B. Pearce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, Canon E. M. T. McLellan.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Aug. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Kenward 1, Wendy Austin (first quarter in method) 2, Mrs. Eileen Palin 3, Doris Dobbie 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, L. Mitchell (first quarter in method) 6, P. M. Wilkinson 7, B. E. Jemmett (first as cond.) 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, M. F. Edwards 3, R. J. Cann 4, C. W. Bragg 5, F. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, G. E. Fearn 8, B. D. A. Woolley 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SOPLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Flora M. Stocker 1, Faith Riley 2, D. Wilson (first in method as cond.) 3, J. D. Willcock (first "inside") 4, A. A. Nunn 5, D. G. Andrews 6.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, W. Gibbons 3, H. Fuller (cond.) 4, A. W. Foreman 5, D. Boast 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Rev. C. E. Beavers and Mrs. Beavers on their retirement.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Aug. 24th, at St. George the Martyr's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Arrowsmith 1, W. Page 2, R. Holt 3, J. Lott 4, T. Davies 5, F. Mead 6, M. Howe 7, P. Shonk 8. All members of the South Eastern District, National Guild of Police Ringers.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Gray 1, Miss M. Simon 2, J. Milton 3, E. Tyers 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Josephine Snodgrass and Peter Diplock, who were married at Uffington on Aug. 17th.

QUARTER PEALS

STAFFORD.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Wiggin 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, K. Daniels 3, F. H. Eley 4, Jennifer Beech 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, N. Holland 7, F. Beech (cond.) 8. For Evensong and in memoriam Roger Hawksworth, a very respected member and tower captain of Brewood Church, whose funeral took place on the previous Wednesday.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Lodge 1, Molly Lodge 2, Carolyn Tubbs 3, W. Savill 4, D. Tubbs (cond.) 5, J. Stacey 6. Rung for the wedding of Jean Harrison, a local ringer.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOM. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, R. I. Bowron 3, G. W. Rendell, jun. 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, W. E. Turner 6. A compliment to Susan Berryman, step-daughter of the conductor, and Patrick Tanawell, who were married in Stoke Church earlier in the day.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. L. Walker 1, J. Vernon 2, M. E. Brown 3, J. H. Balless 4, J. Morris 5, Elizabeth Vernon 6, M. Vernon (cond.) 7, M. Angrave 8. First quarter on the rehung and recast bells. For morning service.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, Beatrice M. Boyle 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, A. E. Chilton 4, D. Wilson 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, C. Sangwin 8. For the combined churches fête.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. L. Chapman 1-2, D. J. Forder 3-4, T. Chapman (cond.) 5-6. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Sangwin 1, F. Sangwin 2, B. M. Boyle 3, C. Sangwin 4, D. J. Forder 5, J. D. Clarke 6, H. Stacey 7, T. Chapman (cond.) 8.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Westwood 1, D. Kingston (cond.) 2, T. Camp 3, F. Bird 4, R. Hayden 5, A. Richardson 6. For morning service.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. P. Pearce 1, T. J. Bell 2, C. G. Bryant 3, A. J. Davidson 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, T. R. Hart 6.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (11 var. of Grandsire): C. G. Bryant 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, T. J. Bell 4, F. M. Bowers 5, E. H. Langley 6. Rung in appreciation of Rev. G. M. Calder for his seven years' ministry at Tuckingmill on the eve of his induction as Vicar of Kenwyn.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Hilary Jacobs 1, Erica Pankhurst 2, M. J. Hawkins 3, A. F. Lee (cond., 250th quarter) 4, J. H. Thompson 5, R. Miles 6. First in more than one method by all except 4 and 5.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Cynthia E. Barnett 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, R. N. Scholes 3, L. Atton 4, S. J. Franklin 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Glenda Emmett 1, J. Money 2, A. Pearce 3, Angela Ayres 4, J. O. Berry 5, A. R. D. Cone 6, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 7, C. Freeman 8. First in method 1, 3, 8, and first quarter ever on eight by the Sunday service band.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: P. Carey (first quarter) 1, Eileen Waddingham (first "inside") 2, Joan Gray (cond.) 3, Shirley Wight 4, R. Carey 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Evensong. Also on July 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Joan Gray 1, Eileen Waddingham (first Minor) 2, J. Waterworth 3, Shirley Wight 4, R. Carey (first Minor) 5, G. Drew (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Eileen Waddingham. Also on Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Diana Salton (first quarter) 1, Eileen Waddingham 2, Eileen Haynes (cond.) 3, Shirley Wight 4, R. Carey 5, N. W. Castle 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Pat Ramage 1, Christine T. Wilkins (first as cond.) 2, R. Gerhardi 3, A. Wenden 4, D. Barwick 5, S. Mallett 6. For Flower Festival.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Fuller 1, L. Baldock 2, D. R. Fuller 3, Kathleen Fuller 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, E. Baldock 6. Rung prior to the christening of Rachel, daughter of the conductor and Christine Baldock, grand-daughter of the third ringer and niece of the other members of the band. First quarter to be rung entirely by members of the family. Also on Aug. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Susan Harrison (first Treble Bob) 1, Ann Harris 2, D. R. Fuller (first Cambridge) 3, T. Barlow 4, I. Smith 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6.

WESTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Elizabeth J. Cleaver 1, Gillian R. Cleaver 2, Rev. J. Shepheard-Walwyn 3, T. C. Hine 4, A. N. Hine 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. P. Wainwright (first "inside") 1, Brenda Jarvis 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, B. P. Morris 4, M. J. Whiteley (first on five bells) 5.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Marshall 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss P. Clapham 3, Miss E. Campbell 4, R. Threadgold 5, G. Jones 6. Conducted jointly by 5 and 6. For evening service.

WHIXLEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 3rd, at the Church of the Ascension, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. B. Dove 1, R. R. Horton 2, R. H. Jordan 3, G. D. Armitage 4, W. P. Haskins 5, A. J. Newbould (cond.) 6.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sharon Newell 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, F. Glennie 4, P. J. Heritage 5, W. W. Franklin 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Guildford Diocesan Advisory Committee is checking all ancient bells in the diocese. The work is being undertaken for the Advisory Committee by the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.

A fraternal letter from Calgary signed by Michael Simpson and Judy Midgeley informs us that until recently ringing at Calgary was at a low ebb but the presence of Len Stilwell and Len Edwards, of Gloucester, had enabled the locals to get some good ringing, including a course of Cambridge Minor.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Litton, Somerset, on August 12th by the Bristol Society cannot be claimed as the first of Minor on the bells, writes Mr. G. W. Massey. The first peal on the bells, rung on October 2nd, 1922, was of Plain Bob Minor, conducted by the late Joseph T. Dyke, and a peal in seven Plain Minor methods was rung on February 20th, 1954, conducted by David Hoare. There have been six peals of Doubles on the bells.

On a recent Wednesday afternoon eight members of the Devon Guild met at Wolborough Parish Church to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Major, the band including three visitors from Worcestershire, but the attempt came to grief after just over an hour's ringing. With the arrival of Mr. A. L. Bennett at this stage a good touch of Grandsire Triples was tane recorded, followed by one of Stedman Triples and a course each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

K. Lewis called his first quarter at Langdon Hills, Essex, on September 2nd at the age of nine years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perrens leave on December 11th for a trip round the world, including a few days' stay in Vancouver and about six weeks in Australia. We wish them happy days on their journey.

The broadcast People's Service on 1500 metres will be from St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, Camberley, at 11.30 a.m. on October 6th and 20th. These two services will include the bells and will go out "live."

Congratulations to Donald Naylor of Blunsdon, Wilts, who at 10 years and 10 months rang his first peal in two methods there on September 7th and earned the congratulations of the rest of the band on the way he rang, despite some blisters on both hands.

Mr. E. A. Barnett would like to thank all who came to St. Clement Danes' at short notice on Sunday, September 8th, to ring at the inconvenient hour of 1 p.m. for the dedication of the Polish Air Force memorial: in particular Mr and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, who had learned of a family bereavement earlier that day. Lack of time meant that an attempt for a quarter peal had to be shortened by one course, and a broken tenor clapper during Mr. Wilfrid Wilson's ringing for Matins necessitated use of the middle eight, which even to the conductor sounded slightly unmusical.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

WILTSHIRE VETERAN HONOURED

Saturday, September 7th, was the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Vincent, of Blunsdon, Wiltshire, where he has sung in the choir of St. Leonard's Church and been a member of the tower for over 60 years. The opportunity was taken by the tower captain (E. William Ford) to arrange a peal in honour of the event. Past and present members of the tower, who had all learned to handle a bell under his guidance, were thus able to pay their tribute to a loyal and trusted friend.

Mr. Vincent learned to ring when there were only four bells in the tower, and after augmentation to six in 1913 rang in the first peal and eventually the first peal by a local band in 1923.

Junior members of the choir were encouraged by him to the belfry and, a perfectionist in striking himself, he expected his many pupils to be the same. He has derived much pleasure in the fine performances of some of his pupils in latter years in the field of Surprise. To take part in a well-struck course of London Minor is still one of his greatest pleasures. Long may he be able to ring and sing in the village church he loves so well. W. H. T.

ELSTOW RINGER'S WEDDING

Mr. Robert Law, who has done much to advance change ringing at Elstow, Beds, was married this month at St. John's Church, Bedford, to Miss Jacqueline Hull. The best wishes of Elstow ringers were expressed by a quarter peal of Minor on their bells on September 12th, consisting of 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob. Taking part were Miss A. R. Hartley 1, R. P. Wood (first "inside" two methods) 2, Miss M. F. Pettitt 3, Mrs. K. A. Marriott 4, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 5, A. D. Norman 6.

ROUGHTOWN BELLS

The bells at Roughtown, Lancs, are at this moment being rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

The upper framework of the bells was badly corroded and is to be renewed. The bells will also be hung on ball bearings which will replace the original plain bearings (bells installed in 1903). The cost of the work will be approximately £1,000. A Bell Repair Fund was started by the ringers two and a half years ago and £450 has been raised by holding various functions and by a parish collection, sale of Christmas cards, collections for Christmas handbell ringing, etc. There have also been many generous donations from parishioners.

There is still a large difference between money obtained and money required. The fact that the bells are now being rehung is due solely to Mr. Joe Burgess, of Friezland, who has very kindly loaned our church £600 "interest free, payable any time." We intend, of course, to repay this money as soon as possible.

This wonderful gesture comes from a very dear friend of the Roughtown team, because "Joe" has always been closely associated with us ever since the bells started to ring at Roughtown, after a long period of silence, some eight years ago. G. N.

CORRECTIONS AND ALTERATIONS

Handbell peal, Laxfield, Suffolk (page 712), conducted by A. Colin Banton and not Christopher Groome.



A SOMERSET WEDDING

Miss Christine Jones and Mr. Malcolm Jago, both ringers at St. Martin's Church, Worle, near Weston-super-Mare, were married on August 20th at the church they serve so faithfully. Both are members of the teaching profession.

Ringing friends with bell ropes make a happy picture. Left to right: Jim Lambard, Doreen Dawson, George Prescott, Harry Kinnar, Stan Lewis and Wilf Kingsbury (Worle captain).

DEVIZES BRANCH RINGING COMPETITION

A team from Melksham, skippered by Mr. W. C. West, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, won the second annual striking contest of the Devizes Branch at Seend, Wiltshire, on September 7th.

There were seven competing towers, the test piece being 120 changes or five minutes of call changes. The judges were Mr. Alan Lee (Twerton) and Mr. Ted Cribley (Stroud) and their placings were: 1 St. Michael's, Melksham (Grandsire Doubles) 8½ faults; 2 St. John's, Chirton (call changes) 9; 3 Seend, followed by Warminster, Longbridge-Deverill ladies, Longbridge-Deverill and Hilperton. Mr. C. F. Andrews, Branch chairman, presented the shield to the captain of the winning band.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. Brown), and Jim Abbott and his team of willing lady helpers provided an excellent tea. A talk by E. J. Hitchens, of Melksham, with the assistance of five "goons," on plain hunting created much merriment in getting his points over. A very pleasant meeting ended in general ringing under the guidance of Mr. Purnell, Branch Ringing Master.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

By the Ancient Society of College Youths, Exeter Cathedral, on Saturday, October 5th, 3.30 p.m.: Prittlewell Surprise Maximus.

EPILOGUES ON TYNE-TEES TELEVISION

Three contributions to the Tyne-Tees series "My Job in the Church" by Denis A. Bayles, secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, were transmitted by Tyne-Tees Television on September 23rd-25th inclusive.

SHOREDITCH REDEDICATION

The ring of 12 bells at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, which has been rehung, will be rededicated at Saturday, October 5th, at 3 p.m. by the Archdeacon of London, who is patron of the living. It is hoped that the many ringers who sent donations to the fund will be able to come to this service and enjoy the ringing which follows.

The sharp second, which has been generously donated by the Drapers Company, will be dedicated at a special thanksgiving service for the complete restoration of the church on October 19th at 6 p.m. The Lord Bishop of London will be present and dedicate this bell. It was, however, felt that an evening service was not suitable as a ringers' occasion and therefore the earlier rededication service to enable as many ringers as possible to attend and try out the rehung bells was arranged.

As advertised, tickets are required for this occasion, not in any way to restrict the numbers but merely as an effort to obtain an accurate estimate of the numbers attending, for catering purposes.

BURGESS HILL OUTING

Blessed with sunny weather, Burgess Hill ringers had nearly 14 hours on the road during their annual outing this year. Ringing started at Godalming and continued at the parish church at Windsor, where Mr. F. T. Blagrove made the arrangements.

After lunch there was a 70 m.p.h. dash along part of the M.4 motorway to Hambledon, north of Henley. The Vicar, who had just returned after five weeks in hospital, sent word to say how much he had enjoyed hearing the bells—our best ring of the day!

Two towers were visited in the evening—Odiham and Chiddingfold. Our thanks to all local ringers and incumbents who made the day possible. W. E. H.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK, 1968

WINCHESTER, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, St. Peter, St. Paul and St. Swithun.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	Treble	*R. L. Underwood (P'house)	7
S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	2	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	8
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	3	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	9
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	4	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	10
V. Nutton (Selwyn)	5	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	11
C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	6	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.
* First peal on 12 bells. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

SOBERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Rung silent. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Hilary Muirhead (Newnham), 1961	Treble
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel), 1967	2
W. T. Cook (Jesus), 1955	3
S. C. Walters (Pembroke), 1964	4
B. D. Threlfall (Trinity), 1949	5
C. M. P. Johnson (Trinity), 1954	6
A. F. Scholfield (Clare), 1968	7
F. E. Haynes (St. Catharine's), 1929	Tenor

Umpire: W. J. Ridgman (Queens'), 1951.
Rung by Masters of the Guild.

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Merryn Hutchings (N'ham)	Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	7
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	2	G. C. Galley (Queens')	8
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	3	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	9
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	4	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	10
C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	5	S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	11
R. W. H. Hayes (Caius)	6	*A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* 100th peal Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SOUTHAMPTON Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)	Treble	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	6
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	2	R. S. Bradley (Clare)	7
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	3	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	8
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	4	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	9
R. W. H. Hayes (Caius)	5	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Burford. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

OTHER PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

Oswald Claybrooke	Treble	*Robert Peers	5
John R. Bibby	2	Eric J. Gilbert	6
Martin E. Snape	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
John E. Bibby	4	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal in the method.

MALPAS, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

Norah M. Randles	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Michael Thompson	2	Geoffrey Green	6
Harry W. Howard	3	John W. Griffiths	7
Roger G. Green	4	Christopher J. Jones	Tenor

Composed by J. Morgan. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. B. Cooper and a grandson for Mr. H. O. Baker (Guild secretary) and Mrs. Baker.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Anthony J. Cox	Treble	Brian R. Danby	5
Delphine E. L. Holman	2	*John F. Thorne	6
Linda M. Foot	3	Richard J. Danby	7
Peter C. Randall	4	Robert W. Sherriff	Tenor

Arranged by Anthony J. Cox. Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* 25th peal Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the Coventry Diocese, constituted by Order in Council September 4th, 1918.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SANDIACRE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Joyce Chadwick	Treble	John Moore	4
Girling Rigby	2	Denis R. Carlisle	5
Nora Carlisle	3	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Bellamy-Knights.
First of Minor as conductor
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 416 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

John G. Gipson	Treble	Derek E. Sibson	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	David E. Rothera	6
Susan Rothera	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
C.C.C. No. 44. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Peter Baker	Treble	Alan Pendlebury	6
*Margery A. Wratten	2	William A. Farmer	7
Frederick G. Nurden	3	Cyril A. Wratten	8
Charles T. Burridge	4	E. Trevor Newbury	9
Valerie Willard	5	Patrick H. Allen	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal on ten bells.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, Glos.—At the Church of St. Edward.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 27¼ cwt.

*Alan Ewins	Treble	Peter Newing	5
Brynley A. Shackleton	2	Geoffrey R. Gardner	6
Leonard C. Dowdeswell	3	*Christopher M. Povey	7
Angela Newing	4	*Paul Clifford	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Brynley A. Shackleton.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1954.
Rung to commemorate the restoration of the church tower.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
BAGSHOT, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

Stanley G. Ponting	Treble	*Peter G. Smart	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Michael J. Church	6
Norman Summerhayes	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Alan D. Elsmore	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Susan D. Cowan	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	5
*Richard J. Wilsher	2	George E. Bonham	6
†Martin E. Snape	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,440 Yorkshire, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

George E. Evenden	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
John A. Howard	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
Jane Foster	3	*Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
* First peal of spliced.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SNODLAND, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in the following methods: (1) Plain Bob. (2) Surfleet Surprise. (3) Plain Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Beverley Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Trevor A. Cross	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
Valerie J. Howard	2	Martin L. Hawe	5
Derek Slater	3	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.

The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

Rung with the best wishes of the hand to Mr. M. Chandler and Miss L. King immediately after their wedding.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	Michael D. Fishwick	5
*Ann C. Hardman	2	Neil Bennett	6
*Margaret Wright	3	Michael J. Platt	7
Christine Andrew	4	Richard S. Starkie	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal in the method.

TARLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR
4ths place bobs. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Keith J. Walpole	Treble	Martin E. Snape	5
Elizabeth Timmins	2	Dennis Jones	6
Celia D'Aeth	3	H. Lyndon Hatfield	7
Thomas W. Hesketh	4	Bruce Wakefield	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

First peal of Delight by all the band First in the method in the county and for the Association

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ridyard on their 42nd wedding anniversary.

SHAP, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 5 lb. in G sharp.

Nicholas M. Newby	Treble	Alan Capstick	4
Joseph Whalley	2	Thomas F. Metcalfe	5
Lawrence D. Clement	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

First peal on the bells.

Rung as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Clement, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jennings (both on August 2nd)

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

John Walden	Treble	†John S. Croft	5
Beryl N. Reed	2	Kenneth S. B. Croft	6
*William S. Croft	3	‡Walter Tomlinson	7
John Freeman	4	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal on tower bells. † First in the method. ‡ 250th peal.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

John Phillips	Treble	Kenneth J. Ryder	7
Helen Maltman	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	8
Susan Rothera	3	John G. Gipson	9
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Alan R. Patterson	10
David E. Rothera	5	Philip A. Corby	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
PEAL OF 5,184 HORNCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.
First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Spliced Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 98 lb. in E.

F. Charles Goodman	Treble	H. William Barrett	4
Nolan Golden	2	Frank C. Arnold	5
Norman V. Harding	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
David Cubitt	2	Thomas E. Spight	5
Leslie F. Bailey	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Mandi McCallion	Treble	Sidney Hough	6
Raymond Ballard	2	David Midgley	7
Patricia M. Mills	3	Geoffrey R. Gardner	8
Timothy Wylie	4	David J. Danby	9
Edward R. Fairbrother	5	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner.

Rung as a wedding compliment to John Robinson and Ann M. Culley, who were married this day at Cokehill near Carlisle; also for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Walley, of Newcastle-under-Lyme

LONGTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

G. Richard King	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Kenneth R. Davenport	2	Raymond Ballard	6
Mandi McCallion	3	Denis Mottershead	7
David Midgley	4	F. John Nelson	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) College Exercise Treble Bob, (5) Norbury Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Harry W. Badger	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	4
Alan R. Pink	2	Peter J. Heritage	5
Barry J. Davies	3	Victor Griffin	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

WARBOROUGH, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Andrew R. D. Cope	Treble	Robert B. Blond	5
Robert A. Partridge	2	James P. Blond	6
Clive Holloway	3	Frank Absolom	7
Frank E. Godden	4	P. Gerald McIlhone	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.

Rung to celebrate the completion of the first year of the ministry of the Rev J. C. Hutton to this parish. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 MOULTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Barry E. Saunders	Treble	Murray A. Coleman	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Barry R. Care	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 200th peal. First peal in the method.

MOULTON SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—.14.—12—.16.—12—.58.16—16.78. l.h. 12. 8674523.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Aug. 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	David J. Marshall	5
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Roger W. Smith	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

HASELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald Russell	Treble	John G. Mitchell	5
Richard J. Cowley	2	Edward C. Buckby	6
Barry R. Care	3	Murray A. Coleman	7
Stephen B. Bell	4	Arthur Gibbs	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Mr. R. F. Turner, of Kettering. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Shirley E. Ruddlesden	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Bridget Bates	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Barry R. Care	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Raymond A. Vickers	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

(Daventry Branch.)
STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*Penelope J. Webb	Treble	Brian R. Danby	4
*Celia A. Chown	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
John S. W. Townley	3	Edward C. Garrett	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memory of George F. Hancock, for 20 years chairman of the Daventry Branch, who passed away on Thursday, August 29th, 1968.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 82 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Maurice F. Edwards	5
Muriel Reay	2	George E. Fearn	6
B. Gillian Pipe	3	James W. Belshaw	7
John R. Insley	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Sir A. P. Heywood's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Robert Edwards	Treble	George E. Fearn	5
Norman J. Goodman	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
James W. Belshaw	3	Maurice F. Edwards	7
*Ruth Richardson	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
ORDSALL, Notts.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven differently-called extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

Stephen Knights	Treble	Bryan Birkett	4
Chris M. Wright	2	David Jack	5
Philip Rogers	3	Paul N. Mounsey	Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.
First peal as conductor.

WOLLATON, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.

G. A. (Ben) Duke	Treble	Peter Church	4
Philip Hawcock	2	Christopher P. Starbuck	5
G. Richard Daft	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Rung as a compliment to Simon Humphrey and Jacqueline Sewell, married earlier this day at this church.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BREWOOD, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Chad.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th. obs.). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Stanley J. Illidge	Treble	George L. Askey	5
David R. Hawksworth	2	Derek K. Hidden	6
Lewis R. Roberts	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
Grahame S. Keay	4	Christopher S. Allsop	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Roger Lovat Hawksworth, captain of Brewood ringers, whose funeral took place the same day.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
HELMINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

William J. Button	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Ernest G. Pearce	6
Neil V. Avis	3	Leslie G. Brett	7
Leonard E. Last	4	Michael J. Howes	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	5
Alan G. Feaver	2	Peter Adcock	6
Charles R. Stannard	3	John A. Underwood	7
Michael J. Howes	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by H. W. Egglestone.

ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire.—At the Bell Tower of the Cathedral of St. David.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 109 lb. in D.

Norman P. J. Cossey	Treble	Michael J. Parker	5
Rosemary E. White	2	J. Jan Margetts	6
J. Barry Pickup	3	Richard A. Hunt	7
Thomas J. Brock	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob—seven different callings. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

James Thorley	Treble	Vernon B. Bedford	4
Trevor N. J. Bailey	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Katharine M. Thorley	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
The conductor's 720th peal.
Rung in memoriam Bertram Prewett, killed in action August 31st, 1918.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

James M. Hills	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	*George Francis	6
*David D. Smith	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Tom Page	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LOWER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 IPPLEPEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*Dale Barton	Treble	Ian Wickens	5
James M. Hills	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	John A. Howard	7
Derek Slater	4	Derek E. Sibson	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 72.

* First peal of Major First peal in the method.

SHIPLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Mon., July 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

Charlotte M. Harris	Treble	Roger Osbon	4
Derek Slater	2	David D. Smith	5
R. Jean Osbon	3	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being a 720 each of: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Charles B. Skinner	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	4
Charlotte M. Harris	2	Philip Stevens	5
Anne M. Stevens	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

NORTHIAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

William Button	Treble	John A. Howard	4
Martin L. Howe	2	Derek Slater	5
Valerie J. Howard	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BREDE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. George On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in the following methods: (1 and 2) Plain Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

Valerie J. Howard	Treble	M. Peter Howard	4
Hilary A. Thick	2	Frank H. Hicks	5
William Button	3	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Rung with the compliments of the band to Gillian Lander, of Burwash, and Martin Barnes, of Northiam, whose marriage took place the following day at Burwash.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Fri., July 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's in the following methods: (1) St. Simon, (2) St. Nicholas, (3) Grandsire, (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Martin, (6) Winchendon Place, (7) Rev Canterbury Pleasure Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

Roger Osbon	Treble	*Derek Slater	3
Valerie J. Howard	2	Richard Hayes	4
		*John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.

* 100th peal together.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church. On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

*Jane Woodward	Treble	David R. Reed	4
Frederick J. Lambert	2	†Alan R. Baldock	5
Paul Fox	3	Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th of Plain Bob.

Rung to mark the birth of twins, Keith and Fiona, to Mrs. Edith Berry, a local ringer, and Mr. Clifford Berry on August 16th, 1968.

EWHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. James and Mark. On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods—14 extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Winchendon Place Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

William Button	Treble	Derek Slater	3
Valerie J. Howard	2	John A. Howard	4
		Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATELEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Tom Page	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
P. Gerald McIlhone	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Michael J. Church	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal of Surprise on the bells, which have been a ring of eight since 1887, and the first peal since 1938. The conductor's 75th tower in Hampshire for a peal.

CURDRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 26 cwt.

Nancy E. Colley	Treble	John H. Hunt	5
Richard Green	2	Patrick Page	6
Betty J. Daysh	3	Edward W. Colley	7
*Maurice Laborda	4	†Terence W. Hargreaves	Tenor

Composed by Bruerton. Conducted by John H. Hunt.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

Rung to mark the retirement as tower captain at St. Peter's, Curdridge, of Mr. W. Ryves after 34 years' service.

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Anthony J. Mason	Treble	J. Ashmore Dodd	5
†Mary E. Elmes	2	John N. Longridge	6
Rowan S. Bradley	3	Richard H. Youdale	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	William T. Perrins	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by William T. Perrins.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin. On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

John Whittall	Treble	Maurice Ingram	5
Anna Sadowska	2	Peter Robertson	6
*Shirley M. Drew	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
†Michael Robinson	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* 200th peal. † First of Surprise Major First in the method by all.

MITCHELDEAN, Glos.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels. On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Christopher Hims	Treble	Peter Robertson	5
Shirley M. Drew	2	Maurice Ingram	6
Anna Sadowska	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Harold Schofield	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew

* First peal. First in the method by all.

LLANBEDR-YSTRADYW, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Peter. St. Peter On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob and three each of Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold Pleasure, Windrush, Kennington, April Day, Salwarpe and Dedworth. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*Christopher J. Pickford	Treble	Michael J. Robinson	3
Arthur D. Cook	2	S. Barnaby Bell	4
		Paul Cattermole	Tenor

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

* First peal. First on the bells since 1940.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald. On Mon., July 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Charles Maxfield	Treble	James S. Webb	5
H. David Holland	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
Pauline Holland	3	*Ronald R. Warford	7
*Margaret Warford	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the second has now "circled the tower" and is the first person to do so.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Louise A. M. Evans	Treble	Vivian Nutton	5
Arthur Rogers	2	Anthony K. Fortin	6
Suzanne J. Withers	3	Ronald J. Snack	7
Ronald R. Warford	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., July 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Susan Mitchell	Treble	*Ronald R. Warford	4
*Margaret Warford	2	Kenneth B. Sissons	5
*Ronald J. Snack	3	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor. The conductor has now rung 25 peals on these bells

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Wed., July 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*Graham S. Miller	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
*Christopher N. Grandidge	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
Margaret Warford	3	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal

KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

Alan Newbould	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
C. Barrie Dove	2	H. David Holland	5
Ronald R. Warford	3	John Potts	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. The conductor has now "circled the tower" twice.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Elsdon Metcalfe	Treble	Ronald H. Dove	4
Alan Newbould	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
*Philip M. Cuckson	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in seven methods.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being four 240's (Morris's) and 34 120's, ten callings.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*Graham S. Miller	Treble	*Philip M. Cuckson	4
*Carole G. Telford-Taylor	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
†Ronald R. Warford	3	‡John Telford-Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Doubles. † First of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First peal at first attempt.

FELKIRK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Beryl Hartley	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
Ronald R. Warford	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
Kenneth B. Sissons	3	Alan E. Hartley	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

ADDINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge, (3 and 4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Geoffrey D. Armitage	Treble	†C. Barrie Dove	4
Alan Newbould	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
*William P. Haskins	3	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in six methods. † 200th peal as conductor for the Association.

NON-ASSOCIATION
LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. NICHOLAS COLLEGE MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Richard H. Youdale	Treble	*Walter R. Gilks	4
Barry R. M. Johnson	2	Derek C. Jackson	5
Anthony J. Mason	3	John S. Hopwood	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
* First peal of Minor. First full peal of St. Nicholas Minor on tower bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
On Tues., July 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Trevor A. Cross	5–6
Frank J. Matthews	3–4	Edward J. Beer	7–8
Stuart Sandford	9–10		

Composed by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
* First peal of Royal "in hand" as conductor.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Edward J. Beer	5–6
Trevor A. Cross	3–4	Christopher T. Osenton	7–8
Stuart Sandford	9–10		

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Alfred Ballard	1–2	*David F. Moore	3–4
Peter J. Staniforth (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal of Cambridge Minor on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Boddy (first Triples) 1, J. H. R. Freebourne 2, W. Chandler 3, I. West 4, M. Damerel 5, H. Foster 6, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, A. Twyman 8.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 31st, 1,440 Little and Plain Bob Minor: O. P. Claxton 1, J. Mowle 2, A. G. Harrison 3, A. Cook 4, D. Boast 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung for the Flower Festival.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Green (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Hall 2, Miss V. A. Hall 3, D. J. Attley 4, V. A. Headland 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

HALSE, SOM.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, T. Hancock 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, F. Morris 4, A. Knight 5, A. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rear-Admiral R. F. Storrs, C.B.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, W. J. Merl[illegible] 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell (first on eight as cond.) 6, A. J. Davidson 7, C. J. Dunstan 8.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,280 Doubles (11 methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas (aged 9) 2, P. M. Fleckney 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Most methods by all and by a resident band.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Valerie C. Allen 1, R. P. Pearce 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, T. R. Hart 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, F. M. Bowers 6. A peal attempt curtailed.

LONG CLAWSON, LEICS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Rev. Canterbury and P. Bob, 300 Grandsire): Mrs. B. Woodcock 1, H. Clayton 2, R. E. Manton 3, O. Homewood 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong and the "Flower Fantasy"; also a welcome to the Ven. Archdeacon of Loughborough, Dr. H. Lockley, who preached the sermon.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Meadowcroft 1, Sylvia Smith (first Surprise) 2, Janet Lawson (first Surprise) 3, D. W. Howarth (first Surprise) 4, S. I. Bamforth (first quarter) 5, J. P. Partington (cond.) 6.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. G. Voss 1, A. J. Slade 2, D. R. Cull 3, P. J. Adams 4, J. W. Rose 5, B. S. B. Kear (first Minor as cond.) 6. First Treble Bob 1, 4, 6. A 94th birthday compliment to Mr. F. B. Stedman, who is the captain and a regular ringing member of the Wyke Regis band, Weymouth.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): M. Dunbar (first Minor) 1, W. Ward 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. May 4, T. Sharpe 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6, A. House 7. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. House 1, J. Warbova (first Stedman) 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, T. Sharpe 6, M.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Spiers (first quarter) 1, Joan Gainey 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, R. Hill 4, J. Meade 5, P. Bennett 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. B. Dean 1, R. J. Dean 2, F. Welch (joint cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, J. Cornelius (joint cond.) 5, G. Glyde 6, K. Welch 7, A. Drayton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. A. T. Stephens, Rector from 1945–1963.

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LARGE.—On September 15th, 1968, at Pembury Maternity Unit, to Margaret (née Ladd) and Raymond, a son, Jonathan Noel.

DEATH

NEWMAN.—Reginald Thomas, of Bromley, Kent (late of Baldock, Herts). On September 14th at Beckenham Hospital, after a long illness courageously borne. Requiem Mass, September 19th, at St. George's, Bickley, Kent. Ashes interred at Norton, Herts. 4799

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BURROUGH.—As from October 6th my address will be "Jedda, Bryan C. Burrough, c/o D.S.A.O., King Charles Street, London, S.W.1" (U.K. postage only). 4795

TELEPHONE No.

ROGERS.—The telephone number of Chris and Liz Rogers is now Ashford, Middlesex, 52638. From London, dial 69 52638. 4809

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner at Caveman Restaurant, Cheddar, October 19th, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Five-course meal, 22s 6d. Tickets from J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts Avenue, Backwell, Bristol, before October 12th. S.A.E., please. Cheddar bells available 5.30 to 6.30 p.m 4736

The CLAY CROSS PARISH CHURCH bellringing practice night has been changed from Tuesday night to Monday night at 7.15 p.m.—D. Bunting, Captain. 4808

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The Diocesan Striking Competition will be held at Houghton (Huntingdon District) on Saturday, September 28th. Six bells. Draw at 2.30. p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. **Please send names for tea** (except members of ringing teams) to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 4769

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The final of the Striking Competition will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, September 28th. Tea in the schoolroom (approx. 5 p.m.). Names for tea to J. Bracewell, 2, Bull Hall, Bacup. Ringing after tea at Christ Church, Bacup.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 4747

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, September 28th. Ringing: St. Margaret's, 1 to 2.15, Cathedral 2 to 2.55, St. Mary's 3 to 4, St. John's 4 to 5.15, Knighton 5 to 5.45. Dinner 6 for 6.30, Stamford Hall, Stoughton Drive South.—A. J. Poynor. 4767

COURSE IN BELLRINGING

Ringing Course at Evening Institute, Market Weighton County Secondary School, East Yorkshire, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Course tailored to needs. Ringing at local towers. Tutor: Norman Chaddock. All welcome. Start Tuesday, September 24th. 4820

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ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH

Rededication of the rehung ring of 12 bells.

Saturday, October 5th, 1968, at 3 p.m. Followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m. Admission by ticket only, obtainable from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. 4650

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

331st ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, November 2nd, 1968.

The 331st Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, Novemoer 2nd, 1968 (6 for 6.30 p.m.) at the Wallbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London, E.C.4, the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (32/6) now available from me;

Cheques and Postal Orders to the made payable to the Society.

Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later. —J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 4733

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual **Snowdon Dinner** will be held on Sat., October 19th, at the Victoria Hotel, Bridge Street, Bradford. Tickets (30/-) from F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, Yorkshire. Names with applications, please. 4520

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(Rutland Branch)

Dedication of the new ring of six bells at

BRAUNSTON, OAKHAM

at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 5th, to be conducted by the Rev Ernest Orland, of Gayton.

Ringing to follow service until tea, 5 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting of Branch, then further ringing.

Names for tea to Mrs. M. Kelleher, Braunston, Oakham, by Tues., Oct. 2nd. Sincere welcome to all. 4783

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MISCELLANEOUS

Preliminary Notice.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

AUTUMN MEETING
to be held at Hull
On Saturday, September 28th, 1968.
Programme as per leaflet.

J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec.,
6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach,
Swansea. 4800

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

Will Ramblers note that the reunion will be held on February 8th, 1969, at Lincoln. Full details later.—R. Brian Mills, Hon. Sec. 4812

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—As from and including Tuesday, Oct. 1st, St. Nicholas', Kenilworth, practice will now take place on Tuesday evenings, 7.30–9 p.m. 4827

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Striking Competition to be held at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Saturday, October 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Evening ringing. Late entries accepted. All details can be obtained from Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. Tel.: E.G. 23815. 4811

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD
Any freshers coming up to Manchester in October please contact the Secretary: Miss Liz A. Johnston, 2, Redcliff Drive, North Ferriby, Yorkshire, for details of the Guild's activities.
First practice of term Friday, October 4th, and every Tuesday thereafter.

"DO YOU KNOW the outs and 'inns' of ringing in Exeter? Any students interested, and coming to University or College this autumn, can contact Angela Hughes, Haldon House, Birks Halls, Exeter. 4784

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual dinner of the Society will be held on Saturday, November 16th, 1968, to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Society. Further details will be announced later. 4804

Anyone entering LEEDS UNIVERSITY this October and who would like details of the Society's activities please write to J. P. Ottaway, The Rectory, Loughton, Essex. 4805

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Ringing Sunday, September 29th. St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, 5.30 p.m. All freshers please contact Stephen Gullick, 13, Weston Road, Stevenage, Herts, for details of Society's activities. 4739

READING UNIVERSITY DINNER

On October 19th at the Ship Hotel, Reading.

Tickets (23/6) from Miss A. Sadowska, Bulmershe College, Reading, Berks. Ringing arrangements with ticket (12 towers). Please say if interested in peal. 4742

RINGERS coming up to the University College, Cardiff, are invited to join in the ringing at Llandaff Cathedral. Sundays: 10.15–11 a.m., 2.30–3.30, 5.30–6.30. Tuesdays: 7.15–9 p.m. 4734

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
Freshers coming to Bristol in October are invited to write to the Secretary, Anthony Cox, 7, Bertie Road, Kenilworth, Warwicks. 4741

UNIVERSITY OF BATH.—Ringers coming to Bath this autumn are invited to contact Andrew Swatton, 37, Coronation Avenue, Bath. Practice meetings arranged later. 4819

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All freshmen are invited to attend Sunday ringing, October 13th: St. Cross's, 9.30 a.m.: St. Mary Magdalene's, 10 a.m. Business meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 8.15 p.m., Stapledon Room, Exeter College.—P. H. Mackie, Hertford. 4823

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Winsford (6) on Saturday, September 28th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 4743

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Friday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 4824

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by ringing at Hatfield Heath (6) 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 4686

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Cranleigh, September 28th. Evensong 5.30. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Bells 6.30–9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Y. L. Eloie, Dis. Sec. 4659

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dean Street, South Shore, Blackpool, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 4787

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Beaconsfield, Saturday, September 28th, 3.30. Service 4.30. Names for 5 o'clock tea to J. Muller, 7, Brampton Court, Maidenhead. 4707

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), Saturday September 28th. Bells 4–9 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 4766

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, Tues., Oct. 1st, commencing 7.30 p.m. Beginners (Surprise) welcome.—Ron Hughes. 4517

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome. Note: Last Branch practice at the Town Hall this year.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 4789

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Isleworth, Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 4665

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Bath Branches.—Combined meeting, Batheaston (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Tea names, please, to Julian Newman, 23, Meadow Park, Bathford, Bath, by Oct. 3rd.—E. J. Chivers and A. Lee, Secs. 4803

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Greinton, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. L. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford (Tel. Holford 345), by previous Wednesday. 4792

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Margaret's, Tintinhull (5, 12 cwt.), on Saturday, Oct. 5th, 7–9 p.m. Branch half-day outing Oct. 12th. Details from Mrs. M. M. Legget, Hon. Sec. (West Coker 208), or Mr. Gordon Rendell, Ringing Master (Martock 2329). 4749

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) available 3.15 to 4.15 and 6 to 7.15. Service at 4.30 prompt, followed by tea and meeting. Stretton bells (6) available 7.30 to 9. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Moore, 19, Greenwood Road, Lymm (Tel. Lymm 2939), by Wednesday, October 2nd. No name, no tea.—M. Thomson, Branch Sec. 4815

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Brailes, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing. Cherington, 2–2.45, and Sutton-under-Brailes, 2.45–3.30, will also be open for ringing. All names for tea to Mr. Eric Cummings, Urdi, The Park, Brailes, Banbury. Full support will be appreciated as this is the heaviest ring in the diocese.—R. W. S., Dis. Sec. 4831

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Irton, Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Craghill, 2, Marshall View, Irton, by October 1st.—D. Gibson, Sec. 4810

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, North Wingfield (8), Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, **without fail, please**, to Mr. D. Davis, 48, Cartmel Crescent, Dunston Estate, Chesterfield. Tel. Chesterfield 51175.—B. P. Morris, Gen. Sec. 4754

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey. 4790

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Ringing: Newburn, 1–2; St. Stephen's, 2–3; Fennam, 2.30–3.45; Cathedral, 7–9; Gateshead, 8–9. Business meeting 4 p.m. in Cathedral Library and service 5.30 p.m. in Cathedral. Tea at Bainbridge's 6.15 p.m. Notification for tea essential to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 4802

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 57827. 4764

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Staunton Coleford (6), October 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Miss Mitchell, Sunnyside, Corse, by October 1st. 4813

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alveston (6), Saturday, October 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. G. Collins, The Down, Alveston, near Bristol, by Wednesday, October 2nd, essential.—R. H. D. 4788

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Washfield, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea and business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Thursday, please. 4780

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tamerton Foliot, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Emmanuel Church Hall, Plymouth. Evening ringing at Emmanuel (8). Numbers for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, by Monday, September 30th. Phone: Plymouth 36891 4723

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Langley (6), 6.30 p.m., Oct. 5th.—L. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 4829

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting and Contest at Liversedge on Saturday, October 5th. Draw at 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Betts, 14, Eddercliff Crescent, Littletown, Liversedge, Yorks, by Saturday, September 28th. 4796

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Stevenage (8), on Saturday, October 5th, 5.30–8.30 p.m. —Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4816

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—A.D.M., Hawkhurst, October 5th. Ringing 2–3.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to S. G. Waters, Meadow Bank, Hawkhurst, by October 2nd. 4748

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent and Sussex Districts.—Joint meeting at Rye (8) on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Farley, 8, David's Heights, Kings Avenue, Eastbourne, Sussex, by previous Wednesday. 4793

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) available after wedding at 1500 until 1700. Cups of tea in the school, Harwood Road, at about 1710, followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 2000.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Hornby on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to Miss P. James, Greycroft, Melling Road, Hornby, Lancaster.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Pakefield on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Kindred, 91, Pakefield Street, Lowestoft, Suffolk, by previous Wednesday, please.—N.C., Branch Sec. 4679

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warminster (8), Saturday, October 5th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. N. Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster. 4526

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Maiden Newton, October 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Miss E. Cooper, The Bakery, Maiden Newton, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous 4776

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (moderate charge) 5. Names, please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington, Goole, before 3rd.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4826

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cuckney (6) on Saturday, October 5th. 2.30–4.45. Warsop (6) 6.30 to 9.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at 9, Yorke Terrace, Warsop. Names for tea to Mr H. T. Rooke, 34, Dransfield Road, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 5RN. — R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 4817

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts meeting, Harworth, Oct. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. with break for service, tea, etc. Book teas from H. Povner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, by Thursday previous. 4825

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th: St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m.: St. Peter's (12), 6 p.m.—S. Adams. 4828

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH Guild.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting, East Meon, Oct. 5th. Bells available 6.30–8.30 p.m. 4821

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting, Bampton (8), Monday, October 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting and Open Day at St. Thomas's Church, Moorside (Oldham) on Saturday, October 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. on the recently-restored ring of 8 bells. Free tea at 5 p.m Business at 6 p.m. Names for tea **must** be sent to Mr. D. W. Howarth, 49, Sholver Lane, Moorside, Oldham, to arrive not later than first post Monday, 7th. — G. Cheetham. 4797

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury, by Tuesday, Oct. 8th. 4818

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, Leatherhead (10), 3–4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ashtead (8), 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 4832

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held in the Wilton Hall, Bletchley, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, A.G.M., Wilton Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Notices: Applications for tea tickets, with remittance (3s. 3d. each) and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Saturday, Oct. 12th. Members are reminded that the new postal rates are in force. Ringing arrangements will be sent with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e to Miss Pollard.—M. R. Cross. 4822

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. A. Reeves 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, Jean Marlow 3, Mrs. Diana Reeves 4, P. R. Davis 5, C. C. Clarke 6, M. W. Coleman 7, P. J. Heritage 8, B. J. Davis 9, E. R. Venn (cond.) 10. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Diana Reeves.

BIDEFORD, DEVON.—On Aug. 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major "in hand": Gillian R. Cleaver 1–2, T. C. Hine 3–4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5–6, C. F. Longridge 7–8.

SCOTHERN, LINCS. — On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. C. A. Hopkins 1, Gillian Radley 2, Julie Radley 3, H. J. Radley 4, C. V. Cade (cond.) 5, W. P. Sargeant (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. B. Willoughby, formerly of Scothern. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): D. W. Bee 1, Gillian Radley 2, Julie Radley 3, H. J. Radley 4, A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 5, C. V. Cade 6. Rung to welcome the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Hopkins) home from hospital.

LANCASHIRE'S PAST

By EDWARD JENKINS

PROBABLY sometime in the late 1880s, a stockily-built Northamptonshire lad somewhat surreptitiously slipped into a goods train, which he had previously ascertained was destined for Manchester, and made himself comfortable for a restful night's journey to that city. Detraining early the next morning, it was quite easy in the semi-darkness to escape from the goods yard and let himself loose into the wilds of Manchester.

This young man was Harry Chapman, who was destined to have a profound influence in the affairs of the Lancashire Association. He joined Manchester Cathedral band, then under the control of Jack Eachus. It soon became evident that Harry was not content to ring "Grandsire" morning, noon and night, and an inevitable quarrel broke out which ended with Harry leaving the company, taking with him George Turner and Albert Cross.

Subsequently, the trio joined the Pendleton company, and after a few years Harry had the great joy of conducting the first peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major by the Association. One of his great performances was to turn in the 52 cwt. tenor of the old ring of ten at Manchester Town Hall, which then had a draught of 90 feet. This certainly was a very fine performance. Eventually he rose to become superintendent of works on the staff of the Manchester Corporation. He retired in 1928 and spent the remainder of his life at Keystone in Huntingdonshire. His last peal in Lancashire was Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, in 1928.

Towards the end of the first decade of this century, a very progressive band at Helmshore rang a peal of London Surprise Major which was probably the first in the method by a resident band. In 1920 this band rang another peal in the same method. The conductor was James H. Banks who, with his brother Joe and the brothers Wallwork, was the backbone of the band.

In the early '20s another very good and progressive band existed at Oswaldtwistle, which rang the first peals of Lancashire, Northampton and Palatine Surprise Major. Thereafter, peals in the more difficult methods became more common.

George R. Newton was for many years the leader of the company at St. Nicholas' Liverpool. He was a man of infinite tact and patience, which was necessary with a band inclined to be turbulent and quarrelsome, though the ill-feeling was never very deep. The company that rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus owe to George a deep debt of gratitude for holding them together. It was comforting to know that he lived to hear the fine ring now hanging in the tower.

Many fine performances were recorded at Worsley on the old ring of eight, as the tablets in the tower testify, and the two families of Derbyshire and Ridyard were active here for many years. Afterwards, Arthur Ridyard took charge of the Cathedral band at Manchester, and later on Joseph, one of the younger ones, did much good work at Southport. Happily, Joe is still with us today.

Deane (Bolton) had two outstanding ringers in Titus Barlow and Thomas B. Worsley. Titus Barlow began to ring the more difficult methods rather late in life. He rang peals of London, Bristol, Cambridge Royal and Maximus. His death at the early age of 56 robbed us of a very fine ringer and companion. Thomas B. Worsley's brilliance as a composer overshadowed his abilities, and he was certainly very much at home with Stedman. He was taken from us at an early middle age, when his talents were by no means exhausted.

During the '20s and '30s a band around Manchester rang many methods in the Surprise group other than the standard four. In many of these performances our friends from the Chester Diocesan Guild took part. We had a mixture of talent and ideas which has gone on flourishing ever since and has resulted in some of the finest performances ever recorded in our art and science.

CARHAMPTON, SOM.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Wainwright (first Minor) 1, Miss B. Jarvis (first "inside") 2, W. Smith 3, J. Aldridge 4, M. Whiteley 5, P. Morris (cond.) 6.

CHESHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. Groome 1, Sarah D. Taylor (first "inside") 2, G. C. Reynolds 3, P. G. Badcock 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5, P. J. Reynolds 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian M. Hoar 1, Sarah D. Taylor 2, G. C. Reynolds 3, P. G. Badcock 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5, E. C. Hoar 6. Rung on the occasion of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Blackshaw's 25th wedding anniversary.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Talbot 1, S. Atkinson (first "inside") 2, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3, Miss R. Catlin 4, D. G. Hall 5, W. Nicholson 6, I. V. Wintrip 7, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, as a farewell to the Rev. K. A. Ottosson and as a welcome to the Rev. J. S. Artiss.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Brenda White 1, Rosemary Shearing 2, G. W. J. Scragg 3, R. Ingham 4, C. Dewsnap 5, B. Wright 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, R. Moseley 8. For the Priory Church "Glory of Harvest" Flower Festival. First quarter on tower bells for 2 and 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Juliet S. Stoy 1, N. Thomson ("circled the tower" to quarters) 2, Clare F. Dolphin 3, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 4, R. A. Grant 5, D. P. Smith 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, A. J. C. Brown 8.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: N. W. Harvey 1, R. W. Smith 2, B. L. Burrows 3, Mrs. M. E. Brown 4, J. Jessop 5, C. M. Sturgess 6, K. P. Gilliver 7, M. E. Brown (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2. First P.B. Major 4, 5.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. R. Johnson 1, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 2, M. J. Orman 3, R. H. Newton 4, E. R. Fairbrother 5, N. R. Holland 6, E. F. Wilcox 7, Gillian Bosworth-Smith (first on eight as cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to John Bailey and June Ball.

CROXTON KERRIAL, LEICS. — On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Ward (aged 75, first quarter) 1, Adelaide L. Day 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, J. H. Cook (cond.) 4, J. L. Day 5, J. R. Ward 6.

DITCHEAT, SOM.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, J. Kingsnorth 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6, R. S. Tucker 7, F. W. Blatch 8.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton, on Aug. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): W. H. Raxter 1, J. R. Sach 2, A. Russell 3, S. Bridge (first in three methods) 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6. Rung by local ringers from the two Droitwich towers.

DUNSTER, SOM.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diane Frost (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Tudball 2, B. Rogers (first quarter) 3, G. Maidment 4, P. Tudball 5, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, H. Lloyd (cond.) 7, G. Frost 8. First quarter on bells after recasting. For Evensong.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. C. W. Munday (first Doubles) 1, M. Morris (first Doubles "inside") 2, P. J. Munday (first Doubles as cond.) 3, R. C. Spittle 4, J. E. Beams 5, F. Willes (first Doubles) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Capt. W. B. Heagerty, P.C.C. vice-chairman, and Sir Henry Bunbury, former P.C. councillor, who both died three days before and were good friends of the ringers.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Royal: D. A. Frith 1, G. Colbourne 2, B. Buttery 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, L. Squires 5, V. P. Evans 6, J. Holmes 7, K. Ketteringham 8. H. R. Woods 9, W. R. Read (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 4th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Jane Woodward (first on eight) 1, F. Lambert 2, Ann Harris 3, P. Fox 4, I. Smith 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6, D. Reed 7, D. Woodward (first on eight) 8.

HEALEY, LANCS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Sheila A. Howarth 1, K. R. Tompsett 2, J. P. Partington 3, A. Shaw 4, D. Butterworth 5, R. S. Starkie (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of James Taylor, who was cremated this day.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joyce M. Marsh 1, Edwina Dixon (first quarter) 2, Pamela J. Clifton (first quarter "inside") 3, H. Hanson 4, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 5.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila A. Harfield 1, M. Rosemary Brown 2, S. W. Brown 3, P. D. Hepburn 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. H. Tribe 6. Rung as a welcome to Duncan James, third son of the conductor, born on August 7th.

QUARTER PEALS

KINGSDON, SOM.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): T. S. Bryant 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (25th quarter) 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5, J. Kingsnorth 6. First in 11 meth./var. by all except 3 and 4.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan Rickard 1, W. Verney (first "inside") 2, C. Butler (cond.) 3, B. Murduck 4, D. Murduck 5, P. Stamp (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Horton 1, P. Maureen Gardiner 2, R. H. Jordan 3, A. Cole 4, D. Thorpe 5, A. J. Newbould (cond.) 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Aug. 17th, 1,440 Doubles (seven methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas 2, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas 5, W. White 6. First in seven methods by all except conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan Reid and Keith Jackson.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Hardisty 1, R. Hayden 2, Janet Powell (first "inside") 3, P. Kirby 4, H. Evans (cond.) 5, J Ryman 6. For the wedding of Edwin Macadam and Gillian Walsh, former members of tower and choir.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on July 21st, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. Sparling 1, M. M. Jelley 2, D. F. Moore 3, D. Mason 4, M. Green 5, R. Bradley 6, R. K. Mason 7, P. A. Mason 8, J. Bramley 9, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 10. For the Patronal Festival.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Dominique Tribout (first quarter) 1, Brenda Davies 2, Margaret Jones 3, N. J. Davies 4, P. G. Erith 5, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Aug. 18th, 1,311 Stedman Caters: J. W. Smith 1, Miss S. E. M. Davis 2, Miss D. E. Colgate 3, L. C. Way 4, Mrs. C. B. Shiers 5, B. J. Read 6, J. R. Pratt 7, K. J. Rider 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, P. J. Spice 10. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Crowson 1, D. Hewitt 2, Jane Fransella 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Barbara Shaw 5, D. Ellisdon 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, A. Faulkner 8, C. Wright 9, M. Hollis 10. For Evensong

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At All Saints' Church on Aug. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Marcon 1, D. L. Alderton 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, E. Weaver 4, H. Myatt 5, R. Martin (cond.) 6, A. E. Clayton 7, R. M. Wilson 8. For Evensong.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—On July 20th, 1,680 Doubles (four methods): Katharine M. Thorley 1, J. M. Thorley 2, C. J. Gibson 3, P. S. Bedford 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. M. Thorley 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, C. J. Gibson 3, P. S. Bedford 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Rung for the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Archer, of Saxmundham.

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NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Julia Indge (first quarter) 1, J. Wiseman 2, Jennifer Indge (first "inside") 3, Pam Gough 4, T. Lock (cond.) 5, E. Bennett 6, R. Papworth (tenor covering) 7.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mary's-with-St. Peter's Church, on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. F. Higham (first quarter) 1, Janet Lawson 2, Sylvia Smith (first quarter) 3, D. J. Thomas 4, D. W. Howarth 5, W. Pugh (first as cond.) 6.

PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND.—At St. Paul's Church on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill M. Richardson 1, Mary W. Spence 2, Gillian W. Spence 3, J. R. Williams 4, R. H. Idle (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4; also first quarter for Society.

PATRINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: G. P. Horton 1, S. F. Gardiner 2, S. C. Ducker 3, K. Kirk 4, M. C. Stephenson 5, D. Cook 6, R. H. Jordan 7, R. R. Horton (first Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 6.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Greatbatch 1, D. G. Smith 2, M. Gaskell 3, Pamela Garbett 4, C. F. W. Eyre 5, G. F. Griffiths 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Roger Hawksworth, Ringing Master, Brewood.

PILTON, SOM. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Jill Fairley (first quarter) 1, Veronica M. G. Frewin (first "inside") 2, M. J. Whiteley 3, Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 4, C. R. Jenkins 5, C. P. Wainwright 6. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: C. R. Jenkins 1, Veronica M. G. Frewin (first in method) 2, G. G. Salmon 3, L. A. England 4, Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 5, C. P. Wainwright 6.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM. — On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Double Court): H. A. Smart 1, L. J. Malings 2, Mrs. G. D. Horne (first "inside") 3, R. S. Price 4, W. E. Pearce 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6.

PRISTON, SOM.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Willis 1, P. J. Devrell 2, A. J. Coombs 3, H. J. Coombs 4, P. Perry (cond.) 5, M. J. Hawkins 6. First in three methods 1 and 4.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Jennifer Emms 1, Ruth Carr 2, A. J. House 3, Penny Halliwell 4, B. Sadler 5, G. Bacon 6, S. Halliwell (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. Rung to wish the ringer of 2nd every success in her overseas vocation.

PUTNEY, S.W. — On Sept. 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine M. Cobb 1, Josephine Patterson (first on eight "inside") 2, Janet Bull 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. R. Patterson 5, A. E. Clayton 6, B. J. Bull 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ROPLEY, HANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Palmer 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane Dando 3, A. Hoare 4, J. Huggins (first as cond.) 5, R. Skinner (first quarter) 6. Rung for the induction of a new incumbent, the Rev. A. V. Wilmont. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Triples: R. L. Coley 1, Ann F. Smith 2, Christine Clarke 3, J. Clarke 4, G. Muncey 5, R. Whitworth 6, T. G. Smith (first as cond.) 7, L. Hall 8. Rung to wish the Rector of Rushden, Rev. D. J. Elliott, blessing in his new work (on his last Sunday in this parish).

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, G. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E. Veall 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar and the conductor.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): G. Firman 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, P. Stockwell 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, I. Whorlow (first as cond.) 5, R. Holebrook 6, A. W. Bridges 7, E. Fowles 8. For Matins. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Pursey 1, Miss J. Whorlow 2, I. Whorlow 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 5, G. Firman 6. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Bridges on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Jane.

SAWLEY, DERBYS. — On Aug. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. Leah Hopkin 1, Mrs. Nita Marshall 2, W. Simpson 3, J. Harrison 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, D. Marshall (cond.) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to ringer of 5th. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Marshall (cond.) 1, Mrs. Nita Marshall 2, W. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, W. Barwell 5, C. Beswick (first Triples) 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. Newsum 8. A compliment to David and Sheila Marshall on their 12th wedding anniversary and Peter and Nita Marshall on their first wedding anniversary. Both quarters rung for the Sawley Flower Festival.

MORE LETTERS

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DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove is getting into all sorts of tangles in his efforts to justify his dicta on what constitutes a Doubles method. On page 620 of "The Ringing World" he assured us that "common extents (of Grandsire) may be called either Grandsire or Spliced Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew," only to say later (on page 669) that it would be "inane" for anyone "to submit for publication such a description of the standard extent of Grandsire (Spliced Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew)." Verb sap. But he then goes on to suggest that we should now use an "alternate single" in Grandsire Doubles—presumably to enable Reverse St. Bartholomew to continue as an undoubted method.

Would it not be far simpler to say that no method can be made up of bob (or single) leads of another method? Mr. Blagrove's answer to this—that Grandsire itself consists of bob leads of Original—is irrelevant, since Grandsire is a method and Original a principle, and I am talking only of methods. I agree that Reverse St. Bartholomew would not be the only "method" to disappear under such a rule, but that is no reason to reject the basic idea.

If it were accepted, then the problems of such as Mr. Frith, who are quite happy about ringing their peals, but are having considerable difficulty in reporting the results, would, I suggest, disappear. There would be no doubt as to whether a given sequence of rows constituted a plain lead of method A or a "called" lead of method B. If it were a plain lead of A and were used in conjunction with method C to produce 120 true changes, the result would be spliced. If it were a "called" lead of B then its use with method C would produce a variation. What could be simpler? —Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

EUROPEAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Armitage (page 687) will find Rivoli Veronese 24 km. north-east of Verona. One leaves that city by the Via G. Mameli on Route N 12 and travels up the valley of the River Adige. Rivoli Veronese lies between Domeglara and Ceraino to the west of the road overlooking Lake Garda. The village (population 1,000) is in the Valpolicella wine country, and the bells (a 12 cwt. five on ball bearings) are rung for Sunday service, and practice is on Fridays.

In "The History and Art of Bellringing," page 8, Ernest Morris writes: . . . at Ostend bells are rung up and down in peal with ropes and wheels as in England." Two years ago after giving a talk on change ringing in Amsterdam, I was told "that is how some bells are rung in Switzerland," but I was unable to find out the location.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD,
Convener, Overseas Committee.

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The Church of St. Leonard, Clent, Worcestershire

Architecturally this church has much to offer, parts being late 12th century, with trumpet-scalloped capitals of the round piers. To ringers it will be honoured as the home tower of the late W. H. Barber, his father and grandfather.

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Leonard's Church, Clent, Worcs.

THE Domesday Book records that the Manor of Clent in Worcestershire was assessed at "nine hides"—quite a large manor.

St. Leonard's Church stands at the foot of Clent and Walton Hills and although the date of its building is not known it is considered to be around 1150. One, Master Herbert, was the Rector in 1199 and was then involved in litigation with the neighbouring parish of Broome and also with the Nuns of Brewood in Staffordshire. From Master Herbert's time the list of incumbents is complete.

The tower, the Late Norman pillars between the nave and the south aisle and the foundations are all that remain of the original building. The chancel, which has a beautiful barrel roof, is 14th century.

Prior to 1681 there were four bells in the tower and in that year a fifth was added and the old four recast by Henry Bagley, who set up his furnace, etc., in front of the church, near the present lych gate. A sixth bell was added in 1701, but according to records this bell was most unsatisfactory and it was recast in 1718 by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston. In 1743 the tenor became cracked and was recast by Matthew Bagley in the same year.

By the end of last century the bells were going very badly and in 1902 were retuned and rehung in a cast iron "H"-section frame on steel joists and augmented to eight by Taylors. They were put on ball-bearings in September, 1963. They are a lively little eight with tenor of 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

This was the home tower of the late William H. Barber, who moved to Newcastle upon Tyne from Clent around 1904. His grandfather and father rang here, also his brother John. It was also the home tower of the late William Short who, with William H. and John Barber, took part in many peals in the Midlands.

These three took part in the famous 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's on Thursday, December 26th, 1901, in 8 hours and 2 minutes. William Short rang the treble and conducted the peal, William H. Barber rang the fifth, Gabriel Lindoff, the composer, rang the sixth and John Barber rang the tenor. It was the composer's first peal of Cinques. Also in that band were the three Pye brothers, James E. Groves, Thomas Reynolds, Charles Dickens, Harry Middleton and Arthur E. Pegler.

The first recorded peal at Clent was 5,040 Minor in seven methods, conducted by William Short, in which John Barber took part. It was rung on Monday, December 23rd, 1889, and 98 peals have been rung upon the bells to date.

The first recorded length was 2,160 Minor, being 720 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, on Monday, October 5th, 1868, in 1 hour and 17 minutes, conducted by William H. Barber's grandfather, who rang the tenor.

B. C. A.

A RINGERS' STORY

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

ONCE upon a time there lived a young man of 15 who aspired to become a ringer. But the band were good and they did not have much time for learners, and consequently Albert, for he is our hero, lost his keenness and left the tower.

The years rolled by and Albert grew up, married and worked at his trade as the driver of a steam engine, watched admiringly by the small lads of the villages around, for in those days they were a common sight on the roads.

Two world wars came and left their mark, and the time came when a nearby tower lost several ringers at the same time and the tower captain started looking out for recruits. It also happened that the band between this and the neighbouring six-bell tower was strong and it was not unusual to find members of each tower helping each other out both on practice nights and on Sundays.

And so it was that one evening Albert was introduced to the tower. Much older now, and a little hard of hearing, but with a desire to take up again the hobby which he had pursued for a time all those years ago. It wasn't easy, and it involved many hours of endeavour and patience, but the consideration and encouragement of both tower captains, who had known him all their lives, was rewarded when he slowly mastered rounds on six and then on eight respectively.

There followed an even longer period when Albert struggled with hunting the treble; it wasn't easy, but in due course he managed this as well.

The six-bell tower was noted for its many quarter peals in which ringers rang their "firsts," more often than not in a humble Doubles method, and the tower captain, although he would not admit it, had started many ringers on the road to achievement through the medium of his fortnightly "quarters." And so the time came when Albert was invited to ring the treble to Grandsire Doubles. With a cast iron band, I need hardly tell you that the quarter was successful and Albert, though pretty well tired out, was elated, even if he didn't ring again at the practice which followed.

On the following Sunday the band at the eight-bell tower were sitting around after a touch of Triples when Albert beckoned to the tower captain. "Tom," he said, "I was 15 when I left ringing because they were not interested in me, and now, at my age, I've rung a quarter!" "And how old are you now, then?" said Tom. "Seventy-eight," replied the old man, "and I'll bet there aren't many ringers who have given it up for over 60 years and then come back and rung a quarter peal! It just shows you are never too old."

I suppose that, as in all good fables, it should close with the usual stock phrase "and they all lived happily ever after," but on this occasion I can go one better. This is a perfectly true story and Albert is very much on our tower's books today as a performing member.

It is true to say that peals and quarter peals all look the same in print, but it is very nice occasionally to go behind the headlines to report one man's Everest, especially when its achievement is marked by that happiest of combinations, namely one man's will to succeed and the encouragement of the local ringers to see that he does.

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DISTURBED BY BELLS

"The Times" has had an interesting series of letters under the heading "Disturbed by Bells."

Mr. Ronald Warson, of Blackheath, asks if the ringing of church bells constitutes public or private nuisance. He writes: "Like many other people, I have to be an early riser on week-days and therefore hope to achieve an extra hour's rest on a Sunday morning. Unfortunately in my area church bells peal before eight o'clock for several minutes. The purpose of this exercise seems pointless—surely the faithful (whose right to attend religious services I will defend to the death) possess alarm clocks. Alternatively, may I recommend the very efficient 'alarm call' service provided by the G.P.O.?"

An answer comes from Finland from **Mr. A. F. T. Lurcock,** reader in English at Abo Akademi. He writes: "It seems strange that formal legal defence should be necessary for bell ringing which Dorothy Sayers calls 'the one loud noise made to the glory of God.' The real answer to Mr. Warson is very simple, whatever the legal position may be. Church bells are rung not only to call the faithful (who no doubt set their alarm clocks for half-past seven) but also to remind others. As an act of Christian witness, the bells no doubt embarrass some people because, like the Word of God, they do not 'call the righteous but sinners to repent.'"

Mr. P. R. K. Prescott, Islington.—"Although constantly ringing bells may constitute both a private and public nuisance, parish churches are privileged in this respect. Soltau v. De Held (1851). However, Mr. Warson might yet have a cause of action if the ringing is quite unreasonable, because the above authority, being an obiter dictum, is not binding on the courts. On the whole, though, I recommend earplugs as being cheaper and more certain than litigation."

Mr. Scott Hill-Read, Chantry Place, Marden, Kent.—"The late J. A. Spender, when he lived in this house, which is immediately opposite the 12th century church that possesses a full ring of bells, was disturbed on one occasion when writing his leader for the old 'Westminster Gazette.' Accordingly he sent his butler over one sunny week-day afternoon with the promise that if the ringers would stop and go to a neighbouring village he would pay the cost of a bus and give them a gratuity into the bargain. Strange as it may appear in the light of social relations today, these dedicated campanologists agreed."

THE PLEASURE OF BELLS

From the "Western Gazette", Yeovil, of September 13th, we cull the following editorial, "The Sound of Bells", which we feel all ringers will appreciate. Such publicity is most helpful to the Exercise.

For how much longer will the ringing of church bells continue to be one of the traditional sounds of the countryside?

Already many towers from which bells once rang out are now silent, because there is no one to ring them or because the ring, or tower which houses it, is no longer safe and there are insufficient funds to pay for the repairs.

But the ringing of the church bells is also receiving increased attention from some of those who campaign for noise abatement. So far the question of whether the ringing of church bells constitutes a public or private nuisance has never been tested in the courts, although the Noise Abatement Act of 1960 appears to afford church bells no special privilege.

While those who live in close proximity to a church tower may from time to time have good cause for complaint, it is to be hoped that good sense and a spirit of compromise may prevail without recourse to law, thus preserving a sound which still gives pleasure to so many, whether they be churchgoers or not.

MARSTON RINGERS' WEDDING



On September 7th Noel Deam, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Deam, of 71, Oxford Road, Marston, and Avril Walton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walton, of 3, Rippington Drive, Marston, were married at the Church of St. Nicholas, Marston, Oxford. The Vicar, the Rev. Paul N. Rimmer, officiated.

After the ceremony Avril and Noel were greeted by handbell ringing. While photographs were taken a quarter peal was rung on the five bells by members of the St. Nicholas' Society.

The wedding reception was held at the picturesque Victoria Arms, which is situated on the east bank of the Cherwell at Marston Ferry, and the honeymoon was spent in Jersey.

Noel was recently elected captain of Marston ringers and has been a ringer there for 13 years. In addition, he is a member of the choir and a cross-bearer. Avril has been ringing here for four years and is a Tawny Owl.

CHANCELLOR RULES IN FAVOUR OF RECORDED BELLS

AFTER hearing evidence at a Consistory Court, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bath and Wells (the Worshipful W. S. Wigglesworth) granted the churchwardens and parishioners of Christ Church, Clevedon, permission to play the recorded sound of church bells from the church tower.

The court was informed that it would have cost the parishioners an estimated £6,000 to strengthen the tower and install a ring of bells. Now they would be able to enjoy a perfect reproduction for less than £100.

The Vicar (the Rev. Michael Rees) said that apart from financial reasons, they made the application because many people had complained that the church's two bells produced single mournful notes which were more in keeping with a death knell than a joyous message of welcome.

"Our contention," explained the Vicar, "is that to install actual bells to provide a ring would be a vanity, a misuse of a large sum of money and a cause of offence when it is known that the same effect can be obtained at a fraction of the cost."

'A BOGUS FALSEHOOD'

The Dean of Wells, the Very Rev. I. D. Edwards, chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, spoke against the proposal. Whilst he was much in sympathy with Christ Church, his committee considered the scheme to be a "bogus falsehood".

The Dean said it could be argued that the noise of the recorded bells were in the same category as the sound made by ice-cream peddlers. He told the court of the sound of the bells of Westminster Abbey heard coming from a small country church in Hampshire.

There was a danger, he said, of the equipment being used for the wrong purpose at some time in the future. If the pretence was carried to its extremity, the church choir and even the preacher could be replaced by recording equipment.

In his summing-up the Chancellor said that after hearing the wealth of support for the recorded bells, he did not consider the dangers of falsehood were so great as to deny the church its request. He did, however, impose restrictions to cover the size of the ring, the quality of the sound produced, and a clause which would allow his permission to be withdrawn if the equipment was used for the wrong purpose.

In an interview with the "North Somerset Mercury" the Rev. Roger Fry, a former secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, said: "I would rather have a good recording properly reproduced than the dismal tolling of a single bell.

"In my view the cost of installing a modern ring of bells can put a great burden on a church council. Apart from that we have to ask ourselves if this expenditure is morally justified, having regard to the need of the Church overseas and the need to provide churches on new housing estates."

NO ONE TOOK ANY NOTICE

A delightful story in told in the September issue of "Sentinel," the magazine of the Ely Diocesan Association. The ringing of one bell at St. Peter's, March, to attract people at a garden fete was attributed to amateur ringing. As the ringing went on they became rather annoyed, but not so annoyed as the man who was doing the ringing.

The clockwinder, having carried out his duty, found the turret door had been locked behind him—and he was imprisoned. He started to ring the bell to attract someone's attention to his plight, but no one came. Eventually he had to remove objects in the clock chamber and lower himself through the trapdoor to the floor below.

He had justification to feel "peeved" as he was expecting a long-distance phone call at that time, which would have resulted in a valuable order for presentation gifts. The "prisoner" thought it was a put-up job, and is anxious to find out who the jailer is!

This is a very good number, with St. Mary's Church, Ely, providing the cover picture. Copies 2s. net from T. A. Bevis, 150, Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs.

A SUMMER OF BELLS

By ANN GARDNER, of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A.

THE summer is over now. And what a summer it was! I had been planning for it for over two years and dreaming of it even before that. To go to England, where the nearest tower is not 500 miles away, where you can ring open whenever you like, where there are people who know Yorkshire and Bristol and London in their sleep—in short, where all the dreams of a frustrated American ringer come true.

I came to England, and I began to learn an atmosphere and a ritual. What I knew at home was taking the two elevators (or lifts) to the ringing chamber, a palatial room with armchairs, desk and carpet, with the temperature averaging about 95 degrees in the summer: I knew our purple sallies and our well-behaved bells.

In England, there was first the spiral staircase, generally dark and without sufficient clearance for the head, up which I crept or crawled to the ringing chamber. Here the Ringing Master would welcome me. I found that nobody made too much fuss about the fact that I was from Washington; the main fact was that I was a ringer. I was asked what I could ring (and it was taken for granted that I could in fact do so) and always offered a chance to ring, no matter how exalted the ringers.

My friend, Ellen Hinterman, who had never touched a bell rope before coming to England, was also always given a chance, and rang rounds and call changes all over England, with helping hands always ready and advice by the bucketful. So I would grab a blue and white or red, white and blue sally and launch into the unknown, for I was learning to cope with heavy, unwieldy bells, and with light bells that it was impossible to set, and with bells that, as the local ringers casually remarked, "went oddly." After the beautiful bells at home, some of them seemed to go very oddly indeed, just at first, and I raised a crop of blisters before I learned to adjust myself.

THE PUB

After the ringing, as inevitable a part of the ritual as the spiral staircase came the pub, an institution unknown to America, and one which I would heartily recommend to it. Here I learned to play shove-ha'penny and skittles and harvested a crop of shocked expressions every time I ordered a lemon and lime. The fact is that I don't like the taste of beer, but this is obviously against the spirit of the Exercise, so I put away several shandies before I left. At the pub I heard political discussions (from which the main point to be gleaned that nobody in the entire length and breadth of the British Isles is fond of Mr. Wilson) and professional shop ("When you've got them into Handstroke Home . . ."). I also learned a standard reaction when I mentioned well-known ringers in another part of the country. "Oh, old So-and-so!" (A knowing laugh.) "Well, he'll give you a time, he will." (The ringers exchange meaningful glances.) "The old villain! Don't believe a word he says."

My tour began, of course, in London, where Mr. William Theobald welcomed us and took care of us constantly and efficiently. Here we saw the Whitechapel Foundry, Ellen experienced her first tower, and I my first English tower, our first (and second and third . .) pubs, my first English quarter peal and a ring at St Paul's, to my great joy and terror—only rounds, but it was all I wanted. After ringing there we went to a pub (of course) and sat downstairs while Mr. Theobald nominated Rick Dirksen to membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths upstairs. Then Ellen and I had our first try at handbell ringing with the experts. We rapidly discovered that what we considered normal speed would send most English ringers to sleep. I found the proper handbell speed very exciting, if exhausting, and resolved to train my handbell band more rigorously (if I could get one—we consist of two people at the moment) when I got home.

OLD BELL MASTER

Our next ringing stop was at Bournemouth, for of course no visit to England would be complete without seeing our old bell master, Mr. Fred Price, without whom my ringing and all the ringing in Washington would be in very sad shape indeed. Mr. and Mrs. Price and their two sons treated us royally, and we had a comfortable, well-fed and delightful stay. Mr. Price gave Ellen a lesson that brought back memories of the hours of careful training at Washington, when we were all learners together, and a quarter peal of Stedman Caters was attempted at Poole. It was lost, but I learned a good deal about Stedman, particularly on the merits of course bells. At Bournemouth we tried our hands (and feet) at cricket and football, both invigorating exercises.

After a stay in Cheltenham, where I spent three years of my childhood, and some enjoyable ringing at St. Mary's, Charlton Kings, we went on to Great Bowden, a little town in Leicestershire, where a correspondent of mine, Mr. Edward Martin, had invited me to stay for a week of ringing and relaxation. He had not anticipated a railway "go slow" or a general exodus of ringers on holiday, so not all went as planned, but Ellen and I took the opportunity to "go slow" ourselves, wander the countryside, rest and study Q sets and other esoteric phenomena.

We also worked away on handbells and played skittles and dominoes. I learned some of the sorrows as well as the joys of peal ringing: I made my first English peal but lost two more in as many days. Here I joined my first English Guild—the Leicester Diocesan Guild. I met Mr. and Mrs. Peter Staniforth at a dedicatory ring at Stoney Stanton, where, after some moderately disastrous Cambridge, I got through Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal on handbells (at the proper speed!) for the first time, and had practically to be carried to bed afterwards, a complete mental wreck. Mr. Staniforth kindly offered to set up a handbell peal for later in the month.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

Ellen and I next decided to take to our feet, and learned a good bit about walking on the way to Oxford. We gave up near the end and got a bus, as it was pouring with rain. Indeed it rained almost continuously while we were at Oxford, our only spell of really bad weather, but we didn't let it damp our enthusiasm for viewing colleges or for ringing (at St. Martin's and All Saints' and at Old Marston). Then, just to be fair, we went on to Cambridge (via London—English trains are very odd!), where the weather was glorious. Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, when finally located, took care of us, and we experienced our first tower grab (a rather mixed blessing, I would say), and my first plain course of Yorkshire, the reward of weeks of fervent study. We also went punting and got very warm and happy.

The next stop was back in Leicester for a handbell peal with Mr. Staniforth. The peal, after several false starts, was getting along nicely until the second hour, when I began to be hypnotised by the tenors and to have the definite sensation that I was in the middle of a nightmare and couldn't wake up. I held on till the end, and was very glad indeed for this (to me) rare opportunity, but it was a far more gruelling experience than any tower bell peal I have rung.

Leeds came next, under the direction of Father Giles Galley. Here I was lucky enough to get two peals—Stedman Triples (a first for me) and Plain Bob Major—without any major disaster. I also got through my first Bob Maximus, which I found quite a shock and



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requiring fierce concentration; rang my first Little Bob: and saw my first (and last) Yorkshire tail-ends, which I thought it wisest to leave to others to manage.

IN SCOTLAND

A quick excursion back to Leicestershire for a peal, which turned into a quarter peal of Double Norwich, marked nearly the end of our ringing travels. From here Ellen and I set out for Scotland (spoken of with a certain amount of scorn by many ringers) with the intention of walking and thinking, not ringing. And walk we did, till our feet ached and our backs ached, and we lived on bread and cheese and breathed deeply.

And then we came to the very end of all things—London, and Mr. Theobald again, and one last try for a peal. Two other Washington ringers, Martha Windrom and Judy Andrews, were in the attempt as well, so that it seemed that we were nearing home again. The peal was lost, but I am glad we tried for it, at any rate. At last came the last ring of all, at St Botolph's—Stedman, Double Norwich and Yorkshire, in which I got a chance to see if I had learned anything, and found that I actually had

For I had not only stored up an inexhaustible supply of memories and friends and places, but I had done what I had set out to do. When I came to England I had rung at one tower, rung one peal, and I knew Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford. When I went back home I had rung at 30 towers, rung five peals and knew (or had at least rung) Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Little Bob. And I had learned from those who knew best how to approach a new method or an unfamiliar tower without terror. None the less I was glad to come home to my own dear Cathedral, my own bells, my own high tower—always hoping to return again.

BRISTOL RINGING FESTIVAL

This year's Bristol Ringing Festival on October 26th, with 29 towers open, provides something for everyone. For 12-bell ringers there are the fine bells of St. Mary Redcliffe. Eight-bell enthusiasts have a choice between the Cathedral, the heavy eight at Long Ashton and various lighter eights such as those at St. Ambrose's and Knowle. For those who care to pit their skill against heavy sixes there will be Westbury and Westerleigh.

All are invited to the social gathering at no admission charge. This is one of the highlights of this year's ringing calendar.

Cambridge University Guild Week, 1968

LOVELY countryside, Norman towers and a larger attendance than for many years—if not the largest ever—marked this year's Guild week in Hampshire. We stayed at the superb 18th century Old Alresford Place, once the rectory, now the Winchester Diocesan Retreat House and run by a detachment of Sisters of Bethany. They regarded us in general with indulgent amusement, left the door open trustingly for our late-night returns, and fed us very well.

Officially, the week began on the Sunday, but the organiser had invited a select band to join him for a peal attempt the day before at Winchester Cathedral. To our delight, this was successful—again, the first time for some years that the "first day peal" has come round—and we were able to meet the others at Newbury the next day with some pride. After Newbury, we went to Highclere before ringing for service at Old Alresford.

MASTERLY SILENT CAMBRIDGE

Monday saw us setting off southwards, starting with Cheriton and going on to Curdridge and Fareham, where we were able to open the double doors of the tower and ring almost in the open air. The "Good Food Guide" came in useful to find a suitable lunch establishment for many of us before we split into two camps for our afternoon ringing. A very high-powered gathering went to Soberton for a peal attempt: the Master, the president (himself an ex-Master) and seven ex-Masters were to attempt silent Cambridge Major. The president, as umpire, folded eight little bits of paper and put them in his cap and lots were drawn for the bells. The system was "bent" a little to avoid the only lady being left with the tenor, but in the event she drew the treble. The president said "Go", and 2 hours and 40 minutes later "Stand", and the peal was rung—despite the monkey faces of some non-pealers pressed against the glass. These legitimately visited Shedfield, the now solitary church at Warnford, and West Meon, where the two parties reunited.

Our longest day was Tuesday, and the large mileage was further bedevilled by heavy traffic. Bournemouth was the objective, and we began by travelling to Fordingbridge through part of the New Forest. From there we went to Ringwood, and here the peal band split off to attempt Stedman Cinques at Christchurch Priory, after a hearty lunch in Ringwood. One carload of non-pealers followed their example. This was the day, too, that one of the cars seemed fated—after curing fan-belt trouble before starting, it had a puncture at Fordingbridge and a broken windscreen at Sopley. However, all was mended later and its owner only missed one tower. As St. John's, Bournemouth, bells were unfortunately not available, there was time to spare until we met at St. Peter's. A mad rush through the Forest followed, but we were still regrettably half-an-hour late at Lyndhurst. Finally we called at Twyford, where Gilbert Thurlow left us to rededicate Overton bells later in the evening. The peal at Christchurch was successful and the two parties rejoined in the local before supper.

DURHAM NEXT YEAR

The business meeting, held on the return of the Overton party, was concerned mainly with peal cards: for the future, it was left to the wishes of each band, with the stipulation that if they decided to have cards they should donate one to the Guild. Future weeks were also discussed: next year's is to be in County Durham (August 23rd–30th, 1969); it is hoped 1970's will be in the Peak area; the next Cambridge week is to be in 1972, and seven-yearly thereafter, and thus the centenary year week in 1979 will also be in Cambridge.

We began Wednesday with Corporate Communion in the house chapel, our three clergy and the president all taking part in the service. The morning's ringing was an easy programme: Ropley, East Meon and Hambledon. Most people had lunch in Portsmouth and a band went off to attempt Rutland at Portsea. They rejoined the rest at Portsmouth Cathedral very quickly; unfortunately they were not successful. The non-pealers, making a bob in the programme coursing order, visited St. Mary's, Liss, Hawkley and Petersfield, where they were rejoined once more by the peal band. Four of the party, suitably refreshed, were able to assist a damsel in distress here by push-starting her car. She disappeared in a large cloud of blue smoke, only to reappear very shortly as she had been pushed in the wrong direction! After a rather hasty supper, most of the party adjourned to an ad hoc practice at the Cathedral.

Another long day faced us on Thursday, this time to Salisbury, with a start at Andover. Here it wasn't until the majority had been up and down the terrifying timber staircase suspended in mid-air that we found the notice of an appeal—for combating the ravages of woodworm in this very staircase! St. Thomas', Salisbury, completed the morning, and here the peal band departed to attempt Stedman Triples at Romsey Abbey. They lunched in Romsey—as one member remarked, the first time he had ever had a meal in a Trust House for half-a-crown: but it didn't do any good: a bob was missed after two hours. The rest had their lunch in Salisbury before calling at St. Martin's there and continuing to Sherfield English. Here a three-way split took place: some (not enough, as it turned out) went to the next tower, Bishop's Waltham, some took advantage of a "beer and sandwiches on the lawn" offer by one member's uncle, a local vicar, and the rest went to listen to the peal. All were eventually reunited in Winchester College before returning to Alresford for supper.

TRAFFIC DIFFICULTIES

On Friday we turned south once more and were again in some trouble with the traffic. The morning was spent at Bishopstoke and the small ten at North Stoneham. Here the "peasants' revolt" in the afternoon's peal band gathered force, and a peal of Cambridge Royal was rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, instead of the Double Norwich Caters decreed by the establishment. After a rather scattered lunch, non-pealers met at Eling before attacking the traffic again to reach Bitterne Park. The journey on to Alverstoke proved more difficult, and we were a little late, but delighted to find J. B. well enough to meet us here. By the time the delightful little village church of Tichborne was reached, again rather late, energies were beginning to flag, and a shorter stay than it merited was made there before returning to supper.

Quite a number had departed by Saturday, so a rather depleted band set off northwards, calling at Micheldever, Wonston and Kingsclere before lunch and going on thence via Bramley to the nine at Basingstoke. Here the last peal band of the week left to attempt London at the 8-bell tower down the road, but they were not successful. Most of the rest went on to Preston Candover and to Bentworth.

This was the end of our formal ringing programme, though it was suggested that any who were left should join in service ringing at New Alresford and the Cathedral on the Sunday. We had had a good week—though just a little strenuous in parts—and we are all very grateful to our organiser Richard Youdale for all his hard work, and admire his complete sang-froid in the face of all eventualities. Finally, a special word of appreciation to Canon Maundrell, of Winchester, through whose good offices we were enabled to stay at Old Alresford Place.

Members attending the week were:— D. Andrews, A. Bainbridge, D. S. Bishop, Mrs. C. G. Bott, P. A. F. Chalk, W. T. Cook, J. B. Cooke, R. M. Damerell, K. J. Darvill, Miss J. Field, J. H. Fielden, J. H. R. Freeborn, G. C. Galley, J. A. Harrison, Mrs. J. A. Harrison, R. W. H. Hayes, F. E. Haynes, T. P. Hearn, J. J. Hill, Miss M. Hutchings, R. A. G. Inglis, Miss M. S. Jackson, C. M. P. Johnson, R. Leigh, A. S. Marland, F. Moor, Miss H. Muirhead, Miss C. Northeast, V. Nutton, C. Price, W. J. Ridgman, C. H. Rogers, A. F. Scholfield, R. S.-Bradley, B. D. Threlfall, Mrs. B. D. Threlfall, A. G. G. Thurlow, R. L. Underwood, S. C. Walters, J. B. Williamson, A. T. Winter, C. W. Woolley, R. H. Youdale.

520 Miles for a Quarter Peal — by Sally Luttrell

IT was a beautifully clear late afternoon over British Columbia when four adventurous ringers from Vancouver took to the air in a rented light plane for a ringing visit to Calgary, Alberta. The flying ringers included Miss Margaret Wheat, pilot Jeff White, John Hallett and myself.

The trip took nearly five hours to cover the 520 air miles (a car trip takes 14 hours) over some of B.C.'s spectacular scenery—Okanagan Valley, a stop at Castlegar for fuel, Kootenay Lake and the Rocky Mountains—some towering well above our 9,000 feet altitude; through Crow's Nest Pass and on over foothill country. We were met in Calgary by Miss Judy Midgeley, who graciously opened her home to us and put us up for two nights, arranged sightseeing and generally made the whole week-end a tremendous success.

Saturday evening, after an excellent barbecue dinner, ably cooked by Mike Simpson, we drove to Christ Church for a quarter peal of Bob Major. Later, back at Judy's home, we listened to the Washington Cathedral recording. Sunday morning we rang again for service.

Preparations were made for the return journey and, amid threatening thunder clouds and showers, we took off at 3.30 p.m. Our pilot flew us expertly under and around the thunder clouds and shortly we reached lovely sunny weather over the mountains again. We put down at Castlegar again for fuel in searing valley temperature of 98°.

AIR EXCITEMENT

At last we were on the final leg of our trip, but clouds ahead put a damper on our carefree spirits. As they thickened the atmosphere inside our little Cessna 172 changed to worried concern. Our pilot decided we must follow the main highway pass through 8,000-ft. mountains. We continued, carefully following the twisting highway towards Hope, a town at the head of the Fraser Valley. Alas, the highway disappeared under cloud. Our pilot quickly reversed our course and climbed out of the narrowing valley. We landed at an emergency airstrip adjacent to the highway. The ground felt pretty good at that moment.

As it was darkening we found overnight accommodation at a nearby motel. Unfortunately, due to an electrical power failure, we were provided with candles, which added to the novelties of this trip.

Next morning presented another problem—the field at which we landed was very short, and after some discussion Jeff decided it was unwise to carry four people out of this airstrip. It turned out he was absolutely right as Margaret and I sadly watched the airplane take off without us—and clear some trees by a very few feet!

As we had 2½ hours to bus time, we thought we'd try "thumbing", and to our surprise we were on our way within a few minutes by car to Vancouver. The boys' next attempt through the pass was unsuccessful and they returned to Princeton Airport for fuel. Later in the day the weather improved and they were able to get through to Vancouver—two hours after we had returned!

I believe our flight to Calgary may have started a new trend. The Calgary ringers are already talking of attempting the same thing next year. Don't let our experiences coming home dampen your enthusiasm in the slightest—it was exciting and we'd to it again, tomorrow!

Letters to the Editor

WANTS RECORDINGS FOR CHESTER CATHEDRAL

Sir,—I have given much thought to this matter and have come to the conclusion that an entirely new approach should be considered to the proposed new ring at Chester Cathedral.

The sketches that have been published in your paper seem to me to show a building quite out of place in the precincts of the Cathedral. The question of noise will certainly meet with very considerable opposition.

Now what I suggest will, I have no doubt, fairly "put the cat among the pigeons"—but I hope you will all consider my proposal carefully, and quietly.

I suggest that a really good modern system of **recorded** bells be installed in the tower itself. The loudness of the sound broadcast could be easily controlled. One could have **loud** amplification for festivals or civic occasions, but the volume could be reduced for the more personal everyday services, which really only need to be heard in the immediate precincts of the Cathedral.

Now let us consider what recordings should be used.

There are seven Branches of the Chester Diocesan Guild and these represent about 88 towers, most of which have fine rings. Surely it would stimulate ringing in the diocese if the ringers in these towers could say: "**Our** bells will be heard ringing from the tower of **our Cathedral** next week!".

The methods rung would not be of very great importance so long as the striking was good and the bells were rung by members of the Guild, if possible by the local band.

Please think this over very carefully, not forgetting the **financial side.**

Any money not needed for the new installation could be held in reserve to help in restoring bells in those towers which are in need of help.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN HOLLOWAY.

Crewe

FRENCH FOUNDRIES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see Mr. Armitage's letter, requesting information on rings abroad. While on holiday recently I was able to go to the Fonderie Paccard at Annecy in the French Alps. Their casting and tuning methods appeared to be similar to English methods—technical terms in a foreign language are not easy to understand even when one is armed with a dictionary. They concentrated mainly on carillons and swinging bells. They were very proud of "la Savoyarde" in Sacre Cœur (about 20 tons) and of the carillons they had made for the States—we were treated to a recording of one of the latter. The guide also said when demonstrating simple hanging that there were places in the "Midi" where bells were rung full circle, as in England, but I was not able to find out any details as to the location or nature of such rings. I would presume that there are at least three bells in these towers, as there are no advantages, to a continental ear at any rate, of any lesser number rung full circle.

Unless the foundries are able to provide any information—there is another one somewhere in Normandy—the only way of finding these places would seem to be by trial and error.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD UNDERWOOD.

Tenby, Pembs.

LIMERICK CATHEDRAL'S 800th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sir,—My wife and I have just returned home from seven very happy days in Ireland. Some pleasant hours were spent in Dublin and Bray with Peter Brown, Charles Reede, Fred Dukes and others from Dublin.

The highlight of our visit was when, in company with Mr. J. Bluff, of Stamford, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers, of London, we, together with some hundred-odd Irish ringers, took part in the two-day celebrations at Limerick for the 800th anniversary of St. Mary's Cathedral.

On behalf of the English representatives of this great and memorable gathering, I would like through "The Ringing World" to express our sincere thanks to the Dean of St Mary's Cathedral and members of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society of Change Ringers, Limerick, for the very warm welcome and kind hospitality which they extended to us. I would also like to congratulate all those who were responsible for the excellent arrangements, both ringing and socially, thus making our visit such a happy one.—Yours sincerely,

King's Lynn NORMAN V. HARDING.

DOVE'S "GUIDE" QUERIES

Dear Sir,—Again I think that thanks and congratulations are due to Ronald Dove for producing the excellent fourth edition of the "Guide."

In comparing this with my self-amended copy of the third edition I find very few discrepancies, but as I realise that my own amending might very well be "up the creek" I would be grateful if someone could verify the following points:—

(1) Eaton Socon is, I believe, in Bedfordshire (as in third edition), but is over the border, in Huntingdonshire, in the fourth edition.

(2) Manuden, Essex. Isn't this a ring of six, not 5, as printed?

(3) Newton, Old, Suffolk. Are these really unringable? I seem to recollect that a band rang on them recently.

(4) Tenby, Pembroke. Is there not a ring of six in the town in addition to the eight which is listed?—Yours sincerely,

TERENCE M. FITZGERALD.

Liverpool

DELIGHT MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Bishop's inquiry concerning methods on the Treble Bob principle ("Ringing World" No. 2993, page 680), I submit the following information:—

—34—16—12—36.12—34.16. 2nds.
Unnamed.
—36—16—12—36.12—14.56. 2nds.
Conisbrough 3rds place Delight.
—34—34.16—12—36—14—16 6ths.
Unnamed.
36—34.16—12—36—14—16. 2nds.
Harley 3rds place Delight.
36—34.16—12—36—14—56. 2nds.
Attempted twice as Eling 3rds place Delight, so far without success.
36—34.16—12—36.14—12.56. 2nds.
Unnamed.
36—34.16—12—36.14—14.36. 2nds.
Unnamed.

Yours sincerely,

DEREK C. JACKSON

Southampton.

RINGERS' PARSIMONY

Dear Sir, — Your correspondent, Mr. Paul Oxtoby, is to be congratulated upon his expertise in manipulating his red herrings. Whether or not the prices I quoted agree with his is quite immaterial since they do not make us any the less parsimonious or more generous. They were given to me by a local newsagent and I had no reason to doubt their veracity.

Comparison of our journal with others is certainly not ludicrous. Such a sentiment must be in the mind, and 30,000 ringers is under, rather than over. Church statistics give the number as in excess of 40,000. Doubtless, if your correspondent replies, this will provide him with yet another red herring, but it will not make us any less parsimonious or more generous.

So far as reader proportions are concerned, since other pursuits have more than one journal apiece, it is very doubtful if Mr. Oxtoby can support his assumptions with facts and figures, but even if he could it would not make us any less parsimonious or more generous and he does not appear to have grasped the fact that the theme of the article was our undeniable parsimony, or lack of generosity.

We know that ringers are from all ranges of income as also are pigeon fanciers, dog fanciers, gardeners and all the others who Mr. Oxtoby mentions, and we also know that some ringers prefer to have their beer, but at the same time they endeavour to get a sight of someone else's copy of "The Ringing World" in order to have the best of both worlds.

Summing up, Mr. Oxtoby's letter adds nothing beneficial to the subject matter of the article, which, I repeat, is our undeniable parsimony. It is like a B.B.C. weather bulletin, which uses around 250 words where two would be sufficient. Your readers can no doubt supply these two words for themselves. No prizes are offered for correct guesses.—Yours faithfully

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Pedmore, Worcs.

40-SPLICED AT LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir,—Here we go again—40-spliced at Liverpool. Again, of course, we all admire the performance; but when we come down to it, what are we admiring?—a few words on the printed page. (Oh, boy! if it proves to be a hoax.)

We do not expect an orchestra to perform in private; rehearse, yes, but not perform. (Do not tell me it is because they are paid.) They want to share their music, and the world is better for it.

Come, peal ringers, move into the '60's—soon the '70's—advertise your peals; give the 90 per cent. non-pealers the chance to hear good, especially historic, bell music. We know all peals begin with attempts and will not mind when one folds up.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD CRIBLEY.

Chalford, Glos.

WHERE HELP IS NEEDED

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, appeal to ringers in the Amersham–High Wycombe area of Buckinghamshire. The pleasant six at Little Missenden are in danger of being silent due to a sudden loss of ringers.

The band, which is mainly a very young one, would greatly appreciate some help from rather more experienced ringers. Progress is at a standstill as numbers are rapidly decreasing. We practise on Monday evenings and one or two extra people would be most welcome. —Yours sincerely,

LOUISE EVANS.

Gt. Missenden, Bucks

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Letters—continued

LONG LENGTHS AND RECORD LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to trouble your columns again, but should be glad if you would kindly allow me to follow up my letter of August 23rd relating to long lengths, for it is obvious from your correspondence that there is much that is obscure in the motives of the Records Committee and much that is difficult for the ordinary person to follow.

To me, and probably to a great many more, the longest length rung in any method is indeed the longest length (provided, of course, that it is true and truly rung), and as such it should be recorded. To most of us the difference between a "longest length" and a "progressive longest length" may seem a useless distinction.

Your footnote to my letter evidently intended to make clear the selection of the number 6,720 as the point at which to begin to recognise record performances. I fear that the statement " . so 30 courses (of Surprise Major) is the obvious number from which to start 'official records'" does nothing to answer the point I was trying to make.

Let me beg your indulgence to pose three questions

(1) A band rings a peal of 6,496 of Surprise Major in a method that has up till then had no peal rung but the usual 5,000-odd. All the conditions required by the Council have been complied with. Is this a record peal or is it not? Common sense says that it is.

(2) A band rings a peal of 6,137 of Surfleet Treble Bob Caters, again complying with the conditions laid down by the Council. Is this a record peal or is it not? Again we surely must say that it is.

(3) A band rings 6,000 of Carter's Doubles (no mean feat, by the way, especially rung double-handed). The intention and the proposed six-scores are publicly announced before the peal. Is this a record peal or is it not?

It may be that performances such as the above are unlikely, but that consideration should not affect the argument. If we are to legislate then the legislation must be clear and must cover all foreseeable contingencies.

I would not wish to try to detract from the work of the members of the Records Committee or to doubt their sincerity. Such work is laborious and exacting and we should be grateful for their willingness to tackle the difficult tasks that confront them. It may be wondered, perhaps, if we are not requiring them to attempt the impossible, and if we, as Council members, are not demanding that they should put into effect legislation that is not defined clearly enough to be operative.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster, Wilts.

ONLY SILLY TO US

Dear Sir,—Members of our fraternity occasionally get asked silly questions. A lady once asked me: "What are these peal tablets: do you swallow one before you ring?" I suppose she thought it aided concentration. Another, "Who is the Rev. Canterbury Pleasure; is he the Vicar?"

Chatting to a friend one day about Thurstans' Four-Part, an uncouth fellow nearby remarked: "You've talked about his fore part, what about his aft part?"

Oh dear, excuse me, I'll dry up before I get kicked out.—Yours, etc.,

YORICK.

Limerick's 800th Anniversary Celebrations

THE 800th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, occurred earlier this year. Last month the Irish Government issued a commemorative stamp in two denominations—5d. and 10d. During the week-end of September 7th and 8th a ringers' festival was held, which drew bellringers from King's Lynn, Isleworth and Stamford in the U.K., and from Belfast, Carrickfergus, Cork, Doneraile, Drogheda, Dublin, Holywood and Limerick.

The bells of Mount St. Alphonsus' (10) and the Cathedral (8) were available for the use of the visitors throughout Saturday and Sunday, when various methods from plain hunting up to Cambridge Surprise Major and Grandsire Caters were rung.

The Dean of Limerick (the Very Rev. M. J Talbot) opened the Deanery for a garden party on Saturday afternoon and provided tea. Handbells were rung on the lawn. Later in the evening a supper and social evening was held in the Villiers School at which over 100 ringers and others attended. The entertainment took the form of songs by choirs and soloists.

The president of the Irish Association, who presided at the supper, expressed his delight at being able to be present and thanked the Dean for his kind words of welcome to the visitors.

LEAVING FOR DUBLIN

A sad note of the evening and yet one of pleasure was the presentation of a Lyre coffee table to the very popular Cyril and Ann Galbraith on their departure to Dublin. Cyril, taken by complete surprise, was literally dumbfounded, nevertheless he managed to say that he took up bellringing in 1938 and that Ann was also a ringer in the tower. The attraction resulted in his finding a wife through bellringing. They now have six children, three of whom are ringers. One is an accomplished 15-year-old conductor of quarter peals. Cyril expressed heartfelt thanks to his friends who subscribed to the presentation.

Sunday was devoted to service ringing and some open ringing at both towers during the afternoon until 4.40 p.m., when the ringers' service was held in the Cathedral. It was conducted by the Dean and Canon J. S. Frazer, Dean's Vicar. The lessons were read by Mr. Harry Ellis, Ringing Master, St. Mary's Cathedral, and by Mr. Harold Rogers, of Isleworth. Some of the musical ringers present swelled the choir and were presented with the Bell Anthem by Purcell to sing at sight. Mr. F. Brislane showed that he now had a masterpiece of an organ since it was restored and enlarged.

The attendance included the members of the R.C. tower of Mount St Alphonsus', Limerick.

CANON THURLOW'S MESSAGE

A message from the president of the Central Council (Canon A G. G. Thurlow) was presented to the congregation. This stated:

"We thank God for the ministry of the Cathedral during 800 years. This long period has seen many changes, times 'of trouble and of joy,' in Ireland as elsewhere. The presence of the Lord Jesus Christ amongst us is unchanging. He continues to set before us the ideal of a world united under God 'our Father.' He continues to rely on men and women, boys and girls, to live by this ideal. He looks to us to proclaim it, by the spirit of peace we show amongst each other, by our personal humility, and by our desire to serve one another as fellow members of the world-wide and agelong Christian family.

"Our celebration inspires people to look back with thanksgiving, over a long period of achievement, to thank God for those who in ages past brought the Faith to Ireland, and for those who have brought it from Ireland to England and other lands. The ancient Irish handbells, in their glorious shrines, vividly remind us of the value placed on the call to worship in early times.

"This is also a time for looking around with thanksgiving and for looking ahead with hope. The Church, and the bells which proclaim its message, have spread over lands undreamed of when Limerick Cathedral was begun. As you ring in celebration this year, you can feel kinship with fellow ringers in America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and in Africa as well as in Britain. We who live outside Ireland look to you to continue to maintain your great ringing traditions and to see to it that each year others are initiated into the art. Be sure you never allow the living art to be replaced by any form of electronic or other substitute. Christ looks for people's living service. Let Him not look in vain, in Limerick or anywhere else."

The Dean of Cork (the Very Rev. T. Johnson, M.A.) preached the sermon. The Dean is also a bellringer and gave some good advice to the ringers on serving God and attendance at worship after calling the parishioners to prayer.

After the second lesson a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Mrs. J. Jeffery 1–2, J. Lindsay 3–4, J. T. Dunwoody 5–6, and Mrs. J. Lindsay 7–8.

Prior to the Benediction the Dean of Limerick read the charge to all ringers:

"Go ye forth into the land: wheresoever ye shall ring let the music of your bells proclaim the Gospel to all people. Sound your rounds and changes unto the Glory of the Lord and not unto men. Know ye that at all times ye exercise your art only in the service of God."

The festival concluded with tea in Villiers School at which the Dean of Limerick welcomed the visitors, thanked the ladies for arranging the tea, and supper on the previous night.

On behalf of the visitors Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean of Limerick, Mr. Harry Ellis and his ringers, the authorities of both towers for the use of bells and omnibus thanks to all who had anything to do with making the festival week-end such a glad and happy occasion.

EUROPEAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—Rivoli Veronese, the village which is the subject of the inquiry made by G. D. Armitage, is in the Province of Veneto between the towns of Trient and Verona.

Taking the road from Trient, and after 38½ miles (19 miles from Verona) he will find the village. It stands on a prominence and is clearly distinguished on the left.

The village's only claim to fame, apart from being one with English-type bells, is that it was twice stormed by the French, in 1796 and 1797.—Yours faithfully, B. S. GAMBRILL.

Liss, Hampshire.

Miss Beryl E. Cawser recalls passing through Rivoli in a coach and noting that the bells were in the "up" position.

Mr. John David, of Peterborough, defines the position of Rivoli as about 12 miles north-west of Verona and about four miles from the Lake of Garda. (Murray's "Handbook for Travellers in Northern Italy.")

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WEDDING OF THEALE RINGERS



The wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Theale, Berks, on September 7th, between Miss Frances C. Smith, a ringer for the past three years, and Mr. Terence E. J. Adams, tower foreman since 1963.

The service was conducted by the Rural Dean, Rev. Stanley Young, of Aldermaston, and the best man was another Theale ringer, Mr. John Blackall.

In addition to their ringing interests, the bride is a member of the choir, the bridegroom is a sidesman and a member of the P.C.C., and both take an active interest in the Church Fellowship Organisation.

The photograph shows a group of Theale ringers at the reception in the Railway Hall. Left to right: Mr. Brian Gatward, Mrs. Pamela Golding and daughter, Mr. John Blackall (best man), Mr. and Mrs. T. E. J. Adams, Mr. Michael Golding, Mr. Keith Robinson

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

THE half-yearly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Beaumaris, Anglesey, on September 7th. Despite the long distance some members had to travel, the meeting was well attended with representatives from eight towers being present. The visitors included Mr. Ronald Dove, Canon E. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), Professor Marshall, of Bangor University, and ringers from Nottingham and Cheshire. Also present were the Association president (Rev. E. L. Cooke) and Mrs. Cooke.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon J. E. Ramage, and the lesson read by Canon E. S. Roberts. In a short but interesting address the Vicar welcomed the members and gave some historical facts about the bells and the church. The church was erected in the early part of the 14th century to serve the English immigrants who settled in the borough. Beaumaris Castle and town were founded by Edward I in 1295. A feature of the service was the fine singing, led by eight members of the local ladies' choir.

Following the service 60 members and friends were entertained to an excellent tea in the Church Hall, prepared by the local ladies. At the business meeting the president called on the members to stand in silence as a tribute to two founder members — the late Mr. J. Albert Hughes, of Bangor, and Mr. Owen Evans, of Abergele.

Following the success of one-day schools held at Llangollen and Portmadoc, it was decided to arrange a similar course at Bangor.

Mr. G. H. Randles proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the ladies for the tea, and to the organist and choir.

Some very good touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, etc., were rung at St. David's, Bangor, and the local tower, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans.

The peal rung at Eastnor, Herefordshire, on September 13th, is believed to be the first ever on the bells by a local band. It enabled the tenor man to ring his first peal at first attempt and the tower captain (Mr. R. J. Bullock) to ring his first away from the tenor: another ringer rang her first "inside". The ringing was of a high standard throughout, and these three ringers in particular are to be congratulated on their performances.

AN APOLOGY

An unfortunate and much regretted mistake occurred in the issue of September 20th concerning the passing of the late Mr. James Taylor, of Healey, Lancs. Four lines from the article written by "A Pilgrim" were inadvertently transposed in place of the last four lines of the obituary notice. The report should conclude: "His dedication to his home tower was a fine example to all ringers. A quarter peal was rung half-muffled at Healey in his memory on September 3rd, the day of his funeral."

The Editor, who was away on holiday that week, and the printers express to relatives and friends of the deceased gentleman their deep regrets for the pain and sorrow inadvertently caused.

OBITUARY

EVELYN HALL

Early this month the soul of Evelyn Hall passed to eternal rest. For over 40 years she was a faithful and devoted member of the band at All Saints' Church, Leamington. Almost without fail she was in her place twice every Sunday promptly. Ever cheerful and helpful, we shall miss her presence very much.

On September 16th the ringers met and with the bells half-muffled rang 720 of Bob Minor (her favourite method) on the front six and touches of Grandsire Triples. This enabled all the band to pay their last tribute to her memory.

She was also for many years a member of Coventry Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

F. C. E. B.

M. A. R. KING

The death took place recently in the Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital of Mr. Alfred Robert King, of Brome, near Eye, Suffolk, at the age of 77 years.

Mr. King was chauffeur to the Bishop of Norwich in the early years of the century and later to a High Sheriff of Suffolk, Sir Thomas Tacon. For 40 years he had lived at Brome, where he was a ringer, chorister and church councillor in the twin villages of Brome and Oakley.

FISHING AND RINGING IN HEREFORD

IT all started one Sunday evening when two ringers from Emmanuel, Southport, and a non-ringing husband started discussing the possibility of arranging a ringing-cum-fishing weekend. A couple of weeks later the date and place were fixed, and on September 6th 14 ringers and non-ringers from Emmanuel, Aughton and Liverpool congregated at the Castle Pool Hotel, Hereford, between 5.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

On Saturday we were joined at breakfast by Roger and Mary, who had got up at 5 a.m. to drive over from Harrow, and we set off in four cars for Burghill (a pleasant light eight), where we were particularly impressed by the beautifully-kept churchyard. Here we were joined by Keith, who had had a breakfast appointment in Liverpool. The next tower was at Lugwardine (another nice eight), where we were made very welcome and invited back to ring for service on Sunday morning. On to Bromyard, where there was time for a quick cup of coffee before ringing for a wedding on the recently-augmented eight. What a coincidence that the bride's mother came from Southport! For some of us this tower was the highlight of the day and a good course of Oswald Delight was rung. We were joined here by Henry, a native of the area, to whom we owe thanks for recommending such a fine collection of towers.

After lunch we made our way to Leominster, where we rang on the fine ten in the 1,300-year-old priory church. Here we managed a fair course of Cambridge Royal. We then hurried on to Eardisland, afraid of being late for the first time during the day, and enjoyed a welcome rest in the churchyard and some handbells before ringing on the beautiful eight. We rang a near-perfect course of Superlative and an excellent touch of Double Norwich, and wished we could have stayed longer. At Staunton-on-Arrow we enjoyed the very light six (tenor 6 cwt.) and at Presteigne (a pleasant-sounding eight) we were fascinated by the inscription on the tombstone of Mary Morgan who—no, I won't spoil it; go and read it yourself some day.

And so back to Hereford, where we climbed wearily up the thousands of steps to ring on the 33 cwt. ring of ten. We found these bells rather tricky but an experience not to be missed, although Cambridge Royal wouldn't go. We met the two non-ringing wives who had been shopping and sightseeing, and Mike who had been fishing, but as he hadn't caught enough to feed us all the party split into two for dinner, some going Chinese, others steak, meeting again afterwards for drinks and walks before returning to the hotel.

On Sunday we ended a most successful weekend by ringing for service at Lugwardine, after which we split up and went our separate ways, everyone saying: "Let's do it again next year". Once again we would like to thank all the incumbents and those who made us feel so welcome everywhere. C. F. H. D. and M. E. S.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at St. Florence on September 7th, with members from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llandeilo, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby attending.

The service was conducted by the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. W. Thomas, who is the Rector of St. Florence. This was followed by an excellent tea served by local ladies, who were warmly thanked by Mr. W. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby.

At the business meeting a welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Morris, of Lyme Regis, who were on holiday in the district. Mr. Morris is a brother of the late Mr. Ernest Morris, whose name is so well known to all bellringers.

It was proposed that the Guild becomes a "Friend of St. David's Cathedral". Three new probationary members and eight life ringing members were elected. After the meeting ringing was resumed until 9 p.m. B. M. R.

HALF PEAL

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On Sept. 10th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey (first half peal) 2, K. Sansom 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Rung to mark the centenary of St. Mary's Church, Sheet.

ALDGATE, LONDON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: W. A. Theobald 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, J. W. Euston 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, A. S. Bishop 6, R. M. Heyworth 7, J. G. A. Prior 8. For morning service. Also at St. Botolph's Without, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Peacock 1, F. G. Richardson 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Fowler 4, W. Theobald 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, J. W. Stephenson 8. For Matins on Battle of Britain Sunday.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Istance (first treble) 1, Mrs. M. J. Hope 2, F. N. Istance 3, W. J. Clayton 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, D. Istance (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled before memorial service for Mr. G. J. Gurmin, former chorister.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael-with-Paul on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples (composed by J. Topp): Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, P. J. Devrell 5, D. J. Orledge 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8.

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On Sept. 15th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: C. J. Groome (cond.) 1, J. A. Ellis 2, L. Atton 3, J. G. Beadman 4. Last quarter on the old four before the dedication of two new trebles.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, G. McGowan (first quarter) 6, R. J. Mayle 7, J. Edmunds 8. For morning service. Also 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire; 4, 6, 8 covering): G. Evans 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, R. J. Mayle 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, C. Phillips 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. Bryant 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. F. Oliver 1, C. Banks 2, Miss M. R. Hill 3, K. Oliver 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5, J. Cooper 6. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to L. Sharpe. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss M. R. Hill 1, K. Oliver 2, C. Banks 3, F. Sismey (cond.) 4, J. Cooper 5, G. F. Oliver 6. A wedding compliment to Miss P. Case, of Castor, and Mr. I. Crauford-Larrington, of Yaxley. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Same band. A wedding compliment to Miss A. Wright, of Castor, and Capt. I. C. Martin, of Dalkeith, Scotland.

QUARTER PEALS

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Warford 1, L. E. T. Clark 2, Jane P. Lawrence 3, C. N. Grandidge 4, G. S. Miller 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent.

DEDDINGTON, OXON. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Cowley 1, C. C. Clarke 2, Brenda Ivings 3, M. W. Coleman 4, H. N. Pratley 5, W. Ivings 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, W. H. Minnear 8. Rung with best wishes to Brenda Ivings who is starting at Chichester Teachers' Training College.

EALING, MIDDX. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Jennifer Felton 1, A. M. Stacey 2, M. Sprackling 3, P. N. Felton 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, N. F. Felton (cover). For morning service.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Purslow 1, A. S. Whittall 2, W. Buckley 3, E. Young 4, W. J. Griffiths 5, P. R. Harris (cond.) 6, E. Lees 8. For the Festival of Flowers.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Hall 1, Miss L. Roper 2, E. Jones 3, F. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. F. Gibbons 5, D. Hall 6. Rung for Choir Sunday Evensong.

GREAT EASTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Taylor (first quarter) 1, A. Naylor 2, G. Norris 3, R. Russell 4, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Miss Heather Claypole and Mr. Brian Johnson, who were married at this church this day.

GULVAL, CORNWALL. — On Sept. 14ht, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Harris 1, Miss M. Christopher 2, V. G. Wood 3, G. Taysom (cond.) 4, R. Wooldridge 5, J. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. William Wood, former tower captain and ringer for 81 years.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOM. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Willis 1, E. Baker 2, J. Pople 3, R. Luxton (cond.) 4, T. Baker (first "inside") 5, W. Neath 6. Rung for the christening of the children of Mr. and Mrs. C. Norton and Mr. and Mrs. B. Norton.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. White 1, J. Foster (first "inside") 2, K. Lucas 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, D. Stott 5, L. Foster 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: P. J. Spice 1, D. D. Smith 2, K. J. Rider 3, R. L. Jones 4, J. R. Pratt 5, M. H. O'Callaghan 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, T. Lewis 8. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

MARSTON, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Buck and H. Page 1, L. Porter 2, M. Bolton (first as cond.) 3, R. Jones 4, I. Ross 5.

MIDDLESBROUGH, TEESSIDE. — At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam, on Sept. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. B. Tuffnell (first quarter) 1–2, Miss A. Lawson 3–4, K. Lawson (cond.) 5–6.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mollie Care 1, T. Deacon 2, W. Care 3, S. Elliot 4, R. Coley 5, R. Eady 6, B. Care (cond.) 7, Dr. de L. H. Davies 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Terry and Christine Deacon on the birth of a son (David).

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: W. Booth (first quarter) 1, H. Jeffery 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, G. Parker (cond.) 4, M. Sinden 5, L. Lawrence (first quarter) 6.

PEMBROKE.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Old, Kennington and Plain Bob): N. C. Rogers 1, A. Lingard 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 4, P. C. Rogers 5, I. Russant 6. To welcome the second son of Tony and Margaret Trickett, born on September 7th.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: E. Prout 1, G. Young 2, M. Chandler 3, J. Arnall 4, D. Wilson (cond.) 5, D. Jones (first quarter) 6.

ROUGHTOWN, LANCS. — On Aug. 18th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. Rung at Evensong as a tribute to Mr. Alfred N. Clayton, verger, who died on August 12th.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. G. East 1, M. L. Mann 2, D. Surman 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 5, H. Burrell 6. Rung following the wedding of H. Alwyn Cox, a ringer at this church, and Miss J. A. Thompson.

SELWORTHY, SOM. — On Sept. 14th, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: Brenda Binden 1, L. H. Arscott 2, M. A. Arscott 3, J. Cornelius 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First in method by all.

TAUNTON, SOM. — On Sept. 16th, 1,320 Little Aston Doubles: D. L. Adams 1, Brenda M. Bindon 2, M. A. Arscott 3, J. Cornelius 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, R. Cross 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Marshall, sister of the conductor.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. J. Verity (first quarter) 1, D. Robinson (cond.) 2, J. P. Sale 3, I. G. Morgan 4, D. J. Edmonds 5. For St. James' Day.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Smith (cond.) 1, B. Dennett 2, Miss M. Hill 3, L. Lyddon 4, C. Lock 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Bailey, churchwarden.

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CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Mr. R. A. Gilliver writes that the peal at Sapcote, Leics (page 694), was rung on August 6th and not August 13th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Minor at Stapleford, Cambs, on August 31st, was conspicuous by everybody taking part having a first. There were three first peals, two firsts of Plain Bob, one of Minor and the conductor called his first of Minor.

Arranged by Mr. Walter Izzard, Bromham, Beds, ringers had a half-day outing on September 12th, visiting four village towers—Wilden (5), Keysoe (5), Milton Ernest (6) and Bletsoe (6). A picnic tea was had in the churchyard at Keysoe and there were light refreshments in a cosy pub to finish the day.

Another Devon Ringers' Tour, arranged by Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, took place on September 21st, when towers visited were at Ideford, Christow, Spreyton, Cheriton Bishop, Aylesbeare, Lympstone and Exeter Cathedral. The lunch interval was spent at Cheriton Bishop and the tea interval at Exmouth.

The third annual rally of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain will be held at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, near Sheffield, on October 5th. Mr. W. C. Gregory, of 26, Lawsons Bank, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, S30 3ZL, will arrange transport for those coming by train from Sheffield Midland Station.

Mr. T. J. Lock scored his 1,000 peals from 1,587 attempts. Other percentages of success from 1,000 peal ringers would be interesting.

Mr. Bryan Burrough, of Soho, London, has been posted to Saudi Arabia for two tours of one year with the Diplomatic Service.

Mr. Michael J. Uphill assures readers that the tour "Uphill in the Flatlands" (page 728) was not arranged by him but by Messrs. Sherwood, Sell and Hart.

The Rev. Fred Ross has rung his first peal in Derbyshire after being in residence for less than two weeks. It was Cambridge at West Hallam on September 21st, with Fred ringing the tenor.

British Legion branches from Lancashire and Westmorland were represented at the service of dedication of the new standard for the Burton and Holme Branch. In the quarter peal rung in honour of the event were ringers from Burton, Silverdale, Heversham and Morecambe.

At Twerton, Bath, the local company have rung their first quarter of Surprise Major. The band included the organist, five choristers, three servers, a Sunday School teacher and a Queen's Guide. Hopes are entertained of an eight-bell quarter from the choir. At present the belfry provides six sopranos, one alto, one tenor and two basses who ring methods.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

"FESTIVAL OF BELLS" AT WARMINSTER

Evensong at the Church of St. Denys, Warminster, on September 8th, took the form of a "Festival of Bells." The Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Johnson, told the large congregation that this had been arranged in order to assist the recognition of the work of the bellringers of the Minster tower. The lessons were read by members of the ringing band, and after the third Collect a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

The bellringers' hymn, "Unchanging God, Who livest," was accompanied on handbells by Mr. N. G. Knee, Miss M. Wynne, Mrs. D. Hutchins and Mr. E. Norris, and the address was given by Mr. Norman Pearson, of Haslemere, who is himself a ringer and who formerly belonged to the Minster company. In his address Mr. Pearson introduced the congregation to some features of bellringing and showed them the handbells used by ringers. Enlarging upon a passage from I Corinthians. 12. "There are varieties of gifts but the same spirit" (which formed part of the second lesson), the speaker emphasised the peculiar offering the ringers made to the worship of the Church, and stressed the remarkable bonds of fellowship brought about by the devotion of ringers to their art.

After the service the tower was opened for visitors, and there was some considerable invasion of the ringing chamber by young men and maidens, old men and children! Some precautions had to be taken to prevent the guests from touching ropes, but everybody was very good and, despite the crowd, some good ringing was demonstrated E.C.S.

MARSTON BIGOTT FIND A LUXURY RINGING CHAMBER

Ringers and friends from Marston Bigott, Somerset, visited Portsmouth for their outing on September 7th. The light six at SS. Mary and St. Nicholas, Wilton, Wilts, were the first bells and reasonable striking was achieved.

After lunch at Portsmouth, St. Mary's, Portsea, was visited. It was rewarding for climbing the 73 steps, as in a most luxurious ringing chamber comfort was the key-word and the bells an easy-going eight. The ladies were rejoined on the beach and after tea and a visit to gift shops we embarked on the homeward journey, which was via Southampton. A stop was made at the pretty Church of St. Peter, Britford, with its beautiful floral decorations. Liquid refreshments followed at the nearest hostelry, and among joyful chords and discords we wended our way homewards, arriving tired but happy C.

CRANBROOK'S FLOWER FESTIVAL RAISES £500

Towards the Bell Restoration Fund at Cranbrook, Kent, a net profit of £500 resulted from the Flower Festival which started on September 7th. The proceeds were greatly enhanced by the gift of copper candlesticks and bowls by Mr. G. Cousins, which raised over £200.

On the Sunday a quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung before Matins, at which the Rev. H. B. Biddell, Vicar of Marden, preached. An organ recital was given by Mr. C. H. M. Irwin in the afternoon and there was further handbell ringing. The Festival concluded on Tuesday with a recital by St. Peter's Singers and handbell ringing. General ringing preceded the concert.

NEW GUILD SECRETARIES—No. 4



MR. JOHN PRYTHERCH

At this year's annual general meeting of the St. David's Guild Mr. John Prytherch was elected secretary in succession to Mr. Richard Warburton, who did not wish to stand for re-election after holding the post for six years.

John was born and brought up at Croydon and attended University College, Swansea, from 1962 to 1966, learning to ring at St. Mary's in 1965.

After graduating he worked for I.C.I. Fibres at Pontypool, ringing at the Newport and Cardiff towers. His first peal was Bob Major at Swansea in 1967 for the Universities Association.

In March of this year John moved to Milford Haven to work at the Gulf Oil Refinery Ltd. and now rings at Pembroke. Since moving West he has rung four peals for the St. David's Guild out of a total of 15 peals to date.

John met his fiancée, Diane, at the University and was married on September 28th

SUSSEX CAR RALLY

A very entertaining two hours searching for clues was spent by members of the Northern Division of the Sussex Association in a car rally held on September 7th. It was arranged by Mr. John Norris and finished at Hurstpierpoint. All were flummoxed by the last question: "How many faces has the clock?" A fine tea awaiting the competitors. Prizes were awarded and an enjoyable hour was spent on Hurstpierpoint bells before departing for home. Grateful thanks are extended to Mr. Norris and the ringers responsible for the tea.

TEWIN GOLDEN WEDDING

The quarter peal rung at Tewin on September 14th was to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shire. Harry, who is 85, rang the fourth and he is an active member of the Tewin band. He rings every Sunday and on practice nights and also enjoys the many outings with the young ringers. Congratulations, Harry and Mrs. Shire; we hope you have many more happy years together.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S 1,000 PEALS

Rung in England, Wales, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and America.

The 1,000 peals were rung out of 1,587 attempts. The average length of each peal was 2 hours and 56 minutes, and the average length of each attempt 1 hour and 16 minutes.

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, three methods 1, four methods 4, seven methods 8, Surprise 10.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 10, St. Clement's 1, Erin 1, Stedman 17.

Major.—Plain Bob 44, Little Bob 2, S.N.C. Bob 1, D.N.C. Bob 27, Duffield 1, St. Clement's 2, Crayford College 1, Kent and Oxford T.B. 19, two, three and six Spliced Plain 3, Surprise (232 different methods) 552, Spliced Surprise (up to 30 methods in tower and 20 methods "in hand") 111.

Caters.—Grandsire 7, D.N.C. Bob 1, Stedman 17.

Royal.—Plain Bob 9, D.N.C. Bob 1, Kent and Oxford T.B. 6, Little Bob 1, Gainsborough 1, Gainsborough Little 1, Isleworth Little 1, two and three Spliced Plain 2, Surprise (18 different methods) 77, Spliced Surprise (two methods) 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 24.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 3, Surprise (seven different methods) 26.

Included in the above are 66 rung on handbells, 85 as conductor and two non-conducted. 491 were rung for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild and 106 for the Hertford County Association. Methods rung for the first time, Maximus 2, Royal 9, Major 134. Alphabet completed in Surprise Major methods, also in Surprise Major methods rung for the first time except one letter. Married couples peals of Grandsire Triples (handbells), Plain Bob Major, Kent T.B. Major, five-Spliced Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques. Fathers and sons peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Name peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

EAST GRINSTEAD'S "STOOLBALL" MEETING

A stoolball match between Sussex and Kent was the main attraction at the East Grinstead and District Guild's meeting on September 17th at Hever. Each side was allowed to bat for three-quarters of an hour. Sussex scored 80 for seven and Kent were all out for 46. Members noticed that a College Youth had run out the chairman, himself a Cumberland.

For those without picnic teas, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, parents of the local captain, provided tea without charge, but suggested a collection be taken for the Guild's rope fund.

Mrs. J. Osbon acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Large. A new member was elected and Mr. C. A. Bassett asked for names for the outing to Winchester Cathedral.

The November 9th meeting will be at Redhill. The votes of thanks were followed by Evensong, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Collins, and further ringing.

AUGMENTATION NEAR TAUNTON

The parish of St. Bartholomew, Lynn, Somerset, which at present has five bells—a badly cracked tenor of 17 cwt and four others which are out of tune—has embarked on a restoration and augmentation scheme.

The tender of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank has been accepted to recast the tenor, tune the four and provide a sixth bell. This will cost over £1,000, and over the past two years £700 has been collected for this purpose. It is hoped that the work can be completed before the Patronal Festival on August 24th, 1969.

A WORCESTERSHIRE WEEK

ALL PEALS FOR THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

SALFORD PRIORS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Arthur V. Pearson	5
Eric Speake	2	Robert Edwards	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
James W. Belshaw	4	Michael J Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

MARKET DRAYTON, Salop.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	A. Bryan Ellsmore	6
James W. Belshaw	3	David W. Friend	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

Arthur V. Pearson	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	5
Morley P. Tobin	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
M. Irene Ellsmore	3	Robert Edwards	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

COSELEY, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

John Masefield	Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Stephen W. Barton	7
James W. Belshaw	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.

COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Robert Edwards	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
Michael J. Fellows	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
James W. Belshaw	4	John C. Eisel	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, Worcs.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G

Christopher Lees	Treble	Arthur C. Berry	5
Morley P. Tobin	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
James W. Belshaw	4	Robert Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert Edwards.
First peal in the method as conductor.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Arthur C. Berry	Treble	Morley P. Tobin	5
James W. Belshaw	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
A. Bryan Ellsmore	3	Robert Edwards	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
Susan E. Smith	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Robert Edwards	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Arthur C. Berry	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the sixth.

A WEEK-END IN THE COTSWOLDS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Robert B. Smith	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
A. Robin Heppenstall	2	Alexander J. Martin	8
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Basil Jones	9
Peter A. Sharp	4	Alan F. Scholfield	10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5	Brian Harris	11
Geoffrey R. Parker	6	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.
On Sun., Sept. 1st, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
*Geoffrey R. Parker	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming	8
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Alan F. Scholfield	9
Peter A. Sharp	4	*Richard A. G. Inglis	10
Gerald C. Hemming	5	Brian Harris	11
Alexander J. Martin	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 25th peal together

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CIRENCESTER, Glos.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

Richard A. G. Inglis	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Alan F. Scholfield	8
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	D. John Hunt	9
A. Robin Heppenstall	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
Peter A. Sharp	5	Robert B. Smith	11
Alexander J. Martin	6	*Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 100th 12-bell peal.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*Graham J. Jones	Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
Suzanne J. Withers	3	†C. Barrie Dove	7
Ian North	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 75th peal in the tower. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the R.C. Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	*Graham J. Jones	5
C. Barrie Dove	2	Ronald J. Snack	6
Allan Sheppard	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Suzanne J. Withers	4	Ian North	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Durham, York, Norwich, Wells, London, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*Jane P. Lawrence	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	4
†Suzanne J. Withers	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
†‡Margaret Warford	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal. ‡ First of seven Surprise and most methods to a peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

David J. Purnell	Treble	Brian D. Threlfall	7
David P. Hilling	2	Rodney B. Meadows	8
David E. House	3	Alan R. Patterson	9
Martin D. Fellows	4	Frank C. Price	10
Christopher H. Rogers	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Michael J. Fellows	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BANWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,600 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.
Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*Geoffrey Hebden	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
Michael G. Bartlett	2	Peter J. England	6
Roy W. Rice	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
†David G. Massey	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Spliced. † First of eight-Spliced Major "inside." First of Spliced on the bells, and first of eight-Spliced Surprise Major for the Association by an entirely resident band.

SEAVINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being four extents of Stedman, two each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon and St. Nicholas, six each of Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and six extents each of two spliced compositions—April Day and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Raymond F. Arscott	Treble	John Cornelius	4
Brenda M. Bindon	2	Mervyn A. Arscott	5
Adrian F. Arscott	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Adrian F. Arscott (aged 15).
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. M. Arscott, mother, grandmother, great-aunt and aunt of the ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 6 respectively.

STANTON DREW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 13 methods: Coxwell Place, Union, Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Rev Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Rev. St. Faith and Rev. Union; 14 variations—St Miles, St John, St. Giles, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Albans, Eynsham, Southrepps, St. Columb, Kennington, Old, Fortune, Norfolk and Lapley; eight spliced compositions—St. Peter, St. Luke, St. Thomas, Cassington, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, April Day and Dedworth. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*Christine J. Mitchell	Treble	Peter J. Devrell	3
Julian E. Newman	2	Alan F. Lee (cond.)	4
		David A. Burt	Tenor

* First five-bell peal. Most methods, etc., in a peal by all the band. First peal on the bells since restoration in 1962.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours ad 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Frank R. Morton	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
*Norman Sherratt	2	*Raymond J. Ballard	7
*Gerald Parson	3	*David J. Midgley	8
*Felicity T. Ashford	4	*Roy Worrall	9
Charles A. S. Webb	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Frank Osbaldiston	2	Gerald Moorhouse	6
Richard H. Youdale	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Basil Jones	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by Alan Scholfield.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to the conductor and Jenny Alcock, who were married at St. George's, Hyde, the following day.

WALLASEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary (Liscard).
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Donald Peers	Treble	Robert Peers	5
Margarie E. Webster	2	Keith J. Walpole	6
Ernest T. Carvell	3	Eric J. Gilbert	7
F. Leslie Coventry	4	Anthony P. Foster	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Anthony P. Foster.
Rung as a compliment to Robert Peers and Angela M. Fenlon on the eve of their wedding, and also as an 86th birthday compliment to Lester Gray.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, Warks.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

James Corbett	Treble	Peter C. Randall	5
Elizabeth B. Mackie	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	6
Clare F. Dolphin	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
John K. Foot	4	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Howard Wagstaff and Miss Alison Walford-Jones

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Clare F. Dolphin	Treble	Hubert E. Ashley	5
Geoffrey Pratt	2	Ian C. Maycock	6
Peter H. Mackie	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Ian D. Thompson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. Harold Thompson, father of the ringer of the 4th, after 29 years as organist at this church. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Hazel A. Mackenzie	Treble	Hugh Baker	5
Christopher Baker	2	Fred C. Lyne	6
Jill Riley	3	Peter Randall	7
Dr. A. J. Collings	4	Alan G. Foster	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Alan G. Foster.

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	*Raymond A. Sheasby	4
Geoffrey W. Randall	2	John K. Foot	5
David R. Randall	3	Anthony J. Cox	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Alec Humphrey	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
*Frank Rogers	2	John S. Dean	7
Richard Wilcox	3	Peter B Knight	8
Joseph C. Woolley	4	Alan H. Bridges	9
*Timothy Wylie	5	Clive Thrower	Tenor

Composed by G. E. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal on ten bells

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
TAVISTOCK, Devon.—At the Church of St. Eustachius.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

Alan Carveth	Treble	John N. Longridge	5
Derek Jewell	2	D. Roy Bould	6
Norman Mallett	3	Frank D. Mack	7
Frederick Wreford	4	Robert A. Southwood	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

ST. GILES-IN-THE-WOOD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

Jacqueline Whitnall	Treble	A. Nicholas Hine	4
Gillian R. Cleaver	2	Christopher F. Longridge	5
Timothy C. Hine	3	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATON.
STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Co. Durham.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Ann Lawson	Treble	Jack Roach	6
Enid Lawson	2	Eric N. Harrison	7
*Margaret Lawson	3	Michael Maughan	8
John Pladdys	4	Kenneth Lawson	9
James Crowther	5	James Burton	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung with congratulations and best wishes to Quentin Wilson and Jacqueline Gale, married this day at the Church of the Ascension, Blackheath, London.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SOHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Vivian Nutton	6
Donald F. Murfet	2	David E. Rothera	7
Janet House	3	John G. Gipson	8
Geoffrey Pearson	4	David E. House	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for the Association.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Christopher M. P. Johnson	Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley	5
Janet House	2	John G. Gipson	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	David E. House	7
Allen Twyman	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Pamela Mary Haynes and Eric Gordon Carveth, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
LOUGHTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*E. Broom	Treble	R. Burberry	5
†Miss G. E. Perry	2	†C. W. Ottaway	6
†Miss C. I. Neville	3	†S. P. Ottaway	7
D. Riley	4	F. W. Tomlin	Tenor

Composed by J. Vicars. Conducted by C. W. Ottaway.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire "inside." Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. W. Alston.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LYDNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Jack A. Long	Treble	Roger M. Day	5
*Graham J. Band	2	Geoffrey T. Horritt	6
†Kathryn R. Lloyd	3	Robert C. A. Philpott	7
J. Martin Rice	4	Donald Townsend	Tenor

Composed by M. Hubbard. Conducted by Robert C. A. Philpott.
* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. First as conductor.

CHURCHDOWN, Glos.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Stewart Holtham	Treble	†Peter Rowe	4
*Geoffrey Clarke	2	David Pobjoy	5
Ivor Goulter	3	Peter Gould	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Gould.
* First peal "inside." † First in the method. First as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and for Simon John Brice, the church caretaker's grandson, christened during the peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STOKE LACY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS Peter & Paul.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 16 extents of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G sharp.

C. William Nutt	Treble	†E. Charles Biggs	4
*John Lane	2	S. Barnaby Bell	5
Leonard J. Walters	3	Roy K. Williams	Tenor

Conducted by S. Barnaby Bell.
* First peal "inside." † 25th for the Guild.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. W. Preece, aged 88, who has completed nearly 50 years' active Sunday service ringing at this tower. He has been ringing for 73 years.

EASTNOR, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods—Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire; two variations—Kennington, Southrepps; and eight spliced compositions—Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Salwarpe, April Day, Dedworth, Windrush. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Ralph J. Bullock	Treble	S. Barnaby Bell	4
†Rosemary Collins	2	Patrick G. Hickey	5
Roy K. Williams	3	‡W. David Cook	Tenor

Conducted by Roy K. Williams.
* First peal on a working bell. † First "inside." ‡ First at first attempt. First by a local band.
Rung as a farewell to Roy Williams, who is leaving for college.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION
ARKLOW, Co. Wicklow.—At the Church of St. Saviour.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5022 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Joan Hooton	Treble	Philip A. Mason	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	John M. Jelley	6
H. George Hart	3	John Bramley	7
Roger I. Kendrick	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

BRAY, Co. Wicklow.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

*William D. Sarsteiner	Treble	Frederick Dukes	5
*Derek A. McEndoo	2	*Jonathan P. O. Barry	6
*Leslie R. Taylor	3	Norman V. Harding	7
†Peter W. Brown	4	Harold H. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.
Rung in memoriam Henry V. Johnson, vice-president of the Irish Association, and Robert Curson, both were local ringers.

HILLSBOROUGH, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Malachi.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Joan Hooton	Treble	Philip A. Mason	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	John M. Jelley	6
*Roger I. Kendrick	3	John Bramley	7
H. George Hart	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Composed by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt.

S. Arthur Read	Treble	Eric Naylor	6
Gwilym G. Salmon	2	Ronald G. Beck	7
Adrian P. Beck	3	Trevor A. Cross	8
Christopher T. Osenton	4	Edward J. Chivers	9
Philip H. D. Jones	5	Victor Savage	Tenor

Composed by G. R. Fardon. Conducted by Eric Naylor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. Princess Marina, patron of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., Sept. 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

S. Arthur Read	Treble	Philip H. D. Jones	5
Eric Naylor	2	Ronald G. Beck	6
Gwilym G. Salmon	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Victor Savage	4	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.

RAINHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

S. Arthur Read	Treble	Ronald G. Beck	5
Eric Naylor	2	Philip H. D. Jones	6
George A. Naylor	3	Gwilym G. Salmon	7
Victor Savage	4	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Composed by E. Wit. Conducted by Gwilym G. Salmon.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Captain T. C. Rayner, uncle of the Vicar of Rainham, the Rev. R. Allington-Smith.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Kathryn Lawson	Treble	Michael D. Fishwick	4
Janet Lawson	2	Richard S. Starkie	5
Wyn Pugh	3	Michael J. Platt	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Platt.
* First peal. First as conductor

ST. HELENS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents
Rung on the front six. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

Nigel P. L. Goulding	Treble	James Hedgcock	4
Rachel J. Sinden	2	John R. Ridley	5
*David C. Simpson	3	Graham K. Austin	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Ridley.
* First peal "inside."
Rung for the centenary of the County Borough of St. Helens.

HEVERSHAM, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	Margaret Crossthwaite	4
*Eileen Ellis	2	Peter Handley	5
Diana J. Handley	3	Stanley Anderton	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Handley, M.B.E. (grandfather of Peter Handley), who died on September 9th, 1968, aged 97 years.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Malcolm D. Barsby	Treble	*Philip G. Chambers	4
Cherrill L. Everard	2	B. Stedman Payne	5
Clive J. Mobbs	3	Alec R. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne
* First peal "inside."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARMSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

*Ian M. Minns	Treble	†Aidan G. A. Hopkins	5
†Gillian Radley	2	†Phillip C. Pitchford	6
Margaret A. Parker	3	†Christopher J. Sharp	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Major. † First of Superlative Surprise Major.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Sept. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
John K. Smith	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
E. Frederick Gobey	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Ron Hughes	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

John Dieppe	Treble	William Birmingham	5
Ernest W. Eldridge	2	Wilfrid G. Wilson	6
Michael Hatchett	3	William H. Jackson	7
James R. A. Muller	4	Kenneth M. Tuck	Tenor

Conducted by William H. Jackson.
First peal of Triples in the method as conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to celebrate the wedding this day of Christina Phyllis Newman and Rodney John Davis, ringer at the tower

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HUNSLET IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*Peter Furness	Treble	*Frank E. Godden	5
†Harold W. Dunsden	2	*Angela M. Ayres	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
*Roy H. Jones	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the treble. First in the method for the Guild.
Rung with the compliments of the band to Marilyn Latchford and Robert Dowling, Jill Pike and Cliff Garlick, Avril Walton and Noel Deam, married on September 7th, 1968, and Susan Keen and Gordon Casbeard, married this day.

KIRKLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*E. Dennis Poole	Treble	*John R. Ketteringham	5
*Angela Newing	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
Alan R. Pink	3	†Peter J. Heritage	7
William Birmingham	4	Victor Griffin	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the treble.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Nativity

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 BANBURY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	David J. Marshall	7
Barry E. Saunders	3	Richard F. B. Speed	8
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Graham C. Paul	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung in memoriam George F. Hancock, Daventry Branch chairman for 20 years.

THE SOCIETY OF PURBECK YOUTHS.
KINGSTON (Isle of Purbeck), Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PURBECK SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 26¼ cwt.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	John W. Blackwood	5
William T. Perrins	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
Jeffrey L. Claughton	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
David Wilson	4	Lewis F. Cobb	Tenor

Conducted by Lewis F. Cobb.
First peal in the method, in the county, for the Society and by all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Elizabeth G. Cobb, wife of the conductor.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of four methods—Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Boh, three extents of six variations—Northrepps, Fortune, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps and Wychbold, and three extents of four-spliced variations—April Day, Old, Kennington and Dedworth.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Rev. Russen W. Thomas	4
John R. Scott	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Philip C. Rogers	3	William H. Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
150th peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to Catherine E. Thomas, eldest daughter of the ringer of the 4th, on leaving for a ballet school.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEAMINSTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 27½ lb. in D.

Heywood's transposition		Tenor	
Mrs. C. W. Powell	Treble	Arthur J. Scott	5
Cuthbert W. Powell	2	Frank G. Knight	6
Harry G. Keeley	3	William E. Turner	7
Michael J. Medley	4	Joseph T. Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Cuthbert W. Powell.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung for the Patronal Festival, also as a wedding compliment to John Weaver and Brenda Pooley.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

William T. Perrins	Treble	Martin J. Corry	5
I. Ann Abrahams	2	Timothy F. Collins	6
Neil O. Skelton	3	Richard H. Youdale	7
Christopher F. Longridge	4	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John N. Longridge.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Oxford T.B., two Kent T.B and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

Katharine Burchnall	Treble	Harold Stevenson	4
F. William Midwinter	2	Harold Denman	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Derek J. Tysoe	Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Tysoe.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Princess Marina.
First muffled peal on the bells.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.
Being one extent of Cambridge, Norwich, Killamarsh, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	John A. Coates	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
Rung as a birthday peal for Susan Moxon, of Sutton-on-Trent.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 3 lb. in A.

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	Alan G. Feaver	5
Charles R. Stannard	2	John W. Underwood	6
Shelagh R. Collins	3	Alan R. Andrews	7
James B. Morley	4	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Composed by James Hunt. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

BREDFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*Mrs. Alan G. Payne	Treble	*Vernon B. Bedford	4
*Katharine M. Thorley	2	*Alan G. Payne	5
Robert E. Lester	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal of Oxford Minor. Katharine M. Thorley (aged 12) has now rung peals of Minor in 1 to 7 methods, all "inside."

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

PUTNEY, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5104 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Caroline Madge	Treble	Jeremy R. Pratt	5
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	Christopher F. Mew	6
George A. Dawson	3	*Simon Humphrey	7
Alan A. Bagworth	4	†Christopher P. Starbuck	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* Last peal as a bachelor. † First in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Kay Styring and John Pratchett, who were married the previous day; a farewell to George A. Dawson, who is leaving the District for Hull; a birthday compliment to Elizabeth J. Foster; and a 21st birthday compliment to Simon Humphrey.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Timothy Banner	Treble	Frank H. Hicks	5
*Valerie J. Howard	2	Ian Wicks	6
*Charlotte M. Harris	3	George Francis	7
*James M. Hills	4	John A. Howard	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by John A. Howard.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Frank H. Hicks	Treble	†Hilary A. Thick	3
*Felicity A. Benford	2	Roger Osbon	4

Charlotte M. Harris .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Charlotte M. Harris.
* First peal † First of Doubles "inside." First as conductor. The conductor has now "circled the tower."

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

KENWYN, Truro, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Keyne.
On Mon. Aug. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Susan Chew	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	5
Enid Lawson	2	Richard J. Tibbetts	6
Ann Lawson	3	James W. Belshaw	7
Anna K. Sadowska	4	David J. Purnell	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Richard J. Tibbetts.

PROBUS, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb.

Anna K. Sadowska	Treble	Mark Androlia	5
Ann Lawson	2	Robert Ashman	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	James W. Belshaw	7
Maurice G. Ingram	4	David J. Purnell	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Richard J. Tibbetts.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hants.—At the College of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

*Robert W. T. Slack	Treble	J. M. Hadley Hunter	4
Barry R. M. Johnson	2	Richard H. Youdale	5
Anthony J. Mason	3	Brian D. Threlfall	Tenor

Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.
* First peal of Treble Bob. The conductor has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.
Rung by past and present members of the School to welcome Mr. J. L. Thorn as headmaster. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Ann Lawson	Treble	†Richard J. Tibbetts	5
*Margaret Lawson	2	James W. Belshaw	6
*Peter Town	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
*David Town	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Maurice G. Ingram and Anna K. Sadowska on their engagement.

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F

John Guest	Treble	John S. Seager	5
Barry Holland	2	Leslie E. Smith	6
Geoffrey W. Pilkington	3	*Malcolm S. Turner	7
Tom W. Senior	4	John J. L. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
* First peal "inside."
Rung to celebrate the engagement this day of Caroline West and Michael Limb

KIPPAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Stephen Emmet	Treble	Charles Maxfield	4
George Hancock	2	E. Guy Cox	5
*Michael Nunns	3	Robin Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Robin Brown.
* First peal. The conductor's 75th peal for the Association.

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LEWORTHY.—To Marianne and David, of 20, Marian Avenue, Minster, Sheppey, the gift of a daughter, Bridget Tracey, on September 17th, 1968, at Sheppey General Hospital. 4844

SMITH. — On September 16th, 1968, to Gwen (née Storer) and Peter, a son, Alun Peter. Address: 44, Woodbrook, Charing, Ashford, Kent. 4876

SPRACKLING.—On September 19th, 1968, to Brenda (née Riches) and Michael, a son, David Michael, a brother for Timothy and Geoffrey. 4837

MARRIAGE

WALTERS—PITMAN. — The marriage between David Kenvyn Walters, of Combe Martin, Devon, and Bernice Pitman, of Pontywain, Mon, took place at the Baptist Church, Cwmcarn, Mon, on September 28th, 1968.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

KIPPIN—WALTERS.—Chris's and Heather's wedding will take place on Saturday, October 12th, 1968, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Harlington, Middlesex, at 3.30 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. 4884

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHAPMAN.—Tom, Margaret, Christopher and Elizabeth now live at Plot 1, Stonewell Lane, Congresbury, Somerset. Old and new friends always very welcome. 4889

EISEL.—The address of John and Margaret Eisel is now 4, London Heights, Dudley. Ringing friends welcome. 4846

HILLS.—The address of P.C. 592 James M. Hills is Metropolitan Police Training College, Aerodrome Road, Hendon, London N.W.9. Tel. 01-205 3206 (after 6 p.m.).

JACKSON. — The address of Miss Susan Jackson is now Ashley, 11, Woodlands Terrace, Swansea. 4861

McLEAN.—David and Sybil are now living at 9, Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, Suffolk. All friends welcome, but please give adequate notice of approximate time, size and duration of your invasion. 4854

WARE.—Valerie's address is now Officers' Mess, 4 Petroleum Depot, R.A.O.C., Nienburg, B.F.P.O. 48. 4833

PERSONAL

"Enter ye in at the strait gate for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."—St. Matthew vii, 13.

Will Miss G. M. Starkie, of The College, Chester, please contact the Editor, as her copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner at Caveman Restaurant, Cheddar, October 19th, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Five-course meal, 22s 6d. Tickets from J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts Avenue, Backwell, Bristol, before October 12th. S.A.E., please. Cheddar bells available 5.30 to 6.30 p.m 4736

BOLDMERE, SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—The weekly practice nights will be held on Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m., instead of Thursdays from September 25th. 4850

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK. — Evening practice, Saturday, October 12th, 6.30–9 p.m. Churchyard Bob, Triples, Spliced Major. 4882

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Diocesan Striking Competition will be held at Bunwell on Saturday, October 19th, at 2.15 p.m. Will all bands intending to compete please notify me by October 12th.—P. Adcock, 16, Hall's Drive, Gressenhall, Dereham. 4875

PUTNEY.—Prospective peal ringers please note: From January 1st, 1969, there will be a 2s. 6d. rope fee for all peal attempts—Miss J. S. Armstrong, 38, Upper Mall, Hammersmith, W.6. 4868

ST. MARGARET'S, DOWNHAM, ESSEX. —Ringers please note: Commencing October 3rd, 1968, practice nights will be on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. instead of Wednesdays. All visitors welcomed. 4848

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH

Rededication of the rehung ring of 12 bells.

Saturday, October 5th, 1968, at 3 p.m. Followed by ringing and tea at 4.30 p.m. Admission by ticket only, obtainable from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. 4650

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Striking Competition cancelled, instead practice meeting at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Saturday, October 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names to Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel. E.G. 2385.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE
at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 26th, 1968. Tickets 27/6 each. Apply (with s.a.e.) to C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 4746

ST. MICHAEL'S, WARFIELD, BERKS

The dedication of two new treble bells by Mears and Stainbank to augment the present ring to 10 bells will take place on SATURDAY, OCT. 12th, at 3.30 p.m.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead
will perform the dedication.

Binfield (6) bells also available in the evening. All welcome.
Names for tea as soon as possible to Mrs. Murrell, Church Lane, Warfield, near Bracknell, Berks. 4582

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE
Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Wirral, Saturday, October 12th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (27/6) from Mr. A. J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, before October 8th. 4719

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE on Saturday, October 19th, in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (27/6) from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. S.A.E., please. 4839

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

83rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER, The Queens Hotel, Marine Parade, Eastbourne, Saturday, October 26th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets (26/-) from Mrs. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne, or from Hon. Div. Secs. S.A.E. 4855

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL DINNER

on Saturday, October 26th, in the Tresham Hall, Rothwell.

Assemble 6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m. Dinner. Tickets (£1 each and c.w.o.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. Closing date Monday Oct. 14th.

E. BILLINGS,
General Secretary.
4830

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 26th, 1968** at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.30 p.m.
Tickets 15s. 6d. each.
Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5; All Saints' (10) 4.30–6; St. Swithun's (6) 5 to 6.

Tickets from General Secretary and Branch Secretaries by October 21st. D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 4883

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

331st ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Saturday, November 2nd, 1968.

The 331st Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 1968 (6 for 6.30 p.m.) at the Wallbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London, E.C.4, the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (32/6) now available from me; **Cheques and Postal Orders to the made payable to the Society.**

Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later. —J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 4733

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE, ringers are holding a 15-mile sponsored walk on Friday, October 25th, starting at 8 p.m. from church, in aid of Bell Fund. Entries and sponsors giving amount per mile write to R. A. Cobbey, 84, Chester Road, Blaby, for particulars. 4892

PEALS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS

Prices. — Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d. for each additional card. — "The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGERS coming up to the University College, Cardiff, are invited to join in the ringing at Llandaff Cathedral. Sundays: 10.15–11 a.m., 2.30–3.30, 5.30–6.30. Tuesdays: 7.15–9 p.m. 4734

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — All freshmen are invited to attend Sunday ringing. October 13th: St. Cross's, 9.30 a.m.: St. Mary Magdalene's, 10 a.m. Business meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 8.15 p.m., Stapledon Room, Exeter College.—P. H. Mackie, Hertford. 4823

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kempston, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Hutchings, Felstead, Wootton Road, Kempston, Bedford. 4836

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Brailes, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing. Cherington, 2–2.45, and Sutton-under-Brailes, 2.45–3.30, will also be open for ringing. All names for tea to Mr. Eric Cummings, Urdi, The Park, Brailes, Banbury. Full support will be appreciated as this is the heaviest ring in the diocese.—R. W. S., Dis. Sec. 4831

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Half-yearly meeting of the above at Irton, Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Craghill, 2, Mountain View, Irton.—D. Gibson. 4881

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Ringing: Newburn, 1–2; St. Stephen's, 2–3; Fenham, 2.30–3.45; Cathedral, 7–9; Gateshead, 8–9. Business meeting 4 p.m. in Cathedral Library and service 5.30 p.m. in Cathedral. Tea at Bainbridge's 6.15 p.m. Notification for tea essential to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 4802

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.— Evening meeting, South Weald (6), Saturday, October 5th. Bells 6–9 p.m. 4835

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 57827. 4764

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Colerne (8), October 5th, 2 p.m., in conjunction with church Flower Festival. Tea 4.30. Ringing in evening at Marshfield. 4878

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bath, 1, Lyndhurst, Woodlands Road, Camberley. (Camberley 3706.)—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 4877

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting and Contest at Liversedge on Saturday, October 5th. Draw at 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Betts, 14, Eddercliff Crescent, Littletown, Liversedge, Yorks. 4796

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Watford District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Langley (6), 6.30 p.m., Oct. 5th.—L. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 4829

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Northern District.—Evening meeting, Stevenage (8), on Saturday, October 5th, 5.30–8.30 p.m. —Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 4816

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—A.D.M., Hawkhurst, October 5th. Ringing 2–3.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to S. G. Waters, Meadow Bank, Hawkhurst. 4748

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent and Sussex Districts.—Joint meeting at Rye (8) on Saturday, October 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Farley, 8, David's Heights, Kings Avenue, Eastbourne, Sussex. 4793

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting Geddington, October 5th, 2.45–3.45. Weekley 3.30, with service 4.15 and ringing after tea until 8.30. Special method: Double Oxford. All welcome. 4849

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting at Cuckney (6) on Saturday, October 5th, 2.30–4.45. Warsop (6) 6.30 to 9.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at 9, Yorke Terrace, Warsop. Names for tea to Mr H. T. Rooke, 34, Dransfield Road, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 5RN. — R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 4817

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. — Half-yearly meeting, Buckminster (6), October 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. at the Blue Dog, Sewstern, followed by ringing in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Norman Cooke, Moor Leas Lane, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray (Phone Waltham 808) by October 2nd. 4840

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th: St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m.; St. Peter's (12), 6 p.m.—S. Adams. 4828

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, October 7th, at 7 p.m. 4864

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on October 8th at 8.15 p.m. Practices in October: 8th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 15th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 22nd, St. Lawrence Jewry; 29th, St. Giles, Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 4869

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Monthly practice at Hagbourne, Tuesday, October 8th, 7.15 p.m. All welcome. —C. Corderoy. 4866

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Method ringing practice at Lelant on Wednesday, October 9th, from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. 4841

DEREHAM, Norfolk. — Surprise Major practice, Friday, October 11th, 7–9 p.m. Methods from: Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Glasgow, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire. 4892

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—October meeting, 12th, at Haynes (5) 3 to 4.30 p.m., then tea and ringing at Maulden (8) 6 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. A chance to sample good bells and friendly company. 4873

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Monthly meeting, North Cave (6), October 12th, 2.30 p.m.–4 p.m. Tea (own food) and meeting at Holy Trinity Choir School, Hull. Ringing afterwards until 9 p.m. Do not forget the open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, October 14th. 4867

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tarvin, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea **must** notify Mr. A. Faulkner, Thorncombe, 9, Hockenhull Lane, Tarvin, Chester C43 8LA, by Wednesday, October 9th. 4865

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Ormesby on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside. 4886

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ely and Cambridge Districts) and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting at Longstanton on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 4862

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — East Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Seaton, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec. 4888

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden (6), Saturday, October 12th, 3 to 6.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing Ware (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Lawrence, 1, Founcely Avenue, Dane End, Ware.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 4894

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), October 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 4887

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing at St. Michael's 3-4. Service at All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 4845

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Lancaster, The Garage, Market Street, Broughton-in-Furness.—T. E. Metcalfe. 4872

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas's, St. Helens, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. H. Hurst, 107, Peter Street, St. Helens, by Wednesday.—G. K. A.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Royal Oak, 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Syston District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Birstall, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing: Wanlip (6) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.. Birstall (8) 3 p.m. Service, Birstall, 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing, Birstall, after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Smalley, 20, Paget Avenue, Birstall, not later than Wednesday, October 9th. 4856

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Mathern, October 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. by Oct. 7th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, October 12th, St. James', Clerkenwell Green, 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth Palace Road, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting and ringing till 8.30. Own tea.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 4874

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch. — Autumn meeting, Enstone, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing: Enstone until 7.30, and Chipping from 7.45.—P. R. Covenev, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. 4857

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury, by Tuesday, Oct. 8th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by Wednesday, 9th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting at Weedon (8), Saturday, October 12th. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Slack, 76, St. Andrews Crescent, Rugby, by Monday previous, certain. No names, no tea.—Mrs. I. Webb, Sec. 4859

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Bremhill (6), October 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Frayling, 9, Lodowicks, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts. 4806

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, Leatherhead (10), 3-4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ashtead (8), 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15 4832

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—A.G.M. at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, October 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, **please**, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15, Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk, by Wednesday, October 9th. 4838

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Mortlake (8) on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Barnes (8) available in evening. Names for tea to L. Freeman, 11, Shrewsbury Avenue, S.W.14 (Tel. PRO 0199) by previous Wednesday. **No names, no tea.**—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4773

FIFTH BRISTOL FESTIVAL

October 26th, 1968

South Route In

Brislington (6)	9.30–10.30
Knowle (8)	10.00–11.00
St. Philip's (8)	10.30–11.30

North Route In

Filton (6)	9.30–10.30
Horfield (5)	9.45–10.45
Henbury (8)	10.00–11.00
Westbury (6)	10.15–11.15
St. Mark's (6)	10.30–11.45

Ringers' service in the Lord Mayor's Chapel (St. Mark's) at 12 noon.

Own lunch arrangements.

West

Long Ashton (8)	2.15–3.15
Abbots Leigh (6)	2.45–3.45
Stoke Bishop (6)	3.15–4.15

East

St. George's (8)	2.15–3.15
St. Ambrose's (8)	2.45–3.45
Stapleton (6)	3.15–4.15
St. Werburgh's (6)	3.45–4.45

Country Route

Mangotsfield (8)	2.30–3.30
Pucklechurch (6)	3.00–4.00
Abson (6)	3.30–4.30
Westerleigh (6)	4.00–5.00
Doynton (5)	4.30–5.30
Warmley (6)	5.00–6.00

City Towers

Christ Church (10)	2.00–3.15
St. Michael's (6)	2.30–3.45
Redcliffe (12)	3.45–5.15
St. Stephen's (10)	4.15–5.30
Kingsdown (8)	4.30–5.45
Cathedral (8)	5.00–6.15
St. John's (6)	5.30–6.45
St. James' (10)	6.00–7.15

A room has been reserved upstairs in the Swan Hotel, Stokes Croft, Bristol 1, from 7.30 p.m., with an extension until 11.45 p.m. (access through Lounge Bar).

The University tower, which houses the 9½ ton bell "Great George," may be visited at 5.45 p.m. Please assemble at the porter's lodge inside the main door.

Maps of the city centre available from: M. J. Hobbs, 16, Charnwood Road, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 OJR. Tel. Whitchurch 4874 (s.a.e., please). 4863

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Heene and West Tarring on Saturday, October 12th. Heene bells (8) 2.30. Service, West Tarring, 5 o'clock, followed by tea in the hall. Ringing at West Tarring (6) 6.30–8. Please notify for tea to Mr. R. M. Cox, 42, Cedar Close, West Tarring, Worthing.—R. Wake, Div. Sec. 4885

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Alveston on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open from 2.30 to 4 p.m.: Alderminster, Snitterfield, Sherborne and Wellesbourne, all six-bell towers. Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, will be open from 6.30 to 8.30. Numbers for tea (at Alveston Church Hall), very important, to Mr. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, by Wednesday, October 16th, **please.** 4871

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting, Wye, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, only for those who notify Mr. C. J. E. Wyld, 82, Abbots Walk, Wye, Ashford, by Thursday, October 17th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Kenward, 44, Bell Road, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 4890

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Joint meeting between Manchester Branch and Rossendale Branch on Saturday, October 19th. Afternoon ringing at Sacred Trinity, Salford (8) from 2.30 to 4.45. Tea in Manchester Cathedral refectory at 5. Evening ringing at the Cathedral (10). Names for tea to Miss I. E. M. Manby, 324, Abbey Hevs Road, Abbey Hevs, Manchester M18 8RP (Tel. 061-DRO 1478) by Wednesday, October 16th. No names, no tea.—A. Ward and H. Parkinson, Hon. Secs. 4853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held in the Wilton Hall, Bletchley, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A.G.M., Wilton Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Notices: Applications for tea tickets, with remittance (3s. 3d. each) and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Saturday, Oct. 12th. Members are reminded that the new postal rates are in force. Ringing arrangements will be sent with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e to Miss Pollard.—M. R. Cross.

TRURO GUILD. — Penzance Branch. — Autumn Festival at Zennor, Saturday, October 19th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning Cottage, Heamoor, Penzance. 4834

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Room, 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, October 15th, please 4860

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Compton Abbas on September 14th. The service was conducted by the chairman, the Rev R. G. Chaffey Moore, who, as Rector of Compton Abbas, welcomed the Branch to St. Mary's Church in this its centenary year. The lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, and the collection was given to the church Centenary Appeal Fund. Ladies of the parish provided an excellent tea in the Village Hall to which 30 ringers did full justice.

At the business meeting the chairman welcomed visitors from Somerset and from the Dorchester Branch.

Since the June meeting the activities of the Branch have included the happy occasion at Hampreston celebrating the 60 years' ringing of Mr. W. C. Shute, and the Branch outing. This was held on September 7th and proved a great success. Everyone enjoyed their trip to the Honiton area, where seven towers were visited and a good standard of ringing achieved.

One new member was elected and thanks were expressed to Mr. Chaffey Moore and all who had helped to make the afternoon a success.

Mr. Ben Ridout was congratulated on having achieved 60 years of ringing.

After the meeting, ringing was resumed at Compton Abbas and Shroton.

LATE NEWS

FLOOD DELAY

The floods at Guildford, during which the machine room of our printers was flooded, resulted in some of the copies of last week's issue arriving late at the Post Office and possibly a day's delay to subscribers.

This unavoidable delay is regretted.

SUMMER QUARTERS AT WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

July 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Durfee 1, Janis Hensley 2, Martha Windrom 3, Quilla Roth 4, N. F. Bearne 5, A. Applewhite 6, Marjorie Batchelor 7, G. Davies 8, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 9, J. Fanfani 10. First Caters 1, 3, 5. For Independence Day.

July 5th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. Durfee 1, R. S. Dirksen 2, Martha Windrom 3, Marjorie Batchelor 4, G. Davies (cond.) 5, N. F. Bearne 6. First in method 2, 4 and 6.

August 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Ann Gardner 1, Quilla Roth 2, C. Kelsey 3, R. S. Dirksen 4, M. B. Tyers 5, E. W. Martin 6, T. Tyers (cond.) 7, J. Fanfani 8. First Bob Triples for all except 5.

September 2nd, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Applewhite 1, Janis Hensley 2, Ann Gardner 3, Marjorie Batchelor 4, Martha Windram (first Bob Minor) 5, E. W. Martin (cond.) 6. Rung for Labour Day.

HALF PEAL

BIDEFORD, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor "in hand": C. F. Longridge 1-2, T. C. Hine 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dorothy Cleaver.

LONG LENGTH

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 7th, 1,607 Stedman Triples: R. J. Corke 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. G. Tipper 3, D. M. Hughes 4, D. W. Struckett 5, K. Sansom 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, D. Fox 8. First Stedman Triples 2 and 3.

DATE TOUCH

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Sept. 1st, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: R. Charlton 1, H. Goakes 2, Pam Blackith 3, W. Barker 4, F. Boyall 5, J. David 6, R. Daw 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS IN THE PEAK

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER, DERBYS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Davis 1, C. L. Bateman 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, G. A. Newman 4, C. M. Nevins (first quarter) 5, T. Wylie (cond.) 6.

GT. LONGSTONE, DERBYS. — On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. M. Nevins 1, A. Noton 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, S. Davis 4, T. Wylie 5, G. A. Newman (first as cond.) 6.

BAKEWELL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: S. Davis 1, A. Noton 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, J. D. Arkwell 4, G. A. Newman 5, C. L. Bateman 6, B. Bateman 7, T. Wylie (cond.) 8. First of Major 2 and 3.

EYAM, DERBYS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: T. Wylie (cond.) 1, C. M. Nevins 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, A. Noton 4, S. Davis 5, G. A. Newman 6. First of Treble Bob 2 and 4.

HATHERSAGE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Noton 1, C. M. Nevins (first as cond.) 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, G. A. Newman 4, T. Wylie 5, R. E. Rastall 6.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Wylie 1, A. M. Smith 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, A. Noton 4, S. Davis (cond.) 5, G. A. Newman 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Smith 1-2, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4, T. Wylie (first "in hand") 5-6.

ASHOVER, DERBYS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Davis (first Major as cond.) 1, A. Noton 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, G. A. Newman 4, D. Davis 5, C. Bateman 6, B. Bateman 7, T. Wylie 8. A farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who is shortly leaving to attend college.

APPLEDORE, DEVON.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor "in hand": C. F. Longridge 1-2, T. C. Hine 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. V. A. Stedman 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, J. F. Oakshott 3, J. A. Laver 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, D. Barnes 6. For Patronal Festival.

BLANDFORD FORUM, DORSET.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, B. Ridout 3, C. F. Longridge 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, J. N. Longridge 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Gerald Cross, captain of the tower.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, D. J. Knight 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, J. N. Longridge 6. For Evensong.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On Aug. 30th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: H. J. Sanger 1, Miss H. Walters 2, E. Naylor 3, R. G. Beck 4, Miss B. Boyce 5, D. McKay 6, P. H. D. Jones 7, G. Salmon 8, R. C. Kippin 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10.

QUARTER PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on Sept. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: Jill Laver 1, Jill Oakshott 2, R. D. Mills 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, J. C. Davidge 5, J. A. Laver (first Surprise) 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, T. Skilton 8. All members of Leatherhead District of Guildford Guild.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. K. Peck 1, M. F. Stallard 2, C. D. Corby 3, P. Prescott 4, G. E. Bonham 5, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of Hilda Sutton.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS. — On Sept. 12th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, D. Andrews (first Surprise) 2, W. T. Perrins 3, G. W. Elmes (first in method) 4, D. Wilson 5, W. E. Cheater 6, L. F. Cobb 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. Rung after a peal attempt. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Ronald Meysey Verity, M.A., who is retiring at the end of the month.

HALESOWEN, WORCS. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Mills (first quarter, aged 14) 1, H. Shilvock 2, P. Darby 3, E. Woodall 4, A. Pickering 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 7, M. Lashford 8. For Evensong; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Brown (née Ellsmore) and Mr. and Mrs. I. Shilvock, on the occasion of their weddings; also to Mr. J. Phillips, on his departure from the district.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: K. K. Wetherell (first quarter, aged 11) 1, W. Gorringe 2, L. W. Jarvis 3, A. H. Kemp 4, P. D. Harrison 5, S. G. Waters (cond.) 6, E. R. G. West 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS. — On Sept. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Graham Parsons (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Neal 2, Janet Ashmore 3, Judy Edwards 4, R. Ashmore 5, M. A. Jackson 6, G. Spratt 7, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 8.

HEREFORD. — At the Cathedral, on Sept. 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. M. McArthur 1, N. Mattingley 2, F. Harris 3, P. D. Sell 4, R. K. Williams 5, P. L. Hughes 6, T. E. Wood 7, W. Nash 8, A. G. Semken (cond.) 9, A. T. Wingate 10. First Caters 5, 6, 8. For Battle of Britain Service.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. F. Ross 1, Patricia Gardiner 2, Rev. F. Ross 3, R. H. Jordan (25th quarter) 4, R. H. Sharp 5, R. R. Horton (cond., 30th quarter) 6. 20th quarter together 4 and 6.

HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Tovell (first Bob Minor on treble) 1, Susan F. Thomas (25th quarter) 2, K. A. Hughes 3, M. Wareing 4, P. M. Cuckson 5, J. E. Murfitt (first as cond.) 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Smith 1, Cynthia Elson (first "inside") 2, P. Nelson (first quarter) 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, Rosemary Tilling 5, R. Tickner 6, M. Reed 7, C. Denyer 8.

ILMINSTER, SOM.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Novell (first Triples for 40 years) 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, F. Welch 3, I. Bowron (100th tower) 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. Parker 6, R. J. Dean (first in method as cond.) 7, T. Hill 8. 60th quarter together 3 and 5. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain): Shelagh R. Collins (cond.) 1, D. Gagen 2, D. Witchell 3, W. W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, C. Cousins 6, P. Gagen 8. For Evensong.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Anne V. Salvage 1, C. D. Collin ("circled tower" to quarter) 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Anthea S. Bruce 4, M. J. Green 5, J. P. Hull (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. Princess Marina. Also on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Bryony P. Moorby 3, Anthea S. Bruce 4, C. D. Collin 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. C. Belcher 8. Rung prior to the opening of the Flower Festival by the Bishop of Kingston. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Hull 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, Lesley A. Hawes 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. J. Green 8. To mark the 50th anniversary of the R.A.F. and the Battle of Britain.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, WESTMORLAND. — On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Walker 1, J. Whalley 2, H. W. Wootton 3, R. H. Brierton 4, W. S. Walker (first as cond.) 5, K. M. Price 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): G. Lucas 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Belcham 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6. Most methods by all except 3. Also 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Most methods by all and by a resident band. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Winchendon Place Doubles: J. Stott 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6. First in method by all. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Stott 1, K. Lucas (first as cond., aged 9) 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney 5.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Peters 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith 4, F. M. Bowers 5. Ten different extents without any calls being made. Rung for Evensong.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAM. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cummins (first quarter) 1, N. Hill 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, P. G. Mayle (first quarter) 4, R. J. Mayle 5, R. J. Middleditch (first quarter) 6.

LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on Sept. 8th, 1,152 Plain Bob Major: Hilda F. Oatway 1, Olive D. Barnett 2, Sheila M. Dobbie 3, Elsie M. Bagworth 4, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 5, W. F. Oatway 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, W. H. Dobbie 8. For the dedication of the Polish Air Force Memorial.

LYDD, KENT. — On Sept. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Katharine Salvage 1, Bryony P. H. Moorby 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, A. W. Sawyer 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone 6, R. C. Stevens 7, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 8. Rung on the All Saints', Kingston, outing.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,320 Spliced Carisbrooke and Wath Delight Minor: A. Rogers 1, F. Linfoot 2, D. Williams 3, A. W. Bond 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. First quarter in these methods for all the band. For the wedding of Mr. G. Taylor and Miss S. Wilson. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,320 College Exercise Treble Bob Minor: D. Williams 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Coverley 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Before Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Spencer 1, Rosemary Foster (first "inside") 2, Ann Smith 3, B. Branston 4, G. Davis 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1, M. Spencer (first "inside") 2, Rosemary Foster 3, Joan Parker 4, B. Branston 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6.

PORLOCK, SOM.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): F. C. Arscott 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, L. H. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First in 11 meth./var. 1 and 4, and as conductor.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, E. Treagus 3, A. F. W. Burbidge 4, J. F. E. Rolph (first Major "inside") 5, L. D. Duguid 6, G. Gammon 7, M. S. Bruce 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Henry T. Macey, for many years a ringer at this church.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. B. Squires 1, D. Akers 2, Mrs. F. J. Muxlow 3, M. Goakes 4, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 5, P. Muxlow 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 6, and first on restored bells. Rung in honour of the grandparents of ringers of 1 and 4.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Drayton 1, D. Everett 2, W. Marsh 3, H. Haynes 4, R. Turner (cond.) 5, G. Runham 6. For Evensong, and to welcome the Rector, the Rev. P. Beresford-Peirse, after his long illness and well-deserved holiday.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandaire Doubles (1, 2 leading in both the following): Anita Douglas 1, Jill E. Cannon (first quarter) 2, H. Clare McNeil (first treble) 3, Catriona M. McNeil 4, E. Garman 5, Heather M. Craven 6, J. M. Hills (cond.) 7, A. A. Hoare 8. For St. John Ambulance Brigade enrolment service. Also H. Clare McNeil 1, A. P. Lee 2, T. Craven 3, Catriona M. McNeil 4, E. Garman 5, Heather M. Craven 6, J. M. Hills (cond.) 7, A. A. Hoare 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Day Service.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Aug. 25th, 1,256 Kent T.B. Minor: Ruth Blackwood 1, Claire Brown (first Kent) 2, Frances Brown 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, C. T. Brown 5, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WELLESBOURNE, WARKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Ariss 1, Elizabeth Mackie 2, J. J. Green 3, L. Mackie 4, P. H. Mackie (cond.) 5, J. Ariss 6. Rung for the arrival of the Coventry Diocese Mission Torch in Wellesbourne.

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By JOHN M. JELLEY
(32456)

	M	W	H
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54236		—	2
52346		—	2
63245	S		S
24365		S	—
45362	—		2
35264	—		3
54263	—		2
43265	—		2
62345		S	S
35246	S		—
24356		—	—
23456			S

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26543		—	—	
45362		—	—	
63254		—	—	
52436		—	—	
42635		—		3
56234		—		—
35264			—	3
42563		—		—
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35426		—		—
23456			—	3

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The Church of St. Michael, Aldbourne, Wilts

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Michael's, Aldbourne, Wilts

By the Rev. Roger Keeley

The prospect of a small village in North Wilts becoming a centre of bell-ringing instruction and activity a thousand years ago could not have been less auspicious. Yet this is exactly what has happened. The first church at Aldbourne was a wooden Saxon structure which the Normans replaced with their own style of building. Unfortunately all that remains of the Norman church today is the porch; the rest was destroyed in a fire. The third church to be built did not suffer that fate, but, sadly for any aspiring bellringers, the tower fell down. The building which we know is mostly 15th century and was completely restored just over a century ago. It dominates both village and countryside, and so do the bells—see the inscription on the tenor.

The Aldbourne Foundry

Robert Cor opened his bell foundry in 1694 and it was continued by his family until 1742. The bells they made are notable for their lavish forms of ornament and style of inscription which, as often as not, are found on the rim of the bell. Their work extended into at least ten counties. Subsequent to the Cors, the foundry passed into the hands of John Stares and later Edward Read until a new dynasty appeared under Robert Wells and his descendants. H. B. Walters in his "Church Bells of Wiltshire" gives an extract from the Marlborough Journal of June 6th, 1772, of an advertisement which ran:

> At the Bell Foundry at Aldbourne, Wilts, Church bells are cast in a most elegant and as musical a manner as in any part of the Kingdom, the Founder having made the Theory of Sounds as well as the nature of Metal his chief study.

The Wells also cast handbells, horse bells, clock and room bells and mill brasses. (The writer recently had the thrill of seeing a carrier's bell known as a "rumbler" with the initials R.W. on it owned by a parishioner. This particular one had been found in a drain in the village of Marnhull, Dorset, in about 1935.)

Robert Wells was succeeded by his sons Robert and James until 1826 when the business was bought up by Thomas Mears of Whitechapel. They continued the practice of putting inscriptions on the rims of bells.

The Bells

Treble. On rim: The Gift of Robt Wells Bell Founder. 1787 (twelve roses).

Second. On rim: The Gift of Jos Pizzie & Wm Gwynn of Aldbourne. Robert Wells fecit 1787 (five half rosettes).
Music and ringing we like so well
And for that reason we gave this bell

Third. On rim: Ex Generosorum Donis a Gulielmo Iackson Vicario Collectis et Arte Gulielmi et Roberti Corr Hic Sono 1709.

Fourth. Humphry Symson Gave XX Pound to bi this bell and the Parish gave XX Pound more to make this ring gooe well H K 1617 T C G A.

Fifth. Recast by Warner & Son in the year 1915
W. A. Butler, Vicar
Wm. Brown C. Smith Churchwardens.

Sixth. Stella Maria Maris Succurre Piissima Nobis.

Seventh. Anno Domini 1636.

Tenor. Intonat de celis vox campane michaelis
Deus propicius esto aiabus Ricardi Godard Quondam de Upham Elizabeth et Elizabeth uxorum eius ac aiabus oim liberorum at parentum suorum Qui hanc campanam fieri fecerunt anno dni M ccccc xvi
(This date—1516—is the earliest on a Wiltshire bell. The founder is unknown.)

It is not many years since the ringing chamber was moved from the ground floor to its present position. Now the organ fills up the original chamber so there is no likelihood of another change! The earliest recorded peal seems to have been in 1791 (Grandsire Triples) and others in the same method were accomplished in 1806 and 1837. The bells which Warners rehung rest on individual stanchions which rise from the main girders—an interesting if not unique practice which not many towers are big enough to copy. They are a bit odd-struck and require careful ringing. Apart from the 5th they are very pleasant musically.

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A CHALLENGING LETTER

IS THE CENTRAL COUNCIL A WHITE ELEPHANT?

By CHRISTOPHER F. MEW

I MUST concur with Mr. May in his thoughts on the Central Council and go further to say that what is needed is total reconstitution. The Council by the very nature of its present machinery is impotent to deal with the fast-moving changes that are overtaking the Exercise as a whole, and a body which cannot reach decisions will soon lose respect and authority and be bypassed by its subordinates. We can no longer afford to preserve the atmosphere of a Victorian club for gentlemen, which is a hangover from the Council's inception; but rather to transform it into an EFFICIENT body concerned with and totally involved in the decision-making and planning necessary for the future of ringing in the space age.

Firstly, taking the question of the ringing traditionally with the Whitsun week-end, surely it is not too much to ask those members of the Council attending to forgo actual ringing and devote one week-end of the year to helping the Exercise along. It is most evident that if the ringing were cut out many persons would not stand for election as representatives. Perhaps it would be better if this were so—at least there would remain a hard core of duty-bound members. In any case a great many present members should search their consciences on this point: Are you really going on behalf of your Association or for the ringing?

REDUCE COUNCIL

Secondly, there are too many members attending the meetings to enable efficient debate to take place; a total of around 150 is quite unmanagable. The first step to rectify this could be to limit all territorial Associations to two representatives and all non-territorial Societies to one. The latter are limited to one under Rule 4 (i) B; in practice, six of the non-territorials had 18 representatives present at this year's meeting—some 12½ per cent. of the attendance, this being made possible under the let-out clause 4 (ii).

By placing the aforementioned limitations the meeting would be reduced to around 100 in number, still a lot, but more managable. There would be one other positive result from this in that Associations would have to be more selective in their choice of representatives. It would be no longer possible to say "We'll elect old Fred again, he likes going and we've got three other places"—no, it would be a case of choosing the most suitable people, and the Council would be down to its fighting weight!

One other question springs to mind, that of cross-representation, i.e. one ringer may belong to several Societies and his membership counts towards the quota which entitles **each** of these Societies to a Central Council representative. This business of, in effect, getting more than one vote needs attention

NOT DEMOCRATIC

Speaking of representatives, what a misrepresentation! You think you are electing someone to represent you. You are kidding yourself: the Central Council just is **not** democratic in that respect. There is no rule in the Central Council mandate which says that your representative(s) **must** forward matters raised by your Association before the Council. If your representative, once elected, decides to refuse to speak on your behalf he could do so and quite likely you could not get rid of him for three years. What is more, if your Society is so small that it warrants only one representative and no one else on the Council is willing to co-operate, then you will not even get your motion on the agenda, as it requires the backing of two members, and if you are just a humble ringer outside, you have to convince two members that your subject is worthwhile. Now just supposing that you have a nice item backed by your Association and Central Council members and formally sent to the Central Council secretary for inclusion on the agenda, you still have a long way to go. It will pass between the professional resolution killers and the lack of time caused by the lengthy ringing jamboree, and if it should succumb to either, why worry? You only have another year to wait, plus another sweep out, plus the year it is discussed and deferred, etc. . . . keep going, lad!

Right now, let us start the meeting on Saturday and go through to Tuesday evening if necessary and change Rule 8 to make it incumbent on the chairman to call a further meeting if the business is still unfinished. You only have to look at the rash of letters in "The Ringing World" on Doubles methods to confirm that this matter at least has not been resolved in the minds of many members as has so often happened through hurrying up for tea! The old argument of the clerical members being unable to attend on the Sunday is hardly valid, since it only involved five members this year and they could still attend on the other days.

SOLUTION RESTS WITH GUILDS

The answer lies with the ringers at large; if you want the Central Council to work for your benefit (as, indeed, it should), it is up to you to press every one of your Associations, Societies and Guilds to change the constitution of the Central Council by putting forward your resolutions at your annual general meetings; if you do not, it is your responsibility. I hope you will bear this in mind in the months to come and make 1969 a year of progress. The Association to which I belong, the Surrey Association, has already put forward a resolution demanding more time for business at Central Council meetings; the call to arms has been made—give it your backing. Finally, if any 11 members of the Central Council would like to join me in invoking the final part of Rule 8 and requesting a special meeting to get things moving, I shall be pleased to hear from them at 32, Wymond Street, London, S.W.15.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

St. Paul's Walden and King's Walden ringers were the hosts for the St. Albans District meeting on September 21st. The back-handed six at St. Paul's Walden were rung until teatime. As in past years, an excellent tea was laid on in the Strathmore Arms.

The business meeting was held in the church. The Association president, Dr. Gullick, took the chair. The secretary spoke about a visit to the I.T.V. Studios on November 28th to see the recording of the "Jimmy Tarbuck" show. A coach has been booked and anyone wanting to go should see Bob Hardy or be at the next meeting, when final details will be announced.

Forthcoming events: Wednesday, November 6th, District practice, St. Paul's Walden; next meeting, Sandridge, October 19th. The District dinner tickets should be available at the next meeting, so do not hang back, as accommodation is limited.

A barbecue was held on September 7th. The secretary said that the evening turned out to be quite enjoyable.

Under any other business, Mr. Peter Dale said that Mr. Kenneth Darvill, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, was ill on returning from holiday abroad and was now in the City Hospital. Wishes for a speedy recovery go to Ken from all the District.

A convoy of cars made their rather indirect way through the lanes to King's Walden, where ringing continued on the ground floor six until 8 p.m.

J. A. F.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Taunton Branch

Some 25 members of the Taunton Branch foregathered at Ruishton on September 21st for the autumn meeting, and ringing on the light, musical six was much enjoyed. The service in the lovely little church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Reddish, and coincided with the harvest thanksgiving week-end. Tea was prepared in the Village Hall at Thornfalcon.

The Rev. Michael Odlum, Branch chairman, presided over the business meeting. Mrs. S. G. Williams reported that a sum of £20 had been sent to Wellington Parish Church Restoration Fund in memory of Mr. Stanley Bristow, late of Ashbrittle. Several new members were elected, among them Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williamson and their two sons, lately come to Taunton from Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. It is hoped to collect the names of any ringers in the Taunton Branch with a membership of 46 years or more.

The formation of an Association library was discussed and the suggestion made that the appointment of trustees as well as a librarian should be considered in order to ensure continuity.

Members are asked to note the following dates: The Association dinner at Cheddar on October 19th; a practice meeting at either St. James', Taunton, or Wellington Parish Church on November 16th; and the Branch A.G.M. at Wilton on January 18th or 25th next year.

Chew Deanery Branch

A sparsely attended quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Backwell (8) on September 20th. The Association service was conducted by the Rector and Rural Dean, the Rev. J. T. George, who joined the company for tea afterwards.

At the meeting, B. White (Publow) and D. Lines (Backwell) were elected members, and life membership of four non-resident members prior to a peal at Portishead was ratified.

The annual Branch meeting will be held at Wrington on December 7th, with practice meetings at Weston-in-Gordano (October) and Nempnett Thrubwell (November).

Under any other business, concern was expressed at the continued lack of support for practice meetings, and it was decided that as it seemed the meeting were not benefiting those who they were provided for, the question of their continuance in future should be decided at the annual general meeting.

Further ringing took place after the meeting.

J. B.

LADIES' GUILD BRANCH IN ABEYANCE

Only five members attended the meeting of the Devon Branch at Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, on September 14th and without male support the six bells could not have been rung. The Rev. F. Giles conducted the service and Mrs. Julia Steere provided an excellent tea.

In view of the lack of support at this and previous meetings it was decided that activities be held in abeyance until the annual general meeting of the Ladies Guild in 1969.

RAVING RINGERS REVISIT THE EMERALD ISLE

THIS year saw the Raving Ringers once more in Ireland for their annual tour. Liverpool was the meeting place before departure by sea and it was here that the two cars and minibus met after their journeys up from Oxfordshire. The journey to Liverpool was no dull trip in so far as we crawled for miles along the A.5 before the accelerator finally found the floor on the M.6. Great discussions on whether Chris Clarke got out of the slow lane took up part of the time and it was eventually discovered that he did manage to pass two cars and ten lorries, one of which he passed four times!

Before leaving Liverpool some members rang on the 12 at Pier Head, where we were made most welcome. On board the majority settled for sleeping in the cafeteria, but this proved none too successful. Breakfast was at 4.30 a.m. and this meant that Mexican Pete had to cook queue-up meals.

From the docks in Dublin we made our way to Blessington, where we were to sample our first Irish bells. Neither of the cars nor the minibus made directly for Blessington—some found a quiet road for sleeping beside, and others stopped in O'Connell Street, Dublin. for yet another breakfast and to inhale the delightful smell of the River Liffey, where it was rumoured that even the fish wore goggles and breathing apparatus!



THE RAVERS AT HILLSBOROUGH.—Left to right: Ron Russ, Chris Clarke, Mike Church, Roger Smith, Jim Linnel, Tony Fortin, Della Smith, Bob Reeves, Walter Knight, Ray Vickers, Diana Reeves, Peter Heritage, Barry Saunders, Gill Brearley, Sara Woolley, Peter Tombs, Ted Venn, Pam Powell, Jean Marlow and Barry Davis.

FIRST BELLS

Blessington did not exactly turn out to be typical of the bells we were to meet but, despite a difficult tenor, ringing included Stedman, Cambridge and London. In the afternoon ringing centred on Dublin. At St. Patrick's we met Peter Brown and Colin Lewis, who both gave us invaluable help during our stay. Stedman Cinques was among the methods rung despite the fact that Barry and Ted—at various stages—found the 11th did not wish to join in. More fun was had on the ten at Christ Church, where there were two semitones—one sally being so high that it was impossible to use. Only Caters was rung here, due to the awkwardness of the tenor, which was both odd-struck and difficult to handle, but this was easily made up for by the fine eight at St. George's. Bray was the overnight stop, where everybody felt relieved to have a wash, a meal and a bed instead of a belfry seat—even if it did mean seven in one bedroom. Perhaps the best quote of the day was seen by weary minibus travellers in a dry cleaner's in Dublin: "Drop in your blankets now."

Sunday morning's lay-in came to an abrupt end when some local R.C. went mad on his solitary bell—just outside the guest house—and so some people were up by 7.30 a.m. with the exception of one, who had woven his own cocoon overnight and was staying put. The first ring was on the eight at Bray (a fine ring enjoyed by all), and this was followed by an even more magnificent eight at Arklow, set above the town overlooking the Irish Sea. The final tower of the day was at Wexford, which, by a stroke of luck in the form of Colin Lewis we were allowed to ring after having been refused permission.

FROM WEXFORD TO CORK

Monday morning meant an early rise to get to Waterford by 10 a.m. The minibus was last away and went via Wexford Church for a photographic session, whilst ace rally driver Chris Clarke left 15 minutes earlier but was passed just beyond New Cross by Sterling Russ, who was in top motoring form. From Waterford we went to Kilkenny, a journey which perfected our hand-waving when passing local inhabitants. Our first slipped wheel of the week occurred here when Ted Venn flopped his rope.

The 100-mile drive to Bandon was not uneventful, with Ron and Walter in their element as we went along an Australian-type road. Bob was going to take it easy (after all, maximum speed was 20 m.p.h.), but after much barracking he did just manage to touch 60 m.p.h. At Bandon (a good but noisy six) there was an argument as to who should be first to go up two vertical ladders—ladies or gents. Tradition was maintained—the ladies were last up. At St. Finbarre's, Cork, we were given an excellent conducted tour of the Cathedral (which was completed in 1876). The magnificent eight were thoroughly enjoyed although they tended to be a little overpowering inside the ringing chamber. Four people were out of luck in getting a room, but fortunately enough accommodation was eventually found, although breakfast meant two sittings.

IN LIMERICK

The first tower the next day was at Doneraile, where the six were enjoyed until the treble started playing up. It was discovered after three-quarters of an hour's ringing that the bell was only held to the headstock by one bolt. Limerick provided the only two remaining towers of the day, where the first four injuries were sustained. Pam—according to Ted—sliced her arm with the carving knife, and Barry argued with the ninth clapper at St. Alphonsus' whilst investigating a mysterious noise at handstroke and a movement on the Ellacombe chime rope. The bell was rung down but appeared to be all right and, on ringing it up again, back came the clunk. It was not long before it was discovered that the end of the Hastings stay was just touching the clock chime hammer lever. St. Alphonsus' was followed by the C. of I. Cathedral, where some excellent ringing on the fine anti-clockwise eight included Spliced Surprise Major. The night's stay was at Tullamore.

The first tower on Wednesday was at Enniskillen and this meant a 90-mile drive, a journey which took us past piles of cut peat and gave the photographers a field day. Near Enniskillen we were joined by Peter Smart and his wife, who were on holiday. To Londonderry, the final tower of the day, meant another long drive. The minibus crew stopped for dinner by Lough Erne, and refueled the batmobile at Kesh.

STINK BOMB

At Londonderry a course of London Royal just did not make it, although one member of the band claimed to know all the starts, but when it came to ringing London Major the next day she had forgotten them. The overnight stay was in Portrush, Ireland's answer to Blackpool, and it was here that Tony and Michael nearly incurred the wrath of the Irish. A stink bomb intended for Ray and Walter went astray and found its way into the room of an Irish family who were fast asleep. Tony, on discovering the mistake, went to rescue the bomb, and as he entered the room a face raised itself from the pillow and looked at him. As he picked up the bomb he did manage to muster a goodnight to the owner of the still rising head. It was a night of peculiar occurrences, because when Pete woke up he found his bedmate—who shall remain nameless—holding his hand.

The first tower on Thursday morning was at Coleraine, where we found a ring of eight tucked away in a large tower that appeared to have no bells at all, and this was followed by Ballymena, where eight eager ringers ascended to the ringing chamber and locked the remainder out. At Carrickfergus the fine eight were enjoyed in the unusual tower above the lych gate. Some people managed to fit in a visit to the Castle (depicted on the 2s. 6d. postage stamp), and found the trip round the battlements and keep of this excellently preserved Norman castle well worthwhile. From Carrickfergus our journey took us through Belfast to Bangor, where Stedman, Plain Bob and eight Spliced Surprise were on the menu, but the spliced did not come round.

For the minibus travellers Friday came as a great relief with a two-day stay in Belfast. We travelled to Hillsborough and had a good ring on the fine eight.

On the excellent Taylor eight at St. Thomas's, Belfast, Bristol, Yorkshire and London were rung before moving on to the delightful ten at Dundela, which was thought by many to be the best light ten they had rung on. The final tower was at Holywood, where no film stars were seen but we were greeted by John Dunwoody. Before leaving we held our annual summit conference and it was decided to visit Scotland and Northern England next year. Pete agreed to arrange the re-

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SOMERSET MEN'S PEAL WEEK-END IN KENT

THREE cars set out in convoy from Bath on August (?) Bank Holiday Saturday headed for Kent. Leading the way was Eric Naylor with Gwilym Salmon and Philip Jones; in the middle was Vic Savage with Ron Beck and Ted Chivers: bringing up the rear were Arthur and Brenda Read. Ahead was a long week-end of peals and, perhaps, some fine weather and relaxation.

Having lunched at Guildford en route, the party arrived at Rochester Cathedral just after four o'clock. Here we joined up with Adrian Beck, who was holidaying separately at Eastbourne. The Somerset members were supplemented by Christopher Osenton and Trevor Cross, the latter being well known to most of the band, having lived for a time at Yeovil.

We made our somewhat tortuous way to the belfry and settled down to the job in hand. A peal of Stedman Caters was duly called by Eric Naylor in three and a half hours. The bells were half-muffled in memory of Princess Marina, who, as well as being Duchess of Kent, was patron of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral. It was generally agreed later that this peal was the best of the tour.

The party eagerly retired for refreshments with members of the local band. Eventually we said goodbye to Adrian and the locals and made our way to the Coniston Hotel at Sittingbourne.

On Sunday morning we left the hotel a little later than planned and so just missed being able to ring for service at Bredgar. We therefore made our way to Harrietsham, stopping to admire Leeds Castle on the way. Unfortunately when we arrived we found that the service times were rather at loggerheads with the times of ringing printed in the local report. Undaunted by this glut of non-ringing, the convoy, still in strict sequence, headed north to Sheerness, where the rest of the morning was spent watching the hive of activity on the Thames estuary. In the afternoon at Sittingbourne Church Ted Chivers called a well-struck peal of Cambridge Major, and after a very welcome "cuppa" we returned to help ring for service.

The night was spent at the Coniston. Next morning, after severely depleting the hotel's supply of coffee and toast, we booked out and set off for Rainham, arriving in the middle of a downpour. We again found the muffles on when we arrived. George Naylor joined us and we rang a peal of Double Norwich Major conducted by Gwilym Salmon. After an ample lunch we headed for home.

The week-end was thoroughly enjoyed by all the party and our thanks go to the Men of Kent (or should it be Kentish Men?) who made this possible. The thanks of the rest of the party also to Eric Naylor for having the idea and making all the arrangements.

P. H. D. J.

THE RAVERS—Continued.

union in the Cambridge area, and votes of thanks were extended to the organisers, Chris, Ted and Fred Dukes.

On Saturday most people had a lay-in before visiting Lurgan (a difficult eight). Rostrevor has an easy-going six but had a second that slipped so regularly that little ringing was done. At Drogheda we met Fred Dukes, to whom we gave our warmest thanks for all the work he did in organising the towers. A short ring was had on the eight after the completion of a peal by Bob Smith and his band.

Back in Dublin Peter Brown arranged half an hour's ringing at St. John's (an anti-clockwise ten), and at St. George's Peter entertained us to a cup of tea whilst finances were sorted out. By 11.30 p.m. we were on board and ready to sail. This time some slept in the minibus and two took the floor. Deddington was reached by dinner time after only two stops after leaving Liverpool. One stop was for breakfast, the other for a ring at St. Mary's, Warwick, by those who one can only call tower grabbers!

B. J. D.

Cambridge University Guild's Master Weds



The wedding took place on September 7th at St. George's Church, Hyde, between Alan F. Scholfield, Master of the C.U.G., and Miss Jenny Alcock. The best man was Mr. Richard Inglis, of Nottingham, a fellow undergraduate. The ushering was in the capable hands of Mr. Robert B. Smith. Handbells were rung by friends from Cambridge and Cheshire as the couple left the church.

Several peals were attempted in honour of the wedding. An attempt for Stedman Cinques at Manchester Town Hall by a mainly Guild band was lost after a quarter of the peal had been rung.

Handbell ringers in photograph, from left to right: R. H. Youdale, A. McFall, B. F. L. Groves, R. B. Smith, S. C. Walters, G. Moorhouse. [Photo by Proctor, Hyde.

DOINGS IN DEVON

Down St. Mary have been keeping up their usual silver-collecting routine, winning among other competitions last month the Bow Bells Shield and the Cadbury Deanery competition—in case you are confused by London imitations, Bow Bells are in the village of Bow, between Crediton and Okehampton. At Bow there was some very close marking, Down St. Mary, Plymstock and Swymbridge all coming between 20 and 23 faults.

October sees the competition programme slowing down for the winter; but the first two Saturdays have two festivals each—on the 5th at Dolton for the Dolton Shield and two cups, and at Babbacombe for the South Devon eight-bell. The Dolton Shield, by the way, is one of the most attractive trophies in the county. Built by a local man, it has mounted on it a tiny silver bell hung for ringing with beautifully-made frame and gear. Babbacombe, a Guild tower as well as Association, have a young band who have been doing some very useful ringing in both traditions for the last year. On the 12th there are two festivals in North Devon; first the Boundy Shield at the beautifully-situated village of Knowstone (the "Know" rhymes with "cow"), and the Shirwell Deanery competition at Combe Martin.

The 19th sees the Kentisbeare Cup: the village is a few miles east of Cullompton, in very pretty country not far from the A.38—and until the Cullompton By-pass is finished nobody will be sorry to make a detour just about there.

On the 26th, call change ringers will be converging on Exeter, for that is the day of the big Ringers' Service at the Cathedral, when ringers from all over the Diocese will be bringing their gifts for the Cathedral Appeal. Both the Guild and Association are supporting it for all they are worth, and it should be a great day.

We are sorry that September was given a miss in this series; our intelligence system was put out of joint through the contributor's being on holiday—in a parish with an out-of-tune five hung dead.

J. G. M. S.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

The National Guild of Police ringers were made very welcome and spent a pleasant time when they held their annual meeting at Grantham on September 2nd. Ringing took place at five towers, viz: Edenham, Haydone, Bottesford, Colsterworth and St. Wulfram's, Grantham.

The business meeting was held in the afternoon at the Divisional Headquarters of the Lincolnshire Constabulary, Grantham, by kind permission of Chief Superintendent William Goosey.

At the dinner, held at the George Hotel, Grantham, the guests were Chief Superintendent Goosey and Mrs. Goosey and Canon Sansbury (Rural Dean of Grantham).

The next A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at Worcester.

PRESENTATION TO NORFOLK VICAR

On September 14th members and friends of the Norwich Diocesan Association met at South Lopham for a presentation to the Rev. C. E. Beevers on his retirement and in appreciation of his work in restoring the derelict church and grand old ring of six bells.

In presenting Mr. Beevers with a pen and pencil, Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Association, spoke of the great work done not only at South Lopham but also at North Lopham Church. Largely due to Mr. Beevers South Lopham bells are now one of the finest rings of six in the Diocese.

In reply, Mr. Beevers spoke of the help he had received and also of the support of the ringers and parishioners.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Beevers, followed by tea, which was provided by the local ringers and friends. Ringing took place during the afternoon at South Lopham and in the evening at both churches.

In retirement Mr. and Mrs. Beevers will be residing at Diss, and so not altogether lost to the district.

C. F. W. P.

Letters to the Editor

MINOR RECORDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Jones inquires (page 746) why the Central Council has not published annual lists of new Minor methods rung during the previous year, just as it publishes lists of methods on higher numbers.

He will be pleased to know that for the past two years I have been collecting details of Minor methods on behalf of the Council's Records Committee, with the ultimate aim of producing a comprehensive record of all such methods that have been rung in peals. What was hoped would be a fairly simple task has proved to be far more complex than was expected, since it has involved (in the case of "irregular" methods) digging back into 300 years of ringing history.

This digging has shown, for example, that a number of these "irregular" methods rung in recent years had already been rung in peals in the past under quite different names. Rather than produce a list, therefore, that may need later correction, I am endeavouring to complete my researches first. It will then be possible to produce a master list of methods, and update it each year as Mr. Jones suggests.

In the meantime, I have records of nearly 1,000 Minor methods that have been rung—not all of them in peals, admittedly—plus approximately 5,000 further notations for methods that have not (as far as I am yet aware) ever been rung and/or named. I shall be only too pleased to answer any queries concerning these records—short of copying out the lot for any particularly avid student!—but would appreciate an s.a.e. for the reply.

Apropos Mr. Bishop's inquiry about fourth's place Delight methods (page 748), I have no record of any of these ever having been rung or named.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

19, Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Glos.

CLOCK HAMMERS

Dear Sir,—The incident of the clock hammer at Caistor (page 728, "Uphill in the Flatlands") should serve as a warning to steeplekeepers of towers with clock hammers.

A great deal of damage could be caused in other towers as a result of clock wires coming adrift, especially where the clock hammer passes through the wheel of the bell when striking. Steeplekeepers should make sure that nails, etc., which hold clock wires are firmly anchored in the tower wall. Needless to say, had the conductor thought any damage might have been caused at Caistor the peal would have been stopped.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL J. UPHILL.

London, S.W.

PREVIOUS GUERNSEY PEAL CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—With reference to Canon Felstead's article on recent peals, the 1965 peal at St. Michel-du-Valle, Guernsey, was Minor. The methods were Kent, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, but by some error, most probably my own, the peal appeared as "5,040 Doubles" in the "R.W." May I take this opportunity of thanking Canon Felstead for what is one of the more interesting regular features of the journal.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

King's School, Worcs.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—The C.C Collection and Decisions divide Doubles methods into three sections. Section I contains principles used as methods. Secton II contains methods with two (like) hunt bells. Section III contains methods with one hunt bell. Name variations are permitted for plain methods in Sections II and III. No method or variation has for its plain lead the called lead of another method or variation in the same section.

Mr. Wratten does not like this, why did he not say so at Worcester? He labels the above as my personal dicta, thereby showing disrespect for those who compiled the 1955 Collection and those present at Worcester. He himself has said that my adherence to the C.C. Decisions is technically irreproachable and cannot be faulted.

In his second paragraph he splits hairs over principles and methods; he wants to complicate matters. He agrees that bobbed leads of methods in Section I (such as Original and 3153535135) may be used as methods in Section II (Grandsire) and III (New Bob), but he wishes to ban methods in Section III which are used as calls in Section II. This includes three methods in the 1955 Collection and the regular method All Saints, which is a singled lead of the very irregular Newark Place; also more than 50 methods in Section III, where the corresponding method in Section II cannot produce a true extent. Would he ban the regular method Shortheath Surprise, which is the bobbed lead of an irregular method?

His last paragraph is not so simple as he would have us think. A simple extent of Spliced Plain Bob and St. Simon would have to be given a name as a variation. Here's pedantry.

Assuming that Mr. Wratten has finished—I finish.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

PETER PERCEY OF CHERTSEY

Dear Sir,—When I came to live in Weybridge in 1902 the only progressive change ringing band in the district was at Hersham, where a new band was learning on a new ring of eight. My visits to Chertsey warned me not to mention anything about Peter Percey's peal which beat the Rev. F. E. Robinson's peal of Stedman by two minutes.

Yesterday, September 23rd, 1968, as I was being wheeled in my bathchair, a lady at her garden gate spoke to me, saying "Do you remember me, Mr. Shepherd?" She spoke of my ringing at Chertsey, and of Peter Percey. Sixty-six years ago—and I am still wondering about those two peals. The Rev. F. E. Robinson's peal was duly recorded in "Bell News" and has never been questioned, but the Percey peal was a local effort. I cannot picture the conductor calling out the call changes, 5,040 of them, in just over three hours. My investigations over the years revealed that there were two Peter Perceys, one senior and one junior, but I do not remember either of them as ringers.

Once, outside Chertsey Church, a lady introduced herself to me as: "I am Mrs. Peter Percey, but no information was forthcoming about the famous peal on Chertsey bells of which her husband was a local hero!—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

KING CHARLES SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—I am rather puzzled by the appearance in the note in "Belfry Gossip" in the September 13th issue of "The Ringing World" (No. 2995) concerning King Charles Surprise Minor. For a start, the method is not Surprise but thirds place Delight; secondly, exactly what "sequence" of Kings and Queens methods has been completed; and thirdly, does it now hold true that the first band to ring any length in a new method may now name it?

On this last point I always understood that it was a **peal** in a new method (or spliced methods) which gave a band the privilege of naming it. If this is not true, I shall presumably be able to ring touches of 48 or more changes of any of the 50 or so outstanding irregular Minor methods like King Charles and name them as I like.

May I suggest that Mr. Dodd, by bringing some band may be sufficiently interested to ring a complete peal containing it, thus robbing him of his chance—Yours faithfully,

DEREK J. JONES.

Spalding, Lincs.

WARSOP SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Derek C. Jackson's observation that we have two names recorded in "The Ringing World" for one method (page 723), I should like to make the following point.

As far as I am aware, the customary procedure in naming methods is that the band who first ring the method in a peal have the privilege. To the best of my knowledge at the time, the method rung at Warsop in a peal had not been named, and since we are the first not only to ring it in a peal but also the first to ring a peal in the method, I wish to claim the privilege of naming the method, as published on page 660, Warsop Surprise Minor.—Yours sincerely,

BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

Mansfield.

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JOHN NICOLL
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Blagrove—Smith Controversy

Dear Sir,—To reply to Mr. Blagrove's letter ("Ringing World," September 20th, 1968): he says he intended to include the peal of 13,140 Kent T.B. Maximus (Cam variation) with the other record peals for 1968 without comment; in his original letter, in special black type, he says that expressed in this form the peal is **not** a record peal. Now if the difference between a record peal and a progressive length is so insignificant not to be worth a comment, why bother going to all the trouble of arrangements for the former, especially when it may still be classified as one of the latter on some obscure technical point? For example, the record handbell peals rung both in Norbury belfry and Marple belfry: umpires were present all the time, and the band rang in less comfortable conditions than they would have done in the confinement of somebody's home, which would have been much easier to arrange.

Record peals should be what the name implies in every respect, and as there seems to be little difference between progressive lengths and record peals, then an umpire is an absolute necessity for both! The original controversy in long peal ringing was when the late William Pye questioned not only the standard of striking in the record peal of Double Norwich at Kidlington, but also he contended that the late J. W. Washbrook did not call the composition he later published in "The Ringing World."

While I do not question Mr. Parker on these two counts, I believe that peals of this type should not be included with record peals or progressive lengths, but with a question mark in place of the number of changes! This might persuade some of our more frivolous members of the Exercise that they are wasting their time in ringing such peals. I recollect a band ringing what was then the longest peal of Yorkshire Major at the Bell Foundry about ten years ago, but this was not accepted then as a record peal and the committee at that time did not consider it worthwhile creating a new category for progressive lengths. Which also reminds me that Mr. Blagrove is wrong in his statement about 1967 being the first year that such a problem has arisen.

I accept Mr. Blagrove's explanation, as a member of the Methods Committee, with respect to a method being founded on two principles. However, I would like to reaffirm that it was only part of my argument (along with other people who believe) that the Cam variation is acceptable on traditional grounds. The band have been completely explicit in their claim and if the Records Committee decide that it shall be a progressive length, a record peal or both does not really matter now! What does matter is that the committee should realise that if they let the Pudsey in, in either classification, in ten years or less nobody will abide by any of the rules.

Just two more points from Mr. Blagrove's letter:—

(i) He says that the statement "two types of bob" should have read "two types of call." I would remind him that he stated this twice in his first letter so that it could hardly have been an error in typesetting.

(ii) He states that I stick to the principle "I observe rules and decisions when they suit me." As far as I am aware, every one of the 265 peals I have conducted complies, as he would say, "to the last detail." with the Rules and Decisions of the Council. I would further point out that it has not suited me on some 20 occasions to provide umpires for record peals.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Cambridge University Guild Master Seeks the Truth

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove has been very quick in his reply to Mr. R. B. Smith's "outspoken comments". I would agree entirely with the paragraph dealing with the structure of the Cam Variation. It is difficult to appreciate the reasons for the sentence "The band have not been precise in their claim". The conductor has been perfectly precise in the initial notice (p. 506), news of success (p. 606) and actual publication of the peal (p. 628). We rang Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Cam Variation) and this title is perfectly explicit and has been so since 1920. If Mr. Blagrove's interpretation of the initial notice was that the peal could not be accepted as a record peal proper because of suggested method irregularity, he should, as a responsible convener, have contacted the conductor immediately and explained the position to him **before** we rang the peal. Instead, he kept quiet and decided to upset the band and to involve himself in another argument—**after** the peal had been rung and published.

Mr. Blagrove's second paragraph is extremely contradictory. He states that the peal would stand as a progressive length—one of the two categories introduced by him in earlier correspondence—and then goes on to state that he intended to include it in his report to the Central Council "with no comment to differentiate it from the record peals of Cambridge Royal and Lincolnshire Major"—both record lengths proper. This means that he is introducing two categories for his own reasons and then combining them in his report to the Central Council! Something has caused him to change his mind because in paragraph 4 he states that the peal will now be considered separately along with other peals where the methods are supposed to be irregular. He mentions that it might be necessary to refer the matter to the Methods Committee, but I am sure that they are not very interested in the matter otherwise something would have been done about normal length peals of Treble Bob cut variations. Presumably these are also governed by Central Council Rules and Decisions.

Turning to Mr. Loveday's letter on the same page, I would point out that we do read footnotes, and I can only refer him to Mr. Wratten's letter on p. 652—"a strictly legalistic interpretation of the Decisions in no way alters the fact that their spirit has been deliberately contravened"—and by the truthful convener of the Records (?) Committee.

It is hardly surprising that more and more ringers are having less and less respect for the Central Council and some of its Committees. This will only lead to an increasing number of peals being rung which do not comply with the Council's Rules and Decisions. When a long length or a record peal of spliced is rung all the interested "Ringing World" readers know, as soon as the performance is published, that a new record has been established. The academic arguments which follow are a direct result of the failure of the Central Council to keep its Rules and Decisions up to date and free of ambiguity in the light of new ground being broken in the fields of methods and compositions.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD.

Cambridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT KNARESBOROUGH

MIXED weather greeted the members of the Yorkshire Association who converged on Knaresborough for a most successful general meeting on September 21st. The bells at Patley Bridge, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate, Boroughbridge, Aldborough and Birstwith were available in the morning and those at Kirk Deighton, Knaresborough and Whixley in the afternoon.

Before the service, which was taken by the curate of Knaresborough, the Rev. Mr. Capstick, a committee meeting was held, and afterwards tea was enjoyed by over 120 members and friends in the Parish Hall.

The president, Mr. V. Bottomley, was in the chair at the business meeting at which two new members were elected—Miss Kathleen Robinson, Bedale, but attached to Northallerton, and Mr. Gordon Wighton, of Knaresborough.

Nominations were invited for Central Council representatives and these were: Mr. N. Chaddock, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. E. Hudson, Mr. D. S. Johnson, Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. J. Seager. The election will be at the meeting in January.

Future dates of interest to members are: the 1968 Snowdon Dinner on October 19th at Bradford (tickets are still available from Mr. F. Munday); January 18th, general meeting at Beverley; April 20th, A.G.M. at Penistone; September 20th, general meeting at Bradford; 1969 Snowdon Dinner at York. In 1970 it is hoped to hold the Central Council meeting at Ilkley, and in 1975 we celebrate our centenary.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. S. Johnson to the Vicar of Knaresborough for allowing the use of the bells, the curate for taking the service, Mr. R. Gudgeon and local ringers and friends for preparing tea, and lastly the incumbents of all other towers open during the day. This was seconded by Mr. E. Hudson, who also said that due to the efforts of Mr. L. Bean, of Knaresborough, Nidd bells would be available that evening and Masham by invitation of the Vicar. Harrogate, Kirk Deighton and Knaresborough were also available after tea.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £5 1s. 3d. E. J.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Forty ringers, representing 18 towers, met at the 14th-century all-wooden tower at High Halden, with its fine ring of bells, on September 13th for an Ashford District meeting.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. R. Gore-Browne, and Mrs. J. Manger was the organist.

A first-class home-made tea was arranged by local ringers and friends in the Memorial Hall.

At the conclusion of the business meeting Mr. H. Deacon thanked those who had contributed to the day's activities. A. P. S. B.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers and the South Devonshire Association of Ringers held a joint meeting at Buckfast Abbey on September 14th, when there was a large gathering present.

Ringing to suit all tastes took place throughout the afternoon and was followed by a service in the Abbey conducted by the Rev. Father Paulinus Angold, who heartily welcomed the visitors.

After a buffet tea at Abbey Farm the ringers dispersed to other towers in the neighbourhood, some very good ringing taking place at Dean Prior. A. L. B.

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MICHAEL UPHILL'S PARTY IN KENT



Michael J. Uphill arranged a day in Kent for ringing friends last June. In the picture, left to right, are: Men, Messrs. Berry, Flood, Whittall, Hart, Burn, Bagworth, Sansom, Hughes and Uphill; ladies, Misses Armstrong, Madge and Cotton. Mascot, "Stedman," owner the Rev. M. Hart.

Happiest member of the team was "Stedman," who, unaware of the technicalities of ringing, was allowed to spend most of his time darting up and down in the fresh air.

Ringing opened at St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, with a good touch of Stedman, followed by successful courses of Yorkshire and London. The only regret was failing to ring Hawkhurst Bob Triples, but it was finally rung at Lenham.

Before an early lunch, ringing at St. George's, Benenden, was restricted to Doubles, as the tenor clapper had unfortunately been broken.

At Ashford most of the time was taken up in finding parking space. A pause for tea, and then Charing and Lenham. The 32 cwt. ten at All Saints', Maidstone, provided a glorious climax. All were tired but all were equally determined to make the most of the opportunity to ring here. Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Caters were rung, and with a final spurt of enthusiasm we also managed a touch of Little Bob Royal. R. J. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Bicester and District Branch at Piddington on September 21st was attended by the Master of the Guild (Canon C. Elliot Wigg), who preached at the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse). The Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) read the lesson. A ringers' tea was served by Mrs. H. Jones and helpers.

At the business meeting it was reported that membership had increased this year but recruits were needed in all towers. Mr. C. P. Panter was elected a member.

Branch officers elected were: President, Canon W. H. Trebble; vice-presidents, Rev. J. W. Larter and Mr. F. Sharpe; hon secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kinch; Guild Committee, Mr. E. G. Jones.

In addition to ringing at Piddington, ringers went to Brill in the evening to ring for the Flower Festival.

HARTLAND DEANERY RINGERS ARE GLUTTONS FOR IT

WHETHER it is the sea air up there—and there is plenty of that, believe me—or the prime Devon beef that is bred in the district, there are some amazingly keen ringers in the Hartland Deanery. This is reflected in the fact that every parish church in the Deanery except little Landcross has a ring of bells—even Lundy Island, although its bells are on the ground now—three eights (not counting Lundy) and eleven sixes. And one day last summer six ringers from the Deanery set out to ring in every one of them, ringing the back sixes of the eights, including 17 cwt. Bideford and Hartland and little 7 cwt. Welcombe. The other towers were at Appledore (8, 10 cwt.), Alwington (6, 11¼ cwt.), Abbotsham (6, 12 cwt.), Buckland Brewer (6, 12 cwt.), Clovelly (6, 10 cwt.), Littleham (6, 9 cwt.), Monkleigh (6, 8 cwt.), Northam (8, 13 cwt.), Parkham (6, 7¼ cwt.), Weare Gifford, (6, 7 cwt.) and Woolfardisworthy (pronounced Woolsery, of course) (6, 8 cwt.).

The six ringers were George Smith and Dick Johns from Clovelly, Frank Daniel and F. Bailey from Alwington, and R. Clements and C. Nicholls from Littleham.

In every tower they raised the bells, rang 60 call changes and lowered the bells again. And I think I can say that every one of those 14 rings of bells in one of the remotest parts of the South-West is rung, if not every Sunday, then regularly and well.

Not content with this achievement, three of this partty were not long after involved in call change history. The first was at Welcombe, where they kept the light six going for 3 Hours and two minutes—a broken stay brought this an an end. Another attempt at Littleham—a very nice six near Bideford—resulted in 4 hours and 7 minutes of call changes, ringing the standard 120, 60, 48, 36 and 20 in turn five times—a total of about 1,400 changes and some 8,000 rounds. The band were: G. Smith (Clovelly) 1. H. Coneybeare (Hartland) 2. R. Bryant (Littleham) 3. R. Clements (Littleham) 4. C. Nicholls (Littleham) 5. J. Sears (Clovelly) 6. Now . . . who's going to beat that? J. G. M. S.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM WOOD

The Truro Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest method ringer in the person of Mr. William Wood, of Gulval, who died recently. Mr. Wood came to Cornwall from Somerset just before the first world war and established a horticultural business which, with his brother, Mr. John Wood, also a ringer, who died several years ago, he developed into a large area of glasshouses, now carried on by his nephew, Mr. Victor Wood.

Until three weeks before his death Mr. Wood was active and was ringing earlier in the year, being present at the Spring Festival of the Penzance Branch. He still held the office of Branch auditor; he was a vice-president of the Guild.

William Wood had a great love for Gulval Church and bells; he was a churchwarden for many years and took great care of the ringing chamber; the cost of refurnishing this in oak and oak panelling the walls was borne by him, although he would never refer to it. He also recorded in the tower the ringing done there. He will be sorely missed, as over such a long period he had given a great example of regularity and punctuality for all service and practice ringing. He had rung a few peals of Grandsire Triples.

The funeral was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Jasper) and the church was crowded with ringers, parishioners and friends from a wide area. Among ringers present were Messrs. H. Miles, C. N. Hollow, R. Woolridge, Mrs. A. White, the Misses M. L. Lidgey and M. Christopher (secretary, Penzance Branch). Floral trbiutes were sent by the Gulval ringers and the Penzance Branch of the Truro Guild. Gulval bells were rung half-muffled, and a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at Lelant on September 14th, but it was regretted that a thanksgiving peal at Truro Cathedral on the 14th failed through a miscall after two and a half hours of Grandsire Caters.

LONGDON, WORCS. — On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Price (first quarter) 1, Susan Price 2, F. Lawrence 3, J. Mead 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, F. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Fred Woodward, a member of the local band.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The peal at Meldreth which appeared on page 734 is duplicated on page 751.

There was a literal in the peal report of King Charles Surprise Major on page 710. We understand it was rung at Wonston.

Mr. E. A. Cole writes withdrawing the peal rung at Ashby-de-la-Launde on January 6th and published in "The Ringing World" of January 26th.

The peal rung at Longparish on August 16th (page 755) was rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and not Non-Association, as printed.

In "Four-Bell Towers of Dorset" Brownsea Island bells was inadvertently omitted from the list. These are the front four of a major five. Two misprints in weights of tenors occurred. Margaret Marsh's tenor is 5¼ and not 25¼ cwt.. Pentridges' tenor 5 not 7¼ cwt.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Aug. 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, Margaret Jenner 2, J. Hemsley 3, N. Davies 4, A. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 3.

BACKWELL, SOM. — On Sept. 11th, 1,344 Ten Spliced Surprise Major: Heather Walters 1, Diana Bridle 2, P. J. England 3, J. R. Taylor 4, S. Brown 5, J. Brain 6, T. Chapman 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. First of 10-Spliced by 3, 6, 7.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Bob Doubles: A. J. Callow 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. Guille 1, R. Le Marechal 2, L. Cull 3, J. Hallett 4, J. Colliss (first as cond.) 5, M. Anstee 6. Rung as a compliment to Linda V. Cull on her return to college.

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. H. Webb 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, R. B Blond (cond.) 6, M. Bishop 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Before Communion Service, attended by the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Harry Carpenter), to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Pickles.

CHURCHILL, SOM.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Avery 1, J. Coombs 2, B. Dodds (first as cond.) 3, S. Lewis 4, J. S. Walton 5, W. Warren 6.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Soride (first quarter) 1, J. Courtman 2, E. Drew 3, W. Francis 4, G. Goodson 5, F. Bennett 6, V. Parton (cond.) 7, R. Jones 8. Rung before Evensong in recognition of the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Raby) having completed 25 years as a priest.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Andrews (first quarter) 1, P. Schafle 2, G. Lamb 3, D. Cobb (cond.) 4, D. Whent 5, C. Coulson 6. For Evensong and to mark the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Stanley G. Brown.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): H. Bell 1, Ann Collins 2, Suzanne Udell 3, Jacqueline Hobbs 4, G. Harris 5, R. Medway 6, B. Pocock 7, B. Collins (cond.) 8. First "inside" 4, 5. For Battle of Britain Sunday Evensong.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,344 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. Sinfield 1, Mrs. B. Redfearn 2, J. W. Sinfield 3, K. Lewin 4, N. Garrard 5, P. Aslett (first in method) 6, D. Redfearn (cond.) 7, H. Burrows 8.

DURBAN, S. AFRICA. — On Sept. 20th, at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. J. Maeder (first in method) 1, Felicity Booysen (first "inside") 2, J. Harvey (Sawley) 3, C. Chambers (first in method as cond.) 4, R. A. Davey 5, A. Manicom 6. First quarter 5 and 6.

GT. ASHFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: H. Culpin 1, L. Nice 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, C. Hancock 4, M. J. Rose 5. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Southgate, church workers for many, many years.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOM.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Norfolk Bob Doubles: D. Livsey 1, R. Perry 2, N. Dawson 3, W. Willans (25th quarter as cond.) 4, S. Bateman 5, H. Goss 6. First in method by all. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 PL Bob Minor: Pam Sturdy 1, R. Hedges 2, J. Ferris 3, A. Dander 4, G. Collins 5, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 6. On the 54th wedding anniversary of Mr. W. J. Gait (tower captain) and his wife.

QUARTER PEALS

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Adams (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. Clarke 2, Miss P. Busby (first quarter) 3, D. Pullin 4, C. Bennett 5, W. Carter 6.

ILTON, SOM. — On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Welch 1, F. Welch (cond.) 2, S. Welch 3, Reginald Welch 4, Roy Welch 5, K. Welch 6. A 21st wedding compliment to ringers of 1 and 5.

INVERNESS.—At St. Andrew's Cathedral, on Sept. 22nd, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Hill 1, D. Wheeler 2, E. Short 3, G. Short 4, A. Thomas (first as cond.) 5, Lily Bisset 6. For Matins. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 6. First on the bells and first recorded quarter by local band.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Bell (cond.) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, C. J. Dunstan (first "inside") 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL. — On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Langley 1, V. Mary Matthews 2, A. F. Burley 3, C. J. Venn 4, G. D. Carter 5, T. J. Bell 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, A. Carveth 8. To welcome the new Vicar, Rev. G. M. Calder.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOM.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (ten meth./var.): G. H. Baldam 1, Miss M. Lewis (most methods) 2, R. A. C. Cross (most methods "inside") 3, J. Cornelius 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, F. Mills 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, J. J. George 3, W. R. Curtis 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, F. M. Bowers 6. A peal attempt curtailed. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Wood, a vice president of the Guild.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Webster 1, M. Webster 2, Jane Osenton 3, Margaret Jenner 4, T. Young 5, J. Hemsley (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2. For Evensong.

LONGDON, STAFFS. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and P. Bob): S. W. Illidge 1, C. T. Collins 2, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3, L. E. Monk 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding this day of John Bushnell, of the local band, and Heather Margaret Reeves.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Aug. 29th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: M. A. Arscott 1, A. F. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, A. H. Reed 4, R. F. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6. First of Kent Treble Bob by all.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Lunn 2, B. Ellis 3, K. Wilson 4, R. Coverley 5, L. Roberts (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert Townend, a ringer at this church for over 30 years. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (12 meth./var.): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, L. Roberts (cond.) 4, D. Williams 5, E. Lord 6. First Doubles for all. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): Susan Goodwin (first quarter) 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford 3, Susan Rayner 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Joan Exeter 6. First in five meth./var. 3 and 4. For Evensong and as a farewell to Elizabeth Ingleton.

PRESTON-next-WINGHAM, KENT. — On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Thomas 1, Marion Kemp 2, Jane Osenton (first in three methods) 3, Margaret Jenner 4, J. Hemsley (first in three methods as cond.) 5.

SILEBY, LEICS. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hunting 1, J. Preston (cond.) 2, C. Moyers 3, F. W. Faulkner 4, M. E. White 5, C. Winter 6. For the Patronal Festival.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Maior: G. Kenward 1, Mrs. Eileen Palin 2, P. O. J. Beal 3, D. W. Grimwood 4, N. J. Chesson 5, L. Mitchell 6, B. E. Jemmett 7, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 8.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Abbott 1, Mrs. S. Haille (first quarter) 2, E. Arnold 3, H. Burton 4, S. Arnold (cond.) 5, E. Lewindon 6. A 93rd birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Shearlock.

SOUTH MILTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Edden 1, Miss C. L. Jarvis (first quarter) 2, Rev. P. Dowling 3, Rev. P. Angold 4, G. J. L. Read (first as cond.) 5, B. Garner (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,319 Grandsire Cinques: A. S. Bishop 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, R. L. Jones 4, Julie S. Armstrong 5, D. G. Franklin 6, Rev. M. Hart 7, K. J. Rider 8, C. T. Richards 9, H. W. Rogers 10, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 11, J. R. Pratt 12. First on 12 for 4 and 5. For the Flower Festival. A.M.D.G.

STAPLEGROVE, SOM.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. H. Reed (cond.) 1, J. E. Brewer 2, J. Cornelius 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, K. E. Beale 5, M. R. Arscott 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Sheila Arscott, wife of the tenor ringer.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (seven var.): Barbara J. Duck 1, Valerie C. Allen 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, D. Stephens 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. For Harvest Festival.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Attrill 1, Lesley Warwick 2, D. Brock 3, C. H. Rogers 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, V. L. P. Davis 6. For Evensong.

SUTTON MADDOCK, SALOP. — On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. S. Butler (first quarter) 1, S. F. Yates (cond.) 2, A. J. Fletcher 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, C. J. Bennett 5.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Newton 1, Isobel Tomlinson (first quarter) 2, Doreen Payne 3, J. Rickaby (first "inside") 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, H. M. Payne 6. For Evensong.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. A. V. Davis, of 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, is the new secretary for the Christchurch and Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Mr. L. F. Cobb, the former secretary, is now living at Swindon.

The day before he was due to attempt his first peal at Sapcote, Leics, Neil Harvey broke his thumb while playing Rugby. Neil's parents nevertheless provided refreshments for the band who rang the peal and thanked Chris Sturgess, Neil's deputy.

One result of Magnus Peterson's article in "The Ringing World" on Inverness Cathedral has been the increased number of visitors to the tower. This week we have the first local quarter there with four of the band ringing their first. We look forward to receiving many more.

The unteachable old dog mentioned in Mr. Blagrove's letter of September 20th would like to remind him of a quarter peal of Spliced Doubles in 27 methods—not variations—rung at Beenham, Berks, in March, 1960, after meeting short for a peal in 72 methods. Frank was invited but due to other commitments was unable to take part. The old dog is always interested in any further attempts.

The Coombs family of Marksbury, Bath, made it a family affair when Alan called his first quarter as conductor. There were two first quarters to give four ringers in the family.

Mr. Morley P. Tobin is recovering from a recent abdominal operation. His many friends in Worcestershire wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

Six members of the Welch family rang a quarter peal at Ilton, Somerset, on September 18th. Will the Arscott family note the challenge to their family prerogative of the county?

Quizzes are popular these days and Elliot Right Way Books, Kingswood, Surrey, have just published "The All British Quiz Book" (price 3s. 6d.). Those on Church Bells and Services are not for ringers but more for the general public. Quizzes in 59 subjects are included.

During a quarterly meeting at Buxted in August, Sussex ringers learned that the Rector (Canon G. Cooke) would shortly be celebrating the 50th year of his ordination. A complimentary quarter was duly rung on the actual anniversary day in the presence of Canon Cooke and members of the P.C.C., who afterwards kindly invited the band to join in the parish supper to mark the occasion.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

WARFIELD HAVE RING OF TEN

On Saturday, November 16th, two new trebles will be dedicated at St. Michael's, Warfield, at 3.30 p.m. by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, making a ring of ten. The new bells, both gifts to the church, were cast by the Whitechapel Foundry as were the ring of eight in 1913. A frame for the new bells, designed by Mears and Stainbank, has been constructed, donated and erected by local builders with able assistance of Warfield ringers.

Prior to 1913 there were five bells in the tower, the earliest dating back to 1487, being cast by one Roger Landen of Wokingham, and a further bell cast in 1629. Of the fifth bell little is known except that it weighed over a ton and was dated 1718. These five bells were in a minor key and of poor condition and tonal quality.

In 1913 the bells were recast into a ring of eight with a tenor of 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F and are a most mellow and melodious ring.

In order to raise funds for the balance of the moneys required, the ringers have made handsome personal donations to the fund; also a large draw was organised—the first three prizewinners being as follows:

First prize, £20 (No. 2093)—Mr. Brien, Warfield, Berks; second, £10 (0049)—Mr. A. Scott, Tottenhoe, Beds; third, £5 (0178)—Mr. Platecks, Croydon, Surrey. Other winning ticket numbers were: 1171, 0185, 2726, 1732, 2365, 2318, 2526, 2758 and 2611.

F. C. P.

DID YOU GET THE PEAL?

The peal of Frodsham at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, was definitely rung in spite of everything.

Ken was removed to hospital on Friday, much to the concern of everyone. A quick shufile-round followed. St. Stephen's has a ground-floor six, the belfry door opens right on to the tenor, a thin partition separates it from the vestry, and the boiler is in a little room off the vestry with the only access through the circle. Hence we had to take the door off its hinges so that the two men who cheerfully said that they would be working on the boiler all morning could go out if necessary. "It's all right, we're used to ringers," they assured us. They retired; we began amid an inspiring smell of gas.

Next were the little boys who came into the church and got noisier and noisier! There was much muttering at them, but soon they were joined by a dog, which proceeded to bark. Thinking we would not see them, they transferred to the vestry, where they were joined by the secretary, who began banging on a typewriter. Because there was no door, the visitors in the church were able to stand in the doorway between the treble and tenor and watch us. We had a variety of faces, including a very small infant.

The din next door increased, the dog still barking, and at the height of it all the boilermen decided to emerge. Mutterings and great concentration, and when Brian knew exactly where everyone was he told them to go through. Roger stood to one side and managed to ring in about two inches of floor space! However, they did not wait when they came back—they just grinned and walked through.

Having resigned ourselves to the noise we pushed on, to see the church filling up with guests for a mid-day wedding. We just about heard ourselves run round and had no sooner stood than the Vicar velled out from the vestry—"Did you get the peal, then?"!!

J. A. F.

YOUNGEST MASTER AT HEREFORD



Miss Valerie M. Edge, of Much Wenlock, Shropshire, became the first lady Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild when she was elected at the 1968 annual meeting held at Hereford on Whit Monday.

Miss Edge is a former secretary of the Bridgnorth District of the Guild, and she is a choir member and the Ringing Master at Much Wenlock Parish Church, where her enthusiasm and devotion has been responsible for teaching and keeping together a band composed mainly of lady ringers. She is a keen supporter of the Hereford Ringing Courses and, at 23, is the youngest Master in the history of the Guild.

HUNTINGTON GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

To mark the ordination of their vice-president (the Rev. Michael Escritt, curate at All Saints', Huntington) in Howden Minster on September 22nd, members of the Guild travelled to Howden, where, prior to the service, they were privileged to ring on the glorious ring of eight bells. Touches of Plain Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before the impressive service, which was conducted by the Archbishop of York.

In the afternoon six members of the Guild rang a peal of Minor in two methods on their own bells as a compliment to Mr. Escritt, who since his arrival in the parish 12 months ago has been a valuable friend and supporter of the Guild.

SUFFOLK BELLS AT FOUNDRY

One of the oldest rings of Suffolk bells, at St. Mary's, Woolpit, between Stowmarket and Bury St. Edmunds, is now at John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough for retuning, new clappers and other work estimated to cost £1,158. Some £600 remains to be raised to cover the cost.

There were five bells here in 1553 and early in the 19th century, writes Mr. Claude Rush, there were still five and all had been cast in the 17th century except the third, which was cast earlier. The tower was rebuilt in 1852 after it had been destroyed by lightning. C. and G. Mears then did work on the bells and a sixth was added.

12-YEAR-OLD SALLY TAKES PART IN SURPRISE MAJOR OUTING

Newest recruit to the Warminster-Frome District Surprise Major practice band is 12-year-old Sally Baker, of Frome. She was one of the party of 30 ringers and friends who, on September 21st, had their annual outing into Wales and Herefordshire. The bells were first set going at Monmouth to Cambridge Major, in which Sally rang. She also took part in Stedman Caters at Abergavenny, and lowered the tenor in peal at Blaenavon.

From Monmouth the route was through the beautiful Wye Valley to Ross, where Cambridge, Bristol and Rutland were brought round on the well-known bells. After lunch at Ross there was some very worthwhile ringing at Abergavenny.

It was unfortunate that the next part of the trip—over the mountains to Blaenavon—was marred by the heaviest storm of the day, which succeeded in hiding much of the country and the beautiful views obtainable from the road. Cambridge and Lincolnshire were successfully rung here but eight-spliced came to grief. However, at the next tower, at Usk, thanks to the wizardry of Spuadron Leader George Massey, it was accomplished. It was at Usk that some of the best ringing of the day took place. The search for tea here was unsuccessful, a substitute being at a small fish and chip shop in the Square.

The famous Severn Bridge was again crossed. There was a stop for refreshments at Keynsham, and it was a tired but happy party that reached home.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. Slatford for the arrangements, to Mr. Cecil Ovens for his competent driving, and to all incumbents for the use of bells.

N. G. K.

AN UNLUCKY 13

Mr. Martyn Marriott of Bedford, has lost 13 consecutive peal attempts. Five of these were over two hours and one over three hours. Five were miscalled, four were stopped because the standard of ringing was not good enough, and two through illness. We hope success will attend Martyn in the peals arranged for later this year.

UNSEEN METHODS CHALLENGE

Whatton ringers (Nottingham) challenged Derby Cathedral ringers to a bellringing competition. Each team, in turn, attempted to ring a 360 of three previously unseen methods, Harry Poyner selected the methods and judged the contest. Each team had ten minutes to learn the method before going up to the tower to ring it.

Miraculously, all teams succeeded in ringing their 360's—though after the occasional false start. The first method turned out to be Alnwick, the second was London below the treble and Oxford Treble Bob above, and was thought to be Mendip. The final method, which had some resemblance to Cambridge, could not be christened. At the end of the contest the Whatton ringers entertained their opponents to tea in the Village Hall. Harry Poyner judged Derby Cathedral to be winners of all three 360's.

The day was rounded off with a skittles competition at the Griffin's Head, where the Whatton ringers struck better form and did much to redeem their earlier failings by beating the Cathedral ringers two games to one.

A return match is prophesied for early next year.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire.

*Bernard Dodds	Treble	Stanley Lewis	4
†Christopher Avery	2	John S. Walton	5
John Coombs	3	*Christopher Field	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal. † First in five methods "inside." Tenor 6 cwt.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints'
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods—Grandsire and Plain Bob, one variation—Kennington, and two spliced compositions—Wychbold and Dedworth. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

Stanley C. Davis	Treble	George J. Hawkins ..	4
Jean Lee	2	Julian E. Newman	5
Alan F. Lee	3	Albert F. Butt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Lucy Butt, a 60th birthday compliment to Stanley Davis, and a wedding peal for David Barnett and Dawn Kendall, married at Twerton-on-Avon on this day.

EXFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents in 42 methods: Stedman, New Bob, Stedman Slow Course, Huntspill, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure.

Keith E. Beale	Treble	Leslie H. Arscott	4
Frederick C. Arscott ..	2	*Gordon H. Baldam ..	5
John Cornelius	3	Mervyn R. Arscott ..	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick C. Arscott.

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints, New, Huntspill, Grandsire Union, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain, St. Simon and St. Martin. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Brian Williams	Treble	Stanley Lewis	4
†Harold Hooper	2	John S. Walton	5
Yvonne Criddle	3	‡William Warren	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Watson.
* First peal in 14 methods. † First in 14 methods "inside" and has now "circled the tower." ‡ First peal

LOCKING, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, four of Stedman, three of Union, New Doubles, Huntspill and St. Simon. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Raymond Jones	Treble	John Coombs	4
Marjorie Legg	2	George Prescott	5
Yvonne Criddle	3	Henry Button	Tenor

Conducted by Yvonne Criddle.
First peal as conductor.

THORLOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

Being 45 extents in five methods—four Plain Bob, eight Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, three Rev. St. Bartholomew, three All Saints and two Grandsire; two variations—three Kennington, three Southrepps and seven spliced compositions—three April Day, three Seighford, three Clifford's Pleasure, three Little Aston, three Northrepps, three Rushall and one Dedworth Tenor 6 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	*†Rodney A. C. Cross ..	3
Adrian F. Arscott	2	*Mervyn A. Arscott ..	4
Keith E. Beale	Tenor		

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Ronald F. Andrew ..	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis ..	5
James E. Andrews .. .	2	*Michael Thomson	6
David Vincent	3	Richard Starkie ..	7
*Stuart I. Bamforth ..	4	Basil Jones	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

BROWN EDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents each of All Saints', Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew and Rev. Canterbury and ten extents of Plain Bob Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	A. Doreen Edwards	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	2	Frank R. Morton	5
John R. Scott	3	William H. Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

John R. Scott	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Frederick S. Sutton	5
*A. Doreen Edwards ..	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard
* 75th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild

EDGMOND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Brian Schofield	Treble	Ernest Pimlott	4
Christopher J. Jones ..	2	John Moore	5
David A. Godfrey	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W Howard.
Rung as a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jones

MORETON CORBET, Salop.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T. B., Plain Bob and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Ernest Pimlott	Treble	Brian Schofield	4
David A. Godfrey	2	Christopher J. Jones	5
John Moore	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the third.

ACTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 42 120's in nine methods—St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, All Saints and Rev. St. Bartholomew, and 56 variations. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by John E. Brough.
First peal in 65 Doubles for all the band, the tower and the Guild.
Rung for the 65th birthday of Herbert Sutton (treble ringer).

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Caroline Mackie	Treble	Peter C. Randall	5
Anthony J. Cox	2	Peter H. Mackie	6
Robert H. Newton	3	Stephen F. Royal	7
*Jeremy R. Pratt	4	Anthony P. Foster	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.
* 25th peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter H. Mackie.

WELLESBOURNE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1, 5) Cambridge Surprise, (2, 6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4, 7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Lawrence Mackie	Treble	Peter C. Randall	4
Peter H. Mackie	2	Robert W. Sherriff ..	5
*R. Ian West	3	†John F. Thorne	Tenor

Conducted by Robert W. Sherriff.
* First peal in more than one method. † 25th peal for the Guild.
Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Coventry, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter H. Mackie.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Colin J. E. Wyld	5
Edward F. P. Bryant	2	Nicholas J. Davies	6
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
Gordon A. Halls	2	Harold Taylor	7
Richard Wilcox	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Brian A. Tolminson	4	Alan H. Bridges	9
Clive A. Thrower	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

KETTERING, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

David W. Friend	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	6
Richard Wilcox	2	Clive A. Thrower	7
Maralyn Astridge	3	Gordon A. Halls	8
John V. Chadwick	4	Denis R. Carlisle	9
Harold Taylor	5	Derek G. Astridge	Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by David W. Friend.

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Brian Tomlinson	Treble	*Peter Blight	5
Jack Chadwick	2	Richard Wilcox	6
E. Frederick Gobey	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Clive Thrower	4	Rev. Fred Ross	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	Malcolm E. Johnson	5
Ann Lawson	2	*James Crowther	6
Enid Lawson	3	Michael Maughan	7
George S. Deas	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 100th peal (99th tower bell peal). First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 London and Rutland, 704 Bristol, and 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 143 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	David E. House	6
David E. Rothera	3	John H. Fielden	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

*Arthur Newton	Treble	†William H. Pedley	4
†Catherine Pedley	2	‡R. Ian West	5
†Martin R. Kitson	3	Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Conducted by Robert H. Newton.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal at first attempt
‡ First of Minor First of Minor as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TEWKESBURY, Glos.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Alan A. Paul	7
Iris Lemare	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	8
Beryl E. Cawser	3	D. John Hunt	9
W. Eric Critchley	4	Robert C. Kippin	10
Brian Bladen	5	Russell S. Morris	11
J. Edward Cawser	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 59 lb. in G.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	†Dennis Powney	5
*Jennifer J. Murrell	2	Brynley A. Shackleton	6
Heather A. Walters	3	Bernard G. North	7
Bruce Martin	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal † First on eight bells.

BLUNSDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 six-scores of Stedman (10 callings) and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Anthony R. Peake	Treble	†Harold W. Ball	4
*Donald Naylor (aged 10)	2	Brian Bladon	5
Walter H. Trueman	3	*Walter J. Grubb	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal † First of Doubles.
Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. J. Vincent, a ringer and chorister here for over 60 years, by a band who all learned to ring in the tower. The band wish to associate with the peal E. W. Ford (tower captain) and Ann (on holiday).

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	‡Elizabeth J. Gibbs	4
Roy D. Mills	2	Christine M. Harbott	5
†John F. Oakshott	3	Tony Skilton	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Skilton.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First peal on six bells.
‡ First peal attempt. First on six bells as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOWNHOPE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

S. Barnaby Bell	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
*Peter L. Hughes	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Dennis Jaine	3	Peter D. Sell	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Treble Bob "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Jennifer J. Donnelly and Peter J. L. Suddes, son of the church organist.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Sara K. D. Woolley	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
John R. Southey	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
Frank Reed	3	David E. Rothera	7
John W. Sinfield	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 16 methods, being one extent each of: (1) Cunecastre, (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
*C. Valerie Mills	2	*Keith Sheppard	5
Reginald E. J. Sheppard	3	*Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
*First peal in 16 methods

REDBOURN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURRISE MINOR
In 19 methods, being extents as follows: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre, (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, (3) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, (5) York, Durham, (6) Netherseale, (7) Norwich.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*George A. Reading	Treble	Walter Ayre	4
*C. Valerie Mills	2	*Francis M. Byrne	5
Augustin V. Good	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in 19 methods.
Rung on the Feast of St. Matthew.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 FRODSHAM BOB MINOR.

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A.

*Richard J. Lewis	Treble	Peter T. Dale	4
Susan D. Cowan	2	Roger D. J. Brown	5
Julia A. Fellows	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,984 London, 992 each Cambridge and Superlative, 704 Rutland and 448 Bristol, with 98 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Kenneth J. Rider	Treble	*John W. Smith	5
Margaret E. Oram	2	Tony Lewis	6
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Ian H. Oram	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal of five-Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Sheila Copping (tower captain) and Michael Foster, whose marriage took place at this church later in the day.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Rosemary K. Gates	Treble	†Michael Hansford	5
Richard Hayes	2	John W. Smith	6
*Frank H. Gates	3	Tony Lewis	7
John Pladdys	4	Percy J. Spice	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.
Rung with the very best wishes of the band to Michael Foster and Sheila Copping, who were married the previous Saturday at St. Luke's, Bromley Common. The band also congratulate Raymond and Margaret Large on the birth of a son.

WITTERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. Bankes James arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Valerie J. Howard	Treble	Derek Slater	4
Judith M. Corby	2	John A. Howard	5
*Phillip A. Butler	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* First peal at the first attempt.
Rung with best wishes to Phillip Butler on his birthday.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A sharp.

Lucy P. A. Hopkins	Treble	Terence M. Fitzgerald	5
Celia F. H. D'Aeth	2	Walter Allman	6
Martin E. Snape	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
Thomas W. Hesketh	4	Bruce Wakefield	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

MELLING, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being four extents of Original, 30 Grandsire (ten different callings and different 240's by B. D. Price, A. J. Pitman and L. W. G. Morris) and eight Plain Bob (four callings).
Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

William Kenyon	Treble	Joseph Whalley	4
*Dorothy M. L. Maudsley	2	Kevin M. Price	5
*W. Stephen Walker	3	*Brian Maudsley	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Doubles. First in three methods by all the band except the conductor.

PENDLEBURY, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six 120's each of Stedman, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, Spliced Plain and St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob and twelve 120's, of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

Thomas Hobson	Treble	John Ashcroft	4
*Ian Eggleton	2	*David Makin-Taylor	5
*Neil T. E. Burnett	3	†Graham Wells	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal
Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

Robert B. Smith	Treble	Shirley Burton	6
*Sheila M. Anthony	2	E. Alan Jaques	7
Christopher L. D. Munday	3	William J. Root	8
Ernest W. Rawson	4	Russell S. Morris	9
David F. Moore	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung after meeting short for Maximus, Mr. George Dawson kindly standing down.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Comprising 4,224 Plain and 792 Gainsborough, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*J. Richard Perkins	Treble	*Ronald D. Hughes	5
Malcolm D. Barsby	2	*Roger I. Kendrick	6
†Alec R. Jones	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
*Roger N. Scholes	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Major in two methods. † First of Major.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

Michael J. Palmer	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	4
Patricia A. Copas	2	Frank T. Blagrove	5
Jeffrey M. Britchford	3	Christopher Venn	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Palmer.
First peal ot Stedman Doubles by all the band.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 of Kent T.B. and 3,600 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

A. Frederick Boyce	Treble	Peter J. A. Bower	4
*Neville J. Burgess	2	Richard A. J. Bower	5
Andrew J. Harrison	3	David F. J. Bird	Tenor

Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.
* First peal.
Rung to the glory of God and to thank Andrew Harrison for his regular attendances at Wroxham, which he will have to break to go to Leicester University.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roland Biggs	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Michael B. Best	2	*Ernest E. Gosling	6
Joyce I. Cornwall	3	Walter Lee	7
Arthur Newton	4	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

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CUMNOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 16 methods, being: (1) London Court, (2) College, (3) Durham and York Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Court Bob, Rosehill, Hanney and Radley College Court Bob, (5) Plain and Reverse Bob, (6) York Surprise, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

John R. Norris	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	4
Catherine A. Salter	2	A. Keith P. Poole	5
Jonathan R. Rowson	3	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Sept 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.

Jonathan R. Rowson	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	4
A. Keith P. Poole	2	Michael C. E. Hodge	5
Catherine A. Salter	3	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
Rung in association with the 17th birthday of the treble ringer, on the following day, and the golden wedding of the grandparents of the ringer of the 2nd, on August 29th.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Susan E. Smith	2	John R. Insley	8
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	George E. Fearn	9
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Roderick W. Pipe	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	James W. Belshaw	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 132 combination roll-ups. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Peter England	5
Norman J. Goodman	2	James W. Belshaw	6
James Insley	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Ronald N. Marlow	Treble	†Brian S. B. Kear	5
*Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Ross G. W. Robertson	6
†Roderick A. Bryant	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
‡David Wilson	4	Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major "inside." † First of Major.
‡ First of Plain Bob Major

ASKERSWELL, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Melvyn J. Hiller	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Jonathan R. Rowson	2	A. Keith P. Poole	5
Angela R. Quick	3	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

CANFORD MAGNA, Dorset.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Roderick A. Bryant	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	4
John N. Longridge	2	*Ross G. W. Robertson	5
Mary E. Elmes	3	†Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor.

LODERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being Wells, London, Cambridge and Beverley.
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

David B. Ellery	Treble	A. Keith P. Poole	4
Angela R. Quick	2	Melvyn J. Hiller	5
Jonathan R. Rowson	3	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	Philip Rogers	4
John A. Coates	2	Peter Carnall	5
A. Harry Hawcroft	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of David Roy Brown, a local ringer, aged 20, who was laid to rest this day.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Harold Archer	Treble	Paul N. Mounsey	4
Chris M. Wright	2	Harold Denman	5
John A. Coates	3	Philip Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Rogers.
* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EWHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. James and Mark.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Fourteen extents each of Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Winchendon Place. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

William Button	Treble	Derek Slater	3
Valerie J. Howard	2	John A. Howard	4
Richard Hayes	Tenor		

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WEST MEON, Hants.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

*Basil E. Pink	Treble	†John F. A. Rolph	5
Michael S. Bruce	2	Geoffrey J. Gammon	6
Charles E. Bassett	3	Patrick Page	7
*Ramon A. Stone	4	John H. Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Lindon	Treble	*Stephen W. Barton	5
*Susan E. Smith	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
*Robert Edwards	3	*James W. Belshaw	7
*John R. Insley	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Shirley Drew	Treble	Roger W. Smith	5
*Martin Powell	2	Geoffrey R. Drew	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Robert Edwards	7
John J. Durham	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
*25th peal
Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter J. Brown and M. Irene Ellsmore, who were married at St. John's Church, Halesowen, on September 7th, 1968.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Parish Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	*Tom M. Cox	5
John N. D. Chaddock	2	Ronald J. Snack	6
C. Barrie Dovec	3	John Robinson	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* 80th peal and first of London Major. Fastest peal of Surprise on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C

Alan A. Potts	1–2	Robert B. Smith	7–8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6	J. David Atkinson	11–12

Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Gerald Moorhouse.
First peal on 12 bells as conductor.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., June 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Lawrence Haines	1–2	C. Kenneth Lewis	5–6
Alan A. Potts	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Herbert M. Heaton 9–10
Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal on ten handbells.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Lawrence Haines	1–2	Alan Scholfield	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Ian M. Holland 9–10
Composed and Conducted by Kenneth Lewis.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,696 each of London and Rutland, 672 Yorkshire, 384 Cambridge, 352 Lincolnshire and 228 Superlative, with 128 changes of method Tenor size 15 in C.

Neil Bennett	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
*Bernard F. L. Groves	3–4	†Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by Kenneth C. Lewis.
Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. † First in six methods First of Spliced Surprise in six methods as conductor. First of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., Aug. 25, 1968, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of four methods—Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob; ten variations—Northrepps, Fortune, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, April Day, Old, Kennington and Dedworth. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4

Frank R. Morton (cond.) 5–6

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	†C. Kenneth Lewis	7–8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method on handbells. † First of Surprise "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5140 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 14 in D.

Brian J. Woodruffe	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Roger D. R. Brown	7–8

*Peter T. Dale 9–10
Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal on ten handbells.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5048 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In nine methods, being 896 Plain Bob, 536 Little Bob, 512 Double Plain Bob, 768 Reverse Plain Bob, 896 St. Clement's College Bob, 512 Crayford College, 256 Crayford Little, 336 Gainsborough Little Bob and 336 Wellington Little Court, with 77 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1–2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5–6
Julia A Fellows	3–4	Roger D. R. Brown	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Spliced Plain Major in nine methods by all.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5312 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Susan D. Cowan	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	*Roger D. R. Brown	7–8

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 28 methods, comprising 480 of London, 320 each of Eastcote and Elford, and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Dublin, Ealing, Hereford, Highgate Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Yeading and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
Umpire: Brian Bladon.
This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal of Surprise Major on handbells. The umpire checked every course-end and call throughout the peal.

THE ST DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
PEMBROKE, Pembs.—In the belfry at the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob.

*Frank R. Morton	1–2	John R. Scott (cond.)	3–4
†Anthony R. Trickett	5–6		

* First peal away from tenors. † First handbell peal. First handbell peal in the county and for the Guild. Tenor size 15 in C.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. R. Trickett.

PEMBROKE DOCK, Pembrokeshire.—At The Surgery.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods and four variatons, being eight extents each of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and seven extents each of the following variations—Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, April Day and five extents Old variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank R. Morton	1–2	John R. Scott (cond.)	3–4
Anthony R. Trickett	5–6		

Most methods/variations on handbells for the Guild.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
DURWESTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher F. Longridge	1–2	John N. Longridge (cond.)	3–4
Martin J. Corry	5–6		

(Abingdon School Society.)
BOTHENHAMPTON, Bridport, Dorset.—At Pentwyn.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Jonathan R. Rowson	1–2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3–4
A. Keith P. Poole	5–6		

First peal on the bells. Tenor size 16 in B.

12,000 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

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BIRTHS

JACK.—On September 29th, 1968, at Kilton Hospital, Worksop, to Hilary Ross, wife of David William Jack, a son. 4921

MITCHELL.—On September 17th, 1968, at 26, Gayhurst Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent, to Hazel (née Dadson) and Laurence, a son, Julian Philip, a brother for Janette. 4918

ENGAGEMENT

MANN—BAYLEY. — The engagement is announced between Alison, younger daughter of Mr. B. C. Mann and the late Mrs. B. C. Mann, of Goldhanger, and Michael, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. P. Bayley, of Ardleigh.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

EDEN—WILSON. — The marriage of Christopher and Ruth will take place at Penrith Parish Church, Cumberland, on Saturday, October 12th, 1968, at 2 p.m. Future address is 19, Gerald Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, Cheshire. 4922

DEATH

HUNT.—On September 17th, 1968, Harry Hunt, a ringer at Lyminster Church, Sussex, for 42 years, aged 74 years. The bells were rung by his friends before and after the funeral. 4909

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ATACK.—The address of Rachel M. J. Atack is now 42, Harvey Goodwin Avenue, Cambridge.

BRADLEY.—Rowan's address is now Flat 2, Seaton House, Seaton Road, Camberley, Surrey. Telephone (work) Farnborough 44433, Extension 293. 4899

COBB.—Lewis and Elizabeth now live at 5, Cowley Walk, Park North, Swindon, Wilts. All friends welcomed. 4903

GIBSON.—The address of Harold F. Gibson is now 59, Lincoln Road, North Hykeham, Lincs (previously 68, Lincoln Road). 4923

PERSONAL

"Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing." —I Peter iii, 8.

FOR SALE

"ELEMENTS OF CAMPANALOGIA," by William Scottanstall Sowerby, Yorkshire. Part II. 1867. "Change Ringing" by Charles A. W. Trovte, fourth edition. Offers welcomed.—J. V. Muller, Ash, Sevenoaks, Kent. 4906

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner at Caveman Restaurant, Cheddar, October 19th, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Five-course meal, 22s 6d. Tickets from J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts Avenue, Backwell, Bristol, before October 12th. S.A.E., please. Cheddar bells available 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 4736

HALLING, KENT.—From October 8th and until further notice the practice night at Halling will be Tuesday from 7.30–9 p.m. — C. T. Osenton. 4913

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN ringers wish to thank all those who supported their Ringing Sunday, especially those from distant towers. 4902

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—**Change of Secretary.**—Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, is now Secretary, and all correspondence should be sent to her.

ASTON PARISH CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM

The 12 bells will be ringable from Oct. 6th, 1968. Tower Restoration is now complete.
Ringing: Thurs. 7.30–9 p.m.; Sun. 10–11 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m.—Ringing Master. 4911

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE on Saturday, October 19th, in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (27/6) from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, S.A.E., please. 4839

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Snowden Dinner, October 19th. Ringing arrangements: Brighouse 11.30–12.30; Otley 11.30–12.30; St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 11.30–12.30; Cleckheaton 1.15–2.15; Guiseley 1.15–2.15; Burley (Leeds) 1.15–2.15; Drighlington 2.30–3.30; Idle 2.30–3.30; Bramley 2.30–3.30; Bradford 4–4.30. 4901

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ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE
at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 26th, 1968. Tickets 27/6 each. Apply (with s.a.e.) to C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 4746

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

83rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER, The Queens Hotel, Marine Parade, Eastbourne, Saturday, October 26th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets (26/–) from Mrs. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne, or from Hon. Div. Secs. S.A.E. 4855

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL DINNER
on Saturday, October 26th, in the Tresham Hall, Rothwell.

Assemble 6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m. Dinner. Tickets (£1 each and c.w.o.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. Closing date Monday Oct. 14th.

E. BILLINGS,
General Secretary.
4830

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 26th, 1968** at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.30 p.m.
Tickets 15s. 6d. each.
Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5; All Saints' (10) 4.30–6; St Swithun's (6) 5 to 6.

Tickets from General Secretary and Branch Secretaries by October 21st. D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester 4883

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

Box of 15 for 5/6 carriage paid. Remittance to Mr. L. Mitchell, 26, Gayhurst Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent. Proceeds to Newington-next-Sittingbourne Bell Restoration Fund. 4917

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

331st ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, November 2nd, 1968.

The 331st Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 1968 (6 for 6.30 p.m.) at the Wallbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London, E.C.4, the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (32/6) now available from me:

Cheques and Postal Orders to the made payable to the Society.

Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later. —J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 4733

ST. MARGARET'S, ASPLEY, NOTTINGHAM

The two new treble bells will be dedicated on Sunday, October 20th, at 6.30 p.m., by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, President of the Central Council 4940

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS invites Coventry students to attend its practices, usually held at Honiley, Warks, on Wednesdays, 7.30–9 p.m. Inquiries to the Secretary: Miss C. A. Harris. Tel.: Tile Hill 65189. 4548

HULL COLLEGES GUILD.—All ringers coming up to Hull this session are invited to attend the first practice of term on Monday, October 14th, 7.30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, Hull. 4925

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, Saturday, October 26th. Towers: Rotherhithe 9.45–10.30; St. Mary's, Bow Road, 11–11.45; Clerkenwell 12.15–1; St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 2–2.45; St. George's, Borough, 3–3.45; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4, followed by service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will members please make every effort to attend this important meeting, when changes in the constitution will be proposed. Names for tea, please, to Audrey Alexander, Canterbury Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1 4824

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ST. PETER'S, HENFIELD. — In future, practice night will be on Wednesday of each week at 7.30 p.m. All visitors welcome. 4929

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. — Commencing October 14th, practices at St. Mary's will take place on Mondays, 7.30–9 p.m. 4943

POSTPONED

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice of Western Deaneries postponed from October 12th to **Saturday, November 9th,** at **Wroxham,** 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to A. F. Boyce, The Lodge, Hoveton, Wroxham, Norwich, NOR 062 4928

WARFIELD, BERKS. — Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Foundry the dedication of the two new trebles will not take place on Saturday, October 12th, as published, but will now be held on Saturday, November 16th, at 3 p.m. The Sonning Deanery evening ringing meeting will be held at Binfield on Saturday, October 12th, at 6 p.m. 4932

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Kirby, October 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at St. Richard's Hall, Common Road, at 6 p.m. Short business meeting follows. Ringing after meeting. All welcome. 4926

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tarvin, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea **must** notify Mr. A. Faulkner, Thorncombe, 9, Hockenhull Lane, Tarvin, Chester C43 8LA. 4865

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ely and Cambridge Districts) and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting at Longstanton on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 4862

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — East Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Seaton, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec. 4888

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, October 12th, at Cricklade 3–5 p.m. and Castle Eaton 6–8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. 4936

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden (6), Saturday, October 12th, 3 to 6.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing Ware (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Lawrence, 1, Founcely Avenue, Dane End, Ware.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 4894

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), October 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 4887

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing at St. Michael's 3–4. Service at All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 4845

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, October 12th. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 4894

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Mathern, October 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, October 12th, St. James', Clerkenwell Green, 3–4.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth Palace Road, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting and ringing till 8.30. Own tea.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4874

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch. — Autumn meeting, Enstone, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing: Enstone until 7.30, and Chipping from 7.45.—P. R. Covenev, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. 4857

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hodnet (8), October 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing in the evening to 8 p.m. approx. Names for tea to Mr. R. E. Morris, 12, The Crescent, Hodnet, Market Drayton.—E. F. W., Hon. Sec. 4895

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, Leatherhead (10), 3–4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ashtead (8), 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15 4832

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—At Home to Melton District, Granby, October 12th. Bells 3–4.30, 6–7. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—A.G.M. at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, October 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15, Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk. 4838

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Mortlake (8) on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Barnes (8) available in evening. Names for tea to L. Freeman, 11, Shrewsbury Avenue, S.W.14 (Tel. PRO 0199). **No names, no tea.**—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4773

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Heene and West Tarring on Saturday, October 12th. Heene bells (8) 2.30. Service, West Tarring, 5 o'clock, followed by tea in the hall. Ringing at West Tarring (6) 6.30–8. Please notify for tea to Mr. R. M. Cox, 42, Cedar Close, West Tarring, Worthing.—R. Wake, Div. Sec. 4885

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Broadway, Saturday, October 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bretforton bells available 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. C. Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore, Worcs. 4898

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Alveston, Glos, Thursday, October 17th, 7.30 p.m. Non-members welcomed.—B. J. 4900

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at All Hallows', Twickenham, on Thursday, October 17th at 7.30 p.m.—M. J. Palmer, Hon. Dis. Sec. 466

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Annual Striking Contest will be held at Eaton Bray on Saturday, October 19th. Practice ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. J. E. Sinfield (Organiser), 35, Pebblemoor, Edlesborough, near Dunstable, Beds. 4949

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to **J. E. Brough, Esq.,** 25, Queen's Drive, Nantwich, by October 16th.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 4935

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Alveston on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open from 2.30 to 4 p.m.: Alderminster, Snitterfield, Sherborne and Wellesbourne, all six-bell towers. Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, will be open from 6.30 to 8.30. Numbers for tea (at Alveston Church Hall), very important, to Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, by Wednesday, October 16th, please. 4871

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Eynesbury on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Annable's London Surprise Minor and Single Oxford.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4910

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Combined meeting with Bristol Rural Branch on Saturday, October 19th. Ringing at Westerleigh 2.30–3.30, Yate (6) 3.45–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (both at Yate). Ringing, Chipping Sodbury (6) 5.45, Skittles at Half Moon, Coalpit Heath, 7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, **essential** by Wednesday, October 16th. 4931

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Coln St. Aldwyns (8), October 19th, 5.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 4941

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Avening (6), October 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by Tuesday 15th. 4952

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge (6), October 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to A. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans. (Tel. 57344.)—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4920

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting, Wye, Saturday, October 19th Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, only for those who notify Mr. C. J. E. Wyld, 82, Abbots Walk, Wye, Ashford, by Thursday, October 17th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Kenward, 44, Bell Road, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 4890

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich (8) on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.15.—A. J. Illingworth, Branch Sec. 4930

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, October 19th. Bells: Long Clawson 1–1.45 p.m., Hose 1.45–2.30, Eaton 2.30–3.15, Crofton Kerrial 3–3.45, Waltham-on-the Wolds 3.30–4.15. Service 4.15, Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Cooke, Moor Lees Lane, Waltham-on-the-Wolds (Tel. Waltham 808). Melton Mowbray, **not later than Wednesday, October 16th.** 4937

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Hendon, Saturday, October 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby. 4954

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Audley on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Warham, Queens Road, Audley, Staffs.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 4950

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held in the Wilton Hall, Bletchley, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A.G.M., Wilton Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 Service 5.45 p.m. Notices: Applications for tea tickets with remittance (3s. 3d. each) and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Saturday, Oct. 12th. Members are reminded that the new postal rates are in force. Ringing arrangements will be sent with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e to Miss Pollard.—M. R. Cross.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Croughton, Saturday, October 19th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Chambers, Parkway Garage, Croughton, Brackley, Northants, by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 4939

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting and Striking Competition at Kings Norton (10), October 19th. Bells 3.30. Service and tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28 (Phone SPR 1025), by previous Wednesday. 4907

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — Meeting at Ramsbury, Saturday, October 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts, by Tuesday, 15th. 4955

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kingston, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Swanage. Swanage bells 7 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Fuller, 21 Bonfield Avenue, Swanage, by October 17th. 4947

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Oswy Street Cup Contest, October 19th, East Retford back six (tenor 23–1–7). Entries and names to Mr. H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, by Wednesday previous. 4953

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Pattingham, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4916

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—**Final Notice.**—Annual Dinner at the Lakers Hotel, Redhill, Surrey (adjacent to main line railway station), 6.30 for 7 p.m. (fully licensed). Dancing afterwards. Tickets (30s.) obtainable from David Brooks (01-946 9047), Chris Mew (01-788 0733) or the General Secretary, 63, Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey (Tel. 46218).—C. H. Cook. 4771

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam and Beckley, Saturday, October 19th. Bells at Northiam 3–4.30 p.m. Ringing at Beckley 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, 16th, or alternatively make own arrangements.—G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel. Hailsham 3515. 4946

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Henfield (8), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. Leadley, Moonrakers, Bromfield Road, Henfield, Sussex, by previous Wednesday, please 4942

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting at Hordle, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Milford (8) after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Lewis, Cottesmore, Everton Road, Hordle, near Lymington, Hants.—Mrs. G. W. Davis, Acting Hon. Sec., 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 4915

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Room, 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, October 15th, please 4860

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A.G.M., St. Alphege's, Canterbury, on October 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than October 23rd. 4919

LADIES GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, October 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names for tea to Mr. D. Kirton, Sunny Side Farm, Coddington, Newark-on-Trent. Barnby bells available 2.30–4.15.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 4938

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amesbury, Saturday, October 26th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 22nd. 4945

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The ringers of St. Margaret's, Aspley, invite members of the Guild to their open day on Saturday, October 26th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham, by October 24th. 4941

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Review

"BELLS AND BELLRINGING"

Frequently we receive requests for a useful handbook about bells and ringing. Mr. Roy H. Jones has supplied this in "About Bells and Bell Ringing" (price 3s. from the author, 118, Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford). Mr. Jones has based his handbook on material he has used in talks and articles, but really it dates back to 1961–62, when he wrote a two-page booklet for recruiting purposes.

The historical side of bells is well summarised, indicating the development since the bells of St. Ninian and St. Patrick (A.D. 465). Legends and superstitions associated with bells always make good material for lectures, and the classic example of bells being provided to keep the Devil away from the departed is the sum of money given to the Church of St. Sepulchre at Old Bailey to pay for bell ringing on the days of execution, when the condemned was given a service, a nosegay of flowers and a "peal" on the bells

Ringers should bear in mind that misuse of bells was supposed to bring misfortune. Sir Miles Partridge gambled with Henry VIII for St. Paul's bells and won. Later Sir Miles was executed. Arthur Bulkeley, Bishop of Bangor, sold his Cathedral bells and was struck blind!

Commenting on ringing today, Mr. Jones confirms that the standard of ringing is rising steadily; certainly achievement in the front rank of ringing today has reached staggering heights and we are now confronted with the niceties of distinction between record peals and progressive lengths! He states that since the 1939/45 war the number of ringers has increased rapidly and the number of young ringers today is greater than ever before. The number of lady ringers has increased rapidly in the last ten years and there are towers completely "manned" by ladies or where ladies outnumber men. From his experience with learners the author holds that girls seem to be more interested than boys in ringing, and he foretells that if the present trend continues the majority of ringers in the future may be ladies! Certainly our peal columns indicate that ladies are still very much in the minority in peal ringing, although in quarter peals ladies now get a better showing.

One cannot deny that change ringing becomes a pastime for life, but behind its strong social side, its peal ringing and tours, there is its obligation—to ring for Sunday service regularly.

"About Bells and Bell Ringing" is a useful summary of the part bells have played in life through the ages and an introduction to the dedicated art that change ringing has now reached.

HALF PEAL

WARWICK. — On Sept. 22nd, 2,640 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Cox 1–2, S. F. Royal 3–4, P. C. Randall 5–6, G. W. Randall (cond.) 7–8. The longest length rung "in hand" on eight bells by all. Rung with best wishes to Peter Mackie for his 21st birthday.

DATE TOUCH

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 8th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Jane Osenton 1, Margaret Jenner 2, A. Bourner 3, J. Hemsley 4, R. Lebon 5, O. Webster 6, H. Deacon 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. Longest touch for all the band except 7. First quarter of Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

THREE QUARTERS IN ONE DAY ON THE ISLE OF SHEPPEY

EASTCHURCH.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. J. Chesson 1, F. R. Searle 2, Jane Bryant 3, G. Terris 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, P. D. J. Beal 6. Jointly conducted by 1 and 6.

QUEENBOROUGH.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. J. Beal 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford (first Minor) 3, Wendy Austin 4, G. Terris 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6. First on the bells since restoration.

MINSTER.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mira Ford 1, Jane Bryant 2, G. Terris 3, G. Wood 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, P. D. J. Beal 6.

All rung for the births on September 17th of Julian Phillip Mitchell and Bridget Theresa Leworthy.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,296 Annable's London Surprise Minor: Louise Powell (first Treble Bob) 1, N. Bennett 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Wendy Wallace 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

BATHFORD, SOM. — On Sept. 5th, 1,296 Bob Minimus: W. Willans 1, N. Dawson (first as cond.) 2, D. Livsey 3, S. Bateman 4, H. Goss 5.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Sadler 1, W. Bolton (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Hewitson 3, W. A. Brown 4, K. Foster 5, E. Boumphrey 6. For the service of dedication of the new standard for the local branch of the British Legion.

CALGARY, ALBERTA.—On Aug. 3rd, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Sally Luttrell 1, J. Hallett 2, Mrs. Wendy Foster 3, Margaret Wheat 4, Judy Midgeley 5, E. G. Jeff White 6, Pat Johns (first quarter and 21st birthday) 7, M. Simpson (cond.) 8.

CARHAMPTON, SOM.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: R. F. Arscott (cond.) 1, Brenda Binden 2, F. C. Arscott 3, J. Cornelius 4, M. A. Arscott 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First in method by all.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. MacIntosh (first Grandsire Triples) 1, R. Benson 2, D. Davenport 3, A. Cairns (cond.) 4, C. Billinge 5, J. Bell 6, C. Bell 7, W. Cook 8. Rung to mark the treble ringer's departure to Reading University.

DORCHESTER, OXON. — On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Fox 1, Angela Ayres 2, Cheri Holloway 3, F. Godden 4, James Godman 5, F. Absolom 6, G. McIlhone (cond.) 7, D. Exon 8. A wedding compliment to Jean and Peggi Exon, daughters of 8 and former ringers at the Abbey, who were married here on August 17th.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At the Church of St. George, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. McGregor 1, T. Roast 2, R. Joy Pluckrose 3, P. Came 4, G. Pluckrose 5, C. J. Reede 6, P. W. Brown (cond.) 7, J. P. O. Barry 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William McGregor, sen.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 8th, 1,280 Lincolnshire S. Major: Evelyn M. Hicks 1, Louise Smith 2, Janet E. Blake 3, Valerie J. Howard 4, F. H. Hicks 5, R. Osbon 6, M. P. Howard 7, J. A. Howard (cond.) 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Rosemary Astridge 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, S. Mortimore 3, Jill Oakshott 4, C. Chapman 5, T. Skilton 6, W. J. Munton 7, R. D. Mills 8, P. J. Munday 9, J. C. Davidge (first Pl. Bob as cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 3, 5.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. A. Marriott 1, C. E. Jeffries 2, R. Chapman 3, F. W. Rivett 4, R. L. Piron 5, D. A. Hammond 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, A. H Smith 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Raymond Fowler and Elizabeth Manton, married at Bromham Church earlier in the week.

QUARTER PEALS

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. G. Manby (first away from tenor) 1, Miss I. E. M. Manby (first in method "inside") 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 4, W. H. Riddle 5, P. W. Cave 6, R. F. Eccles 7, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 8, A. Ward (cond.) 9, A. Pearce (first in method) 10. Rung in memory of William Pye, a former member of the Cathedral band and a member of the Police band at Manchester Town Hall.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA. — At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. C. Bolton 1, Helen J. Henderson 2, R. G. Turner (cond.) 3, H. J. Rossell 4, J. J. F. Roper 5, F. J. English 6. Rung to welcome Jennifer Clare Doggett, born August 2nd, 1968. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: F. J. English (first quarter) 1, R. G. Turner 2, H. J. Rossell 3, R. Jolly (first in Victoria) 4, M. Scowen (first as cond.) 5, Margaret Aslett 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: A. Youde 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, J. Lott 4, R. Boultbee 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer on his 68th birthday.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Single Oxford Little Bob and Plain Bob: W. Tickner 1, Margaret Jenner 2, Marion Kemp 3, J. Hemsley 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 3 and 4.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Hoodless 1, P. Royds-Jones 2, Jennifer Quaiffe 3, G. Love 4, H. Trewin 5, A. Sturgess 6, A. Hicks 7, A. Buswell (cond.) 8. Rung with best wishes on the eve of the wedding between Mr. William Goff, son of the Provost of Portsmouth Cathedral, and Miss Vivien Pounds.

PRISTON, SOM.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pl. Bob Doubles: N. Dawson 1, D. Livsey 2, S. Bateman 3, R. Perry 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, H. Goss (first Doubles) 6. First in method by all.

PUTNEY, S.W.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Patterson 1, E. J. Adams 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, L. W. Allen 4, R. L. Jones 5, A. R. Patterson 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, G. T. Brand 8. For Evensong, the last service to be held in this church before the dismantling and modification of the chancel and sanctuary.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Bassett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Lowther (first Major "inside") 2, W. Rogers (cond.) 3, Mrs. Hilary A. Brown 4, R. P. Bullen 5, A. F. Lewry 6, R. V. Johnson 7, S. D. Upton 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector and Mrs. Gooderham. Also for the 90th birthday of Mr. Lewry, father of the 6th ringer.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS. — On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Oliver 1, A. Fowkes 2, T. Kirkman 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, R. Stretton (cond.) 6, J. Eborall 7, N. Handley 8. To celebrate the wedding of Miss S. Adams and Mr. G. Hogg earlier this day.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Brenda Dixon 1, B. Whitworth 2, Ann Smith 3, G. Muncey 4, S. Hodgkins 5, T. Smith 6, R. Coley 7, L. Hall 8. Rung for the 85th birthday of Mr. C. Clifton.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Vowles 1, B. Osborne 2, C. Mayell 3, S. Cottle (cond.) 4, J. Abbott 5, J. Hughes 6. Rung for the wedding of Peter Youatt and Miss Bridgett Kidd.

SELWORTHY, SOM.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and St. Clement's): M. R. Arscott 1, F. C. Arscott 2, M. A. Arscott 3, L. H. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to F. C. Arscott.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,272 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge and Ipswich): Miss E. Morgan 1, Miss P. Harpole 2, D. Isgrove 3, M. Houghton 4, D. Houghton 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. C. Rivett 1, R. H. Toop 2, W. M. Taylor 3, P. R. Denton 4, T. C. Hine (first as cond.) 5, A. N. Hine 6. First Minor 1 and 2. A compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Bates on their recent marriage, and to W. M. Taylor on his return from Africa.

SOUTHAM, WARKS. — On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Ashby 1, Delphine Holman 2, C. J. Baker 3, R. J. Danby 4, B. R. Danby 5, R. W. Sherriff (25th as cond.) 6, J. F. Thorne 7, G. Cooper 8. Rung to welcome the torch to the Bishop's Call to Mission to Southam Church.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On July 14th, 1,280 St. Faith's Slow Course Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on July 21st, 1,280 St. Botolph Bob Doubles. Also on August 10th, 1,280 Rev. All Saints Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Bradley 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,320 Uffington Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, B. Mills (cond.) 4, F. Bradley 5. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,280 Rev. All Saints Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Bradley 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,320 Uffington Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,280 Datchet Bob Doubles: Same band. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,280 St. Sebastian Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Bradley 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Cheeseman 1, F. Bird (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, D. R. Hutley 4, K. Westwood 5, T. Camp 6. In memoriam H.R.H. Princess Marina.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Cecily Roberts 1, Ann Hall 2, D. G. Hatherly 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, O. Dyson (first quarter) 6. For the parish centenary celebrations.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDS.—1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandsire): E. C. Biggs 1, H. G. Lane (first "inside") 2, L. J. Walters 3, D. Vokes 4, S. B. Bell (cond.) 5, Miss R. Collins 6.

STOGUMBER, SOM.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Jarvis 1, B. Dennett 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, C. Lock 4, R. Penny 5, S. Bryant 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of fourth.

SWAINSWICK, SOM.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles: W. Willans (50th quarter) 1, R. Perry 2, N. Dawson 3, D. Livsey 4, S. J. Bateman (cond.) 5, H. Goss 6. First quarter in the method by all.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: N. S. Blamire-Brown 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, D. Harris 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, D. Digby 6. To mark the 85th birthday of H. Shire (ringer of 4th). Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. S. Blamire-Brown 1, D. Harris 2, A. G. Sears 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, D. Digby 6. To mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shire.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On Sept. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Erica Pankhurst 1, Kay Whittaker 2, R. L. Coles 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, Shirley A. Cox 5, D. J. Barnett 6, I. P. Cox 7, A. F. Lee (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major by all except conductor, and first of Surprise Major on the bells by all-local ringers.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Beale (25th as cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, Miss L. M. Dade 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, M. A. Arscott (first Grandsire) 5, A. K. Whatmore 6. Rung with best wishes of the band to Miss M. E. Norman on her departure for Portsmouth Training College.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. J. Cook 1, June Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, R. J. Rowley 4, J. N. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6. For Evensong.

WALSHAM LE WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, L. Nice 2, C. Hancock 3, D. Tamberlin 4, M. J. Rose (cond.) 5, A. Flower 6. For Harvest Festival.

WANSTROW, SOM.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. B. S. Mounty 1, P. Wareham 2, J. E. Metcalfe (cond.) 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls 5, T. Crabbe 6. A wedding compliment to Denzil and Christine.

WOODCHURCH, KENT. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Beeken (first Minor) 1, Jo Hemsley 2, Margaret Jenner 3, Marion Kemp 4, A. Leeves 5, R. Weeks (cond.) 6.

WORCESTER. — At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Douglas 1, R. Grosvenor 2, G. Teague 3, R. Rowe 4, T. W. Lewis (cond.) 5, G. Hawkes 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Hills (first quarter) 1, R. Grosvenor 2, G. Teague 3, R. Rowe 4, T. W. Lewis (cond.) 5, G. Hawkes 6. By the Sunday service band.

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St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon.

THE first church on the site was founded before the Saxon invasion, and in bygone days it appears to have received the attention of many marauders. In 864 the church was plundered by Irish pirates, in 875 by the Danes, and in 1060 by Earl Harold's men. The army of William Rufus is said to have encamped one night about the church and before departing to have knelt before the altar and made offerings. The King granted the church to the monastery of St. Peter's, Gloucester, in whose possession is remained until 1540 when the rights of presentation, patronage, etc., were vested in the Bishop of Gloucester. In 1882 these were transferred to the Bishop of Llandaff. In 1921, with the formation of the Diocese of Monmouth, St. Woolos' became the pro-Cathedral and in October, 1930, a Cathedral, the rights of presentation, etc., passing to the Bishop of Monmouth.

Little is known about the bells until 1768 when they were five in number. In the following year they were recast into a ring of six; the inscriptions on these old bells are rather interesting:

Treble.—My treble voice makes hearts rejoice.

2nd.—Good ringing might yield great delight.

3rd.—Health, Peace and Plenty to this Neighbourhood.

4th.—Faith, Hope and Grace attend this place.

5th.—Kemys and Friends did vote tis true these five old bells should cast six new.

6th.—Me Resonare Jubent Pietas Mors Atque Voluptas 1769. Mr. Tudor and Mr. Richards, Churchwardens. Thomas Bayley, Founder.

The tenor bell was recast in 1870 by Mears and Stainbank. In 1894 a new treble and tenor were added to complete the octave. The inscriptions on these bells are:

Treble.—Praise to the Holiest in the Height. Henry John Davies, Arthur Stevens. Churchwardens. Mears and Stainbank, Founders.

Tenor.—And in the Depth be Praise. This bell was given to the Glory of God to the Church and Parish of St. Woolos by Henry John Davies, 1894. Mears and Stainbank, Founders.

In 1913, owing to the bad go of the bells, it was decided that the bells should be recast, two trebles added and the whole ring rehung in a steel frame. This work was carried out by John Taylor and Co. In 1939 two further trebles were added and the three lightest bells recast by Gillett and Johnston to form the only ring of 12 bells in Wales and Monmouthshire. The weight of the tenor is 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. Last year the plain bearings were replaced by ball bearings. The parishioners of St. Woolos' are most certainly to be congratulated on the manner in which this ring has been augmented and maintained during this century.

Although peals are now scored on these bells at frequent intervals this has not always been the case. The first peal on the bells was in 1895 when R. T. Hibbert conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples; in the following year he returned to call a similar peal half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of Prince Henry of Battenburg.

After the ten bells were hung in 1913 we have to wait until August, 1919, before reading of the first peal of Caters, conducted by J. E. Sykes, to celebrate the singing of the Treaty of Peace. The first peal of Cinques was conducted by D. G. Clift in 1948, eleven years after the installation of the ring of twelve bells. It is difficult to imagine such a handy ring of twelve being installed today without a peal on them for eleven years! The following year W. Williams conducted the first peal of Maximus on the bells. Mr. Williams also conducted the first peal of Surprise Royal on the ten in 1932. Up to the present time some 90 peals have been rung.

For many years the ringers in the area appear to have been closely associated with the Great Western Railway, and several peals have been rung by railwaymen on the bells, including two conducted by the late A. J. Pitman.

The tower is served by a faithful band of ringers who do their utmost to keep the bells ringing regularly for Sunday service, and it is pleasing to note that they have several promising youngsters in the band.

M. J. P.

RECORDINGS—POINTED QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,—On page 763 you report that a church in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, without bells, now has permission to play the recorded sound of church bells from the tower, under certain conditions regarding the quality of the sound produced and the purpose for which it is played.

This is a precedent which will no doubt be followed widely, and I am writing to ask whether the Central Council should now begin to consider exercising some control, not over the playing but over the recording. One can imagine a tape enthusiast—a non-ringer—recording the bells of a nearby church, say, on practice night when, with learners struggling along, the striking falls sadly short of an acceptable service standard, in the belief that he is faithfully recording the proper sound of church bells.

The owners of the bells and the incumbents who control them can, if they wish, seek advice as to their rights in the matter, but what about the ringers who take part, whose skill is thus to be used elsewhere? Would it not be proper to introduce some form of control to ensure that no recording is made without the knowledge of the ringers taking part, or without their approval of the standard of ringing before the record is released for use?—Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS.

Westminster, S.W.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

ON October 13th, 1893, a meeting was held at The Girls' School, Llandaff, attended by the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Llandaff and "a large number of ringers," when it was decided to form the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. Mr. Evan Davies, a schoolmaster from Caerleon, was elected the first Master. He was very active in promoting the art of change ringing in the area, and was largely responsible for arranging the first meeting. At that time the Diocese covered the whole of Monmouthshire and the greater part of Glamorgan, with a new ring of ten bells at St. John's, Cardiff, eleven rings of eight bells and a large number of sixes and fives.

The minutes of the early meetings show that they were held in different towers to try to arouse interest; the minutes of these meetings are very brief, seldom extending beyond one page of large handwriting. The first available statement of accounts was published for the year 1896, and on the income side we read "48 Performing Members £3.12.6d.", and on the other side "Telegram 6d.," Advertisements (Bell News) 4s. 0d." and "Postage & Paper 4s. 8d." It is interesting to note that the subscription was reduced to 1s. in 1905, and remained at 1s. until 1963.

TWO NOTED SECRETARIES

From 1899 until 1945 Mr. J. W. Jones was the general secretary, and there is little doubt that under his leadership the Association prospered with a steady increase of membership and general interest, resulting in several new rings of bells being installed, whilst many others were augmented. He was succeeded in 1945 by Mr. F. J. Hannington, who, despite the handicap of losing an arm shortly after the first world war, carried on the good work until 1962. During this period Mr. Hannington spent considerable time in producing records of the bells and ringers in the area. His "reign" was brought to a climax by the visit of the Central Council to Cardiff in 1962. He continues to be a most regular Sunday service ringer at St. John's, Cardiff. The writer has struggled most inadequately since 1962 to meet the high standard set by these two stalwarts.

It is the practice of the Association for the Master to be elected for a term of one year only, although Evan Davies held the office for 1893–4–5 and F. J. Hannington for the years 1940–43 and in 1963. The list of Masters includes A. J. Pitman for 1926, and J. Phillips in 1931. Mr. Phillips later became the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Only one lady has held the office—Miss Jacqueline S. Evans in 1952. She is now Mrs. David King, and since 1953 has been a very hard-working and efficient secretary of the Monmouth Branch, and is the immediate past president of the Ladies Guild.

During 1921 the new Diocese of Monmouth was created, and it was decided to alter the title of the Association to its present form, the Bishops of the two Dioceses to become joint presidents. Many years later, in 1953, two Branches were formed within the Association, each covering a Diocese.

The first ring of ten bells for the Association was installed at St. John's, Cardiff, in 1893. Later, in 1913, St. Woolos', Newport, bells were augmented to ten, as were the bells at Llandaff Cathedral in 1920. In 1939 St. Woolos' bells were again augmented to give the only ring of 12 bells. Since that time further 10-bell rings have been installed at Abergavenny and Chepstow.

COMPLETE PEAL RECORDS

The Association has kept a complete record of all peals rung in the area—these peal books make interesting reading and show up clearly the progress made in the art over the years. Until 1909 only 69 peals were rung (less than five per year), whilst the years 1909 to 1913 produced 131 peals. These were mostly of Grandsire and Plain Bob, but after 1911 peals of Stedman and Treble Bob appeared. Records show that at that time most of the towers were fully manned, but, alas, the 1914–18 war put an end to this happy state of affairs.

Immediately after the war, progress was slow, but in the early twenties things began to brighten up again. Fred Chamberlain was the leading conductor at the time, most of his peals being of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. This period also produced that remarkable self-taught band at Pentre. This band was the first in the area to progress beyond the four standard methods with a peal of D.N.C.B. Major and, later, peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major on the heavy ring at Pentre. The last members of this band have recently passed from us, but their influence lives on with members of the present band there, including Tudor Edwards and John Owen—the latter is now in Canada.

From 1925 Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Aberavon, was busy with his early compositions, many of which were rung at Bridgend or Aberavon, conducted either by C. H. Perry or A. J. Pitman himself. As an Association we are, of course, very proud of his later achievements as a composer, and at the time of his death he was vice-president of the Association.

During the period 1919–39 an average of 26 peals was rung each year. After the 1939–45 war progress was again slow, but the names of E. Stitch and A. J. Pitman appear frequently in the peal columns. Early in the fifties Jack Worrall introduced a new wave of enthusiasm which resulted in quite a large number of peals being rung, including the first peal on 12 bells by a resident band.

YOUNG RINGERS TO THE FORE

Since that time there has been a continued interest in the art by an ever-increasing number of young people. Quite a few towers have in recent years scored peals by their Sunday service band; the band at Llandaff Cathedral have achieved peals of both Caters and Royal. Peals of Surprise are today quite common, but it is only a few years since the first peal of Surprise Royal by a resident band was rung. Three of our young ringers were featured in the series "Up and Coming Youngsters"—Ellis N. Thomas, Christopher Ricketts and Nicholas W. H. Simon. The first two are products of Cowbridge Grammar School, where Iolo Davies has been so successful in producing young ringers to man the tower at Llanbleddian, whilst N. W. H. Simon, a ringer at Llandaff Cathedral, has in a few years conducted nearly as many peals as any conductor for this Association.

The leading peal ringers for the Association up to the end of 1967 were: J. W. Jones (deceased) 373, E. Stitch (deceased) 258, T. Yeomans 181 and G. I. Lewis 161, whilst the leading conductors were: G. I. Lewis 89, N. W. H. Simon 65½, D. J. King 65 and C. H. Perry (deceased) 63.

GUILD LIBRARY

The late J. W. Jones left a very good collection of books and "Ringing Worlds." These have all been bound and we have a complete set of "The Ringing World" up to the present time. These books form a foundation for a library that has been established at All Saints' Church, Newport, in a beautiful bookcase made for us by a Newport ringer, Donald Clarke. The whole was dedicated to the memory of J. W. J. in 1965, and since that time a further valuable collection has been given by F. J. Hannington. It is fitting that Mr. Leslie Bainham, a pupil of J. W. Jones, is now our librarian.

Our membership at the present time stands at 400, and our total assets amount to £252 0s. 6d. It is most fitting that in this our 75th anniversary year the Master, Mr. Richard J. Stewart, of Newport, should be one of the youngest to occupy the office. His presence, as Master at our celebration dinner, is a sure symbol of the faith we have in the future of the Association, and those who will be responsible for it.

M. J. P.

TED ROCHESTER TAKES HIS RINGERS TO SOMERSET

THE Herts/Essex outing, organised by Ted Rochester, has again lived up to its reputation as one of the best of the regulars.

Due to the magnificent effort of Audrey and Ron Short, a run of excellent towers drew the best ringing from our bunch.

Long Sutton (6, 17 cwt.), the first, was unfortunately not reached by all in time. Huish Episcopi (8, 16 cwt.) had ropes removed from treble and second for some unexplained reason. This did not lessen the pleasure of the ring. Curry Rivel and Milverton (both 8, 18 cwt.) and Wiveliscombe (8, 20 cwt.), Wellington (8, 19 cwt.) and St. James', Taunton (8, 19½ cwt.) completed the Saturday ring.

Friends of Audrey and Ron supplemented the band all day and helped us get the greatest possible pleasure from the exercise. We hope they enjoyed it, too.

On Sunday most of us were unprepared for Holy Trinity, Taunton (6, 4½ cwt.) until someone remarked "You'll find out!" So we penetrated the obscure regions where this tower stood, ominously (as you will find later) avoiding the numerous turns marked TRULL. The bells rang very reasonably, particularly with the assistance of the local band.

St. Mary's, Taunton (12, 23¾ cwt.), was another matter. Despite the fragile-looking tower, the inside seemed solid enough and the 12 bells rang deep and ponderous—too ponderous at first—but the pace improved and we made some handsome rounds and kept to Caters and Triples. We achieved two quite involuntary compliments from a church official and a member of the congregation!

DEMONS AND SIGNPOSTS

Someone had slipped us the tip that Wilton (Somerset) bells would be available if we covered the short distance along the TRULL road in time. The cars filled quickly, the procession started off to find one of those many signposts mentioned earlier. Now, a family of demons allowed half the party to get away before removing all the signposts. The other half was left gaping and furious. At a tense kerbside conference John Collins offered to lead, and he found the signs replaced (one up, John!) with the tail of the last demon flicking merrily as, having successfully stalled the Wilton ring, it slid out of sight.

The party was now reunited, if fractious. A considerable pavement parliament developed. Ted was for freeing the day and meeting at Sonning-on-Thames for Evensong. Others were for the offchance of an afternoon ring at Wells. The choice was delectable, but we were Ted's men and most of us made Sonning. Four of the local band met us and we had probably the most satisfying ring of the outing with them. Only one comment to the unwary—when the tenor is working, hold the treble well off at backstroke.

Methods rung were Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Minor and Major, Kent and Cambridge Major, Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters and Double Norwich. And the only incident was the successful standing of all bells after a touch early on Saturday, followed by a rope breaking off and clattering to the ground at the next pull-off.

Brig Young, who we always look for on this outing, was with us until we left for Sonning and/or Wells. He is a marvellous watchdog for nervous ringers. Thanks, Brig!

Lunch at the Bell Hotel, Curry Rivel, was good and quickly served with mini-skirt attraction. Tea at the White Hart, Wiveliscombe, was very much the old fashioned meal, extremely generous and wholesome.

L. G. G.



MR. E. BARNETT, SEN.
oldest member of the Kent County Association, having joined in 1897. Has a store of anecdotes of ringing of 50 and more years ago.



MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS
the oldest man to ring a peal.



MR. LEONARD STILWELL
has all his "Ringing Worlds" beautifully bound. Rang peals in America and Australia.

THEY TOOK ISSUE No. 1—

WITH thankfulness for many mercies, the Editor presents today to his 6,000 odd readers the 3,000th issue of "The Ringing World". And since the journal first saw the light of day, on March 24th, 1911, no fewer than 34 readers have a continuous record of being faithful supporters week by week. To them there has been a rich blessing not only in health to survive two world wars but to retain an interest and affection for a craft that has been dedicated to the service of God and his Church.

The launching of "The Ringing World" was carefully prepared and the Editor and Founder, James Sparkes Goldsmith, acknowledged the desire behind the Exercise for a *live* journal. He wrote: "No enterprise could have been embarked upon with more generous wishes for success . . . From north, south, east and west, since first the proposal to establish this journal was made known, have come messages of encouragement."

The pathway has not been easy. There were times during the wars when the obstacles were many and the financial outlook was bleak. Even when bells were silent during part of World War II the journal survived on the heritage of the past and the painstaking research of the then Editor, J. Armiger Trollope.

Perhaps the most significant act of confidence and the desire to maintain a weekly journal for change ringing took place in the summer of 1942 when, upon the death of the Founder-Editor, the Central Council acquired the journal and with it a debt load. Their faith and their confidence have been fully justified and, thanks to the careful husbanding of resources, "The Ringing World" has today behind it capital exceeding £10,000.

We hope and pray that the example of loyalty and faithfulness of the 34 original readers will be followed by the clientele of this age and that men and women will be forthcoming to steer the ship to the next objective—No. 4,000.

AVERY, P.H. (80), of Clacton, Essex, has taken the paper since he was 16 years of age. Learned to ring at North Weald, Essex, and in 1918 joined Leytonstone. Losing a leg in World War I, in which he was awarded the D.C.M., he has been unable to do much peal ringing but has rung about 20 and conducted one of Surprise Minor. From Leytonstone he went to St. Mary's, Watford, then to All Saints', Hastings, Rayleigh and is now with Kirby-le-Soken band.

AYRE, Walter, Hemel Hempstead, convener of the Peals Analysis Committee. Uncertain whether he had all the copies during the 1914–18 war, when he was on active service. Rung over 900 peals and still rings peals. Elected to Central Council in 1926.

BAKER, C. H., Gainsborough, Lincs, has taken the journal since No. 1 and "The Bell News" one year before that. Is now turned 80 years and still able to ring regularly and enjoy the paper.

BARKER, Arthur D., Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Born 1890. Hon. treasurer Oxford Diocesan Guild. Member of Central Council since 1924.

BARNES, Harry, of Woodhall Spa, near Lincoln, took "The Bell News" from about 1902 and has taken "The Ringing World" since No. 1 issue. For many years he lived at the Blacksmith's Cottage, Stainton, near Rotherham, but in recent years has lived at Woodhall Spa.

BARNETT, E. Crayford. Grand Old Man of the Kent County Association, having been elected in 1897 and rang his first peal in May, 1899. Has rung 594 peals and served for many years on the committee of the Kent County Association. From 1903–32 was a member of the Central Council.

BEARD, Albert Walter, of East Ham, has been associated with St. Margaret's belfry, Barking, Essex, for the past 62 years and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 43 years.

BIRD, Hector G., East Brent, North Somerset, is as keen as ever on "The Ringing World" but regards the cover as unnecessary.

BLACK, Robert G. (79), of Geddington, Kettering, began ringing at Geddington when the bells were restored in 1909. Has taken the journal continuously from the first issue. During Army service in the 1914–18 war it was forwarded to him. "Before taking 'The Ringing World' I took 'The Bellringer,' which was published by William Willson, of Leicester. My father was a ringer and took 'The Bell News,' so from a lad I have been a reader of ringing journals." From 1926–49 he was general secretary and treasurer of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

CLAYDON, F., of Earle Colne, is proud to be able to say that he has taken every copy and still greatly looks forward to every edition.

FLINT, T. R. (89), Lynwood Cottage, 17, Central Avenue, Worksop. Learned to ring at Worksop in 1897 and became leader the same year. Joined the Midland Counties Association in 1906 and rang his first peal that year. Still enjoys "The Ringing World."

HAIRS, Frank I., Groombridge, Sussex, helped Jack Goldsmith for some time before the first issue by distributing handbills and making the "coming event" known in London. Joined the Central Council in 1930 as representative of Sussex County Association. Hon. member since 1951. Did valuable work for journal while member of "R.W" Committee.

HARMAN, Alfred, Wroxall, Isle of Wight, took "The Ringing World" from its first publication until the 1914–18 war, when he was on active service abroad, and from then until the present time. He is a former Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

HIBBINS, Ernest G., Cambridge. Born at Stamford, Lincs. 1889. Elected member of the Ely Association in 1911. Served as peal secretary and Ringing Master on Diocesan and Cambridge District committees. Former Master of Cambridge Youths. Employed for 46 years by British Railways.

HOARE, J. Arthur, Swansea. Secretary of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, the Railwaymen's Guild and a member of the Central Council since 1946.

NOW THEY TAKE *Issue* 3,000

HUMPHERY, H.S. (87), of 29, The Churchlands, New Romney, Kent, has taken "The Ringing World" from No. 1 issue.

INSKIP, E. Pearl, Bromham, Beds, has taken "The Ringing World" since No. 1 issue without a break. For four years (1915–1919) copies were sent to him in France; previously he took "The Bell News" for two years. Started to ring in 1960 at Bromham and was leader at Kempston Church for 43 years, after which he returned to Bromham to live.

KENWARD, George, Sittingbourne, Kent, became a bellringer in 1909 and took "The Bell News" before "The Ringing World" was founded. "I look forward to it every week and hope to enjoy it for a few more years." He has a membership of over 50 years of the Kent County Association.

KEYTE, Jack, Freeland, Oxford. Born July 1st, 1890, at Blockley, Glos. Commenced ringing on the five-minute bell at the age of 10. For 40 years secretary of Chipping Norton Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild. Still rings for Sunday services — Shipton-under-Wychwood in morning and Bourton-on-the-Water in the evening.

MACEY, Frederick S. (79), Sutton Valence, Kent. Taught to ring at Rainham, Kent, by the late George Gilbert, being one of his first pupils. Joined the Kent County Association in 1904. Conducted the first "Frederick" peal for the Kent County Association, at Rolvenden, on June 20th, 1926. Looking forward to celebrating his 80th birthday with a peal at Maidstone next April.

MAULDEN, Willoughby E., of Woodbridge, Suffolk, writes: "Most times it ('The Ringing World') turns up on Thursday mornings, in time to reach me in bed! but seldom later than first post on Fridays (never a miss). He joined the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1908 and rang his first peal in September, 1909.

NORRIS, Charles E. J. (79), Chatham, first went into the belfry at St. Mary's, Chatham, in 1903 and joined the Kent County Association in 1908. Taught to ring by the late F. A. Holden, who called his first peal (Holt's Original) on March 5th, 1910, with six first pealers in it. "The Ringing World" was sent to him while serving in the Royal Artillery from 1914–18. In 1942 he was appointed steeplekeeper at Chatham, a post he still holds. He was invited to join Rochester Cathedral band in 1922 and has served under seven Deans. Captain from 1958–65 and steeplekeeper at the Cathedral for 25 years. Peals total about 180.

PERRENS, Frank W. Born 1891. Learned to ring at Willenhall in 1910 and rang his first peal the following year. Librarian to the Central Council (member since 1927 with a gap of two years). Former Master and president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

RUMENS, H., Salisbury, Wilts. Learned to ring at Walthamstow, where he rang most of his peals ranging from Triples to Royal, but mainly Stedman Caters. He was secretary of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, ringers for many years and left for Salisbury over three years ago, being a regular member of St. Thomas's band. He has been a member of the College Youths for 59 years and for over 60 years of the Essex and Middlesex Associations. Since joining the Salisbury Guild he has made many friends.

SEDGLEY, Charles J. (81), Ipswich, learned to ring at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. Rung 357 peals (conducted 91). Rang in the first peals of Superlative, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rochester and York Surprise Maximus, also the first 5,040 Cambridge. Ringing Master Suffolk Guild 1923 to 1956. Member Central Council 1927 to 1956. "I look forward to getting 'The Ringing World' each week and enjoy its varied news."

SEGAR, John (75), Skegness, commenced ringing in 1909 at Retford, Notts. In 1913 he tapped on handbells 7,200 of Minor in ten plain methods, and 5,040 in seven Surprise methods, becoming the second peal tapper in history. He compiled the C.C. "Four-Way Table of Minor Methods." He discovered that f.c.h. of a method can be found from its blue line. As a composer he has had some success with record lengths.

SHEPHERD, Edgar C., of Warminster, has read "The Ringing World" from No. 1 onwards, for his late brother took the paper from its beginning. He still has Volume 1, the copies of which he bound nearly 50 years ago. One of "The Ringing World's" most loyal contributors. Member of Central Council, convener of Literature and Press Committee.

SHEPHERD, William, Addlestone, Surrey.—"I am delighted to be one of those who have supported the paper through thick and thin. The journal, which was born at Woking, has had a difficult period, including two world wars. On May 20th, 1911, I called a peal of Minor at Horsell, the nearest tower to the editorial offices, and we youngsters regarded it as a welcome peal. On September 18th, 1915, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung in the Editor's office at Woking—my 250th peal; the Editor rang 7–8. 'The Ringing World' has had three editors—Faith, Hope and Love, all of whom have proved sincere friends."

SMALLWOOD, J. Frank. During the first world war, when he served overseas for four years, the late James George used to send him "The Ringing World" each week. Former convener of "The Ringing World" Committee. Former Master and trustee of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Life member of Central Council, which he joined in 1939.

SODEN, B. O. (81), of Northampton, is still ringing, especially at meetings. He learned to ring at St. Edmund's Church, Northampton, and has rung peals from Grandsire Doubles to Superlative Surprise Major. His peals total 101 and were rung for the Central Northamptonshire Association and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

STEEL, Miss Evelyn, of Biddenham, Bedford, has taken "The Ringing World" since it was first started by Mr. Goldsmith and was in the first peal by "ladies only" in 1912. Former president of the Ladies Guild and of the Bedfordshire Association. Served on Central Council from 1938–50.

STILWELL, Leonard (78), Windsor, has all his "Ringing Worlds" from No. 1 issue beautifully bound. Has just returned from a Canadian tour and was an active member of Great Adventure II. Len is still an honorary member of the Central Council and a vice-president of the Sussex Association. Started to ring in 1903 and rang his first peal at Pulborough on October 6th, 1904.

SYMONDS, George E (92), Ipswich, writes: "During the 1890's I commenced taking 'The Bell News' until it ceased publication, and the six months 'Campanology.' Also subscribed to 'The Ringing World' since the start in 1911 except for five months' stay in Canada in 1951. All issues of 'The Bell News,' including six months of 'Campanology' are bound volumes in a bookcase in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, together with a previous volume of 'Church Bells,' thanks to James Mott and others." Was secretary of St. Mary-le-Tower Society for 40 years. Rang a peal this year!

WINCH, Alfred H. (88), Leatherhead, has not only taken "The Ringing World" since No. 1 issue but also supported "The Bell News" from September, 1897 until its final issue. "Cannot ring now owing to disability, but my weekly ringing paper is a must."



MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD
whose reminiscences provide interesting letters.



MR. CHARLES SEDGLEY
stood in first peals of Surprise Maximus in Suffolk.



MR. JOHN SEAGER
a composer with the gift of ingenuity. Also a peal tapper of distinction.

Letters to the Editor

"A NEW PROFESSIONALISM"

Dear Sir,—The recent letter from Wheatley ("Insurance of Bellringers," September 27th) is, I think many will agree, indicative of the present demise of the Exercise.

Ringing will inevitably go through very difficult times in the future with such potent rivals as television, bingo, ten-pin bowling, golf and similar activities which have, owing to the rise in the standard of living, become available to the vast majority of people. It must be realised that these alternatives are a substantial threat to the continued practice of our art and that complacency (so familiar to every ringer) must be stamped out. We must now do everything in our power to ensure that our bells and belfries are left to succeeding generations in a substantially improved condition than that which now exists. A new era of belfry reform must be born; a "New Professionalism" must be born.

Despite restorations and improvements to church heating, lighting, seating and amplification in recent years, the average ringing room is still squalid, damp, draughty, ill-lit and devoid of any conveniences whatsoever. On top of this we now find that some church authorities cannot, or will not, arrange for the insurance of all persons who legitimately go to the belfry in the service of the church.

With these circumstances in mind, I would seriously propose the formation of a "National Union of Bellringers" to negotiate with the church authorities for substantial improvement of belfries and the drawing up of model ringing conditions, ensuring their reasonable adherence thereto. We are now in the second half of the 20th century—most of our belfries look like something out of "Pickwick Papers"!

Below I give a résumé of the most important reforms which much be carried out now if ringing is not to be classed with the dodo.

Lighting. — Adequate lighting to ringing rooms, bell chambers and stairs.

Heating. — Equipment to ensure a certain minimum temperature during ringing.

Ventilation. — A feature ignored by most church architects. Ringers know how valuable good ventilation is on a hot day!

Maintenance of Bells and Frames. — All churches should be visited at least once every three years by a specialist. A copy of the report should be supplied to the ringers and exhibited in the belfry.

Sound Control. — Where possible, towers should have effective sound control so that regular practices can be held without offence to neighbours.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL J. DYE.

Cholsey, Berks.

Note.—The framework of Guilds, Associations and the Central Council is an adequate safeguard without collecting subscriptions for another body—the National Union of Bellringers. The position of insurance of juveniles is under review by officials of the C.C.—Editor.

NOT SUPERSTITIOUS!

G.H.B. writes: "I am not superstitious, but Friday, September 13th, was not my day. Firstly the church was locked and the tower captain had to be found. Once into Huish Episcopi Church, things seemed to be all right, but after 20 minutes I miscalled the quarter attempt of Grandsire Triples, and it was too late to start again. The following touch of Plain Bob Major fired up after two courses, and the rope of the treble broke during a course of Grandsire Major, but I am still not superstitious."

A TAPE-RECORDING LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—As you will already know from the last Central Council meeting report, I have volunteered my services to the Records Committee in order to compile a library of taped recordings of record length peals. These would not, of course, constitute the whole length, but probably the starts and finishes together with excerpts of other musical or progressive positions in the ringing.

As long as this does not occur too often, or involve long distances with overnight stays, I will gladly undertake this work without cost to the Council except for the actual tapes.

Might I therefore make the request that should an organiser of a record peal know the probable date (surely well in advance) and if he and his team have no objection to such recordings being made, will he communicate with me at the address below at the earliest possible date, giving as many details of the attempt as possible. In recent times I have found the official notices on these attempts in "The Ringing World" far too late, and that I have already another commitment. One team have already "warned" me of an attempt next Easter Monday, and whilst I appreciate this is probably more notice than a lot of people could normally give, at least I am hoping to keep that date clear.

Friends at the bell foundries would agree that probably a microphone has not yet been invented capable of faithfully capturing all the detailed harmonics and overtones of any bell. This is not our aim. We feel that it is desirable that future generations, together with those unable to be present at the actual ringing, should have an opportunity of listening to the standards achieved by past record peal breakers.

I am also hoping to assist the Council in building up a collection of good ringing on noteworthy rings of bells and, in particular, when the bells are likely to be silenced for some reason, be it removal or just a complete recasting. Here again, only the co-operation of the ringers concerned can help us achieve this. Records will be made and kept in stock at a speed of 7½ inches per second, so that gramophone records or copies (possibly at different speeds) could be made at a later date if desired.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

29, Dimbles Hill,
Lichfield, Staffs.

FOUR-SPLICED PEAL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Sibson will look through the pages of the 1945–1946 volumes of "The Ringing World" he will find many other compositions by Mr. A. J. Pitman in his quest for an "all-the-work" peal.

When Mr. Cashmore's peal was composed, Mr. Pitman's "best yet" was a peal with all the work with the exception of the sixth missing two leads of Bristol. He congratulated Mr. Cashmore "on obtaining a composition in which all the bells do all the work of each method." Mr. Cashmore, who kept in touch with Mr. Pitman by correspondence at this time, subsequently published his composition and later, in February, 1946, wrote to "The Ringing World" about parts of the peal which he considered blemishes, i.e. the consecutive five leads of London and eight of Bristol.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

TINTED COVERS AGAIN

Dear Sir.—I have let a few weeks elapse before referring to my letter published on July 19th as I expected a few criticisms, but to my great surprise only a little jab from Mr. G. Edmands, of Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, and a "kick in the ribs" (what the heck is wrong with us?) from Mr. Bernard C. Ashford, an old colleague and the secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcesters, of which I have been an associate member for many years.

In my letter I did not criticise the price increase of "The Ringing World" but I did criticise the expenditure of £40 per week on the tinted cover, and I still think this expenditure is not necessary. It is the contents of "The Ringing World" which are important to ringers. I am glad to read that sales have increased (Editor's note) and I hope that this has balanced the deficit (I doubt it).

In my opinion the journals mentioned by Mr. Ashford cannot be compared with "The Ringing World." They cover sports which require either a club fee or a charge at the gates to watch. Ringers do not require an audience to watch them in the art of bellringing. This brings me to another point in Mr. Ashford's letter—"peanuts and chicken feed"—and here I again emphasise **"the peal levy."** For my own information I totalled up the number of ringers who rang peals published in "The Ringing World" of June 28th (not including handbells) and I made the number 425. At the rate of a shilling a rope this would amount to £21. Each week a similar amount would help the financial position of "The Ringing World" in the continued use of the tinted cover.

My appreciation goes out to the present committee, who I feel are very capable and level headed, and this includes Mr. Speed and Mrs. Jill Staniforth, who had the courage to say "Are we fighting for 'The Ringing World'?" Yes, Mrs. Staniforth, I am with you 100 per cent.

I appeal to every ringer up and down the country to put his or her shoulder to the wheel and pay a minimum of 1s. per rope for every successful peal rung (except old age pensioners). The conductor will know where to send the money.

This is my last comment on tinted covers—I shall always continue to take "The Ringing World" whatever the price.—Yours faithfully,

HECTOR G. BIRD.

East Brent, N. Somerset.

BELLHOUSES

Dear Sir,—I have found much interest in the Dean of Chester's article on "Bellhouses and Chester Cathedral" ("Ringing World," July 19th, page 560), and I now write to correct one slip—in the third column reference is made to St. Mary's and St. James', Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. The article shows that St. Mary's is now the Cathedral (of the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich). It is, in fact, St. James'. St. Mary's is still a parish church.

Several thousand pounds have lately been and still are being spent on St James' to make it more Cathedral-like, but the Norman Tower, detached, remains its bellhouse, containing ten bells with tenor about 30 cwt. in fair going order.—Yours sincerely,

Felixstowe, Suffolk. CLAUDE RUSH.

(Another letter on page 818)

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Shoreditch Bells in Their Full Glory

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH, bells (one of the historic rings in London held in veneration by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), were heard in their full glory on Saturday, October 5th, after their major restoration. The rededication was performed by the Archdeacon of London (the Ven. S. M. F. Woodhouse), who is patron of the living, in the presence of some 150 ringers, including Mr. Paul L. Taylor of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, who was entrusted with the work on the bells.

The last restoration was in 1913, when John Warner and Sons at their Spitalfields foundry recast four bells of bad tone, replaced the old oak frame and fittings with a new steel frame, metal headstocks and fittings. The decision to undertake the present restoration was made in 1967 and the work of the Loughborough Foundry involved rehanging the bells on new ball bearings, fitting new bell bolts, clapper pins and pulleys. The money for this work has been raised by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

A LIGHT EIGHT

A most generous gift has been made by the Drapers Company of a sharp second bell, weighing 4 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb., which will provide a light ring of eight with a tenor of 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. The present tenor of the 12 weighs 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. and was cast by Messrs. Blews of Birmingham in 1875. The sharp second bell will be dedicated at the service of thanksgiving after restoration and rededication on October 19th, when the Bishop of London will be the preacher.

But the Cumberlands have not confined their activities to raising money. Their practical work, which was started in 1967, has included scraping and painting the frame and anchoring it to the wall. Sound control has been studied and the side of the church facing the hospital and a block of flats has been bricked up entirely. The other louvres have been bricked up to seven feet high. The sordidness of the tower, a relic of past generations, has been entirely removed. The ringing room is now very attractive and bright in colours of Wedgwood blue and magnolia on the walls and windows, while the well-worn stairway has a fresh white appearance—a great job of painting and decorating has been accomplished by enthusiasts in the Cumberlands' ranks. The ropes have also received attention. This building and decorative work has also been borne by the Society, but between £60 and £100 is still required to balance the account.

THE SERVICE

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. I. Thomson), and the congregation sang valiantly the five hymns and Psalm 150 against a powerful organ. The first lesson, which was read by the Master (Mr. Dennis Beresford) was from 1 Chronicles xxix, telling of David's preparations for the building of the Temple by Solomon. Dr. Derek E. Sibson, secretary of the Society, read the second lesson from Ephesians v.

For the rededication of the bells a procession was formed, headed by the churchwardens (Messrs. A. W. Tubbs and J. M. Withrington), followed by the Archdeacon, the Vicar and the 12 ringers who were to sound the bells after dedication and later to ring the first touch. They stood in the following order: Adrienne Gibson, Jane Foster, Joan Beresford, Sheila Dobbie, P. Beresford, E. A. Barnett, P. Wilkinson, T. Francis, J. Barnes, D. E. Sibson, J. Woolford and D. Beresford.

The Archdeacon in his address said he was delighted to be asked to come to the rededication for two special reasons—he was a campanologist and lover of bells, and secondly because in his office as Archdeacon he was patron of their church, which had been there for 800 years.

His text was from 1 Corinthians iii. 15: "Know ye that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you." In a commentary he said that letter to the Corinthians might just as well have been written to them in London or Shoreditch, because there was not all that difference between them and Corinth. They were both mercantile people and knew about temples and churches.

First of all, the church was God's house. It was the place people had built, furnished and equipped to the best of their ability and had given it to God. The people in Shoreditch from the year 900 onwards had given a home to God in that place. When the old house became old and dilapidated they instructed the great architect Dance in 1740 to build that church. It was the best that Dance could design, and the people of that day gave all they had to it. They knew the story of how the people there had honoured bells throughout the ages.

GOD'S PARTY

The second thing was the church was given to God and it was the place where His sons and daughters met Him. The church was the trysting place between God and His people . . . It was on this second side that the bells played a great part. They were the voice through which God summoned His people outside: "Come, I am going to have a party in half an hour. Come into my home and join me."

They represented the Church, the family unit in that House of God; corporately through the Holy Spirit they offered their best to Him. And as they went about their business in groups or singly they could proudly say: "We belong to St. Leonard's, Shoreditch."

CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT

"There has been a great co-operative effort over these bells. Thank you, Taylors of Loughborough; thank you, scrapers and painters of the bell frame; thank you, the people who painted the turret stairs and the bell chamber; thank you, the carpenters and bricklayers for your work; thank you, the teamakers. There has been a great co-operative effort. God in heaven wants to say 'thank you' to all of you who have clubbed together to make this church glorious as it is today."

At the conclusion of the service a touch of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus was rung by those who rang at the dedication and later members of the Ancient Society of College Youths with their Master (Mr. P. A. Corby) and the secretary (Mr. J. G. M. Prior) rang three courses of Stedman Cinques. Ladies of the Cumberlands served tea in the Church Hall, and opportunities were afforded afterwards for the many visitors present to test the bells. All went away feeling that the Society of Cumberland Youths had been richly blessed by having such a good ring of 12 to ring to His service and glory.

CALLING ALL TOWER CAPTAINS

Does the Squarer Deal make sense to you? If it does, you will be delighted to learn that Test Card Books, the successors to Test Cards, are now generally available.

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That is quite enough of the high-pressure sales talk. To conclude this announcement, and to correct any false impressions, I should like to stress that this is **not** a profit-making venture but is entirely for the benefit of the Exercise at large.

The address to write to: Miss Elizabeth M. Barber, 5, St. Peter's Close, St. Albans, Herts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

At North Mymms

The Church of St. Mary, North Mymms, set in ideal surroundings amidst the trees, was visited by the N. and E. District on September 21st.

The attendance before tea was not all that could be desired, due principally to holidays and a number of ringers being required at their own churches to ring for weddings. However, the numbers improved later and methods from Grandsire for beginners to Superlative and Bristol for the more advanced were brought round under the guidance of Mr. T. G. Hawkins.

The Vicar (the Rev. Barry Tunstall), with the assistance of Mr. Sturgess, lay reader, conducted the service, which was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Lock. A company of just over 20 partook of an excellent tea in the Vicarage.

At the business meeting, with Mr. W. S. Deason in the chair, Peter J. Hooton (Harrow Weald), David Dorrington and Christopher Edwards (Edmonton) were elected as ringing members, whilst the belfry elections of D. C. Heath (Romford) and David Sloman (Prittlewell) were ratified. The membership of Mr. Frank Reed of Hereford, at present residing within the county, as a ringing member was confirmed.

The grateful thanks of the Association are due to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock for making this meeting possible at very short notice and, together with the Vicar and others concerned, they were thanked by the chairman.

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TOM LOCK'S PEAL TOUR IN LEICESTER AREA

ON Tom Lock's tour last year it was requested that we visit the Leicester area in 1968. Accordingly, Tom contacted Peter Staniforth, and we owe Peter a debt of gratitude for the trouble he took on our behalf. The welcome we received in Leicester was warm, and the only trouble we found was in finding our way round the one-way streets.

Most of the party arrived at lunch-time on Saturday, eight of them finding All Saints', where a peal of Bristol was attempted; unfortunately this was lost after an hour, the ringing never really settling down. Perhaps we were a little ambitious for the first peal of the week. Eleven other ringers made their way to the Cathedral, where they were met by Shirley Burton and Russell Morris. Here a commendable peal of Yorkshire Maximus was rung, the band being completed by Russell and Bill and Claudia Critchley, who made the journey from London especially for this peal. Most of the band finished the peal wishing they had Leicester Cathedral bells on their doorsteps. It is interesting to note that there have been 326 peals rung at the Cathedral. Shirley Burton told us that he writes up the peal book, but as he is now 80 he is a little doubtful if he will be writing in the 1,000th peal!

VIOLENT THUNDERSTORM

It was unfortunate, although unavoidable, that this year the party had to be accommodated in two different hotels. Consequently some of the normal breakfast badinage was missing. However, we managed to meet at St. Margaret's for morning ringing on Sunday, and before going up to the tower had time to admire the Ernest Morris memorial window. We very much enjoyed ringing here and were sorry it had not been possible to arrange for a peal. The local ringers present gave us a warm welcome, one kindly coming back in the afternoon to open up the tower so that a handbell peal could be attempted. This was called round a quarter of the way through as the ringing was not good enough.

The afternoon was notable for the violent thunderstorms over Leicester, and some of the party joined in the mopping-up operations in the hall attached to St. Margaret's Church, where nearly two inches of water flooded the floor Other ringers went to South Wigston, where they were given a warm welcome by the local band.

On Monday the week began in earnest, the last three tour members having arrived. An unusual addition to our party was Tom Kimber, no longer ringing himself, who for his own enjoyment and benefit hoped to record some of the ringing during the week. Of the ringers, one band went to Aylestone to attempt a peal of Leicestershire, but it would not go. The disappointed band made their way to St. Mary's, Anstey, where a fast peal of Rutland was being rung by the other half of the party. This sounded good outside, but the ringers inside were not so happy, there being very little air in the belfry. Win, missing her rope, woke them up a bit, although she was obviously annoyed with herself. After lunch in a local cafe there was time for a sit and a chatter in the sun before splitting up for Quorn and Sileby At both towers good peals were scored, of Quornden and Bottesford Surprise Major respectively, while the two ringers off duty for the afternoon listened at Sileby—part of the time to the bells, part of the time to the thunderstorm.

RALPH EDWARDS' INFLUENCE

Tuesday saw one band ringing a very good peal of Bristol at Kibworth, where the bells went like clockwork. But another peal was lost, this time a six-spliced at Enderby. Again there was very little air or room, and perhaps this was the reason for the mistakes, in the correction of which two of the band missed the change of method. The afternoon was bright and sunny, consoling those who were not taking part in the peal of Rutland Surprise Royal at St. John the Divine, Leicester. The "grabbers" had their usual short ring, some wishing they could stand in the peal on these fine bells. The peal ringers rang a good peal, perhaps spurred on by having seen Ralph Edwards outside the church, on his way home from another peal tour

Wednesday dawned with the band down for Claybrooke eager for a peal on the lovely bells. They were very upset when London would not go, and it was too late for a second start. It was wrong not to have scored a good peal on these bells, but it was some consolation to find that the other band had rung quite a good peal of Ealing on the excellent bells at Earl Shilton in the fast time of 2 hours and 40 minutes. We had time after lunch to walk around Burbage and to note the attractive black and white timbered cottage by the church. At Hinckley those not participating were able to listen to an excellent peal of four-spliced on the grand bells. The band managed to keep the beat going while the organ was being played, thanks to the conductor, who kept them on their toes. Alf Ballard gave us a warm welcome here and was on hand again to greet the band after the peal. Tom volunteered to drive Win's car back to Leicester to keep her company; he managed to unlock an identical car and then wondered why the key would not fit the ignition, while Win stood by her car and wondered where he had got to!

COLOURFUL GARDENS

Thursday, and a sunny day, with only one peal attempt in the morning. This was at St. Mary's Church, Bottesford, the tall, slender spire of which can be seen from some distance away. The method on the programme was Leicestershire, but a good peal was wanted on the lovely bells, so the method was changed to London and a good peal was scored. Those not ringing strolled around this friendly village, and when three of them stopped to admire a colourful garden the owner invited them to walk around it, even presenting the lady of the trio with a "Super Star" rose. In the afternoon another peal was lost, this time Cambridge Surprise Royal, at Melton Mowbray following a miscall, but our thanks are extended to Michael Brown, of Sapcote, for completing the band. However, the other eight ringers scored an enjoyable peal of Rutland at Oakham. The bells here are worthwhile to ring and the band were impressed by the local steeplekeeper greasing the bells that very afternoon to ensure that a full peal could be rung

Frank Price joined us for the day on Friday and was one of the band which attempted a silent, non-conducted peal of London at Hugglescote. Unfortunately this came to grief after nearly two hours of good ringing, when two of the bells crossed over. Another band finally completed a peal of Pudsey at Whitwick, but some felt that it was not of the standard expected on Tom Lock's tours. At Measham in the afternoon the band were determined to score the peal of Lincolnshire, and this they did, it being Win's first in the method as conductor. The bells are easy to ring and fall into a good rhythm. A second band went to Coleorton, and having eventually found the church they rang a peal of six-spliced, while Alick listened critically outside—when he was not asleep in the car!

Saturday, the last full day of the tour, and with one or two having to return home we were getting short of ringers. Only one peal was arranged for the morning, Rutland Surprise Major, at the Foundry, and most of the party made their way to Loughborough to wander round the Foundry looking at the bells standing on the floor and the carillon being constructed near the roof. The peal band were left to ring a good peal, while three of the other ringers enjoyed their morning off wandering round the town. The remaining four travelled back to Leicester to assist, accidentally, in ringing for a wedding at the Cathedral and to press two more local ringers into service for the afternoon, Roland Cook having been "pressed" earlier in the week. We are grateful to Jean Whait and John Harold for standing in at such short notice, as well as to Roland; as a result, a good peal was rung on the eight at Shepshed. The remaining ten ringers were at Loughborough Parish Church, and after watching a most attractive wedding group climbed the stairs for a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. This was not as perfect as had been hoped, but on the whole seemed quite good, with patches that really did justice to the bells.

Late in the evening the majority of the party gathered at one hotel for the rendering of accounts and the "thank you" to Tom. Another tour is over, and we are sincerely grateful to all the incumbents and all local ringers who made us welcome. Thank you, Peter, for all your hard work, and thank you, Tom, for yet another happy tour. Anon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

Lyme Regis, the home tower of the Branch chairman, was chosen for the quarterly meeting on September 21st. Six towers were represented and visitors were welcomed. The fine ring of eight was rung until the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. H. A. Charles.

A welcome tea was awaiting us in the Church House, prepared by local lady ringers. The business meeting followed, presided over by the chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell.

Members were informed of the Ringing Festival for Dorset ringers at Blandford on October 26th, and a letter of appreciation and thanks was read from Mr. W. Shute.

Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, including Cambridge, Yorkshire and Double Norwich.

Next meeting: The annual at Beaminster on November 30th; practice meetings: Burton Bradstock, Wednesday, November 13th, and Whitechurch Canonicorum on Monday, December 16th. J. D.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

At their last monthly meeting, on September 28th, the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society acted as hosts to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, who held a committee meeting at Rothwell.

Ringing was available at Woodlesford in the afternoon, and at Rothwell in the evening, although the time at the latter had to be restricted to two hours owing to recent complaints from the occupants of new houses nearby.

The six bells at Woodlesford are light but odd-struck and are seldom rung. However, an enthusiastic band of about 20 ringers kept them going all afternoon to a multitude of methods.

Tea was provided for a large gathering in the Church Hall at Rothwell and, at the business meeting afterwards, the Society was pleased to see Mr. Irvin Slack, a past president of the Society, back in the chair.

The conditions in Rothwell tower in the evening were hot and crowded, most of the Joint Council members joining the ringing for at least part of the evening. The ringing included courses of several Surprise Major methods, including London by a band composed mainly of Leeds and District members.

Next meeting, Cleckheaton, on October 26th, when the Society's first striking contest will be held in the afternoon. The November meeting is tentatively arranged for Wragby and Wakefield Cathedral. R. C.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Peal duplication—Llanelli and St. Florence, pages 627 and 643.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

Bromyard, Herefordshire, Saturday, October 26th, London Surprise Major, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX. — On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Culwick (first Triples) 1, J. H Sitch 2, Miss J. Calwick 3, E. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, V. Dale 6, H. Turner (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8 Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Wood 1, S. Taylor 2, J. H. Sitch 3, V. Dale 4, S. Penfold 5, A. Pryke 6, C. M. Pain 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For the Festival of Flowers.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Bell 1, J. L. Bell 2, B. T. R. Dodd 3, R. J. Edden 4, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 5, S. J. Wills (first quarter) 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet A. Fawcett 1, Hilary I. Pitman (aged 14, first "inside") 2, F. Price 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, T. W. A. Hiscock 6. For the wedding of Barbara A. Furness, former ringer and choir girl

CASTLE CARY, SOM. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Stokes 1, W. Osborne 2, Mrs. L. Sherrell 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, W. Higdon 5, H F. Creed 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. George Creed (80), a member of the local band for over 60 years, interred September 25th.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. Stiles (first quarter) 1, B. Collins 2, P. Phillips 3, S. Lilly 4, B. Pocock (cond.) 5, R. Medway 6, H. Bell 7, G. Harris 8. For the induction of the curates of Denham Green and Bletchley.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O P. Claxton 1, A. G. Harrison 2, J. Mowle 3, F. C. Arnold 4, C. Catchpole 5, A. Cook 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, H. Hines 8. Rung for the united service with the Salvation Army in the parish church; also a 75th birthday compliment to Harry Hines.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Rance (first Triples) 1, G. N. Scott (first Triples) 2, Joan A. Rance 3, C. W. Bailey 4, F. C. Price (cond.) 5, S. G. Scott 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, W. R. Churchill 8. Rung for St. Michael's Day Evensong and as a farewell to the Rev. Patrick Bright, formerly a ringer at Chichester.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS. — On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Ford 1, Margaret A. Eyre 2, P. Mary Beach 3, Barbara Hooks 4, Helen M. Simpson 5, D. W. Camm 6, D. J. Beach (cond.) 7, D. Conlson 8. First Triples 1, 2 and 4.

FROME, SOM. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Baker 1, Sally Baker 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, R. E. J. Baker 4, G. W. Massey 5, D. J. Orledge 6, D. G. Massey (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. Rung on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels as a wedding compliment to William Carter and Frances Massey, sister of the conductor and member of the local band; also a farewell to the conductor on his departure to the University of Leicester; also to celebrate the birth of a son to the Vicar and Mrs. P. R. Mitchell.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: W. Shipp 1, R. Harrop 2, M. Paul 3, V Bowen 4, C. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. A compliment to Robin Shipp on his marriage to Janet Scott.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Evans 1, Elsie Wyatt 2, F. Taylor 3, C. Denness (cond.) 4, J. Mullins 5, L. Bailey 6. First quarter 1, 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold Mason, priest and former Vicar.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Hall (first quarter) 1, Leona Roper 2, Mrs. Jean Hall 3, J. F. Gibbons 4, D. Hall 5, W. F. Gibbons (first Minor as cond.) 6.

HAMPTON, Evesham, WORCS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Melanie Pugh (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Catchpole 2, G. Hunt 3, J. H. Smith 4, L. Mills (cond.) 5, G. Taylor 6, R. Hunt 7, B. Hunt 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles R. R. Rayner, diocesan secretary of lay readers, whose funeral took place this day.

HARBURY, WARKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Hill (first quarter) 1, Joyce Windsor 2, C. Lawton 3, T. Hauley 4, R Sheasby 5, H. Windsor 6. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Coventry.

QUARTER PEALS

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Cullwick 1, Mrs. S. Bedford 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, Miss J. Cullwick 4, E. Potter 5. First Pl. Bob Doubles for all. A farewell to ringer of 4th. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Porter (first attempt) 1, P. Bedford (cond.) 2, Grace Taylor (first "inside") 3, Mrs. S. Bedford 4, E. Potter 5. For Harvest Festival

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOM. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Beck 1, Miss R. Smith 2, R. Perry (first Grandsire Triples) 3, P. H. Jones 4, A. Perry 5, J. Maggs (first Grandsire Triples as cond.) 6, F. Savage 7, D Mackay 8.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Wood 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, S. B. Dobbie 3, F. J. Dadson 4, J. R. Clarke 5, L. Mitchell (first Surprise as cond.) 6. First Surprise 4, 5. To mark the birth of Julian Philip Mitchell and Bridget Tracy Leworthy. All the parents of these infants (who were born within an hour of each other) are ringers.

MINEHEAD, SOM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sweet (first quarter) 1, Margaret Tuball 2, L. Arscott 3, H. W. Lloyd 4, G. Sparkes 5, W J Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, W. Middleton 8. For the golden wedding of Rev. Mr. Malting, and also for the birth of a second grandson of the conductor.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, T. G. Boast (first on eight) 2, J. Mowle 3, C. Catchpole 4, A. Cook 5, D. G. Boast 6, O. P. Claxton 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8 A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clarke, of North Lopham, 31st wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Catchpole and a birthday compliment to Mr. H. B. Fuller.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS. — On Sept 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Palmer (first in method) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane E. Dando (first as cond.) 3, J. A. Dodd 4 J. Huggins 5, R. Skinner 6.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pengelly 1, J. J. George 2, Miss D. Carter (first "inside") 3, C. S. Venn 4 W. R. Curtis (cond.) 5, T. S. Venn 6.

PINNER, MIDDX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Enid M. Bardsley 1, K. B. Sanders 2, Mark E. Took 3, M. Hickman 4, D. F. R. Knights (cond.) 5, R. W. Sanders 6, H. B. J. Paull 7, A. C. Muskett 8. Rung with best wishes of all Pinner ringers to Robert W. Sanders and Mary M Sweetman, married September 21st, 1968.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Josephine Sadler 1, Penny Halliwell 2, D. Sloman 3, B. Sadler 4, J. Belcham 5, P. Sadler 6, S Halliwell (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. For Ordination Service by the Bishop of Bradwell.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Matthews 1, M. Etherington 2, E. Fosberry 3, A. V. Corden 4, R. Picton 5, H. Franklin 6, D. Barton (first as cond.) 7, R. Heeseman 8. For Parish Communion.

ST. MAWGAN-IN-PYDAR, CORNWALL. — On Sept. 19th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. M. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E. Veale 6.

SAPCOTE, LEICS. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. M. Brown (first quarter, aged 10) 1, R. W Smith 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, B. L. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the Wake afternoon service.

STOCKBURY, KENT. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): J. B. Clarke 1, Wendy Austin 2, G. A Naylor (cond.) 3, L. Mitchell 4, F. J. Dadson 5 Rung following the wedding of Pamela Ann Thomsett and Richard James Bushell, both ringers at Stockbury.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Digby 1, A. G. Sears 2, N. S. Blamire-Brown 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, T. Peacock (first attempt) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Offen (first Triples) 1, Violet Ring 2, Jane Hough 3, F French 4, Jane Cook 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6, O. Webster 7, P. Relf 8. In honour of the wedding of Eleanor Hough (daughter of the Vicar and sister of the ringers of 3 and 6) and Alan Oliver.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. E. Bell 1, P. C. Coward (first "inside") 2, C. J. Bell 3, E. G. Mould 4, S. Poole 5, H. Heath (first in method) 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. G. Exell 8. Rung prior to a united service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, SOM. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,296 Surfleet Surprise Minor: Barbara Burt 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Shirley A. Cox 3, Kay Whittaker 4, D. A. Burt 5, R. L. Coles 6. First in method by all the band. Rung in memoriam Benita K. Sheppard (nee Whetherly), died September 19th (aged 29) in Singapore. She was the first girl to ring in the tower when the local band was formed 15 years ago.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. R. Wood 1, I. P. Stoter 2, J. C. Baldwin 3, K. Leach 4, P. G. Davies 5, H. White 6, Rev. D. J. Stoter 7, J. R. White (cond.) 8. For Evensong. First in method by all except 3 and 6. First quarter in method on the bells by a local band.

WAREHORNE, KENT. — On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Othen 1, J. Hensley 2, H. Deacon 3, N. Davies 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Valerie Rushforth 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Paul Bassett.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss S. C. Spooner 1, Miss C. J. Turner 2, A. Howell 3, Miss M. Gerrard 4, H. Howell 5, J P. Pooley 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. Correction.

WINTERBOURNE, near BRISTOL. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. T. Ferris 1, J. Ferris 2, E. Thomas 3, T. J. Jefferies 4, H. Taysom (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. For Harvest Festival and the launching of the appeal for restoration of Winterbourne Church.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Barry Cousins is going to Kenya on business for probably four months.

Mr. J. D. Beach is resigning as hon. secretary of the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild from the next annual general meeting in January. We thank him for his loyal co-operation.

The Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at its meeting at Sutton-in-Ashfield on September 28th decided to promote a prize draw over the Christmas period for the Belfry Repair Fund.

Visitors to the joint meeting at Hillingdon on October 26th will have the opportunity of hearing and seeing some Surprise Major—Glasgow, spliced or what have you—rung on handbells by John Mayne and his talented band from Bushey.

The bells of St. Thomas's Church, Stourbridge, are being removed to the Loughborough foundry on November 4th. Towards the target of £5,000 the sum of £4,200 has been received, of which over £850 has been donated by St. Thomas's ringers.

Congratulations to Mr. George E. Fearn, hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, who rang his 2,250th peal during Tom Lock's tour. The peal was Rutland Surprise rung at Oakham.

There was a ringers' wedding at St. George's, Damerham, Hants, on October 5th, when Veronica, only daughter of Mr. Jack Baverstock (vice-captain) and Mrs. Baverstock, was married to Roger Case. Both the clergy who officiated are ringers—the Revs. Gordon Baverstock (bride's cousin) and G. Moule. Mr. Percy Waterman and his band are thanked for their quarter peal—a wonderful wedding present, writes the bride's father.

A handsome silver trophy in the form of a bell hung on a wooden frame has been given to the Gloucester and Bristol Association for an annual competition for Sunday service bands. The donor, Major P. D. Birchall, chairman of the Gloucester County Council, has given it in memory of the late W. I. Croome, and made the presentation at the Association's 90th anniversary dinner on September 28th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

BELLRINGERS' SUNDAY AT KIRBY-LE-SOKEN

People travelled long distances—from London, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Suffolk and many parts of Essex—to be present at the Bellringers' Sunday at Kirby-le-Soken on September 22nd, organised by Mr. Frank Lufkin, Master of the Essex Association.

Ringing began at 7 a.m., and after Communion service there was breakfast in the Church Hall. The preacher at Matins was the Rev. L. Pizzey, secretary of the Suffolk Guild. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Thomas, assisted by the Rev. Brian Redgers, of Rushmere, near Ipswich. The lessons were read by Mr. Walter Ayre and Mr. Peter Pitt, and a handbell team led by Tony Skelton, from Ashtead, played.

During the afternoon there was ringing not only at Kirby but at Thorington and St. Osyth. Visiting ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. F. Lufkin at their home before they went to Great Holland tower.

In a crowded church the ringers heard Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, preach at Evensong. Lessons were read by Mr. Redgers and Mr. Lufkin, and Messrs. Peter Pitt and Frank Oliver's handbell team performed during the service.

About 150 people attended a get-together in the Church Hall after the service. Refreshments were served and Mr. H. Inglestone's handbell team and others played. Two poems were read by Mr. A. E. Sivell, church treasurer, and a glee party from Bradfield entertained.

It was a most successful day and Mr. Lufkin, through our columns, gives a very warm "thank you" to the many who made it a memorable occasion.

MONMOUTHSHIRE RINGERS CROSS INTO SOMERSET

From Mathern, Mon. to Weston-super-Mare is a long route by road, but September 7th was a fine day for Mathern ringers, joined en route by four others at Bassaleg, for their annual outing.

The first ringing of the day was on the heavy eight at Long Ashton. Unfortunately the wrong turning was taken in trying to reach Nailsea. To keep to the timetable the coach then went direct to Backwell (a delightful eight much enjoyed by all).

After lunch at Weston we were able to provide wedding bells on the six at Worle, and in Bristol rang on the well-sounding six at the Lord Mayor's Chapel. Finally, the light six at Filton gave much enjoyment, as did the reward—a jug of ale at the local. Our thanks to incumbents and tower captains. V. J.

MRS LATHBURY RETIRES

Mrs. Violet Lathbury retired at the end of September from the post of vergeress at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames. Upon the death of her husband, Mr. Reg Lathbury, 13 years ago, she succeeded him in this office. Her late husband was captain of the bellringers at St. Mary's during the war years, and Mrs. Lathbury and her sister, the late Miss Nora Shorter, were among the ringers.

The two sisters learned to ring at Oatlands Park and, with their father, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples on December 27th, 1919. This was the first peal in Surrey in which three members of a family had taken part. The two sisters also took part in a peal of 5,148 changes at St. Clement Danes'.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH LOOK AFTER YOUNGSTERS

The Clevedon area of Somerset was the venue chosen by the Marlborough Branch for its annual outing on September 21st, which was jointly organised by the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) and the hon. secretary (Miss H. Jones). Ringing took place at Easton-in-Gordano, Portbury, Portishead, Weston-in-Gordano, St. Andrew's, Clevedon, Tickenham and Nailsea. The high proportion of young ringers was given every opportunity to try out strange bells under the watchful eyes of Mr. F. Read (Branch Ringing Master) and Mr. A. Keen (Deputy Master). Lunch was taken at Portishead and tea at Clevedon.

THE BROWNS OF SAPCOTE

There has been a Brown ringing at Sapcote, Leics, since 1829, when the great-great-grandfather of the present conductor, Mr. M. E. Brown joined the Band. On September 15th the conductor's 10-year-old son, David, rang his first quarter. This is an encouraging sign for the continuity of the Browns in Sapcote belfry. David has made a good start: he has already rung in 98 different towers.

WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY LTD.

The Whitechapel Foundry has traded under the name of Mears and Stainbank only since 1865. Formerly, back to 1570, when Robert Mot first cast bells in Whitechapel, it had been known to succeeding generations by the name of each Master Founder. It has now been decided that from October 1st, 1968, it will continue under the title of **Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd.**

The Foundry remains under the same directorship and will in all other respects continue as before.

KENT RINGERS WED

The wedding took place on Saturday, September 14th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, Stockbury, of two very popular members of the Rochester District. They were Mr. Richard James Bushell and Miss Pamela Ann Thomsett, both ringers at Stockbury. The Rev. P. W. Poole officiated.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a white satin dress with a lace bodice and train. Her attendants were Miss L. Thomsett, who wore a dress of salmon-pink crystal satin, Miss M. Town and Miss S. Kitcatt, who both wore dresses of pale blue crystal satin.

After the ceremony the bridge and bridegroom emerged from the church beneath an archway of bell ropes held by members of the Rochester District. Immediately after the wedding a peal was attempted but unfortunately it came to grief. However, a quarter peal of six Doubles methods was rung. The couple spent their honeymoon at Priddy, Somerset, and are now residing in Tunstall L. M.

OPEN DAYS ARE POPULAR

The ringers at Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent, held an open week to enable the general public (and Press) to see the bells in action. Approximately 120 people visited the tower and many climbed the 105 steps to the top of the tower. They were shown all six bells actually ringing, and the idea of change ringing was explained to them in a simple manner. As a result two new recruits were gained and a ringer who had fallen by the wayside was attracted back: also approximately £15 was raised in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund.

MISS FRANCES MASSEY MARRIED

The marriage took place at Weston-super-Mare on September 26th of Richard William Carter, only son of the late Mr. S. Carter and Mrs. Margaret Carter of Portishead, to Frances Mary Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Massey, of Spring Gardens, Frome. The bride and bridegroom, both of whom graduated from the University College of Wales, Aberystwith, this year, will make their home in Northern Ireland, their new address being Dunmore, 2, Salisbury Terrace, Coleraine Road, Portrush, Co. Antrim.

The bride has for a number of years been a ringer at St. John's, Frome, and has rung several peals for the Bath and Wells Association and for other Associations.

A peal attempt at Shepton Beauchamp in honour of the occasion was lost through a broken rope after 75 minutes, but a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was scored at Hemington on Saturday morning. A celebration quarter peal was also rung at Frances' home tower on Sunday evening. This latter quarter peal had two other additional intentions—to bid farewell to the conductor, brother of the bride, on his departure to the University of Leicester, and to celebrate the birth of a son to the Vicar and his wife, the Rev and Mrs. P. R. Mitchell.

GORING-ON-THAMES LOCAL PEAL

Mr. L. G. Haines, foreman of ringers at Goring-on-Thames Parish Church, states that although the peal of Grandsire Triples (published this week) was the first by a local band since the bells were cast and installed by Mears and Stainbank in 1929, there has been a ringing band in the tower from the 1880's, when some lads taught themselves to ring Grandsire Doubles, the first 120 in 1887 being recorded in the ringing chamber.

The Vicar then gave a treble bell to make a six, and the bell was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1889. Mr. Haines took over as foreman from John Bower when he died, thus in 81 years the tower has only had two foremen! A few Minor peals were rung by a local band before 1917, one of which, rung in 1902, is recorded in the ringing chamber.

"DISTURBED BY BELLS"

Two well-known ringers—Mr. Michael R. Meadows, vice-president of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, and Mr. M. Alec Beaumont, Master of the Durham University Society—have replied to the letter in "The Times" from Mr. Ronald Warson, in which he sought to place church bells within the category of a legal or an illegal nuisance. They write:

"Most incumbents and campanologists are aware of the legal requirements appertaining to the ringing of church bells and efforts are made, particularly in urban areas, to restrict ringing times so as not to accord an unreasonable amount of interference to an uncompromising laity.

"It is not being suggested that Mr. Warson should endeavour to sleep on his legal rights, or even remove himself to the remote fastness of a sound-proof dwelling place, but it does seem unreasonable, in this day and age of mechanical pandemonium, that he, and many other members of the public, are unwilling to tolerate the only loud noise made to the Glory of God."

TOM LOCK'S LEICESTERSHIRE PEAL TOUR

ALL RUNG FOR THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

G. William Critchley	Treble	Russell S. Morris	7
Claudia A. Critchley	2	Thomas J. Lock	8
Julia A. Fellows	3	Neil Donovan	9
*Ruth M. Foreman	4	Stuart Armeson	10
Dennis Knox	5	Gerald Penney	11
Richard E. Price	6	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by P Border. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Richard E. Price	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Stuart Armeson	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by N Smith. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

QUORN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	Eric Edmondson	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Neil Donovan	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
First peal in the method by all. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

SILEBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 BOTTESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Stuart Armeson	Treble	Gerald Penney	5
Kenneth Arthur	2	George E. Fearn	6
E. Winifred Keys	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Dennis Knox	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
First peal in the method by all. Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, Leics.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	Alick Cutler	5
Richard E. Price	2	George E. Fearn	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	Neil Donovan	7
Kenneth Arthur	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

George E. Fearn	Treble	*Thomas J. Lock	6
Philip Mehew	2	*Rev. M. C. C. Melville	7
*Dennis Knox	3	Gerald Penney	8
*Neil Donovan	4	*Stuart Armeson	9
*Gordon A. Halls	5	*Richard E. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung in connection with the 114th anniversary of this church. September 6th. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

EARLS SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	*Rev. M. C. C. Melville	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	George E. Fearn	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	*Stuart Armeson	7
*Neil Donovan	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

HINCKLEY, Leics.—At the Church of the Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,824 Cambridge, 1,472 London, 992 Superlative and 768 Bristol, with 103 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 22 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

Thomas J. Lock	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Dennis Knox	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

BOTTESFORD, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Richard E. Price	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	2	George E. Fearn	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by W. E Critchley. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Alick Cutler	Treble	Kenneth Arthur	5
E. Winifred Keys	2	Dennis Knox	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	*George E. Fearn	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* 2,250th peal.

COLEORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 896 Bristol, 832 Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey and 928 Watford, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Eric Edmondson	Treble	Gerald Penney	5
Richard E. Price	2	Dennis Knox	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Neil Donovan	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by A J Pitman. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours ad 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Rev. M. C. C. Melville	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Kenneth Arthur	6
Frank C. Price	3	*E. Winifred Keys	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by W Barton. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
* First peal in the method as conductor.

WHITWICK, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	5
Alick Cutler	2	Neil Donovan	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Ruth M. Foreman	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Thomas J. Lock	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Dennis Knox	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	*Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* 100th peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Thomas J. Lock	6
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	7
*Ruth M. Foreman	3	Stuart Armeson	8
Eric Edmondson	4	Gerald Penney	9
Philip Mehew	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 100th peal.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Alick Cutler	Treble	Ronald J. Sharp	5
*Jean M. Whait	2	Kenneth Arthur	6
E. Winifred Keys	3	Roland H. Cook	7
*John E. Harrold	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal in the method.

EAST RIDING RINGERS IN SOUTH WALES

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon. Aug. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

A. Benjamin Cooper	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
C. Barrie Dove	2	David S. Johnson	6
John R. Leary	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
John N. D. Chaddock	4	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by A Craven. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

LLANFIGAN, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

A. Benjamin Cooper	Treble	*John N. D. Chaddock	5
*Elizabeth Johnson	2	*Ronald Ducker	6
*John R. Leary	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
*Stephen K. Thompson	4	Ian G. Campbell	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Reeves. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in the method.

ABERAVON, Port Talbot, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Stephen K. Thompson	Treble	David S. Johnson	5
Elizabeth Johnson	2	Ian G. Campbell	6
John R. Leary	3	Ronald Ducker	7
*John N. D. Chaddock	4	†C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in the method. † 275th peal for the Association.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed. Aug. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
*John R. Leary	2	David S. Johnson	6
Stephen K. Thompson	3	Ronald Ducker	7
A. Benjamin Cooper	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John N. D. Chaddock.
* First peal in the method.

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

A. Benjamin Cooper	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
Elizabeth Johnson	2	*John R. Leary	6
Ronald Ducker	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
*John N. D. Chaddock	4	David S. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in the method.

LLANFIGAN, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Sun., Sept. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G

A. Benjamin Cooper	Treble	John R. Leary	5
*Elizabeth Johnson	2	*F. Charles Hobson	6
David S. Johnson	3	Ian G. Campbell	7
*John N. D. Chaddock	4	*Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by S. A. B. Wigg Conducted by John R. Leary.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
EXETER, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 4 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

Patrick I. Chapman	Treble	Brian D. Threlfall	7
David P. Hilling	2	Rodney B. Meadows	8
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Noel J. Diserens	9
Brian Bladon	4	John R. Mayne	10
John Armstrong	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank D. Mack	6	Michael P. Moreton / Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
The conductor's 300th peal.
Rung following the marriage at the Cathedral this day of Edward Mortimer, the son of the Bishop of Exeter, and Elizabeth Zanetti.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28¾ cwt. in D flat.

Richard Hayes	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	Andrew J. Corby	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Christopher H. Rogers	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	9
Richard A. Hunt	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung on the Feast of St. Matthew in honour of the translation of the Rt. Rev. Trevor Huddleston to the Bishopric of Stepney.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BIGGLESWADE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Brian F. Mullins	Treble	†Peter Clark	5
†John G. Flint	2	†David G. Carr	6
Sheila I. Smith	3	Anthony H. Smith	7
†Chris R. Hardy	4	Alan S. Smith	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Chris R. Hardy.
* First peal. † First on eight bells.
Rung for harvest and restoration thanksgiving services.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 BATTERSEA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Joyce Gardner	Treble	Brian Mills	5
Kenneth R. Davenport	2	Geoffrey Gardner	6
Christine Mills	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Michael Platt	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
First peal in the method, on the bells and by all except the ringers of the sixth and tenor

LEINTWARDINE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Richard King	Treble	Brian Mills	5
Kenneth R. Davenport	2	F. John Nelson	6
*Michael Platt	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Raymond Ballard	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* 50th peal.

RUNCORN, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Linda B. Jones	Treble	John R. Bibby	5
Lucy P. A. Hopkins	2	William E. Allman	6
Walter Allman	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
Charles F. Ward	4	*William F. Allman	Tenor

Composed by T. Morris. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal. First of Bob Triples by all except ringers of 3 and 5.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*R. David Baker	Treble	Geoffrey Randall	5
Peter J. Randall	2	†John Foot	6
†Ruth Havard	3	Maurice C. Hughes	7
Frank W. Perrens	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* First peal of Major † First in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Cecil J. Barker	Treble	Robert J. Lindsell	5
*Jennifer M. Millbank	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
†Susan J. Chapman	3	Alan R. Syder	7
Josephine A. Quilter	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Ian V. Foster	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Peter G. Pitt	2	George E. Thoday	6
*Keith W. Brown	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
*Yvonne A. Murray	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal in the method. 300th peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. David Moir on the occasion of his ordination in Chelmsford Cathedral the previous Sunday. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Mary Roast.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, as follows: (1) London Surprise, (2) York Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Ipswich Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Norwich Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Walter Arnold	Treble	Neil V. Avis	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Yvonne A. Murray	3	*James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 275th peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KINVER SURPRISE MAJOR
C.W.C. No 30. Tenor 14 cwt.

Ian Lloyd	Treble	John Clements	5
Austin T. Wingate	2	Peter Robertson	6
Shirley M. Drew	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
Marcus C. W. Sherwood	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
First peal in the method.
The band send good wishes to the Rector (Rev. W. R. Houghton) on the occasion of his birthday and 27th anniversary of his ordination, both this day.

KINVER SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—16—14—1238—12—7. l.h. 2nds. 15738264.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERSHOT, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dudley P. Elsmore	Treble	Alan D. Elsmore	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	W. John Couperthwaite	6
Peter G. Sherwood	3	*Michael J. Church	7
William H. Viggers	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow Conducted by Tom Page.
* 50th peal
Rung on the Patronal Festival as a farewell to the Rev. T. H. Dart, Vicar of Aldershot, and Mrs. Dart. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

SEND, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Old and Plain Bob, ten extents and two 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 89 lb.

*Jill P. J. Edwardes	Treble	Douglas A. R. May	4
†Judith M. Collins	2	Roy Collins	5
Jill M. May	3	*John M. C. Edwardes	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. G. Sanger, son of a Surrey County Councillor, and Miss M. M. Collis.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

ARKLOW, Co. Wicklow.—At the Church of St. Saviour.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

John F. M. Maybrey	Treble	Richard L. Underwood	5
Gareth H. Jones	2	Rowan S. Bradley	6
*Merryn Hutchings	3	Richard H. Youdale	7
Richard Green	4	S. Clarke Walters	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.
* First peal of Yorkshire Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

WATERFORD, Co. Waterford.—At the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Merryn Hutchings	Treble	Gareth H. Jones	5
*Jenny Field	2	Richard Green	6
John F. M. Maybrey	3	Richard H. Youdale	7
Richard L. Underwood	4	S. Clarke Walters	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal.
Rung to mark the consecration this day in Dublin of the Rt. Rev. John Ward Armstrong as Bishop of Cashel, Emly, Waterford and Lismore. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

Colin A. Tester	Treble	*Simon A. B. Wigg	6
Derek Slater	2	John A. Howard	7
Trevor A. Cross	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	8
Alexander Waddington	4	Martin L. Howe	9
Ernest J. Ladd	5	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by R. Pipe. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Margaret Large.

WINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 576 each Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 each Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method.
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Mrs. T. Cullingworth	Treble	Thomas Cullingworth	5
*Ann Jenner	2	*Tony Lewis	6
Margaret E. Oram	3	Ralph Bird	7
Ian H. Oram	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of 11-spliced. First of 11-spliced as conductor

MERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Simon A. B. Wigg	Treble	Malcolm Hitchcock	5
Martin L. Howe	2	Peter D. J. Beal	6
Lawrence Mitchell	3	Nicholas J. Chesson	7
George Kenward	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung to celebrate the births of Julian Phillip Mitchell and Bridget Tracey Leworthy

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

*Cliff Newby	Treble	†Joseph Whalley	5
Nicholas M. Newby	2	Kevin M. Price	6
Alan Capstick	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	7
James Blackburn	4	Lawrence D. Clement	Tenor

Composed by W. Hubbard. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells. First of Triples in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and a tribute to Tom Barlow, verger and tower member. Also for the 10th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells in a new frame and the augmentation to a ring of eight.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Christopher M. Sturgess	Treble	John Watkins	4
*Robert W. Smith	2	Brian L. Burrows	5
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Beingt seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Kent T.B., (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Sheila M. Anthony	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Edward T. Roberts, of Croydon and Miss Mary Poole, of Branston, Lincs. whose wedding took place at Branston on August 31st, 1968

ELSHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single and Double Oxford and St. Clement's.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

W. Arthur Crowder	Treble	Michael W. Crowder	4
Ronald Chafer	2	Melvyn Rose	5
William Bains	3	Jack Bray	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Wratten Collection No. 148. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Peter N. Felton	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers	6
Timothy G. Pett	2	C. Martin Press	7
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	3	David E. Rothera	8
*John R. Ketteringham	4	Martyn L. J. Jordan	9
Geoffrey Bridges	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal in the method
Rung to mark the completion of a new Lady Chapel and the commencement of rebuilding the main church.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues. Sept. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	*Frank Chambers	5
B. Stedman Payne	2	†Arthur E. Rowley	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
E. Frederick Gobey	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method. † 200th for the Guild. First in the method as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Colegate Society.)
GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Sept 27, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5152 COLEGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Geoffrey H. Pullin	Treble	Desmond P. Mortlock	5
David Cubitt	2	Peter Adcock	6
Janet House	3	*Martin Cubitt	7
Hilary Adcock	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin Conducted by David E. House.
* 100th peal for the Association. First peal in the method.

COLEGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
o—38—14—58—36.14—14.58—36—78.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Ian B. Lowther	Treble	†John Dowe	4
H. William Barrett	2	Henry Tooke	5
Thomas E. Spight	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal and first attempt. † First of Minor "inside."

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

G. Richard King	Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother	5
Geoffrey Gardner	2	Raymond Ballard	6
Mandi McCallion	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
Geoffrey H. Pullin	2	Frank E. Haynes	7
Alan F. Scholfield	3	Peter S. Bennett	8
Geoffrey Pearson	4	John H. Fielden	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, comprising 1,320 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,200 each of London (No. 3) and Pudsey, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

David P. Hilling	Treble	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	2	*Timothy G. Pett	7
*Christopher H. Rogers	3	*John N. Diserens	8
*Frank T. Blagrove	4	*Ronald F. Diserens	9
Brian Bladon	5	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. First of 4-Spliced Surprise Royal by the Guild. The conductor has now "circled the tower."

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	5
Leonard Stilwell	2	David P. Hilling	6
William Birmingham	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Albert C. Wenban	4	Sidney Blyth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. Princess Marina.

FARNHAM ROYAL, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	Michael J. Palmer	5
Anthony K. Fortin	2	Dennis Knox	6
Patricia A. Copas	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
David P. Hilling	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

DEDDINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Henry Hubbard's ten-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Edmund E. Pearson	Treble	William H. Minnear	5
Alec W. Ivings	2	William Ivings	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Michael W. Coleman	7
*Harold N. Pratley	4	*Oscar J. Hemmings	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band for Miss Lillian A. Weaver's diamond jubilee as organist at this church.

GORING, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*Malvin N. F. Tull	Treble	Michael M. Hodgkinson	5
†Carol N. F. Tull	2	J. Anthony Beaumont	6
†Mary G. Trent	3	William J. Irving	7
Stephen J. Franklin	4	*John Hiscock	Tenor

Conducted by William J. Irving.
* First peal. † First "inside." First on eight bells by a fully local band. First as conductor.

GREAT MILTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	Robert B. Blond	6
Michael J. Church	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Roy H. Jones	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of D.N.C.B. First of Double Norwich on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RADNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	James Linnell	5
Bridget Bates	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Graham C. Paul	7
William J. Chester	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

GAYTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of Carlisle, York, London, Wells, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Alan A. Paul	5
William J. Chester	3	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Society of Roving Ringers.)
TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Adrienne Gibson	Treble	Charles P. Quartley	7
David E. Parsons	2	John C. Slater	8
John Chilcott	3	David Beacham	9
Roy D. Mills	4	Frank W. Lewis	10
Alan D. Elsmore	5	George E. Evenden	11
John Brain	6	Geoffrey Stevens	Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by John Chilcott.

DORCHESTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt in F

*Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*Graham W. Elmes	5
*Timothy F. Collins	2	†Ross G W. Robertson	6
*Katharine J. Maundrell	3	*William T. Perrins	7
*John N. Longridge	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major.
Rung for harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to Miss Katharine J. Maundrell.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES
Being 45 extents in 92 methods/variations, comprising 26 methods—Grandsire, Antelope, Newark, Plain, Candlesby, Boxford, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Raveningham, Dorton, St. Simon, Braywood, Rugby, St. Martin, Welford, Slapton, Winchendon, Haddiscoe, Thornborough, St. Nicholas, Longford, Fundenhall, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. St. Sebastian, Minster and Rev. Union, with 66 variations—Newborough, St. Helen, Longparish, Daffodil, Bluebell, St. Anne, Middleton Stoney, St. Quintin, St. Lucy, Allestree, St. Frideswide, Ladbroke, Zennor, Keysoe, Pink's, St. Margaret, Oxford, St. Valentine., Freeland, Isis, Beckley, Ray, Stanton, St. Swithun, Northleigh, St. Cross, Gresford, St. Tydfil, Jacobstow, Harbury, Quantoxhead, Southwell, Nazeing, Oxton, Pinxton, St Endellion, Roxholme, Saxondale, Tuxford, Uttoxeter, Vauxhall, Waxham, Xanxene, Yaxley, Zeal Monochorum, Old, Kennington, Southrepps, St. Columb, Eynsham, Elford, St. Jude, St. Ignatius, St. Albans, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Laurence, Churchill, St. Paul, St. John, St. Crispin, Ryton, St. Giles, Lapley, St. Mary and Shareshill. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	George A. Dawson	4
*Elizabeth J. Foster	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
†Philip E. Jones	3	Albert Foster	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* Most methods/variations. † First peal of Doubles.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
WENHASTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Plain, (6) St. Clement's and Plain, (7) Plain. Tenor 12 cwt.

C. Jack Gibson	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Michael J. Parker	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	† Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung on the treble ringer's birthday. 250th peal as conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

*Caroline F. Madge	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
Alan R. Patterson	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
John R. Pratchett	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
†Michael J. Bangham	4	Christopher F. Mew	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Yorkshire.
Rung as a compliment to Alison Mann and Michael Bayley on their engagement. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHECKENDON, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Alan T. Winter	Treble	Richard L. Underwood	5
Katherine J. Maundrell	2	Rowan S. Bradley	6
Richard Green	3	Michael J. Church	7
Michael C. E. Hodge	4	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Linda P. Smith and Roger S. Bradley, who were married at Medmenham on September 14th, 1968.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BISHAMPTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 13 methods in the following extents: (1) Cambridge, Beverley, (2) Cambridge, Surfleet, (3) Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., (4) Single Oxford, Plain, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6 and 7) Plain. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Len Mills	Treble	Peter Robertson	4
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	Arthur C. Berry	5
Shirley M. Drew	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
Southern Branch quarterly peal. Also rung as a wedding compliment to Ian and Ann Lloyd, married at Pershore on September 7th, 1968.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*David Featherstone	Treble	Alan Sheppard	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	John Potts	6
William P. Haskins	3	†C. Barrie Dove	7
Suzanne J. Withers	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal. † 325th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

(Huntington Guild of Bellringers.)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 3,600 Plain Bob, with no 65's at backstroke. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*A. Colin Banton	Treble	David Pearson	4
Susan Mitchell	2	Susan E. Thompson	5
Christopher J. Groome	3	Simon P. D. Burnett	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* 125th peal (25th peal in this tower) and has now "circled the tower" twice to peals.
Rung for Evensong as a compliment to the Rev. Michael Escritt, vice-president of the Guild, who was ordained priest in Howden Minster earlier this day.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COVENTRY, Warwickshire.—At 77, Birmingham Road, Allesley.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in E flat.

Frederick Shallcross	1–2	Hubert Ashley	5–6
Geoffrey Pratt	3–4	Hubert Summers	7–8

Composed by John Nicholl. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Tues., Sept. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Frank J. Matthews	1–2	Edward J. Beer	5–6
*Trevor A. Cross	3–4	*Christopher T. Osenton	7–8
		*Cyril S. Jarrett	9–10

Composed by Andrew Hudson. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Stedman Caters "in hand." The conductor's 350th peal.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

VEITCH.—To Bruce and Julie, a son, born on Friday, September 27th, 1968. 4958

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

EMMETT.—Please note that Liz now lives at 54, King Street, Tring, Hertfordshire. 4972

WRATTEN.—The address of Mrs. R. Wratten is now Sandyridge, West Hythe Road. Hythe, Kent. Phone Hythe 68797. 4956

PERSONAL

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful work of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."—Ephesians v, 11 and 12.

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHTS

ARDINGLY, Sussex.—Practice night to be held on Fridays at 8 p.m. from now onwards. —J. M. L. Hooton, Sec., Yew Tree House, Ardingly. 4965

HALLING, KENT.—From October 8th and until further notice the practice will be on Tuesday from 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. 4913

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. — Commencing October 14th, practices at St. Mary's will take place on Mondays, 7.30–9 p.m. 4943

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MISCELLANEOUS

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—The monthly 12-bell practice has been cancelled. The next practices will be on November 16th and December 21st at 6 p.m. 4966

SECOND CLASS POST MIGHT MISS ISSUE FOR URGENT NOTICE
Press time First Post Friday
Telephone Guildford 60916

ASTON PARISH CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM

The 12 bells will be ringable from Oct. 6th, 1968. Tower Restoration is now complete.
Ringing: Thurs. 7.30–9 p.m.; Sun. 10–11 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m.—Ringing Master. 4911

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Snowdon Dinner, October 19th. Ringing arrangements: Brighouse 11.30–12.30; Otley 11.30–12.30; St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 11.30–12.30; Cleckheaton 1.15–2.15; Guiseley 1.15–2.15; Burley (Leeds) 1.15–2.15; Armley 2.30–3.30; Drighlington 2.30–3.30; Idle 2.30–3.30; Bradford 4–5.30 Bramley bells not available. 4901

Please come to our
ANNUAL RINGERS' SERVICE
on Sunday, October 20th
at All Saints' Church, Danehill, Sussex. Ringing 5.30–6.30. Service 6.30, during which handbells will be rung, followed by free refreshments at the Memorial Hall. 4974

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE
at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 26th, 1968
Tickets 27/6 each. Apply (with s.a.e.) to C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 4746

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 26th, 1968**
at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.30 p.m.
Tickets 15s. 6d. each.
Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5; All Saints' (10) 4.30–6; St. Swithun's (6) 5 to 6.
Tickets from General Secretary and Branch Secretaries by October 21st. D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 4883

BRISTOL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26th, 1968

Twenty-nine towers open. For full programme see "Ringing World" of October 4th. Maps still available, as advertised. 4983

DORSET RINGING RESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 26th, Blandford Forum
Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Corn Exchange 5.15.
All Dorset ringers welcome. 4976

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

331st ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Saturday, November 2nd, 1968.

The 331st Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 1968 (6 for 6.30 p.m.) at the Wallbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London, E.C.4, the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (32/6) now available from me;
Cheques and Postal Orders to the made payable to the Society.

Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later. —J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 4733

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The date of the E.G.M. has been changed to Friday, November 15th. 4896

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, Saturday, October 26th. Towers: Rotherhithe 9.45–10.30; St. Mary's, Bow Road, 11–11.45; Clerkenwell 12.15–1; St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 2–2.45; St. George's, Borough, 3–3.45; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4, followed by service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will members please make every effort to attend this important meeting, when changes in the constitution will be proposed. Names for tea, please, to Audrey Alexander, Canterbury Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1 4824

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Alveston on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open from 2.30 to 4 p.m.: Alderminster, Snitterfield, Sherborne and Wellesbourne, all six-bell towers. Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, will be open from 6.30 to 8.30. Numbers for tea (at Alveston Church Hall), very important, to Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, **please.** 4871

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Eynesbury on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Annable's London Surprise Minor and Single Oxford.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4910

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge (6), October 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, **please**, to A. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans. (Tel. 57344.)—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4920

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne, Saturday, October 19th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea, please, to G. Kenward, 44, Bell Road, Sittingbourne.—T. Barton. 4980

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, October 19th. Bells: Long Clawson 1–1.45 p.m., Hose 1.45–2.30, Eaton 2.30–3.15, Crofton Kerrial 3–3.45, Waltham-on-the Wolds 3.30–;4.15. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Cooke, Moor Lees Lane, Waltham-on-the-Wolds (Tel. Waltham 808), Melton Mowbray. 4937

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Hendon. Saturday, October 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby. 4954

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting will be held in the Wilton Hall, Bletchley, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A.G.M., Wilton Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Notices: Applications for tea tickets, with remittance (3s. 3d. each) and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. Members are reminded that the new postal rates are in force. Ringing arrangements will be sent with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard. —M. R. Cross.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting and Striking Competition at Kings Norton (10), October 19th. Bells 3.30. Service and tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28 (Phone SPR 1025). 4907

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at St. James', Paisley, on October 19th from 2.15 p.m., and at St. Mary's, Glasgow, after tea. Names for tea to Miss Eleanor Procter, 6, Brown Street, Paisley, Renfrewshire. 4959

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Pattingham, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec 4916

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam and Beckley, Saturday, October 19th. Bells at Northiam 3–4.30 p.m. Ringing at Beckley 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to me or alternatively make own arrangements.—G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel. Hailsham 3515. 4946

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Henfield (8), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. Leadley, Moonrakers, Bromfield Road, Henfield, Sussex. 4942

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting at Hordle, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Milford (8) after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Lewis, Cottesmore, Everton Road, Hordle, near Lymington, Hants.—Mrs. G. W. Davis, Acting Hon. Sec., 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 4915

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wick St. Lawrence (5), Saturday, October 26th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 4981

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Queen Camel (6), October 26th, 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Marston Magna (6) after tea. Names essential for tea. —L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 4962

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, 34, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street. 4791

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Tilney, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4969

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Bentley (8), October 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Avis, 39, Barn Hall Avenue, Colchester. 4977

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting, Tewkesbury (12), October 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting to 9 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. E. Leach, 3, Tretawn Gardens, Tewkesbury, Glos, by Wednesday, October 23rd. 4925

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District. — Meeting, Peterchurch (6), October 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. V. Powell, 21, Ethelstan Crescent, Hereford, by Wednesday, 23rd. 4964

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
Kesteven Education Committee
ONE-DAY RINGING SCHOOL
to be held on
Saturday October 19th, 1968
at the
Welbourn Secondary School
Assembly at the School 10.15 a.m.

Instruction in classroom and tower for beginners, intermediate and advanced groups. Twelve changes to Plain Bob Minor. Plain Minor Methods. Treble Bob Major, Erin and Stedman Triples.

Brochure and enrolment forms from Dr. T. W. P. Golby, Director of Education, County Offices, Sleaford, Lincs 4908

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A.G.M., St. Alphege's, Canterbury, on October 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than October 23rd. 4919

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Annual meeting at Chislehurst on October 26th. Ringing at the Annunciation 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at St. Nicholas Church Hall Service 6.30 and evening ringing at St. Nicholas'. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 23rd. 4970

LADIES GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, October 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names for tea to Mr. D. Kirton, Sunny Side Farm, Coddington, Newark-on-Trent. Barnby bells available 2.30–4.15.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 4938

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Striking contest at Cleckheaton (8), Saturday, October 26th. 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing in the evening. Names to Miss M. Halford, 22, Mount Gardens, Cleckheaton, by previous Wednesday. 4996

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoney Stanton, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Vernon, Long Leys, Stoney Stanton, Leics, by the Wednesday previous. 4971

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (E. Berks and S. Bucks).—Joint meeting at Hillingdon, October 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with social evening to follow. Further ringing 6.30 p.m.–8 p.m. Harefield bells available 2.45 p.m.–3.45 p.m.—J. Muller, M. J. Palmer. 4982

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Church Hanborough on October 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ringing arrangements: Church Hanborough (6) 2.30–4 and 6.30–7.30; Freeland (6) 2.30–3.30; Woodstock (8) 7.30–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. N. I. Bridges, Wroslyn Road, Freeland, Oxford, by October 22nd.—E. R. Venn, Sec. 4957

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Evening meeting at Newnham (6), Saturday, October 26th. Ringing from 7 p.m. onwards.—Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec. 4975

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A.G.M. at Stowmarket (8) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk. 4968

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting, Barkston, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Gray, The Drift, Syston, near Grantham, Lincs, by October 28th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4978

LATE NOTICES

ENGAGEMENT

PAYTON—TRIGWELL. — The engagement is announced between John Henry Payton, of Chiddingfold, and Karen Janet Trigwell, of Farnham. 4989

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

MALE RINGER requires accommodation as near Sheffield University as possible for approximately ten weeks from mid-November.—C. Sweeney, 37, Percy Road, Kenilworth. 4984

MEETINGS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton (6) on October 19th at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. P. Baker, 4, Wellingborough Road, Ecton, Northants. 4986

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Learners' practice at Cobham, Tuesday, October 22nd, 7.30–9 p.m.—J. P. O. 4990

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Hartford (6), Saturday, October 26th. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 5 p.m. Special method: Carlisle. Names for tea to R. Worrall, 33, Riddings Lane, Hartford, by October 23rd. 4988

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Crich (8), October 26th. Bells 3.–8.30 p.m. Cafe nearby. Please attend.—E. J. S. 4985

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Quarterly District meeting at Capel, Saturday, October 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing, probably at Newdigate. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Surrey. Names must be sent if you expect to have tea. —J. P. O. 4991

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Whitwick (8) on Saturday, October 26th, at 3.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Names for tea not required. 4987

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Surprise Major practice at Gorleston-on-Sea on Saturday, October 26th. Bells from 6.45 to 8.45 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.—N.C. 4994

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Hambledon, October 26th. Bells 2.45 till 8.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 in New Inn, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. Turner, Hamlet Cottage, East Street, Hambledon, by **Wednesday, October 23rd, please.** 4993

QUARTER PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Ruby Fardon 1, J. Hill (cond.) 2, R. A. Fardon 3, Ruby M. Myllys 4, M. C. Seymour 5, Patricia A. Copas 6, W. H. Coles 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, F. W. Goodfellow 9, M. J. Palmer 10. For Harvest Festival.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Read 1, Jane Osment (first quarter "inside") 2, J. Smith 3, T. Fox (cond.) 4, Cynthia Elson 5, P. Nelson 6, R. Tickner 7, C. Denyer 8. For Harvest Festival.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hydrangea Northeast 1, M. Susan Jackson 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, A. C. Boorman 4, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 5, R. S.-Bradley 6, R. H. Youdale 7, P. Martin 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

STONE, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Thomas (first Minor) 1, Margaret Jenner 2, Jane Osenton 3, J. Hemsley 4, O. Webster 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Patricia Ramage 1, Christine T. Wilkins (first as cond.) 2, R. E. Gerhardi 3, A. Wender 4, D. Barwick 5, S. Mallett 6. For Flower Festival.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Price 1, R. Harper 2, D. Nichols 3, J. Whitham 4, A. Beaumont 5, N. Donovan 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, F. Jackson 8. Rung after the wedding of David Fearn to Dorothy Ann Hellewell.

Letters—continued

MR. BLAGROVE ANSWERS MORE QUERIES

Dear Sir,—May I answer the points raised by Mr. Shepherd? No one has tried to differentiate between the equal terms "longest length" and "progressive length." But not all longest lengths are the record peals proper. The progressive lengths instanced by Mr. Shepherd would all be record peals, and it would not be necessary to comply with the special conditions on page 19 of the Handbook. Further, it would not be necessary for the first peal to reach or exceed 6,720 to comply. But in the case of a peal rung to surpass a total of 6,720 or more, it is necessary to comply, if the resulting peal were to stand as the record peal proper. We now come to the first vagueness in Decision D, para. (f).

Does it mean "all peals which will surpass a previous peal of 6,720 or more must comply"? This is the hard-line interpretation, and all peals not complying would not be recognised by the Council, but must be published in "The Ringing World." The soft-line interpretation is "all peals rung with the intention of setting up a new record must comply." Then, a peal which did not comply would be a progressive length, but not the record peal proper.

The special conditions are perfectly clear in that seven days' notice must be given in "The Ringing World," similar notice must be sent to the secretary of the holding Society, the peal must be umpired and well proved, and the methods must comply with the Report on Regular Methods. Not so clear is the publication of the composition. The hard-line is that it must be published with the notice, and the soft-line is that it must be published at the latest with the report of the peal, and nothing is laid down for non-record peals.

It will be appreciated that up to 1966 attempts complied with these special conditions. But in the last two years difficulties over these two points have arisen, and been accentuated by several conductors not bothering to comply, or wishing soft-line on their attempts and hard-line on the attempts of others. Turning to Mr. Woodruffe, I was informed in March that the need for a revision of Decisions would be raised at Worcester. Therefore, in an attempt to smooth the way, the report for 1967 contained all new long lengths under the single heading "Performances," and I did hope for the same in the 1968 report, in view of the forthcoming revision. But Mr. Woodruffe wants a separate listing.

Therefore it becomes necessary to continue checking all compositions, both progressive lengths and record peals, but, for the latter only, there are other details to check. No decision has been made over the 13,140 Maximus, and my misinterpretation of Mr. Woodruffe's letter of August 2nd was due to the wording of his letter and my non-participation in untruthful gossip. I note his claim for the record peal of Kent L.C. and Kent T.B. Maximus on handbells, and his definition of Cam Maximus as an irregular method. I was informed by one member of the band that they were aware that the 12,480 Pudsey would not be a record peal proper, and if Mr. Woodruffe had had the manners to ask he could have had the composition months ago.

The 12,096 Glasgow has not been demoted to a progressive length. The band asked for it not to be the record length proper. By the C.C. Decisions it was not necessary for notice to be given for the 11,872 Glasgow, the 9,600 Lincolnshire and the 12,096 Huddersfield, even though Mr. Woodruffe says otherwise. His strictures on the L.A.C.R. are way out of place. Was written notice given to their secretary of the Cambridge Royal? Have Mr. Woodruffe's compositions always been published before the attempt? Indeed, have his compositions always been published?

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

WOTTON AND BRISTOL COMBINED OUTING

The Wotton-under-Edge and Bristol ringers had a combined outing under blue skies on September 7th. No less than four Branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were represented, making the large number in the back seat wish we had booked a bigger coach!

The first stop was at Romsey Abbey, having one of the best rings of eight in the country, and much excitement and interest was caused by the gallery which breaks the long climb up to the ringing chamber. The bells themselves are a real joy to ring, and we would gladly have stayed much longer.

After ringing on the pleasant light eight at Twyford, most of us fortified ourselves with refreshment at the Dolphin.

Before ringing at New Alresford we were obliged to wait for a wedding to finish, so we sat outside the tower while the guests poured forth from the church, and listened to the local band ringing and at the same time admired the varying styles of dress of the wedding company.

Tea was at Andover, and those in the restaurant heard the remainder of the party raising the eight at the church. The long ascent to the ringing chamber was rather frightening and was the second occasion that day upon which the gentlemen were asked by the ladies to go up first, due to the somewhat revealing nature of the wooden spiral staircase! Here the standard of striking was improved, although an attempt at Kent Major ended in failure. Our final tower was at West Overton (6). The striking was, in general, better here than it had been all day, probably due to the short draught of rope which made the bells go so well.

Thanks go to Henry Taysom and Ken Weeks, of the Bristol Rural Branch, and Ron Cox, of the Wotton Branch, the three chief organisers. Thanks also to all those who met us. S. D.

"WELCH'S WANDERERS"

In line with the increasing vogue for naming touring parties, about forty ringers and friends formed themselves into "Welch's Wanderers" to take part in the annual outing organised by Roy and Enid Welch, of Ilton, Somerset, on September 21st.

This year we started in Devon, and our first ring was on the fine eight at Tiverton, where I, personally, had the pleasure of ringing a bell for the first time in almost eight months and, believe me, it was a pleasure.

From there we went to Chawleigh and then to Chumleigh and some good ringing took place at both towers. After the usual liquid refreshment we went to Chittlehampton and South Molton, where tea had been arranged.

Over a narrow bridge on Exmoor our arrival at Exford was delayed, but everyone who wished to was able to ring on the lovely six.

Our thanks to Roy and Enid for their organisation, and incumbents. Roll on next year.

J. D.

HORSHAM RINGERS' MINI-OUTING

Fourteen Horsham ringers and friends sallied forth for a half-day tour round neighbouring towers on September 21st. Despite thunderstorms and torrential showers the party managed to ring at Bolney (8), Hurstpierpoint (8), Henfield (8), Cowfold (8) and Shipley (6). Methods rung (or attempted) ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Minor. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it is hoped to arrange a similar trip into Surrey later in the year. Mike Read, who organised the tour, is thanked, as well as incumbents and local ringers.

TWERTON-ON-AVON

On September 28th Twerton ringers held their annual outing and were joined by friends from various towers in the Bath area.

Amesbury was the first stop. The bells had not been rung for some months but nevertheless go very well (the two trebles being the only bells on ball-bearings). The girls of the party excelled themselves with good call changes, the local captain being quite amazed, as he had not seen his back bells rung by the fairer sex before.

St. Martin's, Salisbury.—The only ground-floor ring of the day. These bells were unringable for six years until quite recently, when Bill Theobald put them in order. A half-course of Yorkshire proved quite successful.

Downton.—Lovely-toned heavy octave. A fund has been set up to rehang the seventh, the bearings of which have become badly worn, but this does not reflect on the go of the bell too much, although ringing has been curtailed pending restoration.

Fordingbridge.—A fairly light octave that will travel. Here we rang all sorts of oddments—Hawkhurst Triples, Birstwith Little Bob Major and some unsuccessful London Major.

Ringwood.—One member learned to ring here, so met old acquaintances. The octave will not be pushed too much but are pleasant to ring. Cambridge was by far the best ringing.

Christchurch Priory.—The beauty of the 12 here is well known and we were very pleased with our rise. We limited ourselves to some good call changes and Bob Royal. Bob Maximus was too ambitious.

We had a wonderful day. The people who met us at each tower were very kind and patient and we were pleased to have them join in the ringing.

A. F. L.

CRAVEN RINGERS VISIT LANCASHIRE

The start for this outing on September 7th was too early for one driver, whose party missed two towers. At 8.30 a.m. Erin and Grandsire were being rung at Downham (5). We enjoyed the well-sounding bells at Clitheroe (8) and Whalley (8), where Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

The six at Ribchester preceded a picnic lunch by the River Ribble, during which handbells were produced. Cambridge and Erin were rung at Goosnargh (a pleasant six), but the performance at Scorton (8) was not up to the standard of ringing at previous towers. However, there was good ringing at Hornby (8) and the programme of ringing was concluded at Low Bentham (6).

A very enjoyable dinner at Long Preston concluded a happy day. Mr. F. Lee, who organised the outing in a masterly style, is specially thanked.

D. F.

SOUTHBROOM, WILTSHIRE

Southbroom ringers and friends made Guildford their objective for their annual outing on September 28th. En route they rang at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, and, after lunch at Guildford, at Holy Trinity and on the six at St. Mary's, which they found were a "bit strange" with a clock face and anti-clockwise ring to contend with. Tea followed, and the Cathedral was visited to hear the choir sing Evensong. Ringing was afterwards enjoyed on the ground-floor ring of six at Bentley. The refreshment 40 minutes were spent at Andover and home was reached at 10.30 p.m. Incumbents and those who met the party are thanked.

A. T. W.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe Church, on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Hancock 1, N. P. Hancock 2, R. Sweet 3, M. J. Hancock 4, W. Adams 5, S. Badman 6, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, S. Gillett 8. For Evensong, A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Badman.

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY
(September 28th)

BINSTED, HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Stacey 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hughes 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6.

STEEP, HANTS.—1,260 Doubles (23 meth./var.): D. Hughes 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6. Maximum number for band and District.

BURITON, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Tipper 1, D. Hughes 2, Jane Sims (first "inside") 3, R. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,272 Warkworth Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N. Bennett 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, Margaret Jones 2, B. Johnson 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For the christening of Martin, son of Nicholas and Brenda Davies.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Heather P. S. Llewellyn (first quarter) 1, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 2, H. W. Brown 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, P. Morris 6. A compliment to Wendy and Barry on their marriage the previous day, and to Bill Foss and Michael Thompson, ordained deacons this day.

APPLEDORE, KENT. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Jenner 1, N. Pollock 2, J. Hemsley 3, R. Lebon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, O. Webster 6, H. Deacon 7, P. Thomas 8. For Evensong.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: V. J. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, J. R. Mitty 4, N. H. Leslie 5, F. White 6, D. A. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, B. R. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Reginald Thomas Newman.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Elizabeth M. Bowyer (first quarter) 1, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 2, Barbara Clifft (first "inside") 3, J. M. Lawrence 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, R. C. Groom 6.

BANSTEAD, SURREY. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Cheesman (first quarter) 1, Winifred Cheesman 2, Andrea Tilley 3, A. Schofield 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, J. Cheesman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, L. Reece 8. For church rededication.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, G. H. Harding 2, E. Norris 3, D. Hill-Brown 4, J. T. Barrett 5, N. G. Knee 6, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, N. J. Medley 8. For the Church Festival, and a 36th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barrett.

BECKENHAM, KENT. — On Sept. 28th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. J. Spicer 1, J. Dafters 2, J. W. Smith 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, M. F. Oaksbett 5, T. Lewis 6, Mrs. C. B. Shiers 7, K. J. Rider (cond.) 8, D. E. Beach 9, J. A. Powell 10. For the wedding of Miss Susan Nicholls, daughter of Mr. Sam Nicholls.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Webster 1, Jane Osenton 2, Margaret Jenner 3, T. Young 4, J. Hemsley (first as cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hemsley 1, Jane Osenton 2, Margaret Jenner 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, R. Lebon (first Grandsire) 6, O. Webster 7, A. Bourner 8. For Evensong.

BICKER, LINCS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Bennett 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, W. Dawson 3, R. Bennett 4, Rev. R. Worsdall 5, A. D. Mills 6, A. Flatters 7, P. Reynolds 8. First quarter 4, 5 and 8.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Surfleet Surprise Minor: Miss S. Leadbeter 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, C. J. Bennett 3, A. J. Fletcher 4, S. T. Yates 5, P. Davies (cond.) 6. First in the method by the band. A farewell to Barbara Pickering, who is leaving for Worcester College.

BODIAM, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 9th, 1,320 Minor (three methods): Margaret Jenner 1, R. Lebon 2, A. Leeves 3, O. Webster 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in three methods 2, 3 and 4.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS. — At 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, on Sept. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Andrews (first "in hand") 1–2, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 3–4, A. V. Davis 5–6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. J. Barker 1, P. G. Brown 2, Susan Chapman 3, Jennifer Millbank 4, Josephine Quilter 5, H. G. Felton 6, R. J. Lindsell 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX. — On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. M. Cullwick 1, J. Sitch 2, Miss J. Cullwick 3, E. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, V. Dale 6, H. Turner (cond.) 7, H. Flanders 8. For the Festival of Flowers Service.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At St. Nicholas' Church, on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Wright 1, V. Sheppard 2, R. Osbon 3, I. Vaughan 4, P. Hepburn 5, J. Norris (cond., 100th quarter on tower bells) 6, J. Hills 7, A. Bond 8. For the church's gift day. Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Longman 1, J. Riddleston 2, R. Minton 3, V. Sheppard 4, A. Bond (cond.) 5, J. Garner 6. First quarter by Nurse Longman and a farewell on her departure to Torquay.

BRISTOL. — At St. James' Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,440 London Surprise Royal: Heather Walters 1, S. Brown 2, Diana Bridle 3, W. S. Rice 4, P. J. England 5, P. Bridle 6, R. W. Rice 7, J. Brain 8, J. H. Gilbert 9, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 10. First of London Royal for 2, 4, 7 and 8.

BUCKLAND, SURREY. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Juliet Stoy 1, R. C. Stevens 2, N. Thomson (cond.) 3, Carol Martin 4, G. W. Stevens 5, K. G. Game 6. Rung in memoriam Violet Jean Thomson, grandmother of the conductor.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. L. Mills 1, J. P. Loveless 2, Mrs. E. Reeve 3, D. J. Reeve 4, J. J. Dingwall 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. First in method "inside" 2 and 5. Rung for the christenings of Paul William, son of Allen and Maureen Cansdale, and Elizabeth Margaret Allan.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Elphick 1, G. P. Elphick 2, A. V. Sheppard 3, P. D. Hepburn 4, A. W. Bond 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, R. I. Vaughan (75th quarter) 7, W. D. Homfrey (first quarter) 8. To mark the 50th anniversary of Canon Cooke's ordination.

COTHELSTONE, SOM. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Arscott 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, A. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Susan Spurgeon 1, J. West 2, E. W. Roast 3, R. J. W. Housden 4, P. J. Came 5, E. G. Roast 6, T. Spurgeon 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. W. Roast 1, Yvonne Murray 2, P. J. Came 3, T. Spurgeon 4, J. West 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rev. David Moir, one of the local company, on the occasion of his ordination in Chelmsford Cathedral.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. King 1, D. G. Boast (first on eight) 2, J. Mowle 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. Catchpole 5, A. Cook 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, O. P. Claxton 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Raymond King.

GREAT CHART, KENT. — On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, A. Bourne (first in two methods) 2, Marion Kemp 3, J. Hemsley 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne Barber 1, R. A. Birch 2, B. Johnson 3, K. D. Butler 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. First Surprise for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Percy 1, Betty Percy 2, Janet Percy (cond.) 3, A. Baldock 4, T. Barlow 5, R. Percy 6. With best wishes to Sybil M. Tonkin and David R. McLean immediately after their marriage at this church.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Goss 1, M. Goss 2, P. Furniss 3, P. Taylor 4, R. Crocker 5, G. Dodd (cond.) 6. First Cambridge by all the band except the conductor. Rung for evening service by the Sunday service band.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Aug. 11th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. W. Cecil 1, Joan Peacock 2, C. E. Wright 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. E. Brown 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: G. W. Cecil 1, S. Penfold 2, C. C. M. Pain 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, J. Fowler 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

IVYCHURCH, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Hemsley 1, Miss M. Jenner 2, B. Johnson (cond.) 3, O. Webster 4, D. Cawley 5. First on the bells, a ring of five since 1624.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Treble 1, W. G. Cocks (first Grandsire "inside") 2, Janine Blanche 3, M. J. K. Griffiths 4, D. P. Treble (cond.) 5, J. Boulter 6. First quarter by the present local band. To mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. D. R. Drake-Brockman.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. White 1, J. Foster 2, G. Gray 3, K. Lucas (aged 9) 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Rung as a contribution from the Art of Change Ringing in honour of the opening of the Basildon Civic Arts Centre.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Laver 1, Judith Robinson 2, Pauline Smith 3, A. H. Smith 4, J. Laver 5, P. Ford 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, D. James 8. For Harvest Festival.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver 1, C. Hughes 2, Miss J. M. H. Smith 3, C. Willmington (cond.) 4, L. Fox 5, R. Brown (first in method) 6, H. Weedon 7, R. Turner 8. For Harvest Festival.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: T. W. Hesketh 1, E. Timmins 2, C. D'Aeth 3, M. E. Snape 4, J. A. Elliot 5, E. L. Humphriss 6, J. McKee 7, W. E. Court 8, J. N. Brown 9, E. C. Birkett 10, J. Ridyard (cond.) 11, G. K. Austin and N. P. A. Goulding 12. Rung in memoriam H. Stewart Bailey, a member of the Cathedral band.

LLANDAFF, GLAM. — On Sept. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynne Parker 1, Anne Cooke 2, Felicity Cooke 3, C. Ricketts (cond.) 4, T. T. Lewis 5, N. A. James 6, S. Fenwick 7, J. James 8. Rung for the ordination of Richard D. Fenwick, a bellringer at this Cathedral.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On June 30th, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: Veronica Belfitt (first in method) 1, F. Ward 2, C. Beswick 3, C. Stringer (first in method) 4, A. Hartland 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Jean Cunliffe 1, Veronica Belfitt (first "inside") 2, F. Ward 3, A. Hartland 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, C. Beswick 6. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor: Veronica Belfitt 1, D. J. Marshall 2, W. Barwell 3, C. Beswick 4, A. Hartland 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. G. Newman 1, J. A. Booth 2, Margaret Booth 3, Brenda Redfearn 4, N. Garrard 5, G. Hawkins 6, A. J. Smith 7, H. Wood 8, D. Redfearn 9, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 10. For evening service, and as a compliment to Felicity, daughter of Canon and Mrs. H. E Frankham, and Mr. T. K. Pool, whose marriage took place the previous day.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Campling 1, Mrs. G. Butler 2, G. Butler (cond.) 3, P. Campling 4, P. Butler 5, R. Ragsdell 6. First quarter 1, 6. For Flower and Harvest Festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Towler 1, Angela Quick 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, M. Hiller 5, C. W. Powell (cond.) 6, A. R. Agg 7, P. Fletchney 8.

MACGILLICUDDY'S REEKS, EIRE. — At the Church of Our Lady of the Valley, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. H. Youdale 1–2, S. C. Walters 3–4, R. S. Bradley 5–6, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 7–8.

MACHEN, MON.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Bundy (first quarter) 1, G. Hughes 2, L. James 3, V. Jones 4, I. Davies (cond.) 5, H. Everson 6. For Harvest Festival.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): A. H. Bridges 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, D. P. Gagen 4, J. E. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. For Harvest Festival.

MARKSBURY, SOM. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire): Susan A. Coombs 1, H. J. Coombs 2, A. J. Coombs (first as cond.) 3, P. Blacker 4, R. Perry 5, Ruby M. Coombs 6. First quarter 1, 6. A compliment to the Rev. W. Cecil Mason on the 24th anniversary of his ordination as priest.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Anne Copperwheat (first quarter) 1, Mary L. Mann 2, M. J. Lockey 3, C. D. Mann 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, C. Goodwin 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Goodwin.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: W. Holmes (first on ten) 1, H. Clayton 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, R. Preston 4, W. Clamp 5, R. H. Cook 6, R. Looker 7, O. Homewood 8, R. E. Manton (cond.) 9, A. French 10. For Harvest Festival and a farewell to Rev. Dudley Gummer.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD'S RINGING COURSE

The Northamptonshire County Youth Service, at the request of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, ran a half-day ringing course on September 28th using Islip School and the towers of Islip, Thrapston and Tichmarsh. The course was under the general direction of Mr. J. M. Tyler, who is, appropriately enough, the county music adviser; and the team of instructors was led by Mr. J. H. Bluff, Master of the Guild.

Some 70 students attended, and whilst these covered a wide age range, it was particularly encouraging to see such a large number of young people anxious to improve their ringing. The general consensus of opinion was that they went away knowing a good deal more about what they were trying to do than they did when they came.

The course was divided into five groups, and covered everything from plain hunt to extents of Plain Bob on this occasion. However, with such an encouraging response to this, the first diocese-wide course, it is intended to hold another one, possibly next spring, and to aim then to cover a wider range of methods. Grateful thanks are extended to those who came as instructors, and to the incumbents who made their towers available.

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The Church of St. Michael, Cornhill, London

OUR COVER PICTURE

The Bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, London

By William Flook

Two keen Rochester District ringers—Mr. Richard Bushell and Miss Pamela Thomsett—leaving St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Stockbury, Kent, after their wedding on September 14th.

HALFWAY along the street known as Cornhill stands the ancient Church of St. Michael, which has long been famous for its bells. There has been a church here since before the Norman Conquest, and John Stow, in his "Survey of London" (1603), tells us that the tower of the old church was "begun to be built in 1421," in which was placed "a fair ring of five bells." These bells were evidently in the minor scale, for, as Stow says, "a sixth bell was added and given by John Whitwell, Isabel his wife, and William Rus, alderman and goldsmith, about the year 1430." William Rus was a notable benefactor to St. Michael's.

This new bell (founder unknown) weighed over 30 cwt., and it appears from the parish records that it was a noble bell, of which the parishioners were very proud. Of the ring of six, Stow says, "This was accounted the best ring of six bells to be rung by six men that was in England, for harmony, sweetness of sound, and tune." In those early days of bell-hanging it was evidently unusual that these six bells could be rung by only six men. Moreover, Stow tells us that the tenor bell, named "Rus," after its donor, was rung nightly for curfew at eight o'clock, "and otherwise for knells, and in peals, rung by one man, for the space of one hundred and sixty years."

Legend of Visitation

The following strange legend also appears in Stow's account of St. Michael's Church: "As I have oft heard my father report, upon St. James's night, certain men in the loft next under the bells, ringing of a peal, a tempest of lightning and thunder did arise, an ugly shapen sight appeared to them, coming in at the south window, and lighted on the north, for fear whereof they all fell down and lay as dead for the time, letting the bells ring and cease of their own accord: when the ringers came to themselves, they found certain stones of the north window to be razed and scratched as if they had been so much butter, printed with a lion's claw, the same stones were fastened there again and remain to this day. I have seen them oft, and have put a feather or small stick into the holes where the claws had entered three or four inches deep. . . . One of the ringers lived in my youth, whom I have oft heard to verify the same to be true."

In the inventory of the sixth year of the reign of Edward VI, St. Michael's is shown as having "vj great bells and ij sawnse bells." The churchwarden's accounts show that the ringers were paid 12d. for ringing for the proclamation of Queen Mary in 1553, and 2s. 3d. for ringing for her coronation.

"The Queen's Change"

It is said that as Queen Elizabeth I was passing St. Michael's on one of her royal progresses, the bells were ringing in the order 135246; and that the Queen (who is supposed to have been a great lover of bell music) was so struck with the beauty of this change that it has ever since been known as the "Queen's" change.

In the year 1587 the tenor bell, Rus, the parishioners' pride, was cracked. The parish records show that a founder name Lawrence Wright was employed to recast it, but he seems to have made a poor job of it, for when the new bell was hung it caused great dissatisfaction and generally "was not liked of" in the parish. In the following year, 1588, as it was felt that the new tenor spoilt the ring, the vestry "agreed that our bell Rus shall be new cast." This time the work was placed in the hands of Robert Mot, the earliest of the Whitechapel bell-founders. The parishioners were determined that this time they would not accept a bell that did not fit in with the other five, and appear to have rejected the one first cast by Mot. Eventually, however, he cast a bell which satisfied the parishioners, and it was hung in St. Michael's tower in 1589.

In 1598 this bell was cracked in its turn, and again Robert Mot had to cast more than one bell before he produced one that satisfied the parish, a bell weighing 31 cwt. At the same time, Mot was doing work for Westminster Abbey, and when a new tenor was wanted there, he took one of the bells rejected by St. Michael's and used that, just as it was. Evidently the Dean and Chapter of the Abbey were less critical than the parishioners of Cornhill! This bell, the present tenor at Westminster Abbey, was recast in 1738 by Phelps and Lester, Mot's bell having been described as "dull and melancholy." It bears the inscription, no doubt coppied more or less from the original "Rus": "Remember John Whitmell Isabell his wife and William Rus who first gave this bell 1430. New cast in July 1599 and in April 1738. Richard Phelps, T. Lester fecit."

Peter Mundy, writing in 1652 or 3, refers to "the 10 bells in St. Michaells in Cornehill." Evidently the ringing peal had been augmented by the addition of two trebles, the other two bells being the "saunce bells" mentioned in Edward VI's inventory.

Victim of Great Fire

The church was largely destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666, and although the tower was not wholly burnt down, the bells were completely destroyed. The main body of the church was rebuilt in 1679 to Sir Christopher Wren's designs, and further repaired and beautified in 1701. Eventually it was decided to pull down the remains of the old tower, and the building of the present tower was begun under Wren in 1715–17 and completed under the direction of his pupil, Nicholas Hawksmoor, in 1718–22. The tower measures 25 feet at the base, and to the top of the pinnacles it is 130 feet high. It is said to have been inspired by the tower of Magdalen College, Oxford, but the similarity is slight and the proportions are quite different. It is, however, a very stately tower.

In this tower was installed a ring of twelve bells, cast by Richard Phelps in 1728, three of which, the third, fourth and seventh, survive in their original form. These twelve bells, tenor approximately 41 cwt., were hung a good deal higher in the tower than the present ring. The inscription on the tenth bell read as follows:

"We honour to the King
and joy to brides do sing
To prayer do we call
St. Michael's people all
Triumphs do we tell
and ring the dead man's knell."

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Superb Gift to Gloucester and Bristol Ringers



To celebrate its 90th birthday, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a dinner at the Moor Court Hotel, Amberley, on September 28th. The highlight of an enjoyable evening was the presentation to the Association of a superb silver trophy in the form of a bell, hung in a wooden frame. This was given by the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance in memory of the late W. I. Croome, former chairman of the Council for the Care of Churches and is to be competed for annually by Sunday Service bands in the two dioceses.

It was presented to the Association's Ringing Master, P./Sgt. W. F. Scudamore, by Major P. D. Birchall, chairman of Gloucestershire County Council and former chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance.

Other guests on this happy occasion were Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, and the Suffragan Bishops of Malmesbury and Tewkesbury.

A DISTINGUISHED COMPANY

After ringing at a number of churches in the delightful countryside around Stroud, members of the Association assembled at the Moor Court Hotel in time to admire the extensive views from the dining room windows before the curtains were drawn and the guests entered to the sound of handbells. On the top table were Miss E. M. Bliss (chairman of the Association), supported by Sgt. W. F. Scudamore (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Scudamore, Mr. C. Rouse (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Rouse, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Major and Mrs. Birchall, the Rt. Rev. C. F. B. Bishop (Bishop of Malmesbury) and Mrs. Bishop, and the Rt. Rev. F. T. Horan (Bishop of Tewkesbury) and Mrs. Horan. Because of the impending Michaelmas ordinations the Association's two presidents, the Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, were unable to be present and had sent their apologies.

Most of the Association's 12 Branches were represented, but it was particularly pleasing to see a number of young members from the local (Stroud) Branch.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

After full justice had been done to an excellent meal and the loyal toast duly honoured, Sgt. Scudamore introduced the guest of honour, the president of the Central Council, Canon Thurlow. Canon Thurlow has an enviable reputation as an after-dinner speaker and it soon became apparent that the reputation had been well earned. Tale followed tale with the rapidity of bobs in Erin, and he delighted the company with reminiscences of the James brothers, H. Law and E. Bankes, and of past ringing adventures in the Bristol area.

Turning to more serious matters with the skill of an Albert Walter turning the big bells in Stedman Cinques, he congratulated the Association on its healthy state and on its excellent relations with parochial church councils in the diocese. Too often the various church organisations—the choirs, flower guilds, ringers, various societies—existed each in their own watertight compartments, and he felt that it could lead only to good when they were able to share their problems and their expertise. To tell the P.C.C.'s what the Association was striving to do and to ask for their support was a wise move, and one that would pay dividends. He finished by reminding the company of the importance of the message of the bells, an importance that grows with each passing day, and of the part ringers had to play in proclaiming that message to the world around.

In her reply, Miss Bliss spoke of the Association's history over the past 90 years. As the Gloucester and Bristol's first lady chairman, it was appropriate that she should mention some of its early lady members, the first of whom, Mrs. Brunsden, of Withington, had joined as long ago as 1881. Coupled with her thanks to Canon Thurlow she welcomed the visitors. She extended a particularly warm welcome to the Bishop of Tewkesbury, whose first meeting with the Association this was, and hoped that it would be the first of many, and went on to explain to the Bishop of Malmesbury the confusion his surname had caused when it came to print the dinner menus.

THE CROOME TROPHY

The Bishop of Malmesbury replied in humerous vein before Miss Bliss called on Major Birchall. For several months past the various Branches in the Association have been holding their own ringing competitions to select a team to compete for the "Croome Trophy." Just what form the trophy would take had remained a closely-guarded secret, and there was a marked air of excitement when Major Birchall rose and placed a plain cardboard box on the table

He started by talking of "Will" Croome's love of churches, of his untiring work on faculties boards throughout the country, and of his generous bequest to the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance on his death in 1967. As chairman of that Board, Major Birchall had therefore been particularly interested in a suggestion that part of this bequest might be used to provide a "Croome Trophy" to encourage and raise the standard of Sunday service ringing in the Gloucester and Bristol dioceses. The work had been entrusted to Mr. W. H. Warmington, silversmith of the Chipping Campden Guild of Craftsmen, who had produced a wonderful trophy.

A snapshot taken at the 90th birthday dinner (left to right): Canon Gilbert Thurlow, P.Sgt. W. F. Scudamore (Ringing Master), Miss E. M. Bliss (Association chairman), Major P. D. Birchall (chairman of Gloucestershire County Council), Mrs. Scudamore and the Bishop of Malmesbury.

[Photo by Mr. A. Reason, Lechlade.

SILVER BELL IN OAK FRAME

Until now, only three people present had seen the finished result, but a murmur of admiration ran round the room as he at last drew from the mysterious cardboard box a silver bell, complete with silver stock, stay and slider, silver wheel and rope, and mounted in an oak bell frame on an inscribed base. The bell itself carries the arms of the Diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, and the inscription on the base reads:

In memory of W. I. Croome, C.B.F., J.P., M.A. F.S.A. Presented by the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance from the Croome Bequest, 28–9–68.

Thanking Major Birchall on behalf of the Association, the Ringing Master (Sgt. W. F. Scudamore) spoke of the diffidence with which Miss Bliss and he had first approached the Board of Finance and of Major Birchall's immediate support and encouragement. Already something approaching 70 Sunday service bands had been involved in the preliminary ringing, and he was sure that now this handsome trophy had at last been "unveiled" even more bands would enter in the future, to the benefit of service ringing throughout the area covered by the Association. This superb trophy would be one of the Association's most treasured possessions. His thanks were echoed by the applause of all those present—and even Canon Thurlow appeared to have a thoughtful look in his eye as he clapped!

The formal part of the evening then ended with a vote of thanks to Mrs. M. A. Wratten for her work in arranging such a successful dinner. Thereafter the company split up, some to renew old friendships, some to ring handbells and all to admire the wonderful Croome Trophy. This will be competed for for the first time on November 9th at North Cerney, where Mr. W. I. Croome lived until his death.

C. A. W.

LOOKING BACK

THE FIRST ISSUE OF "THE BELL NEWS"

IN February, 1881, appeared the first number of a magazine entitled:

THE BELL NEWS
and Ringers' Record.

A Journal of the Ringing Exercise; and Compendium of Information for the Clergy and Churchwardens.

It had eight pages and the price was one penny.

The first page consisted of "The Editor's Address" and his introduction of the paper to the ringing fraternity. I lift two quotations which have echoes at the present time: "It has been cynically observed that the components of the ringing community are of such a heterogeneous character that their unitive faculties are not sufficiently adhesive to support a paper established in the interests of ringing"; and "The discussion of any subjects offensively irrelevant to ringing and its surroundings will be eschewed, nor will our columns be allowed to become a vehicle of partisanship of any kind whatever."

"Reports of Meetings, etc.," occupied page two. First, the Yorkshire Association quarterly meeting at Leeds, where the president, Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq., took the chair. The president read a circular announcing the publication of "The Bell News and Ringers' Record." This seems to have been the main business. There was ringing at the Parish Church, Holbeck and Hunslet.

IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held their third anniversary meeting at Stroud, which was well attended by contingents from Gloucester, Bristol, Cheltenham, Cirencester, etc. Fifty-four members sat down to a capital dinner in the Corn Hall, prepared by hostess Browning. A remarkable feature of this meeting was the number of the clergy in attendance: The Revs. Thomas Keble (Bisley), Mowbray Trotter (St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester), H. H M'Crea (Painswick), F. Smith (Woodchester) and Pitt Eykyn.

At Diss (Norfolk), the 48th anniversary of St. Mary's Church bells had been held. It was stated that during 1880, 65,096 changes in various methods had been struck on the bells.

The Redenhall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association met on January 13th, which, according to them, is the old New Year's Day, to celebrate the 145th anniversary of their club. A list of members is given together with the numbers and methods of the peals they had rung and the methods in which they were proficient. The repertoire consisted of Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court, Stedman Triples, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, one member having rung as many as 20 peals. Can anyone give us further information about the "old New Year's Day' of January 13th? Has it anything to do with "Give us back our eleven days"?

FROM MANCHESTER

The Lancashire Association's annual meeting rounds up the reports. Held at Manchester "under very unfavourable circumstances, the weather being such as to prevent members from remote parts of the country from attending." Raining, one presumes. The annual sermon was preached in the Cathedral, and from the excerpt given should have been extremely interesting.

The reports are followed by a review of Mr Jasper W. Snowdon's "Standard Methods in the Art of Change Ringing." The review also refers to "Rope Sight," first published in November, 1879, which was so successful that the first edition of 500 copies was sold off in little more than four months, and in October, 1880, a second edition was issued.

Under the heading of "New and Original Compositions"—"Great then are the mysteries of Bell Ringing"—Southey, appear two compositions of Stedman Caters by H. Hubbard, sen.

The Editorial, page 4, under the heading "The Bell News," commences "The truth of the statement that within the past few years the study and practice of Ringing has increased among the community cannot seriously be brought into question." Dealing with composition, the Editor later says "Though the discovery that 8,448 was not the extent with the tenors together in Treble Bob Major, has been the greatest event within the recollection of many, several new peals in the same method have appeared, which afford evidence that a deal of attention has of late been paid to composition." And finally, after throwing his columns open for composers—"It is hoped that the most eminent in this particular branch of the science, both in London and the provinces, will become frequent contributors to the column to which we refer, and also that the less advanced in the art of composition may exert themselves to attain notoriety in the same direction."

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM

After this appears the note: We hear that the St. Martin's Company, of Birmingham, have in view the notion of going for 9,000 Stedman Cinques, to supersede the St. Michael's (Cornhill) peal. We wish them success when they make their attempt, but it will require a deal to excel the London performance. Should it become an accomplished fact, the exercise at large will have no hesitation in believing (if so announced) that such a performance has been accurately performed, coming from such a quarter." This is by far the nicest remark I have read anent this Society for some years.

The "Ringers' Record" gives particulars of the following peals, then recently rung:—

Bethnal Green.—Kent Treble Bob Major.
Barking (Essex).—Grandsire Triples—Holt's Original.
Bishop's Stortford (Herts). — Grandsire Triples—Holt's Bob-and-Single.
Bollington (Cheshire).—Grandsire Triples—first peal on the bells.
Diss (Norfolk).—Oxford Treble Bob Major.
Dorking (Surrey).—Grandsire Triples—Holt's ten-part.
Drayton (Berks).—Kent Treble Bob Major.
Fressingfield (Suffolk).—Oxford Treble Bob Major (6,080).
Guiseley (near Leeds, Yorks).—Two peals of Kent Treble Bob Major.
Kenninghall (Norfolk).—Kent Treble Bob Major.
Preston (Lancs).—Grandsire Triples—Holt's ten-part.
Rotherham (Yorks).—Stedman Caters.
Sheffield (Yorks).—Grandsire Triples—Holt's Original.

Followed by "Correspondence." — "The writers alone are responsible for the opinions they enunciate." There is a letter from a young ringer objecting to another large bell in London to be hung at St. Paul's. He says (inter alia): "I don't see the necessity of another large bell at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The bell there at present answers every purpose and in my opinion is a good bell, Sir E. Beckett notwithstanding. I think it is a capital bell, and I begin to have my doubts whether the learned Q.C. knows anything at all about it. If the Dean and Chapter determine to have another large bell, let them call to their counsel one or two of the most eminent ringers, many of whose aural faculties enable them to do what many of our great musicians would pronounce to be all but impossible. I am sure than many ringers would feel interested with an account in your columns of 'Big Ben' of Westminster, and what is meant by the phrase 'to prevent the referees being taken in again by concealed defects': perhaps the learned baronet would give us the bell's history." **Good fighting stuff.**

A milder letter from Mr. Snowdon offers to publish peals of Treble Bob in his possession should the Exercise wish.

On the back page came the advertisements. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London. Established 1570; Henry Banks, Bell Rope Manufacturer, Shambles, Worcester; Standard Methods, Ropesight and A Treatise on Treble Bob by J. W. Snowdon; Handbells, 19 for sale, in fair condition; Handbell Music, Wm. Gordon, Stockport, including "The Blue Bells of Scotland" with two easy variations. In my distant youth there was a copy of this latter in the belfry cupboard (it may be there yet), but the ringers were forbidden to take the handbells out of the tower, because they were liable to give demonstrations in the local estaminet. Also a pamphlet entitled "The Continuity of the English Church," by Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., Hurworth-on-Tees, 8vo., price 1/-. Finally a list of books including "Adelaide Rosenberg's Troubles," "Worth Her Weight in Gold." "Without a Friend in the World" and "Where Can Uncle Hermann Be?"

I have dealt with the first number of "Bell News" at some length, but should any further effusions of mine sneak past the editorial chair, they will contain the more interesting features of several numbers and, I hope, become more interesting as they continue. Like the Dance of the Seven Veils." CHESHIRE DELIGHT.

NORTH KENT RINGERS VISIT LONDON AREA

Approximately 40 ringers and friends from various churches in North Kent, including Sittingbourne, Newington, Tunstall, Maidstone, Halling and Eastchurch, spent the late Summer Bank Holiday visiting various towers in the London area.

After travelling through a downpour the party arrived at St. Paulinus', Crayford (8), to be met by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett. We experienced some difficulty in handling the ten at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, and hurried on to St. Mary's, Lewisham, where our ringing improved on the pleasant eight. The coach then made its way to the City for lunch before taking the M.4 en route for Heston, Middlesex, where some good ringing was enjoyed. Christ Church, Mitcham, our next call, proved to be a little disappointing. Tea was taken at Banstead before ringing on the very well-going eight. We were delighted to be met here by Mr. Pitstow.

The last tower of the day was at Kingswood, where some of the best ringing of the day took place. Liquid refreshment was taken at Locks Bottom and the coach deposited the last member of the party at 11 p.m.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents and local ringers, also to Frank Dadson and Wendy Austin, who organised the tour. Laurie Mitchell was Ringing Master. L. M.

CHELSEA GO TO RUTLAND

The Chelsea outing this year was to Rutland and Leicestershire. Having first inspected Monty's pitch pipe to see that it was in sound mechanical order, we felt able to ring at the first tower, at Oakham (a splendid church with matching bells—even the ringing rose to the setting). After lunch we rang on the excellent six at Asfordby. The ten at Melton Mowbray were next, and here ringing started off with Grandsire Royal! As we left the church the bells chimed "There's no place like home"—a gentle hint!

A magnificent tea was provided for us by the ringers of Somerby—high tea wasn't the word! Some good ringing then followed on the six bells at the church. These are a ground-floor ring in a tower that stands between the nave and chancel.

We then turned for home. Our sincere thanks to all concerned for a happy and enjoyable outing. R. J. C.

Chilvers Coton Ringers at Liverpool Cathedral



Chilvers Coton ringers, joined by six others from Bulkington during their outing on September 28th, tackled the heaviest ring of 12 in the world at Liverpool Cathedral. Comments their correspondent, Mr. G. Edmands: "Unfortunately it was the general consensus of opinion that these bells are far from easy to ring any method successfully, not only because of their excessive weight but also because it is very difficult to hear them individually in the ringing chamber, and one has to rely almost entirely on 'ropesight.'

"However, it was an experience which will long be remembered by all those who 'had a go'—and the incident of the lift (up to the halfway stage), which refused to function, will no doubt make our visit all the more memorable!

"Our non-ringing friends were duly impressed by this massive Cathedral, the building of which commenced no less than 64 years ago and is still far from completed, and also by the Roman Catholic Cathedral nearby. Mention must also be made of the light entertainment which was provided by three of our members, who nobly tackled the 82 cwt. tenor single-handed and found that it was far from easy to set. The reverberant booming of its deep tone around the ringing chamber was reminiscent of the funeral bell for Admiral Lord Nelson!"

Ringing also took place at SS. Peter and Paul's, Ormskirk, Emmanuel and Christ Church, Southport, and St. Mark's, Worsley. A most appetising chicken dinner at the Dog and Doublet Hotel, Sandon, near Rugeley, rounded off a memorable and happy day. Special thanks go to the organiser, Mr. G. A. Bell.

The names of the ringers, from left to right, are: Hubert E. Ashley (Bulkington), Brian Liggins (Bulkington), Geoff Pratt (Bulkington), Geoffrey Edmands, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Jonathan Evans, Mr. A. H. Beamish (president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild), Arthur G. Bell, Jack Lloyd, James Draycott (all of Chilvers Coton), George Pluckrose (Bulkington) and Frank Reynolds (Manchester).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual Striking Contest

The Rossendale Branch acted as hosts for the competition this year, the finals of both the six- and eight-bell sections taking place at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on September 28th.

A wider based entry was forthcoming this year and despite several last-minute withdrawals six teams competed in the six-bell and four in the eight-bell sections.

Mossley (St. John's, Roughtown) were again the winners in the six-bell section, ringing an excellently-struck course of Treble Bob with only nine faults, followed by very pleasing ringing from Todmorden (Christ Church), Preston (St. John's) and Burnley (St. Peter's). Whitefield (All Saints', Stand) and Newchurch (Bolton Branch), newcomers to the competition, rang well in parts but faltered and incurred quite a number of faults.

In the eight-bell section Westhoughton again proved the winners with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples that incurred 68 faults, followed fairly closely by Southport (Emmanuel). Blackburn Cathedral and Accrington were not able to mount a serious challenge as periodic clipping incurred too many faults.

The judges were Miss C. Andrew, Messrs. D. R. Jones and A. Ward, and J. F. Wood acted as marshal.

The competition was brought round at 5.25 p.m., and tea (kindly arranged by Messrs. Bracewell and Parkinson) and inquest followed. Afterwards further ringing at Christ Church, Bacup, was enjoyed by all. J. F. W.

KINGSCLERE GUILDS BEST STRIKER

The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's striking competition was held at St. Mary's, Fordingbridge, on September 21st, when teams were entered from Alton, Blackmoor, Bishopstoke, Eling, Fareham, Highclere, Hordle and Kingsclere. The afternoon arrangements were carried through smoothly under the direction of Canon K. W. H. Felstead, the judge being Mr. Frank Darby, Master of the Surrey Association. A feature of this year's meeting was the number of younger ringers taking part—one team boasting an average age of just under 14 years.

After tea in the Church Hall, Mr. Darby gave the company the result of his afternoon's listening, with helpful criticism of each team's performance. St. Mary's, Kingsclere, proved to be the winners, with St. Michael and All Angels', Highclere, runners-up and St. Mary's, Eling, coming third. Mr. Philip Murduck received the Allison Cup from Canon Felstead, together with a certificate signed by the Master of the Guild and the competition judge. Certificates were also awarded to the runners-up and third-placed team. Canon Felstead concluded the meeting by expressing the Guild's thanks to Mr. Darby, to the Vicar of Fordingbridge and to the local captain, Mr. Ron Marlow.

The company enjoyed further ringing during the evening in methods up to London Surprise Major. The Guild's thanks are due to Canon Felstead who, as chairman of the Striking Competition Committee, carried out the somewhat heavy secretarial work in arranging the competition. A. V. D.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES TAYLOR

Mr. J. P. Partington, in the current issue of "Reverberations," writes the following tribute to Mr. James Taylor, of Rochdale.

"Many of you at last year's Rally will remember seeing Jim Taylor sitting quietly at the back of the hall. He had been in hospital for almost two years as a result of a stroke, and although possessing his mental faculties was practically unable to walk. Nevertheless he still followed his great love of bellringing, both church and hand, even if he was now unable to take an active part. Being at that Rally was to him a wonderful thrill, more especially as a number of his old ringing friends were also there and went along for a 'natter' about old times. This outing was one of his last from hospital and he passed to rest on August 28th.

"Jim had been a church bellringer for some 45 years and possessed that wonderful and rare knack of being able to train youngsters in the intricacies of change ringing. The writer has personal knowledge of his infinite patience and will always remain indebted to him for encouragement and friendship over many years.

"His job as caretaker at his local church school enabled Jim to also further his love of handbell ringing. During morning breaks he used to train a very keen team of young boys and girls, and All Saints' (Rochdale) C. of E. Handbell Team became a 'must' for all sorts of events connected with the parish. A vast number of youngsters passed through his team over the years. A lot gave up going to the Secondary School, some became church bellringers, but all were richer for 'having made music.'

"His method of arranging music was unique, for he used six lines and five spaces. Many an experienced bellringer has come to grief attempting to ring from Jim's handbell music!

"The ringing world has suffered a great loss, but those of us who knew him are richer for having done so."

Letters

PRICE AND COSTS OF "THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—Permit me to venture a contribution to the current controversy over the price of "The Ringing World" and its cost structure.

The peal columns in this journal seem to fulfil two functions. First, to record for posterity the standards of change ringing at any particular time. Secondly, to act as a vehicle for what might be deemed a form of self-advertisement, indulged in by those who ring peals (I intend this latter observation to be anything but deprecatory). I am led to suggest what is probably not novel but may at this time need to be put forward again, perhaps to be kicked about in your columns. That is, that the Central Council ought to bear about half the cost of publishing the peals, but that the peal ringers ought to carry the other half, according to a charge per rope.

Getting down to actual figures, apply a charge of £10 per page of peals (the current rate for a full-page advertisement), then divide this figure by two for the reasons given above. Now, in the October 4th issue, the average number of "ropes" per page for five pages of peals is about 110 (it is the same for four pages of peals in the September 27th issue), therefore a rate of one shilling per rope would bring in the required £5 with a little over. This surely would ease the strain on "Ringing World" finances occasioned by the publication of peals.

In anticipation of any comment that donations go some way towards paying for insertion, allow me to point out that in the September 27th issue the "Gratefully Acknowledged" column recorded 12s. under the heading "Peals" and £9 8s. 6d. under "Quarter Peals." In that issue 516 peal "ropes" were published and 750 quarter peal "ropes." In the October 4th issue £2 8s. came from peals, £11 3s. 4d. from quarter peals, and 540 peal "ropes" and 594 quarter peal "ropes" were published. The pattern seems to be not dissimilar in other recent issues. A quarter peal occupies about one-third of the space of a peal. The facts speak for themselves, and loudly.—Yours faithfully,

HERVEY BAGOT.

London, W.

PIGEON MENACE

Dear Sir,—Could you please give me any advice re getting rid of pigeons around the tower of Keynsham Parish Church?

We can keep them out of the bell chamber with wire netting but a lot of mess comes in and the path surrounding the tower is fouled.

I remember reading in a recent "Ringing World" about a suggestion for hanging fish netting around the louvres, but as ours in a large tower with many ledges, and netting would look unsightly, we have decided against this. We have also been in touch verbally with Rentokil Ltd., who apparently can spread repellent jelly, but they do not seem interested in quoting.

Do any readers know of a method other than those mentioned and shooting, which is impracticable as the tower is surrounded by public roads?—Yours faithfully,

REG VIRGIN,
Tower Captain.

Keynsham, Bristol.

Mr. BLAGROVE ANSWERS CRITICS

Dear Sir,—I accept Mr. Smith's statement, as a long-length ringer, that I am incorrect in saying that up to 1966 all record peal attempts were properly made. The peal of 14,560 Yorkshire Major was rung without due notice, and it was not claimed as a record. But the Records Committee did include it in their report, as a progressive length. Mr. Smith does not mention the other case, the peal of 17,248 Yorkshire Major, rung with one day's notice. This also was included in the committee reports.

Mr. Scholfield will note the footnotes on page 628—Treble Bob Maximus. The Central Council lays down the two categories. The committee has always submitted a combined list to the Council. It is up to another committee to say which peals do not comply, and treat them accordingly. My implication of para. 4 on page 726 was that the Cam peal should be placed before the Council with all other **new long lengths** for its decision. The Cam variation and all other such calls are covered by the Decisions—the Report on Regular Methods does not apply.

I did not mention the Cam peal before it was rung because I expected it to go forward as usual on a combined list. The question of its status arose only after Mr. Woodruffe's letter, as explained on page 746. I suggested that some apology was due to Mr. Parker for the untruthful gossip put around that the peal of Pudsey was false. Instead, Mr. Smith quotes the story of William Pye contending that J. W. Washbrook did not call the composition of D.N.C.B. Major that was later published in "Bell News."

Mr. Smith drops the Kent and Oxford question. But in answer to Mr. Scholfield, the Decision on Regular Methods, passed in 1903 and confirmed in 1955, states that the plain course may be divided into leads either at the lead-end or at the half-lead. The Decision on spliced, passed in 1951, states that the leads must remain intact. The spirit of this is not known, since the debate was never published. But it follows that, in the Worcester variation, spliced at the half-leads and having no bobs, the leads remain intact and are therefore spliced. But in the other variations, with the change of method at the half-lead, and bobs at the lead-end, the leads are split into half, and are not spliced. The Worcester splice is a means of splicing together courses and leads, and will, I think, run to 11,520 Major with the tenors together. The other variations are means of keeping the tenors out of the slow, and will only run to 9,120 tenors together. I did follow precedent! The 21,600 Spliced T.B. Minor (no composition published yet) included Kent and Oxford without bobs for the last extent. Conducted by B. J. W. with R. B. S. on the tenor, claimed and still standing as the longest peal of spliced.

Mr. Smith is careful in wording his last paragraph. Although he did not conduct it, he did submit the notices of the 17,248 Yorkshire Major. A record peal needs more than an umpire. Written notice must be sent to the secretary of the holding Association, and a record peal attempt may be shortened only for the purpose of calling it round, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Mr. Scholfield should know that a committee has been appointed to revise the Decisions. Is it asking too much that the Records Committee may prepare this year's report as in the past—one list of new long lengths? Can Mr. Smith accept that New Durham is not the extension of Durham Minor? Can we all get on with something useful?—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

SURPRISE RINGING AT TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in "The Ringing World" of October 11th (page 799) of a quarter peal of Cambridge Major rung at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, and claimed to be the first of Surprise Major on the bells by an all-local band.

This prompted me to forward an acocunt of a peal of Superlative Major rung at the Church of St. Michael, Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, on December 8th, 1930, in 3 hours and 2 minutes, which appeared in "The Ringing World" at the time. The band was as follows: W. H. Crocker 1, T. F. King 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, H. W. Brown 6, W. J. Prescott 7, G. H. Harding (conductor) 8. Composed by N. J. Pitstow. First peal of Superlative for the Bath and Wells Association by a resident band.

By the ravages of time there are only two survivors of the band, the ringers of 3 and 8.

There is a story attached to this peal. A band at Taunton and we at Twerton-on-Avon were each competing to ring the first of Cambridge for the Bath and Wells Association by a resident band. The Taunton band won, so we at Twerton changed to Superlative to be the first to ring a peal in that method for the Association by a resident band.

In the early 1930's we were regularly ringing London Surprise at Twerton, and made several attempts to ring a peal in this method, but we were not successful. The peal was never accomplished as two members of the team had to leave Bath for business reasons, leaving a gap in the band that was never filled.

Previous to this a peal of Cambridge Major had been rung at Twerton, all being resident members of the band except one.

I am very pleased to read that Mr. A. F. Lee now has a Surprise ringing band. My congratulations to him and I wish him every success.—Yours sincerely,

G. H. HARDING.

Trowbridge, Wilts.

RECORDED BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that any ringer should advocate the use of recorded bells in his Cathedral Church.

Many of your readers will remember what Archbishop Ramsey had to say at the Snowdon Dinner in 1956. Dr. Ramsey said he was concerned to safeguard and extend the great art of bellringing. Bellringers had one or two enemies. One enemy was the use of gramophone records and similar devices which tried to produce the sound of bells without any ringing at all. **"I regard this as one of the most bogus frauds of Christendom,"** he said. —Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

York.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Annual Meeting at Hull

The very satisfactory programme enjoyed at Hull on September 28th was certainly due to the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Neville Pailing. It was unfortunate that we were unable to ring at Sutton because of a wedding at the church, but this, however, did not mar the day's enjoyment.

For an autumn meeting, there was a good attendance and most regions were represented. The highlight of the day was Holy Trinity Church, Hull (12).

At the business meeting, with the Master (Mr. Jack Brown) in the chair, details of the programme for our visit to Penzance were given in full by Mr. Sid Foskett. These included the date and accommodation for the week-end. The following were elected members: Miss F. Dean (associate member) and Mr. J. T. Parsons (ringing member).

Mr. Foskett, proposing the vote of thanks, stated that Mr. Pailing, who was responsible for the pleasant week-end, had many difficulties to contend with. Mr. Pailing, in reply, expressed his disappointment in not being able to get Beverley towers for this meeting. He was, however, very grateful that everyone had enjoyed the visit to Hull. J. A. H.

Forest Branch Striking Competition

The second striking contest of the Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held on September 21st at Bromsberrow. The holders of the silver cup donated by the Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth, of Mitcheldean, the team led by Mr. L. Meadows, retained the cup by 1¼ marks to a strong challengge from Lydney. The third team was Redmarley, followed by Mitcheldean, an all-ladies team, and Mr. Tyler's band.

The winning team was J. J. Webb, C. Cox, L. Meadows, Howard Meek, R. Williams and Harold Meek, and, comments our correspondent, each member of the winning team will carefully polish the splendid cup for two months, and hope to make it a hat-trick next year.

Judges were Mr. Reg Powell and his son, Michael, from Hereford, with Mr. Chandler, of Newent, as steward. A splendid tea was provided by Miss Minchen and her helpers.

BIGGLESWADE CONTEST

Five teams entered for the Biggleswade District's striking contest held at Stotfold on September 21st. Of these, three were resident Sunday service bands and two combined bands of enthusiastic youngsters.

The judges were Mr. J. Dear (Baldock) and Miss B. Sims (Biggleswade), and the cup, which had been kindly donated this year, went to Maulden. Certificates to the runners-up were awarded to Sandy, Potton and Stotfold.

The evening ended with a buffet-social. The film "Ringers Required" was very much appreciated by the audience, and quizzes and games followed.

The September monthly meeting was at Willington and Cople. A very good tea was provided by local ringers, and Mr. A. H. Smith presided at the business meeting. Ringing at Cople in the evening was attended by many more District members and a variety of methods to suit everybody's capabilities was introduced.

A Doomed Manchester Church

St. John the Evangelist, Miles Platting

THE Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Miles Platting, stands in the middle of a large slum clearance area on the east side of Oldham Road (A62), some one-and-a-half miles from the centre of the city of Manchester. The church, of brick construction, was consecrated on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1855. Its fabric blended so well with the mills and warehouses adjacent to it that many a ringer has passed the church not seeing it, and has either been late for a peal attempt or arrived too late for a local branch meeting.

Miles Platting derives its name from the fact that it is a traditional mile from the centre of Manchester, and that there once existed in 1715 a Platt or Platting bridge (made from hurdles and wickerwork) which crossed the Newton Brook, which is now closed.

The rural charms of the old village are commemorated by former Groves, now Elm, Sycamore, Fir and Poplar Streets. Other names such as Cow Lane, where cows were led to the farm, and Coal Pit Brow, where once stood a colliery yard, have long since disappeared, though they still linger in local memory. The area now consists of old terraced houses huddled together along cobbled streets, ill-lit by gas lamps, but the houses are rapidly being replaced by large blocks of flats and maisonettes.

HEYWOOD FAMILY'S INTEREST

The charms of old Miles Platting had long been forgotten when a certain Sir Benjamin Heywood became owner of a good deal of the property in the district, in payment for a bad debt. Sir Benjamin was a model landowner and he improved conditions in the district by paving, flagging and draining. In 1852 the Manchester Diocesan Church Building Society asked Sir Benjamin for some land to build the present church on. The first stone was laid in April, 1855, and the building cost £5,000, provided by Sir Benjamin. The style of architecture was that of Early Basilica, but owing to the impossibility of purchasing a cottage on the south side of the church it was built with only one aisle, on the north side.

The first ring of bells were by Warners, of London in 1872, and was a ring of six with a tenor of 11¼ cwt., paid for by public subscriptions in the parish. Later that same year alterations took place to the sanctuary and chancel, and a choir vestry was formed. Also in 1872 many presents of altar furniture were given by the patron, Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, son of the late Sir Benjamin Heywood, A. P. H., who was well-known for his principle "Duffield," and later moved to Duffield in Derbyshire, where he was a locomotive engineer.

VICAR ARRESTED

In the late 1870s there appeared to be some controversy between the Vicar of St. John's and some of the villagers because of his religious and political beliefs. On the night of April 1st, 1879, the church was entered by some persons who are supposed to have secreted themselves at the close of evening prayer and, after the doors were fastened, to have commenced work of spoliation, not apparently for the purpose of robbery, but for the gratification of simple spite and malice. The altar ornaments were stripped off the altar and thrown behind it, but they were not seriously damaged. It was in the vestry where most of the damage was done. All the books and registers were torn up and the drawers emptied into a heap on the floor and set on fire. It had apparently been a deliberate attempt to set fire to the church, but the fire burnt itself out before any damage was done. A cross was also broken in the vestry.

A summons was eventually issued for the arrest of Fr. Green, the Vicar, and he was later tried before Lord Penzance and then sent to Lancaster Prison along with his two churchwardens. Whilst Fr. Green was imprisoned, the Bishop nominated the Rev. Tom Taylor to the living of St. John's. At the same time, Sir A. P. Heywood complied with the wishes of the congregation and nominated Fr. Cowgill to the benefice, but the Bishop refused Mr. Cowgill's nomination because he had similar views to Fr. Green, and a lawsuit followed. After a lapse of ten months the case was heard, and was decided in favour of the Bishop. The Rev. Taylor had no easy task. Church officers resigned and the Sunday School was closed, dispersing some 450 scholars and 50 to 60 teachers.

In 1906 the church was redecorated, and remained untouched until 1934, when it was redecorated again and electric lighting was installed. The 1906 decorators executed some beautiful graffito work, which was obscured by grime and dirt in latter years, and it was feared that chemical action might have played its part in defacing the work. Fortunately, the graffito (almost unique craftsmanship in this country) was restored to its original beauty.

THE PRESENT RING

A new ring of bells was cast in 1912 by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the tenor weighing 12 cwt. 22 lb. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" (Glory to God in the highest).
2.—"In Terra Pax" (Peace on Earth).
3.—"In Hominibus Bonae Voluntates" (Good Will amongst men).
4.—"Laudamus Te" (We praise thee).
5.—"Benedicimus Te" (We bless thee).
6.—"Adoramus Te" (We adore thee).
7.—"Glorificamus Te" (We glorify thee).
Tenor.—"Gratias Agimus Tibi" (We give thanks to thee).

In the late 1920s and 1930s many of the parish workers moved to the suburbs of the city, and in 1939, at the outbreak of the Second World War, the church lost practically all its Sunday School and choir through the evacuation of children, and many of the young men joined the Forces. During the Manchester blitz of 1941 the church was damaged by bomb blast.

After a colourful history spanning over 100 years, we are now told that the church is to be demolished because of subsidence from the nearby colliery and for the widening of Oldham Road. By the time the demolition workers have removed the first pane of glass, it is hoped that the Manchester Branch (with the assistance of the Lancashire Association) will have found a new home for the fine ring which is hung in the tower. A. W.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The Ilchester Branch practice meeting on October 5th was held at St. Margaret's, Tintinhull, and coincided with the harvest festival week. The Vicar (the Rev. Raymond Brown) said the belfry office and welcomed the good attendance. Ringing on the good, tuneful five was under the authority of Mr. Gordon Rendell (Branch Ringing Master) and included call changes, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and All Saints' Bob

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The Bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, London—continued

The other bells bore short Latin inscriptions. The bells were first rung on Wednesday, December 4th, 1728, "on account of the arrival in town, from Holland, of H.R.H. Frederick, Prince of Wales."

First Peal by College Youths

It was not long before the first peal was scored on these bells, 5,126 Grandsire Cinques, rung in 4 hours 8 minutes by the College Youths on Friday, November 7th, 1729. Three men were required for the tenor, including the conductor. Benjamin Annable. At this time there was much rivalry, apparently friendly, between the College Youths and the London Scholars. This latter Society attempted a peal at Cornhill only three days after the first peal there, but lost it after 4,200 changes. A fortnight later, on November 24th, they started again, and this time they rang 6,204 changes in 4 hours 45 minutes, "being the greatest Performance of this kind that ever was known" ("Norwich Gazette," December 10th, 1730). The London Scholars only had two men on the tenor, but they had two "assistants" in the tower to give a hand when and where it was needed.

On Monday, February 14th, 1732, the College Youths again secured the record for twelve-bell ringing with 7,018 Grandsire Cinques at St. Michael's in 5 hours 19 minutes, again with three men, including Annable as conductor, on the tenor.

So far as I know, it is the College Youths who have always done the ringing at Cornhill, the tower being one of those shown on the Membership Certificate; but in 1745, when the ring of bells at St. Paul's, Bedford, was increased from five to eight, "the Common Council paid six guineas to eight men from St. Michael's, Cornhill, London, for ringing the opening peals" ("History and Art of Change Ringing," p. 249).

Peal Rivalry

In 1746, the treble and second bells were recast by Thomas Lester, who had already recast the eighth in 1740. Presumably because of the bad "go" of the bells, no further peals are recorded as having been rung at Cornhill until January 18th, 1783, when 5,214 Grandsire Cinques was rung by the "Junior" College Youths in 4 hours 20 minutes, "being the First, ever rung there by thirteen men only."

In 1795 the fifth and tenor bells were recast; apparently the tenor had been cracked by the practice of "clocking." But the bells were still, it seems, unpopular with peal ringers, for, apart from a peal of 5,015 Grandsire Cinques rung by the Cumberland Youths in 4 hours on April 11th, 1837, I have no record of any peal attempt at Cornhill until 1851. At that time there was great rivalry among the leading twelve-bell bands of the country to see who could ring the longest peal of Stedman Cinques, and on January 21st, 1851, the Cumberland Youths attempted 8,184 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, but the peal was lost after nearly 6,000 changes. They tried again on May 5th at the same church, but after ringing 7,746 changes they were "too exhausted to finish" (J. A. Trollope).

The first peal of Maximus was rung on the bells on Monday, April 11th, 1853, 5,232 Kent Treble Bob in 4 hours 7 minutes. Matthew Wood rang the tenor to this peal. The next peal here seems to have been the famous record peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques rung on Saturday, April 27th, 1861, in 6 hours 41 minutes, "being the greatest number of changes ever rung in that method on 12 bells," as it says on the massive stone tablet on the wall of the ringing chamber, which was given by W. Middleton of Gravesend to commemorate the performance. This was also the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

The Cornhill peal remained the record length for twenty years, until it was beaten in February, 1881, by the Birmingham ringers. The College Youths at once tried to regain the honour, and in May, 1881, they started for a 10,000 at Cornhill, but the attempt failed after three hours. They tried there again in 1886, but a broken wheel quickly put an end to this attempt. In 1887 they started for a 10,030, but the peal was lost in the last course.

Frame Lowered

In 1910 the eleventh bell was recast by Mears and Stainbank, and the whole ring was rehung in a wooden frame lower down in the tower. The original frame was left in position and can be seen to this day. As a result of this work, the bells were a lot easier to ring, and peals on them became quite frequent, the most notable being the first silent and non-conducted peal on twelve tower bells, 5,002 Stedman Cinques rung by the College Youths on February 22nd, 1913, in 3 hours 51 minutes. A board in the ringing chamber recording this peal was given by E. P. O'Meara in 1914.

In 1958 the gudgeon of the eleventh bell broke, and as a result it was decided to carry out a major restoration. The Whitechapel foundry, which had done all the work on these bells since 1588, was again entrusted with the work. The sixth, ninth, tenth and tenor were found to be cracked and were recast, care being taken to see that the recast bells blended in with the older bells so that the "character" of the whole ring should not be lost. The remaining bells were retuned, and the ring was rehung with new fittings and framework in 1960. The present tenor weighs 42 cwt. 6 lb., and the whole ring weighs 180 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

The bells were rededicated by the Bishop of Stepney on February 14th, 1961, and the first peal on the restored bells, 5,100 Stedman Cinques, was rung by the College Youths on April 29th, 1961, to mark the centenary of the record peal of 1861. On February 23rd, 1963, a silent peal of 5,007 Stedman Cinques was rung here to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the 1913 silent peal. Both these last peals are recorded on boards in the ringing chamber.

OVERSEAS NEWS

RINGERS PART IN RHODESIA ENTHRONEMENT

"At the end of the service the city centre echoed with . . . . the ringing of the Cathedral bells." So ran the report on the front page of "The Rhodesia Herald" of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Mashonaland, the Rt. Rev. John Paul Burrough in Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday, September 29th.

Ringers came from as far afield as Que Que and Blantyre in Malawi, as it had been rumoured abroad that the ten might be up and that even a quarter peal might be attempted for the occasion. We only regretted that the Bennetts from Luanshya were unable to get down owing to troubles in Zambia.

The ringers were given places for the service in the gallery along with the fanfare trumpeters. We are certainly not the only ones to make loud noises for the Church! The bright-coloured and costly robes of the church dignitaries made a great and seldom-seen spectacle as they welcomed their new Bishop. An anthem by native singers and drummers was an interesting change from our British church music.

With some ringing before the service to remind those of us who had not seen a bell rope for some time of the intricacies of handling, fair rounds and call changes on the ten and Plain Bob Minor were managed after the service. A quarter peal was not rung but the bells were kept going for about two hours until Evensong.

Unfortunately the Que Que contingent, led by Harry Earle, had to start their 150-mile drive home immediately after ringing, but the rest of us spent a most enjoyable evening in the Ambassador Hotel. J. D. C.

VETERANS' DAY, 1969

John Euston, who has carried on with distinction the organisation of Veteran Reunions at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, tells us that the function next year will be held on the Saturday nearest to the longest day, i.e. actual day, June 21st, 1969.

Behind these functions, in arranging for the hall and catering, has been Mrs. Davis. At this year's reunion a presentation was made to her and there was a feeling then that this would be the last of such gatherings. The announcement took the Rector by surprise and he mentioned how much he enjoyed the gathering and looked forward to the event each year. He implored John to continue. Knowing John's interest in veterans, we feel certain the appeal was not in vain. A good sign is that John has announced a provisional date!

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

After a lapse of 15 years a quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Maiden Newton on October 5th. The Rector, the Rev. G. W. Allen, took the Guild service, and the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth gave an address. Mr. Squires was the organist.

A company of 28 enjoyed the excellent tea provided by the local ringers in the Village Hall. Twelve ringers from Bere Regis and Maiden Newton were elected members of the Guild. After nine years as Branch chairman the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth notified his intention not to seek re-election at the annual meeting in January.

Ringing took place at Maiden Newton under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey, and Frampton tower was also open during the evening.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER FIRST-PEALERS TOGETHER

The peal at Bromley Parish Church ("Ringing World," page 793) may not look particularly different in print, but it was. There were two first-pealers in it. Rosemary Gates rang her first peal at first attempt, and her father, Frank Gates, rang his first peal after ringing for nearly 40 years.

The ringer of the 16½ cwt. tenor was the ever-young Percy Spice, who is now in his 78th year and rang his bell with a great deal of skill and precision.

May I offer congratulations to the band for a fine performance. T. L.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Mr. Richard Speed writes that the 5,056 Surprise Major composition on page 780 is a well-known composition by Harold Cashmore and is to be found in the Wratten Collection.

In the peal at Brewood on August 28th the ringer of the fifth was George L. Askew, and not as submitted. Also, the weight of the tenor is 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb., not 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb., an error in copying from "Dove's."

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Oct 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Barnard (first quarter) 1, R. Baldwin 2, Irene Mayfield 3, E. Ashby 4, A. Wootton 5, R. Moore 6, J. Southey (cond.) 7, Kathleen Baldwin 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Diana White 1, Rosemary White 2, J. Humphreys 3, M. Allery (first St. Clement's) 4, M. Mulvey 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Humphreys (first attempt) 1, Margaret Westwood 2, J. P. Burton 3, M. Allery 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, R. Riley 6. For Harvest Festival.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Hillstead (13 years, first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. J. Hope 2, W. J. Clayton 3, F. N. Istance 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, H. Istance 6. For Harvest Festival.

ANGERSLEIGH, SOM.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 New Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. M. Dade 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, J. Cornelius 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. First in method by all. For Harvest Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. B. Smith 1, D. F. Yates 2, S. Bamforth (first in method) 3, H. Heaton 4, L. J. Haines (first in method) 5, G. Moorhouse 6, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 7, R. Andrew 8.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: E. S. Coe (first quarter) 1, E. J. Smith 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, D. L. Mills (cond.) 4, J. P. Loveless (first in method "inside") 5, L. D. Mills 6. For Harvest Festival.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, P. Brandon 2, M. Pring 3, W. Linkstead 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, R. Debrett 6. For Harvest Festival.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. Bray (first T.B.) 1, T. R. Natt 2, Mary D. Kinchin 3, J. Watkins 4, H. Bray 5, A. S. Hayden (first Surprise "inside") 6, W. J. Kinchin 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

BARNET, HERTS. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. S. Bedford 1, Miss M. Chambers 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, J. Bull 4, P. Sloman 5, P. Bedford 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, S. Halliwell 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Thomson 1, Julia Greenhalf 2, Kathleen Chilcott 3, J. Schofield 4, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 5, Juliet Stoy 6, D. Spittle 7, R. J. Cook (cond.) 8, S. F. Kimber 9, F. D. Jennings 10. For Harvest Festival.

BEDFORD, BEDS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,344 London Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, Jill Orme (first in method) 2, C. M. Orme 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, R. L. Piron 5, R. H. French 6, K. H. Fleming 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 29th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ivin (cond.) 1, J. Piron (aged 10) 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, Charlotte Harris 4, R. L. Piron 5, M. J. Marriott 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Jill Orme 1, Charlotte Harris 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen Marriott 4, S. Ivin 5, C. M. Orme 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, R. L. Piron 8, A. Gibbs 9, R. H. French 10. By Sunday band for Harvest Festival.

CORFE, SOM.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 St. Nicholas Place Bob Doubles: A. F. Arscott 1, Brenda Binden 2, J. Cornelius (125th quarter) 3, K. E. Beale 4, R. F. Arscott 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. First in method by all.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. F. Cowley 1, M. W. Coleman 2, W. Ivings 3, A. W. Ivings 4, H. N. Pratley 5, P. R. Davies 6, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 7, O. J. Hemmings 8. For Harvest Festival.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, R. W. Bridges 2, J. Saxton 3, W. Beavan 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Potter 6. For Harvest Festival.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Ballam (cond.) 1, R. Stannard 2, J. Stannard 3, D. Rowlands 4, E. Stannard 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

QUARTER PEALS

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Matthew's, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. Kersey 1, Sheila Hancock (first quarter) 2, Mary Mills 3, Margaret Newby 4, C. Taylor 5, C. Aldous (cond.) 6. For the christening of the eldest daughter of third ringer.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: May Graham 1, Cheryl Chorlton (first "inside") 2, A. Craddock 3, J. Pardoe (first as cond.) 4, G. White 5, P. Martin 6. For Evensong.

KEWSTOKE, SOM.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Blake 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, W. Hart 5, G. Kingdon 6. Rung after the marriage of Mr. J. Strachan and Miss C. Costeloe.

LAXTON NOTTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: E. Chambers 1, E. A. Wilson 2, A. Smithson 3, W. Riley 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Readshaw 1, Pauline Hilliard 2, M. Goakes 3, P. H. Langton (cond.) 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis 6. Rung for the wedding of Dr. A. Turnbull (Rector's son) to Ann Pamela Zelly.

MERTON, LONDON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Stanley 1, F. Seabright 2, H. R. Dennis (first quarter) 3, N. Bagworth 4, G. Hawkes (cond.) 5. A farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Seabright, who are shortly leaving the parish.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Harriet Plauon (first quarter) 1, M. Soper 2, A. Price 3, Valerie Maynard (first "inside") 4, T. Pink 5, C. King 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. A compliment to Esca and Larry Hayek on the birth of their second daughter, Katherine, and for Harvest Festival.

OADBY, LEICS. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kay Farrell (first quarter) 1, F. Haslum 2, Mrs. Margaret Palmer 3, I. Bentley 4, M. Tunnicliff (first as cond.) 5, Julie Walker 6. First quarter by local band in recent years. For Harvest Festival.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM. — 1,260 Bob Triples: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Janet Aston 2, Susan Chew 3, J. Perry 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlia 6, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 7, C. Kennaugh 8.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, C. Bassett 4, D. Hatherly 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Christine M. Leslie (first attempt) 1, Helen Dodds (first "inside") 2, Joyce Dodds 3, Jane A. Briggs 4, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 5, Katherine S. Hardy 6.

ST. JULIOT, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Pearce 1, Beatrice M. Boyle 2, H. Trewin 3, H. Heard 4, D. F. Welch 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Manning (first quarter) 1, M. Walker (first "inside") 2, Miss J. Newton 3, G. Manning 4, H. Butler (cond.) 5, P. Adams 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Manning 1, M. Walker 2, Miss J. Newton 3, G. Manning 4, H. Butler (cond.) 5, P. Adams 6. For Harvest Festival.

SOLIHULL, WARKS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, R. J. Cann 3, M. F. Edwards 4, T. J. Warner 5, E. J. Cole 6, V. Green 7, H. H. Fearn 8, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 9, A. Crabtree 10. A compliment to the treble ringer on his 83rd birthday; also the birthday of Mr. Thomas

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Weaver 1, S. Clark 2, P. A. Bourne 3, S. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, J. Weaver (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Weaver. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. S. Bedford 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, S. Halliwell 3, D. Willcocks (first Major) 4, W. C. G. Wainwright 5, P. Bedford 6, M. J. Hallett 7, P. Sloman (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. George.

STEVENAGE, HERTS. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain, Grandsire): W. Munson 3, W. Brown 4, W. Lawrence 5, D. Taplin 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8. For Harvest Festival.

UFFINGTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, Dilys Gray 3, J. Cooper 4, Mrs. P. A. Smith 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. First in method 3, 4. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Horspool 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, G. T. Norris 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. Rung by Rutland Branch members in memory of Ronald Russell.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On Sept. 29th, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: I. L. Dear 1, Jane Chapman 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, Glynis E. Perry 4, June Whitcher 5, A. J. Slade (cond.) 6, Laura M. Grindrod 7, M. C. Austin 8, C. Forster 9, J. E. Murfitt 10, M. B. Jeffreyes 11, D. E. Cobb 12. First Grandsire Cinques "inside" 4 and 10. For Matins.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings), on the F sharp six: P. C. Hassan 1, C. J. Pickford 2, P. D. Ross 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, M. J. Robinson 5, S. Webb (first quarter) 6. Rung by the King's School Society as a farewell to the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester and chairman of the governors of the School.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Street (first Triples) 1, J. McTear 2, B. Street (first Grandsire Triples) 3, Marjorie Street 4, R. Wetenhall (first Triples as cond.) 5, D. Hunns 6, S. Richardson 7, C. Gates (first Triples) 8. Rung for the wedding of Sandra Byrom, daughter of the tower captain.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Elizabeth M. Barber makes a correction in the postage for her test card books. From 21–30 copies the price is 1s. 6d.

Mr. George E. Fearn's peal week in the North-East was highly successful, with nine peals being scored. The peals were six Surprise Major, two Cambridge Royal and one Stedman Cinques.

The warden of Grantley Hall offered Mr. Norman Chaddock, for the 1969 Ringing Course, either mid-August or mid-November. Will those interested inform Mr. Chaddock, Blencathra, Spring Road, Market Weighton, which date is most convenient to them.

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Liverpool Cathedral on October 12th in 4 hours and 14 minutes. Ringing the 82 cwt. tenor were Wilfred Williams and Walter Allman. Tudor P. Edwards conducted.

There is a proud footnote to the peal of Plain Bob Major at Lydd: "First peal of Major by a band of first pealers for the Kent County Association." Practically all the band, including the conductor, Brian C. Johnson, have figured prominently in our quarter peal columns. They are all congratulated upon taking one step higher.

Regarding the peal at Wonston (page 710), Mr. R. Smith, of Sutton Scotney, writes that he had been connected with the tower since 1909, when the old five were rehung after a fire, but resigned in 1965. He felt that it was hard to believe the report was correct.

Miss Margaret Eyre, of Greasley, Nottingham, was to have rung in the peal there on October 5th, prior to taking up a college position in N.W. London. Circumstances necessitated her earlier departure, missing what would have been her first peal. The four first-pealers in the band are to be congratulated on the high standard of performance, making the peal one which a more seasoned band would recall with pleasure.

Highclere ringers are pleased with recent progress. On September 22nd a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by an all-local Sunday service band, being a first quarter of Cambridge by all except the conductor, and on October 13th Philip Taylor conducted his first quarter on eight bells—Bob Major—with one visitor taking part. This was the first of Major for 12-year-old David Goss and was rung for Harvest Festival. Hopes are entertained of attempting London Minor shortly.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION AND RECORDED BELLS

Mr. John H. Gilbert, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has written to "The North Somerset Mercury" regarding the decision of the Consistory Court to allow recorded bells at Christ Church, Clevedon. He writes:

"The case against this was ably put by the Dean of Wells and is entirely in keeping with the policy of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. There is nothing so incongruous and unworthy as the sound of a ring of ten or twelve heavy bells issuing from a diminutive tower or spirelet. It is to be hoped that not more than six bells will be relayed from Christ Church. On the merits of having only one ringing bell I would remind you that the sexton of 'Clochemerle' rang the single bell there with great virtuosity. It can be done!

"In conclusion, may I emphasise that the personal views expressed by my predecessor, the Rev. R. O. Fry, do not represent those of the Association. As far as I am aware, no approach was made to our advisory expert for help in this matter, although we would have been pleased to have made suggestions."

MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD

On Saturday, August 31st, Dr. T. S. R. Boase presided for the last time over the common College dinner." For the first time women attended the "dining out" of a president of Magdalen College, Oxford. Having held office since 1947, he retired on his 70th birthday. A colour television set was presented to him. Before the date of his retirement he was able to give permission for a peal to be attempted at the College on Saturday, September 28th, as a welcome to the new president.

On Monday, September 30th, the new president, Dr. James H. E. Griffiths, was installed. For the past two years he had been vice-chancellor of the University of Malaya. He flew to England and made his way to Winchester to meet the Bishop, who is a visitor of the College. In the traditional formula the Bishop declared: "If it is necessary that I admit you, I do admit you," and with this in writing he drove to Oxford for his installation.

A quarter peal of Stedman Caters was rung immediately before the brief installation ceremony, which took place at 7.20 p.m. The company proceeded into Hall, where Dr. Griffiths presided for the first time. P. W.

A RINGING CHRISTMAS CARD

Those of our ringers who are seeking an attractive Christmas card associated with our art would do well to see the card St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich Ringers Guild, is placing on the market in aid of the Mancroft Fabric Fund.

It is a colour reproduction of Henry Ninham's 18th century water colour which is in the sacristy at Norwich and was published in Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing." The picture shows the ringers of Norwich in the ringing chamber at Mancroft ringing in the New Year. In the centre is the ringing jug given in 1749, which holds 33 pints and is still used on festive occasions by the Mancroft Guild.

The cards (price 9s. a dozen, post free) are obtainable from The Chantry, Norwich, NOR 62E.

KENT RINGER'S WEDDING FOSTER—COPPING

The wedding took place on September 14th at the Church of St. Luke, Bromley Common, Kent, between Michael Foster, of Cudham, and Sheila Copping, tower captain at St. Luke's.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a full-length dress in the traditional colour and was attended by three bridesmaids.

The Vicar, in his address, thanked Sheila for her very conscientious work in maintaining a band at the Common.

The fine ring of eight at St. Luke's rang out before and after the service, the bells being rung by friends in the Bromley District.

After the reception the couple left for a honeymoon in the Channel Islands.

Many ringers, I am sure, would like to join with me in wishing Michael and Sheila all the very best in the years that lie ahead. T. L.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

An attempt will be made for Stedman Cinques by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, October 26th, at 5 p.m.

DEAN OF WORCESTER'S FAREWELL

The departure of the Dean of Worcester to become Master of the Temple Church was marked by two quarter peals at the Cathedral. On Sunday, September 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters was rung on the back ten for Nave Evensong, when the Dean was preaching his last sermon. As the Dean is president of the Worcestershire Association, representatives of each of the three Branches rang in this quarter peal.

On Tuesday, September 24th, before his last Choral Evensong a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles was rung on the 15 cwt. six by the King's School Society. As chairman of the governors, the Dean has always encouraged the School's ringing activities and allowed ringing on the bells for any special school services, and it was fitting that the band included three boys—one King's Scholar, one member of the staff and one Old Vigornian.

PEALS AT LEAMINGTON SPA

To disprove a statement locally that there has never been a peal rung at All Saints' Church, Leamington Spa, Mr. Henry Allen has had the records checked by Canon K. W. H. Felstead. The peal book of the late William Male gives details of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung there on December 26th, 1911, conducted by the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and these details were sent to Canon Felstead, who has this peal recorded.

The Canon writes: "There have been two other peals—Stedman Triples on January 25th, 1908, and Superlative Surprise Major on January 16th, 1913. The former of these is marked as being the first peal ever rung in Leamington. There doesn't appear to have been a peal since 1913."

TOOK THE FIRST ISSUE

(See pages 804-5)

FURBANK, Ernest (80), of Brentwood, Essex, has taken "The Ringing World" since it started and, before that, "The Bell News." He is a life member of the Essex Association and has rung over 300 peals.

MR. FREDERICK SHARPE TO REST

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, acting on doctor's orders, is taking a complete rest for a few weeks. On September 26th he was taken poorly on the top of scaffolding on a church tower, where he was supervising a restoration.

He tells us that he has worked harder than ever this summer. He has sold his family business to a new company, of which he is a director, and the business of change-over, plus establishing new offices, meant much extra work. Also, he has done 82 tower inspections this year.

Mr. Sharpe adds that once the transfer to a new company is completed things should be easier. We all hope that he will be speedily restored to full health. His absence, even temporarily, will be sorely missed.

ODCOMBE, SOMERSET, HAS NOW A RING OF SIX

Through the enterprise of Mr. Reg Guppy, formerly of Montacute, Odcombe has now a ring of six. An anonymous donor most kindly co-operated and he was able to acquire a redundant bell from Raddington.

This sweet-toned pre-Reformation bell, weighing 3 cwt. 14 lb., spoke again after a long silence on September 28th, this time in company with the pleasant 13 cwt. Odcombe five. Officials of the Bath and Wells Association were present at the trial run of this happy inauguration.

For many months Reg and his willing helpers have toiled to get this bell in place. They have fetched and overhauled it, made and obtained the necessary fittings and fixtures and cleared the bell chamber of many loads of rubbish. The ringing chamber has been cleaned and redecorated and the badly-worn tower steps have been concreted and the whole tower made spick and span for the arrival of the new bell.

This new treble will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells early in December, and Mr. Guppy is surely to be praised and thanked for all the hard work and expense which he and his friends have put into this venture. M. M. L.

ENGLISH CONTINGENT'S THANKS

In addition to the excellent report of the celebrations to mark the 800th anniversary of the foundation of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, from Mr. F. E. Dukes, and the letter of thanks from Mr. Norman Harding, Mrs. O. L. Rogers has kindly sent us a report of the proceedings. Her report concludes:

"To the Dean and ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral and to the ringers of the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, the English contingent offer their most cordial thanks and wish all our friends in the Irish Association 'good luck and prosperity in the future.'

"A special 'thank you' to the members of the St. Mary's Cathedral choir, who entertained us with singing at the social evening on the Saturday."

EARTHQUAKE RINGS PERTH BELLS

In "The Times" report of the earthquake in Western Australia on October 14th it was stated that the bells in St. George's Cathedral rang for seven minutes after the tremor and a large stone cross was dislodged, just missing the verger. Presumably the bells were left "up" after Sunday ringing.

SOMERSET PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONG SUTTON, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double Court, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

M. Susan Jackson	Treble	John S. Seager	4
Neil Donovan	2	Stuart R. Armeson	5
Christopher I. Rowson ..	3	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	John S. Seager	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	Neil Donovan	6
Mavis C. Stephenson ..	3	Ronald Ducker	7
Alan H. Bridges	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge, 992 Superlative, with 109 changes of method and all the work.
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Christopher I. Rowson ..	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
Alan H. Bridges	3	Ronald Ducker	7
Neil Donovan	4	Stuart R. Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

Alan H. Bridges	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Ronald Ducker	6
Ian G. Campbell	3	Stuart R. Armeson	7
John S. Seager	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

MINEHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Andrew.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

M. Susan Jackson	Treble	Christopher I. Rowson ..	6
Mavis C. Stephenson ..	2	Neil Donovan	7
Richard E. Price	3	Alan H. Bridges	8
J. Henry Fielden	4	Stuart R. Armeson	9
Richard J. Tibbetts	5	Ian G. Campbell	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Stuart R. Armeson.

BRIDGWATER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Iris M. E. Lemare	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
Mavis C. Stephenson ..	2	Stuart R. Armeson	6
Christopher I. Rowson ..	3	Ronald Ducker	7
Neeil Donovan	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

DITCHEAT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Christopher I. Rowson ..	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	Ronald Ducker	6
*Neil Donovan	3	Stuart R. Armeson	7
Alan H. Bridges	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Stuart R. Armeson.
* 200th peal. Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
Roger M. Heyworth ..	2	Andrew J. Slade	6
*Jeremy R. Pratt	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Colin G. Wright	4	Christopher H. Rogers ..	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Marjorie Legg	Treble	George Prescott	5
Geoffrey Hebden	2	Roy W. Rice	6
*†Peter J. England	3	*Sidney G. Smith	7
Walter S. Rice	4	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal for the Association.
Rung in memoriam H. A. Price.

BANWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

George W. Massey	Treble	Michael G. Bartlett	5
Peter J. England	2	Walter S. Rice	6
John C. Sheppard	3	Roy W. Rice	7
Geoffrey Hebden	4	Edgar T. Skipsey	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.
Rung as an 89th birthlay compliment to Mr. Jack Ellsbury, a ringer at Banwell for many years.

KEWSTOKE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

William Hart	Treble	Cecil Mogford	4
*George Prescott	2	Sidney Smith	5
*Marjorie Legg	3	Henry Button	Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.
* 150th peal together
Rung in honour of the 104th birthday of Mrs. Stabbins, who has lived in the district all her life.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OLD WARDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 14 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, Plain Bob and Single Oxford, (7) Norwich. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Anthony H. Smith	Treble	Christopher R. Hardy ..	4
Kathleen A. Marriott ..	2	Martyn J. Marriott	5
Charlotte M. Harris	3	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertholine.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CREWE 'SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Christopher J. Morey ..	Treble	David J. Midgley	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
Felicity Ashford	3	Roy Worrall	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

SANDBACH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
4ths place bobs Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

John Hall	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	David J. Midgley	6
Felicity Ashford	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Valerie Jamson	Treble	†Geoffrey Edwards	5
Roland W. Morant	2	Frank Morton	6
Richard C. L. Brown ..	3	Roy Worrall	7
David J. Danby	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise "inside."

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Ernest J. Ladd	Treble	Raymond A. Large	5
*Lynn Warner	2	John E. Warner	6
†Christopher Bassett	3	Roger Osbon	7
Brian E. Jeffrey	4	Ian Wickens	Tenor

Composed by Michael Bangham. Conducted by Roger Osbon.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Major.
Rung to celebrate the birth of Jonathan Noel to Margaret (secretary) and Raymond Large, and Peter Robert to Betty and Brian (chairman) Jeffrey.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court and two extents each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Edward E. Davey	Treble	Arthur G. Button	4
*Eileen Button	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
Rachel J. R. Orman	3	George N. Orman	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal "inside."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MALMESBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Aldhelm.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*Trevor Newlands	Treble	*John W. Collard	5
Dennis A. Chapman	2	*Simon R. Cole	6
James R. Taylor	3	Maurice A. New	7
*Bruce Martin	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Rutland.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	David E. L. Pohjoy	5
Peter Clarkson	2	Leonard Edwards	6
*Peter Rowe	3	Patrick H. Allen	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Arthur W. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First eight-bell peal.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Michael.

WINCHCOMBE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 13 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge S., Beverley S., (2) Cambridge S., Surfleet S., (3) Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., (4) Single Oxford, Plain, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Harold Schofield	Treble	John Clements	4
Arthur C. Berry	2	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Valerie Willard	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
"The Washington Peal." Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

William T. Hibbert	Treble	Michael V. Chilcott	6
Joyce A. Parsons	2	Norman Summerhayes	7
*Jeffry Ladd	3	David E. Parsons	8
Jill R. Parsons	4	Brian White	9
Alan D. Flood	5	John Chilcott	Tenor

Composed by D. E. Parsons. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
* First peal of Stedman and on ten bells

(The St. Giles' Church Society of Change Ringers.)
ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., Oct. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*Elizabeth J. Gibbs	Treble	John A. Laver	5
Felicity S. Hamilton	2	Gerald Bromley	6
†J. Vernon A. Stedman	3	Roy D. Mills	7
†Gillian M. Laver	4	Tony Skilton	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Tony Skilton.
* First peal on eight bells † First of Major. First of Major ever rung by the local Sunday service band.
Rung for Evensong on Harvest Festival.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANGARRON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Deinst.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores (10 callings) and one 240. Tenor 11 cwt.

Harry Johnson	Treble	Raymond A. Brewer	4
William A. Kitson	2	John J. Webb	5
Reginald I. Brewer	3	Sidney J. Bowyer	Tenor

Conducted by John J. Webb.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick E. J. Reynolds, a ringer at this church for many years.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David E. Rothera	6
*John R. Southey	3	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7
Frank Reed	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—At the National Cathedral of St. Patrick.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	Treble	John Hartless	7
Michael J. Best	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Merryn Hutchings	3	Richard H. Youdale	9
*Rowan S. Bradley	4	Philip N. Tubbs	10
Laurence E. Hitchins	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
Frank L. Harris	6	S. Clarke Walters	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal on 12 bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYDD, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Sylvia A. E. Knight	Treble	Nicholas J. H. Small	5
Margaret S. Jenner	2	Owen C. R. Webster	6
Alan C. Bourner	3	Keith D. Butler	7
John A. Hemsley	4	Brian C. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Brian C. Johnson.
First peal by all the band. First of Major by a band of first-pealers for the Association All the band are members of the Ashford District.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Derek Slater	5
Richard Hayes	2	John A. Howard	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Philip A. Corby	7
*Philip J. Simmonds	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Kvin. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
The band congratulate Roy and Margaret Large and Brian and Betty Jeffrey on the birth of their sons.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Oct. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Phyllis R. Chidwick	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Richard Hayes	6
*Robin A. Grant	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Thomas W. Blewitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal of Stedman.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Peter R. Butler	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
†Philip A. Butler	2	John A. Howard	5
Stephen Gay	3	‡Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* First peal. † First in a plain method. ‡ 25th peal on this bell Rung to the memory of R. Thomas Newman, of Bromley.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BLACKBURN, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

*Frank C. West	Treble	Stanley Anderton	6
John T. Parsons	2	Brian A. Tomlinson	7
†Roger Barnes	3	*Bryan D. Hill	8
Dennis H. McCormick	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	9
Christopher L. Watson	5	*Maurice Hill	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Brian A. Tomlinson.
* First peal of Caters. † 50th peal and first of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire as conductor.
Rung to mark Mr. Arthur Tomlinson's 61 years' membership of the Association and as a belated 85th birthday compliment.

GARSTANG, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Helen, Churchtown.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*William L. Richmond	Treble	Stanley Anderton	4
Joseph Whalley	2	Alan Capstick	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to celebrate the Harvest Festival (October 6th).

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 XAVIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr 15 lb.

Andrew S. Hayden	Treble	Brian L. Burrows	5
Robin A. Gilliver	2	Tony Natt	6
John Watkins	3	Roland H. Cook	7
K. Paul Gilliver	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

PECKLETON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) York and Durham, (2) London and Wells, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) Winchester and Allendale, (6) Berwick and Hexham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt.

Jane M. Tooby	Treble	John Watkins	4
*Christopher M. Sturgess	2	Brian L. Burrows	5
*Robin A. Gilliver	3	*K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* Most methods to a peal. Most methods to a peal as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
MOULTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of London, Cambridge, York, Ipswich, Beverley, Primrose and Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Mrs. A. J. Payne	Treble	Cecil Wade	4
Ronald C. Noon	2	James W. Haw	5
Derek J. Jones	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard E. Bailey and Barbara M. Charlton, daughter of Mr. Tom Charlton, tower captain at Moulton.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*Alwyn R. Lewis	Treble	William M. Harford	6
Paul A. Williams	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Marion S. Bennett	3	Peter S. Bennett	8
Nicholas W. H. Simon	4	M. Jack Pryor	9
Thomas T. Yeomans	5	William T. Petty	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by M. Jack Pryor.
* 25th peal and first on ten bells.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association, and for the birth of a daughter to David J. and Penny Llewellyn on the previous day.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 67 lb. in D.

Richard J. Bowden	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Brian J. Wylde	6
Gordon W. Land	3	Tom Chapman	7
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

CAERLEON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5066 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*Roy Palframan	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	5
*Gordon R. Wilkinson	2	Christopher E. Slade	6
*Gillian Colleypriest	3	David G. Pike	7
Stanley W. Gall	4	David L. Phillips	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David L. Phillips.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter J. Wall and Wendy J. Harris, whose father, Mr. K. W. B. Harris, is a ringer at this church.

CADOXTON, near Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

John M. Hughes	Treble	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	4
*Ellis N. Thomas	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
†Susan Harber	3	Alwyn R. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.
* 100th peal. † 25th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Freda Clayton	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
Joan Hooton	3	G. William Critchley	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
PULFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G sharp.

Fred R. Evans	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Robert Warrilow	6
Norah M. Randles	3	John W. Griffiths	7
Christopher Jones	4	Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher Roberts (head ringer) and Miss Gloria Patricia Harper, married this day at Halesowen, Worcestershire.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HOLT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.

William R. West	Treble	Nolan Golden	4
John R. Smith	2	Derick W. Pardon	5
Elizabeth Smith	3	George Sayer	Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in seven methods on the bells and Mrs. Smith's first peal for eight years.
Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. J. D. Saville, instituted and inducted on the previous Tuesday

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 OSGATHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Christopher C. Clarke	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and to mark the wedding of Miss Judith R. Coggins, daughter of the ringer of the tenor, to Mr. Leon Grimwood.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 HULL SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 11 cwt.

Martin J. Turner	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Bertram J. Coggins	5
Peter Pearce	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BACUP SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

G. John Collett	Treble	Peter Pearce	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Peter J. Heritage	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—At Magdalen College.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	6
Brian R. White	2	John W. T. Hibbert	7
Martin J. Turner	3	Edgar J. Smith	8
Philip Walker	4	Victor Griffin	9
Stephen S. Royal	5	Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
Rung as a welcome to the new president of the College, Dr. James H. E. Griffiths, M.A., D.Phil.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.— At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Oct. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 HILLMORTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	John K. Foot	6
David J. Marshall	3	Barry E. Saunders	7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 50th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method.

HILLMORTON SURPRISE MAJOR
g—56—14—56—38—14—38—14—38. f.c.e.'s group n.

CRANFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. John.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Double Oxford, one of Single Oxford, two of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb

*Pamela B. Dacre	Treble	Peter S. Abbott	4
Ronald Russell	2	Barry R. Care	5
Murray A. Coleman	3	Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.
* First peal.

(Daventry Branch.)
NORTON, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods—four extents of Plain Bob and two each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and 12 variations—two extents each of St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Giles, Lapley, St. Miles, St. John, Southrepps, St Columb, Kennington and Old.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

Malcolm J. V. Chown	Treble	Stanley F. Webb	3
Iris R. D. Webb	2	John S. W. Townley	4
Edward C. Garrett	Tenor		

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
Most Doubles methods/variations to a peal by all the band.
Rung prior to Harvest Festival Evensong and for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LITTON CHENEY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

Graham W. Elmes	Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson	5
*Frances Brown	2	*Timothy F. Collins	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	William T. Perrins	7
*Roderick A. Bryant	4	D. Roy Fuller	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of Grandsire.

MILDENHALL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

Anthony R. Peake	Treble	Brian Bladon	4
*Anita D. O'Brien	2	*Allan G. Keen	5
*David J. Vowles	3	*Maurice A. New	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur R. Peake.
* First peal in the method.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEIGHTON, Montgomery.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Sept 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Allen Watkin	Treble	*Roger Watkin	4
Keith Morgan	2	Stuart Evans	5
John Parry	3	David Parry	Tenor

Conducted by David Parry.
* First peal. First of Bob Minor by all the band.
Rung by the St. Oswald Society, Oswestry, as a compliment to Mr. Derek Williams and his bride, whose marriage took place in Llandaff Cathedral this day.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREASLEY, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Angela A. Hanlon	Treble	*Barbara Hooks	5
P. Mary Beach	2	Donald J. Beach	6
F. Gordon Faulks	3	Peter Nix	7
*Helen M. Simpson	4	*Dudley Coulson	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Peter Nix.
* First peal at first attempt. First of Triples in the method by all except ringer of 3rd.
Rung as a farewell to Miss Margaret A. Eyre, a ringer at the above tower.

WORKSOP, Notts.—At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Peter A. Slight	Treble	Simon Humphrey	5
Sheila M. Anthony	2	George A. Dawson	6
William L. Exton	3	Rev. Frederick Ross	7
R. Brian Mills	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
25th peal as conductor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BILSTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

Richard B. Dorrington	Treble	Stephen T. Yates	5
Alan J. Fletcher	2	Eric E. Speake	6
Christopher J. Bennett	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
J. Dennis Holden	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
First peal of Surprise in the tower, which has had eight bells since 1827.

KINGSWINFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol, London, Yorkshire, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Ashtead, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Derek K. Knowles	Treble	J. Dennis Holden	5
Philip G. K. Davies	2	Anthony W. T. Cleaver	6
Michael Elson	3	Eric E. Speake	7
Michael W. Fairey	4	John H. Allen	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
First of nine-spliced for the Society and by all except ringers of 2 and 3.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. T. F. Woolley, on his leaving the parish after 12 years on appointment as Diocesan missioner.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS, Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Peter S. Bedford	Treble	Ruth Woodman	5
H. William Barrett	2	Adrian Knights	6
Katharine M. Thorley	3	Stephen J. Bedford	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	Vernon B. Bedford	Tenor

Composed by P. O. Bixby. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung as birthday compliments to Ruth Bedford, Stephen Bedford, Kenneth B Sissons and the conductor.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.

Michael Baldry	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
Andrew Ellis	2	Michael J. Parker	5
*A. Stanley Woodard	3	A. Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.
* First peal on six bells.
Rung with thanksgiving for a successful flower festival.

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents—seven varied callings. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Margaret A. Adams	Treble	C. Jack Gibson	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
†Vernon B. Bedford	3	Stephen J. Bedford	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal. † 25th peal this year.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BARNES SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Groome	Treble	John R. Ketteringham	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Peter G. Holden	6
Geoffrey Bridges	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Christopher P. Starbuck	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Maureen Carruthers.

BARNES SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—58.12.36—34—1458—16—78. 1.h. 12 B b, d.

ROTHERHITHE, London, S.E.—At the Church of SS. Mary & Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	*David E. Rothera	5
Laurence C. Way	2	George E. Thoday	6
Peter N. Felton	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
Rev. Michael Hart	4	†A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 250th peal. † 675th different tenor "turned in" to a peal. First peal on the bells since 1928.
Rung by kind invitation of the Rector after the wedding of Mr. Tony Lovett and Miss Kay Winter; also a wedding compliment to Robert C. Kippin and Heather Walters.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Kenneth C. Knight	Treble	Michael J. Wake	5
Ernest Treagus	2	Philip Stevens	6
Patrick M. Wills	3	E. Winifred Keys	7
Rev. Norman J. Smith	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composeed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
Rung to mark the institution and induction of the Rev. Norman J. Smith to the neighbouring village of Chilham.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's in eleven methods: (1) Surfleet Surprise, (2) Double Court, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*Charles B. Skinner	Treble	*†E. Winifred Keys	4
*Anne M. Stevens	2	*Philip Stevens	5
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal in eleven methods. † 150th peal for the Association.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Brian Ronald Farhall and Margaret Ann Plowman, married at St, Paul's, Worthing.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

YORK.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 59 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	6
W. Eric Critchley	2	Frederick A Munday	7
Michael Staniforth	3	Ronald Ducker	8
A. W. Alan Leggett	4	C. Barrie Dove	9
Ronald R. Warford	5	Alan E. Hartley	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal of Royal on the bells.

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., July 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

Alan P. Neal	Treble	Roger Harper	5
Frederick J. Jackson	2	Neil Donovan	6
Roger A. Smith	3	David Nichols	7
John R. Whitham	4	Stuart R. Armeson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart R. Armeson.

(The St. Peter's, Leeds, Society.)
DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

*Josephine M. Haskins	Treble	‡Alan Newbould	5
†William P. Haskins	2	Ronald H. Dove	6
Arnold Cole	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
‡Suzanne J. Withers	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major † First of Surprise Major.
‡ First of Cambridge Major

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 3,392 Rutland, 864 Yorkshire and 832 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "in hand." First of spliced as conductor "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 NETTLEDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley	3–4	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method.

NETTLEDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
b—38—14—58—36—14—1458—36—78.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Tues., Oct. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	John R. Mayne	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley	3–4	Roger Baldwin	7–8

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHARING, Kent.—At The Vicarage.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. 98. Tenor size 14 in E flat.

*Diana M. Bradford	1–2	Betty Robbins	5–6
Rev. Peter T. Robbins	3–4	*John L. Anderson	7–8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Betty Robbins.
* First peal "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1968, in 1 hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Original, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Single Court, College, Single Oxford and St. Clement's College Bob
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
		*Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6

* 75th peal.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BENNETT.—Dr. Anthony Bennett is now working at Alder Hey Children's Hospital and is resident at Olive Mount Children's Hospital, Wavertree, Liverpool 15. Tel. 051-722 2261. Ringing friends always welcome. 5010

PERSONAL

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."—St. Matthew xi, 29.

CARILLON RECITAL

BIRMINGHAM 8, Saltley R.C. Church, Parkfield Road (opp. "Country Girl."). The last of the autumn series of evening recitals on the 23-bell instrument can be heard on Sunday, October 27th, between approx. 6.45 and 7.30 p.m., played by Clive M. Smith. Tower open. Anyone welcome. Until April, these bells may be heard most 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in a month (weather permitting). 11.15 a.m. until noon. 5018

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Towers available for those attending the Dinner.

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3.00– 4.00	St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, City (6) and St. Giles', Cripplegate, City (12).
3.45– 4.45	St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8) & St. Michael's, Cornhill, City (12).
4.30– 5.30	St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, City (12) and St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street (8).

5011

THE WHITTINGTON HANDBELL RINGERS

will now be meeting on Wednesdays, 12.30–1 p.m. at the reconstructed Church of St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, College Street, E.C.2, (adjacent Cannon Street Station). Any persons with an interest in tune ringing welcome.—F. Tomlin, 30, Station Road, Loughton, Essex. 5028

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, STOURBRIDGE. — No ringing until further notice after Sunday, November 3rd. Bells being removed to Loughborough for restoration. Monday practices transferred to Old Swinford.—M. D. Fellows. 4967

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual striking contest will be held at Rawmarsh (8) on Saturday, November 2nd; draw at 3 p.m. Copy of the rules are available from the Secretary, R. Fletcher, at 34, Dransfield Road, Sheffield S10 5RN. Please send names of all teams to this address by Monday, October 28th, or soon after. Teas at Rawmarsh. 4997

WEST MEON & WARNFORD, HANTS.—The Rector will be very pleased to allow visiting ringers the use of the bells, under normal circumstances, providing proper application is made in good time. In the future, permission will not be granted after an application of only a few hours.—C. E. Bassett, Dis. Sec., Alton and Petersfield, W. and P. Guild. 5014

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PRACTICE NIGHTS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Weston-in-Gordano (6), Saturday, October 26th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 5002

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead, Saturday, October 26th, 7 p.m. 5000

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice meeting at Knebworth on Tuesday, October 29th, 7.30–9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 5025

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL.—Notice to visiting ringers: The practice nights Thursdays, November 21st and 28th, are cancelled. Instead, practices will be held on Mondays, November 18th and 25th.—E. H. Jones, Hon. Sec. 5003

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR'S, SOUTHWARK, S.E.—Weekly practices will be resumed on Thursdays as from October 24th, 7.30 p.m.—N. B. 5009

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wick St. Lawrence (5), Saturday, October 26th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 4981

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Queen Camel (6), October 26th, 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Marston Magna (6) after tea. Names essential for tea. —L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 4962

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Dunstable, October 26th. Bells (8) from 4.30 p.m. Short business in belfry at 6 p.m. 5009

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bebington, October 26th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by 24th at latest. 4998

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Crich (8), October 26th. Bells 3.–8.30 p.m. Cafe nearby. Please attend.—E. J. S. 4985

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Tilney, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4969

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Bentley (8), October 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Avis, 39, Burn Hall Avenue, Colchester. 4977

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting, Tewkesbury (12), October 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting to 9 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. E. Leach, 3, Tretawn Gardens, Tewkesbury, Glos. 4925

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting at Capel, October 26th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking. Evening ringing at Newdigate.—J. P. O. 5032

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Whitwick (8) on Saturday, October 26th, at 3.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Names for tea not required. 4987

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (E. Berks and S Bucks).—Joint meeting at Hillingdon. October 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with social evening to follow. Further ringing 6.30 p.m.–8 p.m. Harefield bells available 2.45 p.m.–3.45 p.m.—J. Muller, M. J. Palmer. 4982

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Tadmarton (6), Saturday, October 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Swalcliffe (6) 7 p.m. Names for tea.—C. F. Herbert, 2, Beesley Road, Banbury. 5004

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Church Hanborough on October 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ringing arrangements: Church Hanborough (6) 2.30–4 and 6.30–7.30; Freeland (6) 2.30–3.30; Woodstock (8) 7.30–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. N. I. Bridges, Wroslyn Road, Freeland, Oxford. — E. R. Venn, Sec. 4957

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A.G.M. at Stowmarket (8) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk. 4968

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Hambledon, October 26th. Bells 2.45 till 8.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 in New Inn, followed by business meeting. 4993

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Chalfont St. Giles, Tuesday, October 29th. Bells available 7.30 p.m.—J. Muller. 4999

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise practice at Shalford on Thursday, October 31st, 7.45 p.m. to 9.30. Rutland, Pudsey, touches of Bristol and London. — F. W. Housden. 5013

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice at Wootton (6) on Friday, November 1st, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—E. P. Venn. 5020

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting at Holmfirth, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Armitage, Spring Grove, Prickleden, Holmfirth, Huddersfield, HD7 1JU, not later than October 30th. 5021

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi (6, 19 cwt.), November 2nd, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 4992

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Aspatria, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage. 5005

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at Wylam on November 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach D. Martin, 25, Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay, by Wednesday, October 30th. 5027

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch) and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Coalbrookdale, November 2nd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Valley Hotel. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, Wolverhampton, not later than October 30th. 5029

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Benington (8) on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Harris, The Post Office, Benington, Stevenage, by Thursday, October 31st.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 5024

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Rickmansworth (10). November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth. Tel. 76755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 5007

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Groby (6), November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Names to Mr. T. E. Gardner, 170, Ratby Road, Groby, Leicester, by Wednesday, 30th, please.—Ron Hughes. 4979

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting, Barkston, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Gray, The Drift, Syston, near Grantham, Lincs, by October 28th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4978

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting at Milton Malsor, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Collingtree bells 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. Care, 4, Lorraine Crescent, Northampton, by Monday previous, please 5001

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Joint meeting at Thorne, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Short service 4.15. Tea in Parish Hall 5. Further ringing after business meeting to 8.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moorends, near Doncaster, by October 30th. 5008

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice at Wigston Magna, November 4th, commencing at 7.30. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 4980

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—A.G.M. at Dagenham (8), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Election of caretaker officers for the new S.W. and Southern Districts. Ringing at Romford (8) after the meeting till 9 p.m. Names for tea early, please, to Dr. John Armstrong, 7, The Cobbles, Brentwood, Essex.—G. R. L. Eve, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5023

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Mathon (6) on Saturday, November 9th. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, important, to J. Ward, Woofields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefordshire. 5015

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Berrington, Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for teas, 5 p.m., to G. Randle, Ashford, All Stretton, Salop. 4973

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch. — Evening meeting at Nocton on November 9th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. — G. R. P. 5016

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on November 9th in the Swindon area. Details will be sent to Secretaries of University Guilds concerned. —P. H. Mackie, Oxford University Society. 5026

LATE NOTICES

DEATH

RUSSELL. — On October 4th, 1968, Ron Russell, of Corby, Northants, aged 65, died suddenly. A well-known ringer throughout the area for over 40 years. 5036

MISCELLANEOUS

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
1969 Annual Dinner

A Guild Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 1969, at the Royal Hotel, Southampton. All members and friends are welcome. Southampton towers will be open during the day. Tickets, as 27s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. D. C. Jackson, 13, Testbourne Road, Totton, Southampton. Please enclose s.a.e. — D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5031

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, FARINGDON.—"At Home," All Saintstide, Saturday, November 2nd. Tower open to all visitors. Ringing times: 10 a.m.–11.45 a.m.; 12.30 p.m.–2.45 p.m.; 5 p.m–8 p.m. Everyone very welcome. 5033

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting at Winsham (8 bells) on Saturday, October 26th. Ringing 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 5030

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Immanuel Church, New Lane, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 1430–2030, except for cups of tea (at 1700) and subsequent business meeting.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 5039

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Autumn meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, November 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Everyone welcome. 5034

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tunstall on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ballard, 8, Copes Avenue, Tunstall, Staffs.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 5040

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts.—Meeting at Bawtry, November 2nd. Names for tea to A. Jewitt, The Haven, Sycamore Crescent, Bawtry, Doncaster, by previous Thursday. 5035

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, November 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing Redhill (8) from 6.45 p.m. Names for tea to B. E. Jeffrey, 36, Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, by Wednesday, 6th. Tickets for the annual dinner will be available at this meeting and an early application is advisable. 5038

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting to be held at Egham on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. J. Knowles, 46, Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, by previous Wednesday. 5037

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Christine A. Branch 1, A. S. Smith 2, J. G. Flint 3, D. G. Carr 4, P. Clarke (first Grandsire as cond.) 5, B. O. Stapleton 6. First quarter 1, 6.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. B. Cartwright 1, G. J. Hemming 2, D. R. Morris 3, J. C. Skidmore 4, D. R. Sayers 5, P. Cattermole 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, A. D. Cook 8, A. C. Berry 9, J. J. Stanier 10. Rung before Nave Evensong by a combined Worcestershire Association and Cathedral Guild band as a farewell to the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester.

Bristol University Tour, 1968

Saturday, August 24th.

East Hagbourne, Berkshire, was our meeting point. It was the locals' Flower Festival and even the ringing room was beautifully decorated. On to Harwell, our numbers increasing, then tea at John and Beryl Baldwin's at Grove. Luckily it was one of those few real summer days and the vast number of adults and their children could spread on the lawn.

Evening practice at Appleton (a good-going 14¼ cwt. ten), home of the White family, bellhangers whose work we came to appreciate in our later travels. The weather promised well for those hardy folks who were camping: the rest of us made our headquarters the Swan at Eynsham.

Sunday, August 25th.

In the morning we rang first at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, then small groups visited other city churches.

An intriguing afternoon was spent at Home Farm, Balscott, where Mr. Jarvis kindly spared time from his harvesting to welcome us, tempted by an opportunity to meet that other "light bell" man, Frank Mack. Mr. Jarvis now has ten bells (tenor just under two cwt.) hung in his farmyard wooden tower. He used cycle rims and has three interchangeable bells to permit various sixes and eights. The standard of ringing was not perfect but some of us rang Caters and the bells sounded quite fine from the top of the adjoining field.

After tea by the river, to St. Helen's, Abingdon, where some good, rhythmic ringing was enjoyed before Evensong.

Monday, August 26th.

Bampton (a good eight): old tablets on the wall indicate that the rope circle used to be something like 154362 (T. Surr, N.B.). Buckland: a lovely old Oxfordshire village. Faringdon: more good bells, but the first of several "suicidal staircases"—the last few feet going down being just an iron ladder—in full view of the congregation, too!

A quick run up to the White Horse at Uffington (no, not the pub, this is a genuine old chalk one cut in the hillside), then to the church, with its central octagonal tower and five interesting bells. Childrey (a pleasant six): and a tethered goat in the churchyard, deputising for a lawn mower. Elizabeth Gill had invited us to tea and 32 people, including 15 children, were fed very well.

On the way back some of us "gate-crashed" on a practice at Sutton Courtenay, where we found one adult ringer valiantly coping with a tower full of learners. Such men deserve a medal—and help! Evening ringing at St. Aldate's, Cowley, on the delightful little six.

Tuesday, August 27th.

Charlbury, with its 300-year-old wooden spiral staircase (were mutterings heard about a possible conversion to a helter-skelter?), then on to Deddington, where John Norris, who was driving his 1927 "Chummy" Austin Seven, met a fellow enthusiast. These were fine bells but somehow we did not really do them justice. Adderbury has another grand eight, but next time we will not try to catch in Whittingtons after a lower.

Banbury's round tower has plenty of movement, but the bells went well to Cambridge Royal. We were limited by a previously broken stay at Bloxham, following which a course of Bristol was achieved at Hook Norton. The church at Great Tew is in the park, and its clear glass east window was most effective, with a backcloth of trees. We enjoyed these bells.

In the evening we joined other visitors and locals for a practice at Spelsbury. When Pat Bird had balanced precariously on several chairs to fit a light bulb, some useful ringing took place. Coffee and chatter afterwards with Mr. Bob Datson, captain of the ringers, and his wife, who cheerfully coped with such an unexpectedly large invasion.

Wednesday, August 28th.

Stedman Triples sounded good at Iffley, and we all enjoyed the six at Old Headington, which were tuned and rehung last year by Messrs. White of Appleton. At Kidlington we were met by Mr. Walter Judge. Here Pat Bird called "Go Stedman Triples" and tried to dodge with the tenor—but order was soon restored. These were more good bells. Full marks to John Baldwin, who planned the week, for choosing such good towers.

Of course it rained in the afternoon so our trip on the river was forgotten. Instead some went to Blenheim Palace and the rest of us browsed round Oxford bookshops.

In the evening we went up to Launton, where we rang first with Mr. Fred Sharpe's clapper silencers, then on the open bells. Mr. Sharpe told us that the entrance to the ringing room had been constructed so as to prevent the ringers taking in a barrel of beer, as had apparently been their custom. After this we retired to his "Den" and spent what will be an unforgettable evening among bells and books and (dare I say it?) beer, listening to Mr. Sharpe's stories and reminiscences and then ringing handbells.

Thursday, August 29th.

Started well, at Bicester, where we were met by Mr. Cyril Kinch. The bells are nothing but a joy to ring, and what a good idea to fasten ringing mats to the floor with press-studs! Across country to Winslow, then Cambridge Royal at Leighton Buzzard; London on the full-voiced eight at Tring; birds nests (?) falling from the roof at Thame; then back to Radley, arranged by Mary Bliss, for a number of odd Doubles and Minor methods rung fast (too fast?) on the nice little six.

We joined the local practice at Wolvercote in the evening and would like to thank the band, and all the other ringers whose practices we invaded during the week for making us feel so welcome.

Friday, August 30th.

We rang half-muffled at Witney, as the funeral of H.R.H. Princess Marina took place this morning. A touch of Plain and Little Bob, which had seemed jinxed at other towers, was at last brought round by David Heighton. Norfolk Surprise Major was rung at Churchill. At Chipping Norton someone pointed out that all eight peal boards were for Grandsire Triples (a change from the Stedman popularity of North Berkshire). Little Compton next (a ground-floor five in what looks as if it was once a little chapel). Bourton-on-the-Hill has an anti-clockwise rope arrangement and a two-tier wooden frame.

After ringing at Blockley, tea was enjoyed with the Rev. Peter and Angela Newing, who joined us on some days. At Burford the bells were good but much discussion followed concerning the growing habit of churches (? ringers or P.C.C.'s) charging visiting bands as much as £1 for three-quarters of an hour's ringing. Is it, we wonder, because ringers donate little to "Belfry Fund" boxes? After all, Sunday ringing excepted, we have a cheap hobby and do cause wear and tear and some inconvenience and even annoyance to local residents.

Ringing in the evening was arranged by Pauline and Alan Smith at Taynton.

Saturday, August 31st.

Freeland: another small six on which more odd Doubles methods were rung. Eynsham: an interesting-sounding six with lots of striking competition certificates on the walls. We hope the local ringers were not listening too critically.

Our last tower was at Woodstock and this was swathed in scaffolding, but the thickness of the walls seemed reassuring. Bristol Surprise Major by an all ex-Bristol band seemed a fitting climax to the week.

Our sincere thanks to all incumbents for the use of their bells, to all the ringers who met us at their towers, and to John Baldwin and Edward Mould for organising such a grand week.

P. J. E. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District met at Stevenage for an evening meeting on October 5th. Ringing commenced promptly at 5.30, but only on six bells. More members soon arrived, however, but not before a disastrous attempt at Double Norwich came to grief early on. Plain Bob Major followed, but its start was delayed by the conductor of the Double Norwich, who, thinking he had the treble, pulled off the tenor. The look of astonishment on his face was rivalled only by that of the girl on the treble who pulled off after him.

After an unsuccessful attempt at a recent meeting our president was keen to ring some Oxford Bob Major. Accordingly a band was assembled and instructed and a touch was brought round in fine style—the first of Major in the method by all the band.

Further ringing included Stedman. Cambridge and Yorkshire before the meeting drew to a conclusion at 8.30.

M. R. W.



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ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. A. Richards 1, C. J. Jones 2, J. R. Poole 3, J. R. Rowson 4, T. J. Garrett 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 6. A thanksgiving for the life of Frances Kitching.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Oct. 6th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method by all except conductor. For Evensong.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Deacon 1, J. Hemsley 2, Margaret Jenner 3, N. Pollock 4, O. Webster 5, R. Lebon 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8. First in method 4 and 6. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: V. Sheppard 1, S. E. Armstrong 2, A. W. Bond 3, B. Read (first Cambridge) 4, M. S. Loveday 5, D. L. Nibbs (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Hardy (first quarter) 1, C. Palmer (first quarter) 2, J. Palmer 3, J. Bishop (first quarter) 4, B. D. Sims (cond.) 5, B. Clarke 6. For Harvest Sunday.

BULKINGTON, WARKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elaine Marrott (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Pluckrose 2, T. Chapman (cond.) 3, G. Pratt 4, G. Pluckrose 5, R. T. Liggins 6, H. E. Ashley 7, A. J. Hinde 8. For Evensong, also the 50th anniversary of the renewal of the See of Coventry.

BURTON BRADSTOCK, DORSET. — On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Elmes 1, Mrs. J. A. Robertson 2, R. A. Bryant 3, J. N. Longridge 4, G. W. Elmes 5, T. F. Collins (cond.) 6. First in method for all the band except 4.

CHISLEHURST, KENT. — On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hemsley 1, Jane Hough 2, O. Webster 3, Margaret Jenner 4, Jane Osenton 5, A. Leeves 6, R. Weeks (cond.) 7, R. Webster 8.

CLAPHAM, LONDON. — At the Church of St. Stephen, on Sept. 29th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Julie S. Armstrong 1, R. J. Cooles 2, Rev. M. S. Hart (first London) 3, N. Thomson 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, J. R. Pratt 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. A compliment to Rev. Michael Hart, the day after his birthday; also to J. R. Pratt's grandmother, on her 87th birthday.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX. — At All Saints' Church, Shrub End, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Wright (first quarter) 1, D. Martin 2, C. Baker 3, D. Cobb (cond.) 4, P. Schafie 5, C. Coulson 6. For Harvest Festival.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 16th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Daisy M. Andrews 1, H. Webb 2, J. Avis 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt 7, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 8. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel J. R. Orman 1, Jennifer M. Andrews (cond.) 2, Daisy M. Andrews 3, A. R. Andrews 4, G. N. Orman 5, H. J. Millatt 6, N. F. Whittell 7, E. E. Davey 8.

CRANBROOK, KENT. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Johnson 1, R. H. Candy 2, J. A. Hemsley 3, J. R. N. Lebon 4, M. A. Legg 5, R. Weeks (cond.) 6, B. N. Butler 7, A. J. Leeves 8. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): C. Sutton (first quarter) 1, J. M. Hollyman 3, Pauline Sutton (first "inside") 4, E. J. Jenner 5, J. R. Palmer 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, G. S. E. Winter 8. Rung for a united youth service.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, J. Hemsley 2, R. Lebon 3, R. Sutehall (first in method) 4, B. Butler 5, R. Weeks (cond.) 6. 25th quarter together 1 and 2.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hatherly (first Stedman) 1, Carol Stacey 2, Mary White 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper (first Stedman) 5, K. Waller 6, B. Walton (first Stedman as cond.) 7, K. Sansom 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: C. J. Mundy (first T.B.) 1, J. E. Cannell 2, A. Long 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HEMINGTON, SOM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. G. Massey 1, Sally Baker (first Surprise) 2, G. W. Massey (cond.) 3, D. J. Orledge 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, A. P. Beck 6. A wedding compliment to William Carter and Frances Massey, daughter of the conductor.

HILTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. H. J. Mears 1, E. H. Amey 2, C. W. Tidwell 3, R. A. Bryant 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLFORD, SOM.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Aldridge (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, C. Lock 3, R. Somerfield 4, J. Aldridge (cond.) 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

HOWDEN, E. YORKS. — On Sept. 23rd, 1,344 Glasgow S. Major: D. Nichols 1, Maris Stephenson 2, J. Leary 3, N. Donovan 4, I. G. Campbell 5, R. Ducker 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Ayres 1, D. A. Cornwall 2, Joyce I. Cornwall 3, Meryl Newton 4, R. Biggs 5, A. Newton 6, R. H. Newton (cond.) 7, A. Payne 8. For the Patronal Festival.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): K. Mary Lambert 1, A. M. Humphrey 2, Sheila A. Harfield 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, P. D. Hepburn 6. First in two methods 1, 3. Rung to welcome Duncan James (son of the conductor) as a member of the Church, following his baptism the previous Sunday. Also as a farewell to the ringer of 1, leaving for training college.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Davies 1, Jenny Green 2, R. Green (cond.) 3, N. Hough 4, C. Jones 5. For Evensong, and in honour of the induction of Rev. P. G. Hough as Vicar of St. Aidan's, New Parks, Leicester.

LANGPORT, SOM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: R. A. C. Crosss 1, A. H. Reed 2, J. Cornelius 3, E. Dible 4, C. T. Clarke 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6. First in method by all except 5th.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Wigford, on Aug. 27th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): I. Minns 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, J. Parkin 3, S. D. Etcell (cond.) 4. Half-muffled in memoriam Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): I. Minns 1, T. R. Smith (first Minimus) 2, A. W. Froggatt 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. For Patronal Festival.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): V. Criddle 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, J. Lambard 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss A. Barlow and Mr. P. Carr.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,253 Stedman Caters: Liz C. Duncan 1, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, Caroline R. F. Cole 4, C. G. Wright 5, D. Ellisdon 6, K. Warner 7, A. J. Slade 8, I. L. Dear 9, J. E. Murfitt 10. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Mrs. R. Wratten 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, B. G. Butcher 5, R. G. Baldock 6. A wedding compliment for Martyn and Patricia. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. G. Butcher 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. G. Baldock 6. For Matins. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R. P. Brotherston 1, M. J. Taylor (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, B. G. Butcher 4, G. J. Neilson 5, R. G. Baldock 6. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Harman. Also 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, J. Hedgecock 2, Rachael Sinden 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, B. G. Butcher 5, R. G. Baldock 6. For Harvest Festival.

MOORLINCH, SOM. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,500 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Pl. Bob and Grandsire): Felicity M. Vere-Hodge (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, R. Short 3, E. Dibble 4, M. Stone (cond.) 5, G. Nabb 6. A wedding compliment to J. Anthony Vere-Hodge and Sarah G. Thomson, married the previous day at this church.

NETTLESTEAD, KENT.—On Sept. 6th, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus (5 covering): Morella Good 1, Margaret Jenner (first in method as cond.) 2, R. Weeks 3, O. Webster (first in method) 4, A. Excel 5. First quarter 1 and 5.

NORWELL, NOTTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,272 Minimus: J. Dawson 1, G. A. Duke 2, S. Humphrey 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Milne 1, E. Warner 2, B. Medhurst (cond.) 3, D. Kaile 4, D. Munday 5, J. Soles 6.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. J. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Mrs. C. Rolph 3, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 4, A. F. W. Burbidge 5, L. D. Duguid 6, J. F. A. Rolph 7, M. Siddorns 8. First Plain Bob Triples by all. For Harvest Festival.

APPENDIX TO C.C. DOUBLES COLLECTION
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ROTHERHAM, YORKS. — On Aug. 29th, 1,250 Cambridge S. Major: A. Holroyd 1, R. Harper (first Surprise) 2, R. E. Price 3, A. Beaumont 4, N. Donovan 5, M. R. Meadows 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Welch 1, F. Welch 2, M. A. Arscott (first in method) 3, K. E. Beale 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. Welch 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, R. A. C. Cross (first on eight) 8. For Patronal Festival.

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. G. Knight 1, Sara K. D. Woolley 2, S. Hare 3, W. R. Hare 4, J. D. C. Finch 5, W. L. Gutteridge (cond.) 6, J. C. Birt 7, F. R. Scott 8, W. Birmingham 9, D. P. Hilling 10. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, on Sept. 29th, 1,319 Grandsire Cinques: Rosemary J. Cotton 1, M. J. Uphill 2, R. J. Cooles 3, Julie S. Armstrong 4, M. J. Bangham 5, R. L. Jones 6, J. R. Pratt 7, C. F. Mew 8, D. C. Brookes 9, K. J. Rider 10, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 11, A. E. Bagworth 12. Rung prior to the Michaelmas ordination, with best wishes to Rev. William Blake, of St. Mary's, Putney, who was ordained priest.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,290 Doubles (three methods): Yvonne Eloie 1, W. Savill 2, Pat Sankey 3, D. Debenham (cond.) 4, D. Lodge 5, J. Stacey 6. For combined service of Guildford Central Churches.

STOKE-SUB-HAMBDON, SOM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. C. Gratton 1, R. I. Bowron 2, Mrs. D. Lesley and J. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, H. Pester 6. First in four methods for all except 2.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Worth 1, R. G. Pearce 2, C. Sangwin 3, E. Nunn (cond.) 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, J. Hockridge 8. For Harvest Festival.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Marion Kemp 1, J. Hemsley 2, Margaret Jenner 3, B. Butler 4, R. Weeks 5, Jane Osenton (first in method) 6, A. Leeves (cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Michaelmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. K. Whatmore 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. R. L. Lewis) on the 30th anniversary of his first celebration of the Holy Communion.

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WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Butler 1, T. Hopkins 2, W. A. Hughes 3, S. H. Gay 4, P. A. Butler 5, M. A. Gay (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Fry 1, P. R. Butler (first "inside") 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, P. A. Butler 4, S. H. Gay 5, M. A. Gay (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Peggy Skinner on her engagement to Mr. Ian Stewart.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. J. Turner 1, Mrs. E. Jordan 2, Miss M. Gerrard 3, D. Jordan 4, M. G. Turner (cond.) 5, A. Howell 6, H. Howell 7, L. Yorke (first quarter) 8. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Gerrard 1, A. Howell 2, Miss C. J. Turner 3, J. Cranmer 4, M. G. Turner (cond.) 5, H. Howell 6.

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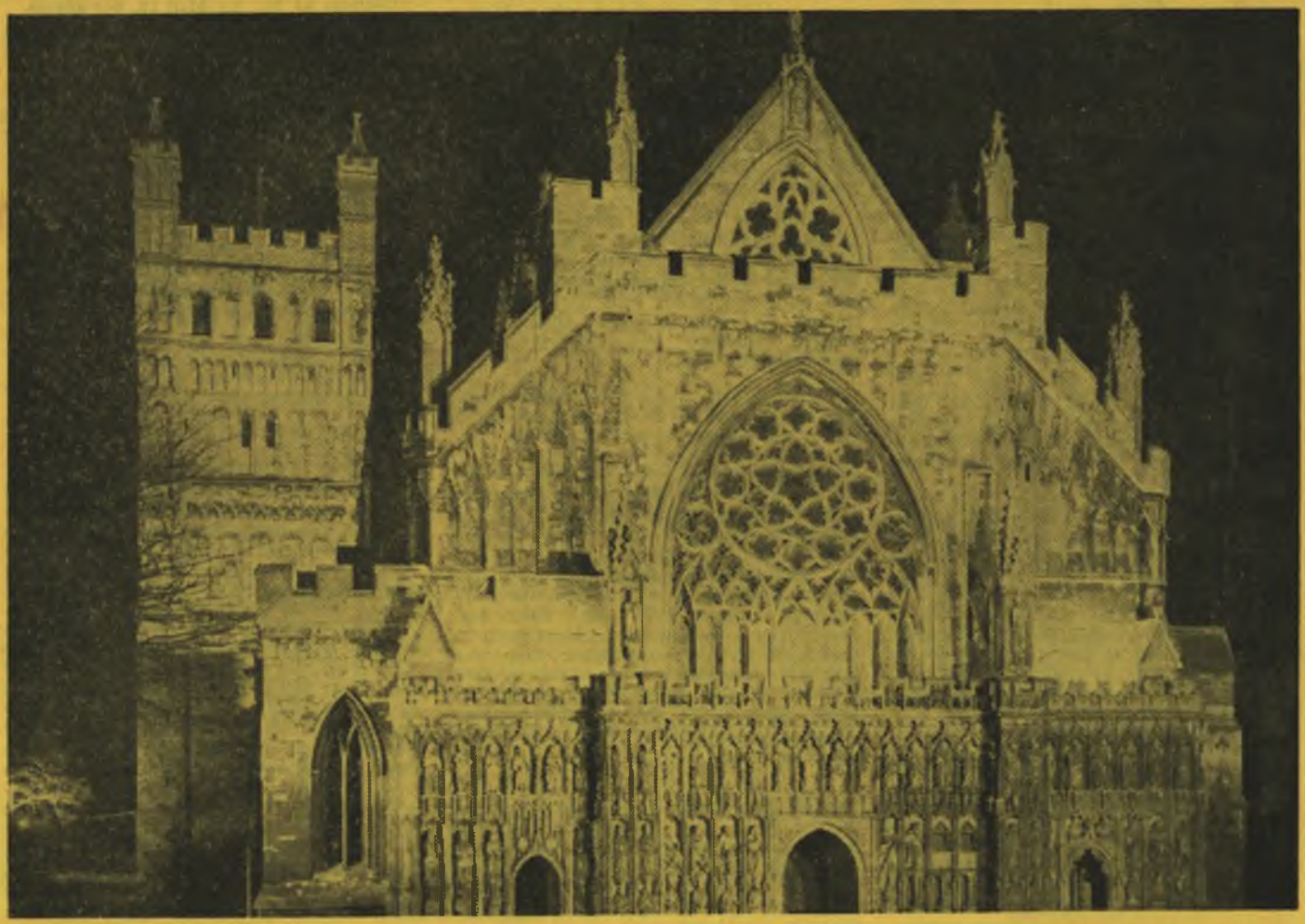
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The Cathedral Church of St. Peter in Exeter

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OUR COVER PICTURE

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter in Exeter

EXETER is one of Britain's smaller ancient cathedrals, though its interior has been described as one of the finest in Europe; but to many ringers a visit here must be one of the great moments of a lifetime in the Exercise, for here is a ring of twelve with the second heaviest tenor in the world hung for ringing, unsurpassed in the opinion of many for nobility of tone.

There were seven bells in the Cathedral at its foundation in 1052, and many of the present ring have a continuous history going back to the 14th century; the bells are remarkably well documented in the Cathedral archives. Perhaps the most compact way to outline their history is to give an account of each in turn.

1 and 2. "Thomas I" 6 cwt. 2qr. 16 lb. F. "Thomas II" 6–3–2 E flat. Cast by John Taylor in 1923 as "A thank-offering from an Exeter citizen."

3. "Earle" or The Little Nine O'Clock 7–0–22 D. In the N. tower in 1552. Recast to make a treble for a ten by Evans, 1729; cracked and recast Taylor, 1915, at the expense of Dean Earle.

4. "Byrdall" 8–3–0 C. Added to the ring 1616 by John Byrdall of Exeter to create a ring of six in E flat major.

5. "John Pennington" 8–2–0 B flat. In 1552 called "the eight"; recast by John Pennington of Exeter in 1658—during the Commonwealth.

6. "Purdue" 10–1–2 A. Added to the ring by Thomas Purdue in 1676 to bring the back eight into a major scale.

Flat 6. "Pongamouth" 11–1–8 A flat. The second of the eight in 1552, then called "the major bell." Recast Thomas Pennington II in 1630. The name is probably a nickname for a slow or "wide-mouthed" bell.

7. "Fox," or "Mary," 18–0–4 G. Given (or more likely recast) by Bishop Fox, 1487–93. Recast William Evans, 1729, and John Taylor, 1902.

8. "Doom" 19–0–19 F. The name, at least 400 years old, may refer to the bell's having been used at executions. Probably the bell cast new by Thomas Karoun in 1372; recast Thomas Pennington III. 1689, and Thomas Purdue, 1693.

9. "Cobthorne," or "Magdalene," 28–0–4 E flat. Given by Dean Cobthorne, 15th century; recast Purdue, 1676.

10. "Oldham," or "Trinity," or "Old Nine O'Clock," 33–2–11 D. As there was a bell called Trinity before Bishop Oldham's time (1505–19), this was probably a recast. Again recast William Evans, 1729.

11. "Stafford" 40–3–19 C. Given by Bishop Edmund Stafford (1395–1419) and recast Thomas Purdue, 1676.

Tenor. "Grandisson" 72–2–2 B flat. Given by Bishop John Grandisson (1328–70); recast Thomas Pennington, 1630; Thomas Purdue, 1676, William Evans, 1729, and John Taylor, 1902.

"Peter" 80 cwt. approx. A (in the North Tower). A bell of this name in existence before 1300; recast with increased weight at expense of Bishop Peter Courtenay, 1484, by Robert Russell of Exeter. Again recost 1676 by Thomas Purdue.

INTERESTING FACTS

From the brief histories here one can notice several interesting facts. First, that the eight in existence in 1552, which are named in an inventory, were not in the major scale but in the "Mixolydian mode," i.e., the front eight of a twelve, and that the first attempt to create a major ring came in 1616 but produced only a 28 cwt. six in E flat, now called the "Cobthorne Six."

Second, that this magnificent ring contains the work of six different founders of four different centuries; some of the bells (e.g., the 6th and flat 6th) do not sound good by themselves, but do not impair the effect of the whole ring.

Third, that Thomas Purdue in 1676 cast a total of some 13 tons of metal in one of the Canons' gardens (now about on the site of the Midland Bank in Bedford Street); that only one of his bells has needed recasting, and that three of them, "Cobthorne," "Stafford" and "Peter," are outstandingly fine bells.

William Evans was not so lucky, as only one of his bells survives, but "Oldham" is a very fine bell and does him credit.

SIXTEEN MEN FOR CALL CHANGES

The bells were hung until 1902 in a very high oak frame in which the ten needed sixteen men to ring call-changes. In 1902 Taylors installed the grand iron and steel frame for thirteen, and not long ago the back four were fitted with ball-bearings. Since 1902 they have been manned by a method-ringing band from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers; they were formerly rung by a band drawn from Alphington and Kenn, and one of the cards from which the call-changes were rung has recently been given to the Guild Library.

The ringing-room, high and spacious, is reached by a dramatic walk along the leads of the Nave roof. Many notable peals have been rung on the bells, including a few with the tenor rung single-handed. Peals of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major have been rung on the back eight.

In addition to ringing on Sundays and special occasions the bells are rung at 6.30 a.m. on the major festivals; nobody who has heard them shouting across the pitch-dark city on a frosty Christmas morning will soon forget it.

"Peter" is hung dead and chimed with a clock-type hammer as well as being the clock-bell. Before the last century this bell was never called "Great Peter"; his weight was invariably much exaggerated (the diameter is 74in.), but he is the oldest bell of his weight (or the biggest bell of his age) in the country. All published accounts prior to 1964 gave the inscription as wrongly copied by H. T. Ellacombe: the correct one will be found, with the rest of the inscriptions, in a booklet on the bells obtainable from the Friends of Exeter Cathedral, 1, The Cloisters, Exeter, price 9d. (plus postage).

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KENT C.A. DINNER

ARCHDEACONS TOLD OF VICARS WHO NEGLECT THEIR BELFRIES

EVERYONE attending this year's Kent Dinner was immediately deeply impressed by the view of Canterbury Cathedral obtained from the top of the stairs leading down to the dining hall of Eliot College. From here the College building was designed so that the Cathedral, a mile away, is framed by the huge window on the far side of the hall. On September 21st the Cathedral was lit by a glorious sunset and stood against heavy thunder-clouds as a background—it provided a spectacle remarked upon by several speakers during the course of the evening.

The attendance was probably higher than ever before at a Kent Dinner when the company sat down to a splendid meal, which was quickly and efficiently served.

After the meal Mr. E. A. Barnett, on the occasion of his first official appearance as chairman of the Association, proposed the loyal toast. Mr. Barnett extended a welcome to everyone in the hall, especially the two Archdeacons present.

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by Mr. A. S. Phelips, chairman of the Ashford District, who began by saying how strongly he felt about the relationship between some incumbents and ringers. His father had been Vicar of a Black Country parish with a fine ring of ten bells. A very good relationship existed there, with ringers' suppers being held at the Vicarage with plenty of beer and handbells—in that order. He wondered, however, if the two Archdeacons on their annual visitations were to ask incumbents when they last visited their belfries, how surprised and shocked they would be by the answers.

BELFRIES NOT VISITED BY CLERGY

Mr. Phelips said he could name two Vicars in the Canterbury Diocese who had not set foot upon their belfry steps for two years; and another who did not know the way to the ringing chamber even 18 months after his induction. He mentioned instances of ringers being informed of requests for wedding bells too late to raise a band—and this through no fault of the wedding party. Mr. Phelips said that surely the clergy could visit their belfries at least once a month to read a prayer; it would make a big difference to morale.

He said that the last impression he wanted to give was that he was attacking the Church, which, representing God and His teaching, was the only way this country could recover its morale and morals.

Before concluding, Mr. Phelips asked the chairman's permission to touch on a subject not included in his brief, and one that could make him unpopular with some of those present; it was that "The Ringing World" should not publish any peal or quarter peal unless accompanied by a remittance of economic value. He asked why some should publicise their successes at the expense of the paper.

Mr. Phelips concluded by hoping that all ringers might continue in their prime duty of service ringing.

TYPICALLY ENGLISH

The response was given by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Ven. M. J. Nott, who expressed his pleasure at being present. He was alarmed about Mr. Phelips' remarks about clergy not visiting belfries. He was sure, however, that this could only apply to the Diocese of Rochester or the Archdeaconry of Maidstone! He said he was devoted to the Church and its bells, and that in the mind of the average Englishman there was an almost mystical association between the Church and bells as something typically English.

In the 20th century, churches were partly empty, but there was something splendid and triumphant about the sound flung out to those who stopped their ears to the message.

Referring to correspondence in "The Times" complaining about bells, the Archdeacon said that this arose from an unquiet conscience—the message of the bells went home. At the same time the Church of England was being denigrated from both inside and out by people who did so without knowing what they wanted as a result of turning the Church upside down. He knew of no modern substitute for the Prayer Book.

The Archdeacon concluded by expressing his gratitude for the hospitality he had received and urged that the bells continue to carry the most important of messages to the outside world—whether people would hear it or not.

THE MAYOR'S "SPECIAL" FRIEND

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. A. P. S. Berry, secretary of the Ashford District. Mr. Berry first welcomed the Mayor of Canterbury (Councillor H. J. Buckworth), who, during the war years, did duty as a special constable with one of the Kent County Association's vice-presidents—until the Mayor became sergeant and left his partner in the ranks! Mr. Berry then welcomed the Ven. M. J. Nott and the Ven. T. E. Pritchard, Archdeacon of Maidstone, who was formerly Vicar of St. Peter's, Broadstairs, and was himself a ringer who made it his business to visit the tower at least once every Sunday. Among the other visitors mentioned was Dr. Geoffrey Templeton, vice-chancellor of the University and president of the Cathedral Company of Change Ringers.

The Mayor of Canterbury replied, referring to his friend, ex-Special Constable Luck, who he believed took up ringing to assist his thirst! He said that while recently in Bruges he heard a magnificent carillon, but understood that this was not true bellringing.

The Mayor's speech was followed by a touch of Grandsire Cinques on handbells by A. J. Corby, E. A. Barnett, Mrs. P. T. Robbins, T. A. Cross, E. J. Beer and W. H. Dobbie. At the conclusion Mr. Barnett quoted Dr. Johnson by saying that this had been "the triumph of hope over experience."

The Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Ven. T. E. Pritchard, then proposed the toast of "The Kent County Association." He commented that he was a very unworthy member of the Association but ringing was still a joy and pleasure to him. He had managed to ring a peal of Grandsire on the treble, but the technical terms of ringing were for him worse than the Greek Testament.

LESS REPUTABLE

The Archdeacon said it was unfortunate that bells and ringers were often neglected by the authorities, who seemed to associate them with the lower and less reputable parts of parochial life. He said that bells were not always popular, and referred to the time when, as curate at Lambeth, he had hopes that one day the gatekeeper at the Archbishop's Palace would go to church. The gatekeeper, however, lived directly below the tower and by 6.20 p.m. the bells had made him so bad-tempered that he refused to go to church.

He went on to say that it was unusual for two Archdeacons to occupy the same pulpit on the same day, but their texts would undoubtedly be the same—the Church of England and their belfries—all power to them. He wished that congregations would show more intelligence about ringers, but he partly blamed the ringers for this. They often tucked themselves away in their own corner, so many regular worshippers knew nothing of ringing. They should throw open a welcome to the belfry more freely.

The Archdeacon gave a special welcome to Mrs. Mitchell, who, he believed, was nearly as old as the Association. (This was later corrected by the general secretary, who said that Mrs. Mitchell was 95 years old and the Association a mere 88!)

He concluded by saying it was splendid to see so many young people in the belfries. Bellringing was a great art and the K.C.A. a great Association, and he hoped it would go from strength to strength.

EIGHT FIRST-PEALERS IN PEAL

Mr. P. A. Corby, the hon. general secretary of the Association, replied and mentioned the peal of Bob Major rung at Lydd earlier that day, in which all eight ringers were ringing their first peal—an extremely rare event. The dinner arrangements had been carried out by Dr. Niblett, assisted by Mr. Bert Luck. All credit for this occasion was due entirely to these two.

Regarding complaints about bells, Mr. Corby said that in some cases they were justified and that towers concerned should try to remedy this by sound control. He remarked that this year the Masters of both the College Youths and the Cumberlands were resident members of the K.C.A. As this was his last year as general secretary he took the opportunity of thanking everyone for their support and help during his term of office.

The chairman concluded the formal part of the evening by adding his own congratulations to the peal band and echoed the gratitude of everyone in thanking those responsible for arranging the dinner, including the vice-chancellor, Dr. Templeman, for the use of the College.

Although the hour was already late, many people stayed behind still longer to meet friends socially. Everyone agreed that once again the K.C.A. dinner had been a most successful and enjoyable occasion. D.C.M.

BELLS WITH A CHALLENGE

Situated some five miles from Daventry is the picturesque Northants village of Everdon. The square stone tower possesses a heavy ring of five with a tenor of 47ins., given in Dove's as 18 cwt.

These bells, which have been unringable since 1930, were recently got going again by a band from London and had only been rung twice before October 6th when, for Harvest Festival Evensong, Mr. Richard Jones, of London, brought a band to attempt a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

Great difficulty was found with all the bells, which tend to drop unexpectedly, the second being a real handful. Nevertheless, to the delight of the Vicar and Mr. Jones, the quarter was successfully brought round by G. Dalton 1, P. Taylor 2, R. Crocker 3, L. Way 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5.

All five bells are by Hugh Watts II of Leicester. Treble, 2nd and 4th 1625; 3rd 1626; tenor 1635. The tenor is inscribed in Lombardic capitals:

"My sounding is each one to call,
To serve the Lord both grete and smal."

The oak frame is circa 1625, with the treble hung over the others. All swing north to south.

The bells were refitted, quarter-turned and rehung circa 1860 by White of Appleton.

There was an active call change band in the 1920's, as two certificates on the wall prove. The bells ceased to be rung in 1930 and were classified as unringable in 1938.

To any visiting band the bells present a real challenge and to ring to changes a great deal of hard work is required. No doubt until rehung this will be the first and last quarter peal on the bells. G.K.D.

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2	William Pye	11 8 1870	26 10 1889	16 12 1911	22 9 1934	1969	1428	8 3 1935	64
3	Isaac G. Shade	27 4 1851	30 4 1875	26 4 1913	17 7 1926	1450	54	19 7 1926	75
4	Ernest Pye	20 9 1876	27 2 1892	27 3 1915	9 11 1915	1007	22	8 12 1915	39
5	George Williams	7 5 1857	17 1 1884	16 9 1922	8 5 1940	1508	1038	28 1 1949	91
6	F. Bennett	27 1 1869	2 3 1889	27 12 1924	21 6 1953	1600	933	10 11 1957	88
7	George R. Pye	30 6 1872	30 3 1891	9 4 1927	18 8 1939	1878	360	31 3 1945	72
8	James George	27 11 1853	16 2 1889	6 10 1928	27 11 1948	1281	19	10 3 1951	97
9	Keith Hart	23 3 1874	9 11 1891	6 4 1931	29 10 1938	1164	468	30 7 1947	73
10	A. H. Pulling	18 9 1880	14 10 1899	26 8 1931	22 11 1954	1492	1289	6 7 1959	78
11	J. E. Davis	1 5 1867	19 4 1891	27 11 1933	26 12 1939	1131	264	25 12 1944	77
12	W. H. Fussell	16 9 1861	10 4 1882	13 9 1934	15 4 1944	1151	21	29 8 1944	82
13	J. H. Cheesman	23 1 1872	23 1 1889	17 12 1935	27 6 1938	1066	433	15 12 1939	67
*14	James Bennett	12 2 1887	10 4 1912	24 7 1943	27 10 1964	1300	110		
15	C. T. Coles	5 6 1882	30 3 1905	24 7 1943	8 12 1945	1014	278	2 2 1946	63
16	Ernest Morris	28 7 1889	6 8 1906	28 8 1947					
			(2,000th)	27 2 1961	9 4 1962	2076	674	28 4 1962	72
17	Harold J. Poole	21 10 1902	3 7 1920	11 12 1952	13 7 1955	1247	876	14 7 1955	52
*18	C. W. Roberts	10 11 1904	15 10 1921	2 7 1953	16 9 1954	1008	409		
*19	George E. Fearn	26 7 1906	26 12 1928	2 9 1953					
			(2,000th)	26 2 1965	5 9 1968	2250			
*20	H. E. Audsley	31 1 1900	10 1 1920	18 4 1955	8 7 1968	1275			
21	John Thomas	22 8 1882	26 12 1899	18 6 1955	23 8 1958	1061	515	20 9 1958	76
*22	F. Nolan Golden	1 5 1908	24 11 1924	18 1 1956	28 9 1968				
*23	Edward Jenkins	19 12 1894	26 4 1913	25 3 1961	20 8 1968	1332			
24	John Worth	19 2 1910	3 6 1929	2 12 1961	18 2 1967	1137	613	25 2 1967	57
*25	J. L. Millhouse	17 4 1916	23 2 1935	2 10 1963	7 9 1968	1315	760		
*26	A. Patrick Cannon	6 1 1913	19 7 1930	26 8 1964	17 8 1968	1175			
*27	Joseph W. Cotton	15 12 1902	9 11 1920	6 10 1964	10 9 1968	1168	57		
*28	Peter Border	8 2 1932	1 2 1947	22 4 1965	— 8 1968	1193			
*29	Wilfrid F. Moreton	31 7 1924	15 4 1939	23 9 1967	28 8 1968	1019	554		
*30	Thomas J. Lock	23 6 1909	20 12 1967	20 6 1968	7 9 1968	1024	85		

* Still living. The totals of living ringers are not final. The date in "Last Peal" column refers to entry on date given.

NOTES

William Pye.—Rang 1,114 (conducted 859) for Middlesex County Association. 890 with brother Ernest, 875 with Isaac G. Shade. He called a peal on all 366 dates of the year.

Isaac G. Shade.—Knocked down and killed two days after his last peal.

Ernest Pye.—Tragic death on railway at 39 years of age, one month after last peal.

James George.—Last peal (handbells) on 95th birthday.

Ernest Morris.—Died 19 days after last peal. Rang peals on all 366 dates of the year.

Harold J. Poole.—Died the day after last peal.

John Worth.—Died in street at Lincoln a week after last peal.

George Williams.—First to conduct 1,000 tower bell peals.

James Bennett and C. T. Coles rang their 1,000th in the same peal (July 24th, 1943)—half-muffled at Cravford for Capt. F. G. Coles, M.C. (C. T. Coles' son), killed in action on April 28th, 1943.

HAD THE FIRST ISSUE

COCKEY, J. Lewis, of 47, Bath Road, Swindon, is one of our No. 1 subscribers. During World War I he had his copy sent to him at Suez, then on the Somme and finally for ten months in hospital.

LENTON, J. H., Pontefract, writes: "Congratulations on your 3,000th issue. Though I have not been a personal subscriber all these years, I have been a reader from the first publication and always look forward to its news."

HARDING, Gilbert H., Trowbridge, Wilts, writes that he has taken "The Ringing World" since the first issue. He was then secretary of the Devizes Branch and cycled around the Branch with copies of that issue.

MYERS, A. W., Plymouth, writes that his father, who died in 1960, had 'The Bell News" and then two "Ringing Worlds," which have been regularly collected ever since. All "The Ringing Worlds" are in his possession and the second copy he takes to his belfry, St. Andrew's, Plymouth, where he is captain. His father was captain from 1914 until 1960. His two sons are following the family tradition and they hope to keep it going.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Perry (first quarter) 1, R. Clist 2, W. Lamb 3, Miss M. Coldman 4, W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 5, G. Coldman 6, M. Church 7, I. Perry 8. For Harvest Festival.

OBITUARY

MR. W. A. (BILL) AVERY

After a lengthy illness the death of Mr. W. A. Avery took place at Sambourne Hospital, Warminster, on October 14th. A member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, he was tower captain at SS. Peter and Paul's, Longbridge Deverill, for about 30 years.

Mr. Avery taught a new band there after the war and was responsible for the augmentation from six to eight bells in 1949. At this time he was an instructor of change ringing for the Salisbury Guild and did good work in the Warminster area. He often rang with the Warminster Minster band.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by local and Minster ringers on the eve of his funeral.

MR. R. THOMAS NEWMAN

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. R. Thomas Newman, who passed away peacefully on September 14th in Beckenham Hospital, Kent, in his 61st year.

To say Mr. Newman was a popular man would be untrue. He never professed to be a well-liked man, but to all who knew him he had earned the respect of being an honest individual. If he thought you were going to be a bad ringer he would tell you, and if he thought the opposite he would be the first to help you in his own way. His memory will be with me for a long time.

Mr. Newman was a good ringer, a good Christian and a good servant to the Exercise. My sympathies at this time go to Mrs. Newman and her daughter, Cecilia. T. L.

MR. W. SIMPSON

Deeply regretted in a wide area is the sudden death on October 9th of Mr. William Simpson, who had been a ringer and chorister at Sawley, Derbyshire, for over 60 years and was Ringing Master for a long period.

The Sunday previous to his death "Bill" and his wife rang in a first for the Sawley band of a quarter peal of Erin Triples, and the following day at practice he rang in the first course of Cambridge Surprise Major by the local band.

A memorial service was held at Sawley on October 13th and prior to the service a quarter peal was rung with the bells half-muffled.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): G. Pritchard 1, I. Eggleton 2, N. T. E. Burnett 3, D. Makin-Taylor 4, R. K. Lister (cond.) 5, G. Wells 6. For 99th anniversary of the church.

CHESTER GUILD DINNER
Outstanding Peals Recalled

THE annual dinner and dance of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Wirral. The attendance of about 100 was 50 down on last year, partly due to the distance and time of travelling required from some parts of the county and partly because the Chester Branch decided to hold a meeting that day! The start of the dinner was delayed by about half an hour because those travelling from the north-east of the county had clutch trouble with the coach. A turkey dinner befitting the occasion was enjoyed by all.

The toast of "The Chester Diocesan Guild" was proposed by the Archdeacon of Chester. He confessed that he was not a ringer and had never had a church which contained a complete ring of bells until he came to the Cathedral and the bells there were unringable at present—but not for long, he hoped! He thanked ringers for their service to the Church and emphasised the privileged position that all ringers had when they rang church bells which reach the ears of people outside the church on both joyful and sad occasions.

In his reply to the toast of "The Guild" the Master, Mr. Alex Martin, said that although 1967 had not been a record year for performances (174 peals compared with 183), members of the Guild had taken part in some outstanding performances. He drew particular attention to the peal of 40 Spliced Surprise Maximus rung at Liverpool Cathedral earlier this year; having taken part in the first peal of Cambridge on the bells he could fully appreciate the performance.

His main aim, he said, was to see that all the bells in the diocese were rung for services; while the standard of striking was important, the first aim should be a sufficient number of ringers.

Each of the two speeches was followed by handbell ringing—the Archdeacon's by a course of Plain Bob Royal rung by F. Osbaldiston 1-2, C. K. Lewis 3-4, R. Peters 5-6, D. Lane 7-8, F. L. Coventry 9-10, and Mr. Martin's by a touch of Spliced Surprise Major rung by N. Bennett 1-2, B. F. L. Groves 3-4, R. B. Smith 5-6, G. Moorhouse 7-8.

Dancing followed until 11.45 p.m., all tastes being catered for. Our thanks are due to Mr. Martin and members of the Wirral Branch for first-class arrangements, which led to an enjoyable time being had by all present.

Next year's dinner and dance will be held at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Chester, on the second Saturday in October (as usual).

R. B. S.

OUNDLE RINGERS' DAY ON COTSWOLDS

Members of the Oundle Branch spent an enjoyable day on the Cotswolds on September 21st, ringing at Chipping Norton, Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on the-Water.

Due to a striking competition being held at Great Barrington, last-minute alterations were necessary and we went to Windrush (an anti-clockwise six). The ringing consisted of rounds, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and a pleasing course of Oxford, when the ringer of the fourth remembered when he went into the slow.

After tea at Witney we went on to Hanborough, where the bells had a peculiar tone and sounded half-muffled. At Combe, after a touch of Plain Bob Minor, the stay of the second broke. The finest ring of the day was at Kirtlington, where, after three attempts, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

Thanks are due to Mr. Hinton, the organiser, who took over the ringing for the day, Mr. Alec Head, the incumbents and coach driver.

S. F.

The Grandsire of the Arscotts Honoured



Family peals and quarter peals honoured the golden wedding on October 5th of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arscott, of Paradise Cottage, Tivington, Minehead, Somerset.

Mr. Arscott learned to ring some 60 years ago at Chipstable, Somerset. Now 74 years of age, he does not make a regular attendance for ringing, but he was able to join in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles at his home tower (Selworthy) on his golden wedding day. Mrs. Arscott has for years been organist at the chapel of ease to Selworthy Parish Church, and both enjoy reasonably good health.

On October 5th they were taken around the countryside to listen to the ringing in honour of their happy anniversary. Later there was a "wonderful spread" at the Wayside Café, Porlock, prepared by their daughter-in-law. Many relatives and friends attended, and then followed an entertainment of tune- and change-ringing on handbells and singing.

The next day Mr. and Mrs. Arscott were taken to St. Martin's Church, West Coker, where they were married, and they were able to listen to a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major being rung on the bells. And so concluded a happy celebration.

In our picture of the peal band, from left to right, are: Raymond F. Arscott (conductor and youngest son), Sylvia Arscott (conductor's daughter), Charles H. J. Arscott (eldest son), Adrian Arscott (Sylvia's brother), Leslie H. Arscott (second son), Frederick C. Arscott (aged 71, brother).

THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

The 22nd annual outing of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held on October 12th, the main attraction being Winchester Cathedral. This venue had been voted for on two previous occasions, but each time the bells had been booked, so after last year's outing negotiations were started. Despite letters at regular intervals, no definite reply had been received by the end of August, so an alternative route was started off. This was just getting under way nicely when, with four weeks to go, the Dean of Winchester said "Yes."

Towers were rearranged or cancelled and a letter sent off to arrange tea. As no reply had been received two weeks later the telephone had to be used. This infernal machine, after gobbling up sundry shillings and sixpences, told us that the café could not cater for 40 people, and that no other place in Fareham could do so. So it was "get your own tea."

In pouring rain we set out and all was well until we found the approach to Hawkley tower blocked by a ditched furniture van, necessitating a detour. At Winchester several of the party had their first ring on 12 bells and most of the party their first experience of pot-holing, as that is what the top part of the stairs was like. Our Andrew's day was made when he was allowed to ring the tenor.

By then the sun was shining and Twyford tower could be seen but not reached. In the end the coach parked on a housing estate and we walked across the fields.

At Fareham we enjoyed the light ten and were all able to get a good meal in the only café open near the church. The day ended at Walberton, where, after ringing, we walked to the "local," where we were made very welcome.

And so what looked like being a fiasco turned out to be a very enjoyable day. There are all sorts of luck, I suppose.

C. A. B.

DICK'S TOUR

A group of Petersfield ringers and friends turned their attention westward to the Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset borders recently. On two previous occasions a tour to this area has been reported in these columns as "Wilf's Tour." These tours came to an end when Wilf Davison, the organiser, left the district. The new event has been named "Dick's Tour" by popular consent, having been organised by Dick Cross, who recently came to Petersfield from the Gillingham area.

The towers chosen were at Milborne Port, Charlton Horethorne (the organiser's birthplace, where an attempt for a quarter of Stedman Triples failed after 30 minutes' good ringing), Wincanton (the best ringing of the tour), Mere and Gillingham. The ringing at Gillingham was disappointing, the fine bells being a bit too much for the band at the end of the day.

A tired but well-satisfied band thank their organiser for this his first attempt at planning such a tour.

D. M. H.

Letters

INSURANCE OF JUVENILES

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letter by Messrs. White and O'Reilly in the matter of the insurance of ringers, as their problem is mine also. A short time ago it was my unpleasant duty to tell two ten-year-olds to come back in two years' time and, goodness knows, I could have done with them. Our insurance cover is for people of 12 and upwards and I would have thought this is fairly general over the country.

I am amazed to read in "The Ringing World" of up-and-coming youngsters who have rung a peal at ten years of age and suchlike. A ringing friend said he would be glad of ten-year olds and would take a chance. I think this is very foolish indeed and might be regretted one day. You never know!

There seems to be no alternative and, after all, perhaps 12 years of age is early enough physically.—Yours faithfully,

R. F. BAKER.

Brampton, Huntingdon.

CRITICAL EXAMINATION

Dear Sir,—In the issue of October 18th we have reported yet another of those annual peal tours. From this particular peal tour, some facts:—

1. The actual account of the peal tour filled the best part of a whole page.
2. The account of the peals took a whole page.
3. £1 was donated towards the production costs of "The Ringing World" (according to the "Gratefully Acknowledged" column).
4. 16 peals were rung.
5. 136 ringers' names appear in the 16 peals.
6. Relating the number of ringers' names to the amount of the donation, an average sum of 1 13/17th pence per rope per peal was donated.—Yours faithfully,

Taunton. KEITH E. BEALE.

WAITED IN VAIN

Dear Sir,—I was struck by M. W.'s cool reference to his and his band's late arrival in Harrogate and their consequent inability to ring, but even more by the absence of any recognition that a Harrogate ringer had been much inconvenienced by the affair. We in Harrogate have received no explanation or excuse from M. W.. Ron and the rest of them. Apparently they think a casual note in "The Ringing World" is good enough.—Yours faithfully,

C. I. P. ROBERTS.

Harrogate.

OLDEST MAN TO RING A PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. E. Symonds is described (on page 804) as "the oldest man to ring a peal." I believe the late James George rang a peal of Grandsire Triples "in hand" on his 95th birthday.—Yours truly,

Gillingham, Dorset. H. JIM RALPH.

Note.—Reader Ralph is quite correct. Mr. G. E. Symonds is the oldest man living to ring a peal.—Ed.

The Rev. Geoffery Strickland, curate of Holy Trinity, Aberavon, whose address is Holy Trinity Vicarage, Sandfields, Port Talbot, writes asking for a redundant bell of good tone in the 1 cwt.-2 cwt. range which a parish is prepared to sell cheaply. He is willing to arrange for the lowering and transport of the bell, which is required for a new church costing £40,000.

A Review of Four-Bell Towers in the Administrative County of Kent

By DAVID L. CAWLEY

Adisham (The Holy Innocents).—Central tower. Front three by Thomas Palmar I, 1670, tenor 35 in. diameter, 7¾ cwt. Frame, gear and bells all taken down 1957, and tenor alone rehung "dead" by Mears; a good bell by John Walgrave, c. 1425. Other three on floor.

Addington, near Wrotham.—The writer has not seen these bells: 1 M. Bagley 1710, 2, 3 and 4 by John Wilnar 1635, 1620 (dated erroneously 1602), and undated respectively. He has heard differing reports both on their state and their future

Alkham (St. Anthony Martyr).—1, 2 and 4 John Hodson 1683, 3 Mears 1873. Large west tower. Rehung in 1873 frame 1959 by Mears. Go well. Local band. Tenor 34½ in. diameter, 7¼ cwt.

Bicknor (St. James').—West tower and spire. Steel bells, 1862, all by Naylor Vickers. Tenor 20¾ in. diameter, 1¼ cwt. Very small steel wheels, no stays or sliders and obviously not intended for full-circle ringing. Made for 1862 Exhibition in London.

Bishopsbourne (St. Mary's). — Huge west tower. 1 Christopher Hodson 1685, 2, 3 and tenor (34 in., 6¼ cwt.) Joseph Hatch 1618. State of frame and fittings dreadful; "clocked" for years, sound awful and quite unringable.

Canterbury (St. Peter's).—The old three—1, Thomas Palmar 1637; 2, Wm Wodewarde c. 1430; 3 (35½ in., 8 cwt. in A) Wm le Belvetere c. 1325—are currently being augmented by the addition of the former treble of St. Margaret's (S. B. Goslin, 1905) to form a fixed chime of four in the old frame, this being done by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd.

Davington (Priory Church of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Lawrence). S.W. tower, survivor of two, and spirelet. Three bells, tenor 2-0-12 in F in iron frame, by Taylor, 1856; light weight and curious roping make them unringable at present; the smallest bell, dated 1774, is more properly a sanctus, and is only hung for chiming, separately from the other three.

East Langdon (St. Mary's).—Modern western tower with four bells in modern rolled steel frame. Not closely inspected, but probably 1, 2 and 3 Joseph Hatch 1627, tenor (32 in., 5¾ cwt.) Robert Catlin 1749; all rehung by Bowell. Go well, but ringing space very cramped. No ringers.

Fordwich (St. Mary's). — Slender western tower and spire. Bells all by Joseph Hatch; 2 1624, other three 1633; tenor 33¾ in., 6¼ cwt. Pre-Reformation frame, fittings quite modern, but bells now unringable. Ropes fall diagonally across ringing gallery Unfortunately now "clocked."

Grain (St. James').—Modern squat western tower built at the cost of King Edward VII in 1902. The writer has not seen the bells but is informed that they are ringable but have no ropes. Tenor reputed 4½ cwt.; believed to be by Mears, 1902. Formerly one 18th century bell, 19½ in.

Gravesend (Seamen's Chapel).—Four very small Victorian bells probably by Mears or Warner, given by the widow of Sir John Franklin. Hung "dead" in three arches of a bell gable, and "clocked". Tenor about 2 cwt.

Harbledown (St. Nicholas').—Two churches on either side of the road. St. Michael's, of little interest, has three bells rehung in 1962 for swing-chiming. St. Nicholas', of great interest, now the chapel of the almshouses, themselves the successors of a hospital of immediate post-Conquest date, has a light four (31½ in., 5¼ cwt. in C), 1, 2 and 4 by Joseph Hatch, second a 15th century London production. Tone very fair, but bells virtually unringable. The writer, having sampled them, would not recommend others to try it.

Ickham (St. John's).—Tall western tower and spire, with four bells of which the third is very nearly split in two. All by John Palmar, 1641. Fittings repaired about 1800 and obviously never touched since—the wheels are old half-wheels converted. Bells "clocked" by an active team of youngsters. It was proposed to rehang the three sound bells "dead" and put the cracked bell in the church until it could be recast; this seems to be making little progress. Tenor 36 in., 8 cwt.

Newnham (SS. Peter and Paul's). — N.W. tower and spire with double-tier frame (1867). 1 and 2 are uninscribed but possibly 15th century London bells, 3 Pack and Chapman 1772, tenor (33¼ in., 6¼ cwt. in B) by John Kebyll, London, c. 1480. Bells rather rough, but rung occasionally.

Sevington (St. Mary's).—W. tower with lofty spire. Formerly a complete 1630 ring by Joseph Hatch, treble recast by Mears 1885; rehung again by Mears with new swing-chiming fittings in the old frame, 1959. Tenor 37 in., 8¼ cwt. in A.

Staple (St. James').—West tower with a one-handed clock, recently restored. 1 and 2 John Hodson 1680, 3 Richard Hille c. 1430, tenor (41 in., 11¼ cwt.) Joseph Hatch 1623. Clock hammer fouls second, which has a chunk out of it, and tenor appears not to have a clear swing. Not rung for years, appear unringable, and usually "clocked." Tone only fair.

Waltham (St. Bartholomew's).—Oblong central tower of unsymmetrical shape. All four bells by Joseph Hatch, 3rd being probably his earliest production, as it bears his father's foundry mark instead of his usual three-bell medallion, and is dated 1602. Others 1631. Tenor 37 in., 8¼ cwt. in A. Usually chimed, but ringing is carried out by the excellent band from the united benefice of Petham (6) on festivals.

Westwell (St. Mary's).—This most glorious church with its superb chancel has a small west tower containing the heaviest four in the county. The frame, which rises nearly into the spire, is supported on a splendid trusswork set off only 11 feet from the ground. It is hoped that if restoration is carried out this trusswork and the outer members of the frame will be preserved independently of the new one. 1 by John Wilnar 1630, 2 and 3 (the latter cracked and unused) Joseph Hatch 1609 and 1616, tenor (42 1/16th in., 12¼ cwt. in F sharp), a roughly cast but splendid toned bell by William Oldfeild of Canterbury. The latter bell, c. 1540, has a curious device on its upper waist, qv. "The Church Bells of Kent." Bells unringable, but fairly clean in tower. Swing-chiming is at present used on three bells.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nancy R. Threlfall (first quarter) 1, Frances A. Threlfall 2, G. Pearson 3, R. H. Youdale 4, R. L. Underwood 5, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S STRIKING COMPETITION

Fourteen bands from the Norwich Diocesan Association subjected their ringing to the critical ear of Mr. Howard Egglestone on the occasion of the annual striking competition held at Bunwell on October 19th. The bells proved ideal for such a competition, being so easy to handle that even the most inexperienced were caused no difficulty on that score, yet sufficiently odd-struck to ensure that even the most experienced dared not relax too readily.

The first ringing of the afternoon was provided by the five call change bands. Standards varied somewhat, with first and last teams being separated by a margin of 183 faults. The teams were placed in the order: Drayton, Wymondham, Mattishall, Reepham and Wroxham. It was particularly pleasing that the band from the newest tower in the diocese should distinguish itself by being placed first in this section. Four of the five teams were composed mainly of young ringers gaining their first experience of competition ringing. Wroxham and Reepham did extremely well to enter bands for both call change and method ringing, indicating great enthusiasm at both towers.

Nine teams presented themselves for the method ringing, and all attempted to ring 240 changes of Minor. Eight touches were successfully brought round, whilst a miscall in the ninth led to a touch shorter than the prescribed length. All teams chose Plain Bob except two—Mancroft "A" and King's Lynn, both of whom rang Cambridge. The self-confidence of these bands was rewarded with first and second place respectively, and as both test pieces were completed without mistakes there was little to choose between them. Close behind King's Lynn followed Diss with an excellent piece of Plain Bob. St. Giles', Norwich, were placed fourth, being unfortunate to mar their thoroughly competent striking with three missed dodges. The other bands followed in the order Dereham, South Norfolk, Wroxham and Reepham.

The criticism and comment of Howard Egglestone was scrupulously fair and very much to the point, and we are indebted to him for devoting so much time and attention to us. After seeing him do the job so well this year he can hardly expect us to pass him over when we look for a judge next year! After the judging the Henley handbell ringers held the attention of all present with a polished performance of tune ringing.

Thanks are due to Peter Adcock, Association Ringing Master, for arousing so much enthusiasm, and to Messrs. Phillippo and Arnold for their excellent local arrangements.

D. E. H.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

Six teams had qualified for the final of the Crawford Cup contest held at St. Mary's, Orston, on September 14th. The judges were Messrs. R. Cooke and J. Poyner and they were both greatly impressed by the standard of ringing achieved.

Placings: Wollaton 87 faults, Shelford 97, Whatton 99½, East Retford 112½, Balderton 141½, Warsop rang out.

A service was conducted by the Rev. G. F. Blackmore after the contest ringing and, later, over 60 ringers enjoyed tea in the Village Hall. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £5 4s. Ringing continued in the evening at Orston, Whatton and Sibthorpe.

R. B.

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 40



DAVID GALBRAITH
The Irish Association.

It is very pleasing to note that the Irish Association is today strongly represented by a large number of youngsters, and has at last taken its place in this series. The Exercise must surely be grateful to many of the older members of the Association for the amount of time they are giving to the teaching of youngsters. For instance, twice every week during the lunch break some eight or nine boys will be seen running across the road from the Grammar School in Dublin to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a practice on the bells, which are silenced, under the watchful eye of Charlie Reede.

A number of youngsters took part in the ringing at Limerick a short time ago for the 800th anniversary of St. Mary's Cathedral, one of whom was David Galbraith.

David was born in Limerick on December 18th, 1952. He started his schooling at St. Michael's National School, Limerick, and then went to Villiers Secondary School, where he has recently gained his intermediate certificate with honours. At the present time he is at Welsey College, Dublin, studying for the leaving certificate.

David started ringing lessons at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, when he was 13, and was taught by the tower captain, Mr. Harry Ellis, and also his father, Mr. Cyril Galbraith. Two years later, on September 10th, 1967, he rang the treble to a quarter peal of Bob Triples. This was his first, and was conducted by Mr. Fred Dukes.

Since then David has gone a step or two further, for on April 29th and May 6th this year he conducted quarter peals of Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. On each occasion he rang the third.

It is hoped that in the near future he will have an opportunity to ring his first peal, and this might well be Stedman Triples, as he has already mastered the method in Doubles.

A short time ago David, with mother, father and two brothers (all ringers), together with another brother and two sisters, left Limerick to live in Dublin. This was a tremendous loss to St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, but a great gain to Dublin.

Good luck, David! and may your enthusiasm and loyalty be an example to all the ringing youngsters in your beautiful Ireland.

NORVING.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Tamerton Foliot, Plymouth, was the venue for the autumn quarterly meeting of the South-West Branch on October 5th. About 30 members took part in ringing standard methods and a touch of Cambridge Minor before the service in this ancient parish church.

The business meeting followed tea in Emmanuel Church Hall. The change in date, to November 16th, of the Branch social was announced. This event, which is becoming an annual function, is to be held this year at Harewood House, Plympton.

The year 1969 sees the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Branch on November 8th. It was proposed that the Branch should celebrate this by holding the autumn meeting next year on the same date—happily a Saturday—at the same church—Petertavy—visited at the inaugural meeting. The annual social, arranged for that date, would be a fitting conclusion to the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mallett, who have recently moved to Plymouth from Exeter, and Peter Bill, from Worcestershire, were welcomed as new members of the Branch. Mr. Aubrey Bennett, a vice-president of the Guild, presented a Guild certificate to Roy Davies, of St. Andrew's band.

A suggestion that Branch practices should be held in specific methods provoked little enthusiasm in view of the fact, as the chairman pointed out, that some tower practices are not well supported. This should be a matter of priority.

J. F. S.

A YORKSHIRE OUTING

Arranged by Kevin M. Price, a party of ringers from the Lake District enjoyed a tour of eight towers in Yorkshire on October 19th.

A prompt start was made at Sedbergh (8, 15½ cwt.) at 9 a.m., where we were joined by some of the local schoolboy ringers, before going on to Asbrigg (6, 10½ cwt.). Here the bells have just started to be rung again after many years' silence, and consequently ringing was rather hard work.

At East Witton (6, 7 cwt.) some good touches were rung on the lovely bells. The last stop before lunch was at West Tanfield (6, 10 cwt.) and ringing was poor due to loose headstocks and the fifth rope continually jumping the wheel, but the Rector informed us that he was hoping to get his bells put in order soon.

Knaresborough (8, 18¼ cwt.) provided the best bells of the day, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major coming round quite well. Otley (8, 16½ cwt.) was next, and we were impressed by the tidy ringing chamber although the "go" of the tenor was not very good. We blamed the poor ringing here on the fact that we were not used to "Yorkshire tail-ends." The excellent ring at Ilkley (8, 18¼ cwt.) followed. Double Court going quite well on the back six. Here we were joined by Stephen Walker, of Giggleswick, who accompanied us to the last tower of the day, at Kildwick (8, 15½ cwt.), where Kent Major, Grandsire Triples and Little Bob Major were rung, finishing at 8.15 p.m.

We extend our grateful thanks for the very enjoyable day to incumbents and tower captains and to all who drove us.

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REVIEW

TINTINNALOGIA 1668 — By a Lover of that Art

AT the Central Council meeting held in Cardiff in 1962, the late Mr. Edwin H. Lewis presented to the Council Library four books from his own collection. One of these was a first edition copy of "Tintinnalogia", written by Richard Duckworth and published by Fabian Stedman in the year 1668, 300 years ago. Only three copies of this edition are known to exist. One is in the Cambridge University Library, one in the British Museum and the third now rests in the Council Library as its most priceless possession.

The quarter century before 1668 had been a troubled time for England. The quarrel between Charles I and his Parliament brought the ravages of civil war from 1642 to 1645 and the execution of the King in 1649. The austere rule of the Puritans brought little comfort, and the relief supplied by the restoration of the monarchy was marred by excess of liberty and licence. The reign of terror of the Great Plague of 1665 was swallowed up in the horror of the fire that swept London in the following year.

Through these distressing times change-ringing somehow survived. What activity there was we do not rightly know, but the records of the Ancient Society of College Youths show us the unbroken list of Masters through all the years from 1640 to 1668. At the Restoration there must have been greatly increased facilities for the practice of the art of ringing and greater interest in the expansion of its possibilities. It was indeed a period of re-awakening; it saw the new architecture of Wren, the lively drama of Wycherley and Congreve, the music Pelham Humfrey brought from France, and the supreme artistry of Henry Purcell. We may well see "Tintinnalogia" as another product of this great wave of reactionary enthusiasm

SEARCH FOR AUTHOR

The title page of the book tells us that it was printed for Fabian Stedman at his shop in St. Dunstans Churchyard in Fleetstreet, 1668, but it also states that it was written by a "Lover of that ART" For many years, indeed up till less than 30 years ago, it was generally assumed that Stedman was the author of this, the first text book on ringing of which we have any knowledge. But evidence has long been available, though not clearly in view, to show that the writer was Richard Duckworth, an Oxford graduate who took Holy Orders and became Rector of Hartest in Suffolk, Tolland in Somerset, and Steeple Aston in Oxfordshire. At the latter church, we are reminded by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, there is a memorial to Duckworth in the chancel.

It was the patient research of that great human encyclopædia of change-ringing, Jabez Armiger Trollope, that brought a flood of light on the authorship of "Tintinnalogia", and the evidence he offers is astonishing in its breadth and convincing in its authority. Trollope quotes J. T. Smith's "Life of Nollekins' Anthony Wood's "Athenæ Oxonienses' in which Wood states clearly that Duckworth wrote the book, and Thomas Hearne, the Oxford diarist, who repeats the assertion. In addition Trollope succeeded in tracing the career of Richard Duckworth and his probable connection with Fabian Stedman: to round off the matter he compares the style of writing in "Tintinnalogia" with that of "Campanologia" (1677), which was undoubtedly the work of Stedman. One is urged to the conclusion that the two different literary styles indicate two different writers. A consideration of all the circumstances confirms Trollope's view that Stedman provided much of the technical material but that the planning and writing of the book were the work of Duckworth.

"Tintinnalogia" is not, in fact, the first known literature of change-ringing. Mr. Ernest Morris tells us that the Rawlinson MSS. in the Bodleian Library contain an essay by a certain Peter Munday, who about the year 1652 attempted to enlighten his readers in the matter of the ringing of changes and gave some quaint examples of the possibilities of permutation. Some scribbles showing Plain Changes are found on a doorpost at Buxhall Church, near Bury St. Edmunds, and the inscribing of some 4-bell changes appear in the ringing chamber at Moulton in Northamptonshire. Both of these inscriptions are much older than the time of Duckworth. But not until 1668 is there any evidence of an attempt to systematise what was known of the art and to provide a reasoned statement of the principles on which changes were constructed and rung

"MOST INGENIOUS PEAL'

"Tintinnalogia" on its title page claims to present "plain and easie Rules for Ringing all sorts of Plain Changes, together with Directions for Pricking and Ringing all Cross Peals: with a full discovery of the Mystery and Grounds of each Peal." It certainly fulfils its promise. The first half of the work inquires into the ways in which changes are constructed and the basic principles of the Plain Changes. It then proceeds to the Cross Peals (as they were then called) and here we find, among other things, Old Doubles (what we now know as Plain Bob Doubles), Reading Doubles, New Doubles and what Duckworth calls "the best and most ingenious Peal that ever was composed". Grandsire. Here, too, we shall find Plain Bob Minor, known then as Grandsire Bob, and the instructions for producing and ringing the extent.

The halfway Single prescribed has some interest, for it is made by the lying still of the bells in 1-2 and 5-6; the fact that this reverses the tenors for the second half does not appear to cause any concern. It is worthy of note, however, that the whole 720 might, in some towers or with some bands, be considered too much to attempt. So we are told: "Sometimes it happens that one or more of those persons who do ring this Peal may be weary before they have Rang Eighteen-score changes, therefore upon notice being given, the single change may be forborn, and then the bells will in course come round at the end of Eighteen-score changes, making a complete peal." It was perhaps a kindly thought in days when bells must have gone far more heavily than they do today!

We may note, also with interest today, the following: "There are 40,320 several changes on 8 bells, which to ring it is altogether impossible.' The greatest length rung up to Duckworth's time seems to have been 1.680, but it is suggested that the finest musical treat on eight bells was to ring Grandsire Bob on 12357 and let 48 lie behind. One can certainly see its possibilities even if its limitations are considered prohibitive

"Tintinnalogia" is a remarkable book. Its analysis of the principles governing the change-ringing of its time is as masterly as Heywood's treatise on Stedman Triples, and its instructions for practical ringing are as detailed and rewarding as Snowdon's valuable work. Three hundred years have passed since Duckworth wrote, and in those centuries there has been forged an immense chain of text books for our use and pleasure. "Tintinnalogia" set the pattern for many: it is right that we should honour it at this time, and in honouring it pay tribute to the many scholars, historians, mathematicians and teachers who by their great labours have given us such a noble heritage of ringing literature

E. C. S.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS

BALL—KEMP

After a very wet morning the sun made a very welcome appearance for the wedding on October 12th, at East Dereham Parish Church, of Rosemary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Kemp, of Dereham, and John, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Victor G. Ball, of Wickham, Hants.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Elizabeth Kemp (sister), who had flown in from Calgary, Canada, the previous day, and Sally and Melanie Hunt (nieces of the bridegroom)

Ringing both before and after the ceremony was kindly arranged by the local captain, Mr. George Adams.

The reception was held at the Conservative Hall, and ringing guests were Mr. Peter Adcock (Ringing Master, Norwich District, N.D.A.) and Mrs. Adcock, Mr. Alan Sturgess (tower secretary, Fareham), Mr. John H. Hunt (Ringing Master, Portsmouth District) and Mrs. Hunt (sister of the bridegroom).

Following the honeymoon in the Lake District, the newlyweds will be taking up residence in Fareham, Hants. J. H. H.

LOCK—ROWE

The marriage between Mr. Martin Frank Lock, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock, of North Mymms, Herts, and Miss Frances Eileen Rowe, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rowe, of Exeter, took place at the Roman Catholic Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Heavitree, on October 5th.

The service was conducted by Father Staunton, and an address was given by the Rev. Graham Lock (brother of the bridegroom), curate of St. Justus', Rochester.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a long white satin gown and train with a veil and headdress of pearls.

Following a reception at the Exeter Motel the happy couple left for an undisclosed destination.

Martin, who works as a librarian in the University of Exeter, has recently been elected captain of the ringers at Heavitree Parish Church. Among the many wedding presents received were an electric fire from the Heavitree ringers and an electric toaster from the St. Luke's College Guild. K. M. L.

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First rung to Welford on October 19th, 1968.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

In the quarter peal at Pinner the ringer of the third was Mary E. Took and the fourth D. E. R. Knights. (See page 809.)

In the report of the quarter peal at Walsham-le-Willows, Suffolk (page 799) the name of the tenor ringer should be A. Feaver.

It was the father of Mr. E. Barnett, mentioned among those who took the first number of "The Ringing World" on page 804, who was a member of the Central Council. His son is a life member.

The footnote to a peal of Surprise Minor rung at Loders, Dorset (page 794) reads: "Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells." This is incorrect. Mr. W. C. Shute conducted a peal of Plain Bob Minor there on May 8th, 1931.

An unfortunate error occurred in our issue of October 25th. The name of the writer of the excellent article on the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, was Mr. William Cook, the hon. librarian to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E Elliott 1, R. Walker 2, C. Moore (first of Major and Plain Bob) 3, E. Willett 4, J. Aley 5, A. Elliott (first attempt) 6, E. Rochester 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey (25th quarter) 1, Carol Stacey 2 R. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, T. Bowles 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, D. Fox 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

HEIGHINGTON, DURHAM.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Kitching 1, C. Parkinson (first quarter) 2, E. Jackson (cond.) 3, J. Robinson 4, J. Schofield 5, E. Pannall 6. For Patronal Festival, and as a compliment to Rev. Martin J. Ellingsen on his induction as Vicar of High Coniscliffe.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Sept. 5th, at the Bell Foundry, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Marcon 1, Hilary Watson-Walker 2, R. Martin 3, R. N. Scholes 4, R. M. Wilson 5, G. R. Edwards (cond.) 6. First Surprise 2, 3. With compliments to Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson-Walker on their silver wedding.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. Olive Tester 1, C. A. Tester (cond.) 2, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 3, Dorothy E. Groves 4, G. F. Cantrill 5, L. Head 6, A. D. Macfadyen 7, G. E. Evenden 8, P. S. Muchlinski 9, T. Cullingworth 10

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): S. W. Fossey 1, J. Robinson 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, L. W. Jacques (cond.) 4, J. Adcock 5, F. Adcock 6, W. Adcock 7, S. E. Denby 8. For Harvest Festival.

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QUARTER PEALS

SOUTH MILTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Read (first in method) 1, Sylvia Young 2, Helen Julius 3, R. F. Shepperd 4, G. J. L. Read 5, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Quick 1, H. Purchase 2, Mrs. D. M. Bellamy 3, G. Sparks 4, F Casely 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, H. W. Lloyd (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8.

SOUTH NEWINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Butlin 1, W. Ivings 2, O. Hemmings (first quarter) 3, T. King 4, A. Ivings (cond.) 5. To mark the licensing of the Rev. L. A. Rees-Hughes as priest-in-charge of St. Peter-ad-Vincula's, South Newington, by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Lesley Warwick 1, A. J. Hampton 2, D. Brock 3, R. Bettley-Cooke 4, M. B. Tyers 5, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a farewell compliment to Rev. H. Schofield on retirement as rural dean

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. W. Foreman 3, D. Boast 4, O. Claxton 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6, A. Driver 7, S. Flatman 8. For Harvest Festival.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Elizabeth Gibbs 1, J. V. A. Stedman 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. F. Oakshott 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, D. Barnes 6. For Evensong by Leatherhead District, Guildford Guild.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, SOM.—On Oct. 6th, 1,440 Duffield Major: G. W. Massey 1, R. I. Kendrick 2, A. F. Lee 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, J. E. Newman (comp. and cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6, R. L. Coles 7, R. E. J. Baker 8. First of Duffield on the bells, for the Association, and by all the band.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Izzitt 1, Pamela Denney 2, Hilary Aslett 3, P. Aslett (first in two methods "inside") 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. For Harvest Evensong.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Jayne 1, E. Treagus 2, L. D. Duguid 3, Anne M. Stevens 4, W. G. Challen 5, P. Stevens 6, E. Win. Keys (cond.) 7, F. W. Durrant (first quarter) 8. For Harvest Festival.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary C. Gaydon 1, Pamela C. Clarke 2, W. L. Exton 3, T. G. Greasley 4, T. G. Goodwin 5, J. D. Clarke (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

WEST COKER, near Yeovil, SOM.—On Oct. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. H. J. Arscott 1, Marian J Beale 2, A. F. Arscott 3, Brenda M. Bindon 4, J Cornelius 5, L. H. Arscott 6, K. E. Beale 7 R. F. Arscott (cond.) 8. First Major 1 and 2.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Frankland 1, Anne Oakley 2, R. Carter 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. For morning service.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Vicky Bond (first attempt, aged 12) 1, Joan Gray 2, Eileen Waddingham 3, Shirley Wight 4, G. E. Drew (cond.) 5, N. W. Castle 6. Rung to mark the wedding of Miss Eileen Haynes (local ringer) and a birthday compliment to Miss Shirley Wight. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Vicky Bond (first Minor) 1, P. Carey (first Minor and "inside") 2, Shirley Wight 3, N. W. Castle 4, R. Carey 5, Joan Gray (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome missionary correspondent, and for Harvest Festival.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: F. Smallwood 1, Mrs. C. Harbot 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, W. Rawlings 4, V. Bagworth 5, G. Parsons 6, J. Fuston (cond.) 7, R. Overington 8, J. Pladdys 9, E. Peett 10. Arranged as birthday compliments to F. Smallwood (84) and W. Shepherd (85). The attempt on Sept. 8th failed due to broken rope and on that occasion Arthur Warren was assisting.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Cann 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, A. Frost 3, S. G. Peirce 4, D. R. Bould 5, G. E. Mudge (first P.B. as cond.) 6. First Plain Bob 3, 4.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Jolley 1, N. T. E. Burnett 2, J. A. Illingworth 3, R. K. Lister 4, J. E. Andrews 5, P. Higginson (first quarter) 6. Each ringer except 6 conducting two extents each. For Harvest Festival.

WEST MONKTON, SOM.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Old Hudibras and Ready Money Doubles: M. R. Arscott 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. Mills 6. First in variations by all. Rung on the eve of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Arscott.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (nine meth./var.): P. W. West 1, J. C. Parker 2, J. P. Sale 3, D. Robinson 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong and the visit of the president of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles: P. Johnson (first quarter) 1, Gwen Bidgood 2, R. Hall (first as cond.) 3, F. Bailey 4, W. Harford 5, W. Dare 6.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. S. F. Pearce 1, D. Guss 2, Karen Baker 3, C. Hardy 4, Alison Mager 5, M. Mander 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. First quarter 2, 6. Rung by Stratton School Bellringing Society for Foundation Day.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. P. Chapman (first Major) 1, E. W. Bright 2, R. Dorking 3, P. Chapman 4, T. Monk 5, T. Piggott 6, W. S. Butler (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

YEOVIL, SOM.—On Oct. 12th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Foster 1, A. D. Flood 2, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 3, Miss J. Stoy 4, N. Thomson 5, C. M. Foster 6, A. Tubbs 7, N. Summerhayes 8, Rev. R. Fry 9, B. J. Stone 10. With best wishes to Chris Kippin and Heather Walters on their wedding day.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Rotherhithe was the 125th for Mr. Michael J. Uphill.

Mr. Edward Mould, of Thornbury, Glos, on October 12th completed the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques within 17 days of 12 months.

Mrs. Kathleen M. Baldwin rang her 400th peal on October 21st. Of these, 175 have been "in hand."

Mr. B. P. Morris, general secretary of the Derby Diocesan Association, has been appointed postmaster of Hinckley and expects to take up duty there early in November.

According to Mrs. Betsy A. Mountford, the hon. secretary of Brinklow (Warwickshire) bellringers, the peal there on October 20th was the first on the bells for 41 years and the first by a local band. She states it is the second recorded peal on the bells.

Evidence of a live District was forthcoming at the annual meeting of the Rochester District when there were three nominations for the post of secretary and four for Ringing Master. We hope the same keenness for office will be displayed in finding a successor to Mr. P. A. Corby as general secretary.

After being a ringer for 42 years Mr. R. G. Edwards has achieved his first quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Stoke Bishop, Bristol. It was almost a faultless performance.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow's latest, at Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner on October 19th. Visitor to verger: "Have you a reredos here?" Verger: "No, Vicar has private arrangements in the vestry"!

Almost equal to the report of six firsts in a peal is the performance at Brinklow, Warks. Here in a peal of Doubles there were five first peals and the remaining ringer was scoring his first as conductor. Congratulations!

The ringers in Dublin are very pleased to welcome Cyril and Ann Galbraith (with three ringing sons) to Dublin from Limerick and have his eldest son, David (14) to start by calling a quarter peal. They would like to wish them many happy ringing years in Dublin.

Over 200 tickets have been sold for the Ancient Society of College Youths' dinner on November 2nd. We hear the Society has rung another peal of Stedman Cinques—this time at Saffron Walden, conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

90th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS

Today, Friday, November 1st, is the 90th anniversary of the dedication of the ring of 12 bells at St. Paul's Cathedral. Although the north-west tower in which the bells hang was completed in the early years of the 18th century, the tower for a long time contained only one bell, cast in about 1705 and weighing a little over a ton, note E flat. This bell was chimed or rung before services and is still rung for five minutes before all week-day services.

The money to provide the present ring of 12 was given by the Corporation of London, various of the City Livery Companies and Baroness Burdett Coutts, and the bells were cast by John Taylor and Co. at Loughborough to the designs (it is said) of Lord Grimthorpe. At that time their total weight was greater than that of any other ring of bells.

The dedication of the new bells took place after Evensong on All Saints' Day, 1878, and was performed by the Bishop of London in the ringing chamber. An account of the dedication which appeared in the "Daily Chronicle" on November 2nd, 1878, concludes by saying that after the Benediction, "the ringers set to, sounding out a merry peal of clear notes as the clergy and choir, having performed their office, retraced their steps below, leaving Dr. Stainer, the organist, to give his final instructions as to the ringing." Perhaps this statement can be read as confirmation of the story that it was Dr. Stainer who, having heard various methods rung on the bells, decided that Stedman Cinques was the most musical, and ordained that that was what should be rung on Sundays, as has been done ever since.

LONGPARISH RINGERS' RETURN TRIP TO MANCHESTER

Frank Tonge, of Longparish, excelled himself when he got his mini-coach load of ringers out of bed at 4 a.m., departing at 4.30 for another visit to Manchester.

Ringing at Walsall (12) took place on the way up. Alan Ward had kindly arranged the Manchester area towers for us and joined us for the day.

Ringing also took place at St. George's, Stockport (10), Oldham (12), Newhey (8), Moorside (8), Whitefield Stand (8), Prestwich (8) Pendlebury (8), Worsley (10) and Dunham Massey (10).

Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Cambridge Major were rung during the day and the Bob Major to finish on the difficult bells at Dunham Massey made a fitting climax to a most enjoyable day. Thank you, Frank—until the next one. Home was reached at 2.30 a.m. G. D.

PENZANCE BRANCH FESTIVAL

The Penzance Branch of the Truro Guild of Ringers held their Autumn Festival at Zennor on October 26th, when some 70 ringers attended.

During the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. S. Hichens) a course on handbells was rung. The address was given by Canon A. S. Roberts, chairman of the Branch.

Tea was provided by the ladies of the church, for which we thank them. After the business meeting ringing continued. Ringers also visited the towers at Carbis Bay and Towednack.

The Spring Festival was provisionally arranged for April 12th, 1969, at Paul. M.C.

A KENT WEDDING



An archway of bell ropes was erected outside St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Stockbury, Kent, for the wedding of two popular members of the Rochester District on September 14th. They were Mr. Richard James Bushell and Miss Pamela Ann Thomsett, both ringers at Stockbury.

ANOTHER BERKSHIRE OCTAVE

On Sunday, November 10th, two new trebles will be dedicated at St. Agatha's, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, at 6 p.m., by the Bishop of Reading, making a ring of eight. The new bells were cast by the Whitechapel Foundry, as was the ring of six in 1908. One of the bells was a gift to the church by Mr. Jarrett, churchwarden; the other, a donation by the parish and P.C.C., is in memory of Mr. Frank Castell, who for many years was sexton and tower captain.

Mr. B. White was responsible for the construction of a new frame and the hanging of the bells, which is nearly complete. This work has been made possible through the generosity of members of this parish. A. R. D. C.

GUERNSEY BELLS

Two rings of three bells in Guernsey are shortly to receive attention from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd. Unfortunately neither will be hung for ringing.

At St. Martin's, the unusual chime of three bells, which have been permanently "up" for over 100 years, are at last to be lowered and safely rehung on a steel frame; they will be sounded by clock hammers operated from the existing highly interesting chime barrel, an excellent illustrated description of which is given by Mr. Frederick Sharpe in his "Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark." The bells were cast in 1736 by Jean Baptiste Brocard, of Lorraine, France, in place of an older three; the tenor is 36 in. diameter, 8¾ cwt. in G sharp.

The three bells at Castel, cast by Thomas Mears in 1811, and which Mr. Sharpe was unable to visit, are to be rehung "dead" and chimed from an Ellacombe chiming apparatus; they are a heavy set, tenor 42 in. diameter, 12¾ cwt. in F sharp.

"BLASPHEMOUS RINGERS OF YARNTON"

To "The New Advance," the staff journal of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, Mr. A. B. Palmer, manager of the Oxford Branch, contributes an interesting article headed "Our Six Bells." It is the story of St. Bartholomew's Church, Yarnton, near Oxford.

"The bells were the gift of Sir Thomas Spencer about 1610 and the job was so well done that in the ensuing 350 years only one of the six has needed recasting. Because of their size and difficulty of haulage, it is thought that the bells were cast near the church by a group of itinerant bellfounders. The bells were rung from floor level with ropes 60 to 65 feet long.

"Bellfounding in those days was a strenuous affair and we are told the ringers, whilst noted for their prowess with the bells were also celebrated for drinking and swearing. This led an early 19th century Vicar, the Rev. Vaughan Thomas, to have the screen dividing the tower from the south aisle sound-proofed so that the congregation could not hear the blasphemous conversations. He also had a door cut in the tower so the ringers could leave without going through the church and thereby causing offence to the congregation.

"On his death in 1826 Ald. Fletcher left many bequests to the village and in return the parish clerk had to toll the Great Bell 87 times on January 4th every year, the anniversary of the Alderman's death. The six bells of St. Bartholomew's led someone in 1838 at Lincoln College to write a poem, which began: 'Tis winter's eve, the bleak winds blow.' A subsequent verse read:

Then, Yarnton, swell thy joyous sounds,
Thy harmony ne'er stay:
Each peal with solemn truth resounds
And speaks a future day."

2,250 PEALS!

Mr. George E. Fearn, the hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, rang his 2,250th peal at Oakham on September 5th during Tom Lock's tour of Leicestershire.

Now 62 years of age, it was not until he had turned 21 years that he rang his first peal, on Boxing Day, 1928. His first 1,000 peals were completed in September, 1953, and his 2,000th on February 26th, 1965. George was the 19th ringer to reach the 1,000 peal mark.

There is only one ringer who has previously rung over 2,000 peals, the late Ernest Morris, whose total was 2,076, and he died on April 28th, 1962.

Nearest to these are William Pye (1,969), George R. Pye (1,878), F. Bennett (1,600), George Williams (1,508), Alfred H. Pulling (1,492), Isaac G. Shade (1,450), all of whom are no longer with us.

Of those ringing, two have passed 1,300—Edward Jenkins and Jack L. Millhouse—followed by H. E. Audsley (1,275). Under favourable circumstances it will be another eight to ten years before another ringer reaches the 2,000 mark. The youngest ringer to join the 1,000 pealers was Peter Border, who was born in 1932. He has now nearly reached 1,200 peals, and if opportunities present themselves he is likely to end up in the 2,000 peals class.

GEORGE FEARN'S WEEK IN NORTH EAST

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ROKER, Sunderland, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Frank E. Darby	6
John E. Anderson	2	George S. Deas	7
Clifford Skidmore	3	Eric N. Harrison	8
James Crowther	4	Michael Maughan	9
Maurice F. Edwards	5	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, Sunderland, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

George E. Fearn	Treble	George S. Deas	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	James Crowther	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Frank E. Darby	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by M. S Bruce. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BAMBURGH, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Aidan.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in F.

John E. Anderson	Treble	Frank E. Darby	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	George E. Fearn	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At The Watch Tower.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	5
Michael Maughan	2	Maurice F. Edwards	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Frank E. Darby	7
Eric N. Harrison	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

FENHAM, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At the Church of SS. James and Basil.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

George S. Deas	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	Michael Maughan	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Frank E. Darby	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

SCOTSWOOD, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Frank E. Darby	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	George E. Fearn	6
Eric N. Harrison	3	Michael Maughan	7
George S. Deas	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.

George E. Fearn	Treble	Kenneth Lawson	6
Clifford Skidmore	2	George S. Deas	7
Clifford A. Barron	3	Michael Maughan	8
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Eric N. Harrison	9
Maurice F. Edwards	5	Frank E. Darby	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

George E. Fearn	Treble	Kenneth Lawson	7
Frank E. Darby	2	*James Crowther	8
Clifford Skidmore	3	George S. Deas	9
Maurice F. Edwards	4	Michael Maughan	10
Jack L. Millhouse	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
John E. Anderson	6	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Fri., Oct. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	George E. Fearn	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Frank E. Darby	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 4 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	John S. Mason	7
John Chilcott	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Albert M. Tyler	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
Basil Jones	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
Edward P. Duffield	5	Peter Border	11
George W. Pipe	6	Wilfred Williams / Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry.
(Next Guildhall.)
On Fri., October 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Rev. Michael Hart	Treble	Rodney B. Meadows	5
David P. Hilling	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
John D. Rock	3	*Michael P. Moreton	7
Christopher H. Rogers	4	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by R W. Pipe. Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.
* 100th peal for the Society. First peal in the method in the City.

ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,280 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge, 1,184 Bristol, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Peter T. Dale	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	George Francis	6
Richard Hayes	3	D. Paul Smith	7
John A. Howard	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung immediately following the marriage of Christine Ann Morris (local ringer) and Bernard George Pike.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SELWORTHY, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Bob Minor and four of Plain Bob (seven different callings). Tenor 11¾ cwt. in G.

*Sylvia M. Arscott (12)	Treble	Frederick C. Arscott	4
Adrian F. Arscott	2	Leslie H. Arscott	5
Charles H. J. Arscott	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal. A family peal rung to celebrate the golden wedding this day of Mr. Harry Arscott, ringer for the past 60 years, and Mrs. Arscott. Ringers of 3, 5 and the conductor are sons, 4 a brother, and 1 and 2 children of the conductor.

WOOTTON COURTENAY, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., October 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 12 methods—Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', New Bob, Huntspill, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, Minster Bob and Grandsire: 40 variations—Thurlby, Fawley, Little Linford, Little Wyrley, Old Hudibras, Wootton Courtenay, Angersleigh, Thornfalcon, Courage, Oak and Acorn, Cothelstone, Bagborough, Ready Money, Woodhay, Curry Mallet, Barrington, Ruishton, Staplegrove, Flying Scotsman, Shepton Beauchamp, Southrepps, St. Giles, St. Miles, Kennington, St. Albans, St. Paul, Old, St. Columb, Lapley, Shareshill, Heyford, St. John, Ryton, Chilton, Eynsham, Elford, St. Ignatius, St. Leonard, Austrey and Churchill; eight spliced compositions—April Day, Seighford, May Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston, Northrepps and Dedworth. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Brenda M. Bindon	Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Keith E. Beale	5
John Cornelius	3	Mervyn R. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
Most methods/variations to a peal by all.
Rung for the golden wedding this day of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Arscott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6¼ cwt

H. E. George Jeans	Treble	Robert J. Dean	4
Raymond P. Selway	2	Roger J. Fox	5
Derek S. Beaufoy	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
125th peal as conductor.
Rung as a 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Martin.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Sept. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 24 methods: (1) London, Wells, (2) York, Durham, (3) Beighton, Redcar, Pattiswick, Appleby, Terling, Hatfield, (4) Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fyfield, Thorne, (5) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Keston, (6) Primrose. Hexham, Berwick, (7) Norwich. Tenor 6 cwt.

Elizabeth A. Johnston	Treble	F. Charles Hobson	4
Graham K. Smith	2	C. L. Digby Munday	5
Maris C. Stephenson	3	John R. Leary	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Leary.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Mon., July 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods: One extent of Oxford T.B., two of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent T.B., two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.

David Vincent	Treble	Sidney Hough	4
J. Derek Smith	2	Alan Sharples	5
J. Stuart Coutts	3	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Sharples.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby and Alice M. Baldwin, who were married at Nether Alderley on July 27th, 1968; also as a farewell to the conductor before his departure to the U.S.A.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

John R. Scott	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
Harold Worrall	2	John Moore	5
Frank R. Morton	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Percy Stone	Treble	Hubert G. Summers	6
Frank W. Perrens	2	Geoffrey Pratt	7
L. Michael Callow	3	*John W. T. Taylor	8
Ian D. Thompson	4	Ernest J. Gower	9
Hubert E. Ashley	5	Ian F. Garvie	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

John F. Thorne	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Richard J. Danby	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	6
Ian D. Thompson	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Ian C. Maycock	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
First peal in the method.

SOUTHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
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THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Gordon A. Halls	Treble	*Peter Blight	5
E. Frederick Gobey	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Harold Taylor	3	Rev. Frederick Ross	7
Clive A. Thrower	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Mrs. D. A. Davis	Treble	Timothy Wylie	4
Ann M. Smith	2	Graham A. Newman	5
*Christopher Davis	3	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal and first attempt. The ringer of the 4th has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
THORNBURY, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

*Christopher J. Bell	Treble	Derek R. Livsey	5
Frank G. Bloomfield	2	Peter D. Wenham	6
Edward G. Mould	3	Dennis A. Chapman	7
David Huddleston	4	Henry Taysom	Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.
* First peal
Rung to mark the completion of 25 years as Vicar of Thornbury by Canon R. G. Rawstorne, M.A.

STONE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Oct. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Peter J. Bird	Treble	†Peter D. Wenham	4
Henry Taysom	2	*Dennis A. Chapman	5
*Edward G. Mould	3	Stanley Poole	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.
* Has now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. † First peal of Stedman.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5011 ERIN CINQUES
Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp.

*Ian H. Oram	Treble	‡Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
†Margaret E. Oram	2	Frederick J. Cullum	8
†Edward F. P. Bryant	3	†Walter H. Dobbie	9
†Sheila M. Dobbie	4	†D. Paul Smith	10
Herbert E. Audsley	5	†Stanley Jenner	11
†Doris E. Colgate	6	‡Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 600th peal and first of Cinques. † First of Erin Cinques. ‡ First on 12 bells. First on 12 bells as conductor. First of Erin Cinques for the Association.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Simon A. B. Wigg	Treble	Louis Head	6
Mrs. T. Cullingworth	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	7
George E. Evenden	3	Martin L. Howe	8
Alexander Waddington	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
George F. Cantrill	5	Alastair D. Macfadyen	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Louis Head
Rung to mark the conductor's golden wedding anniversary.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	*Maurice Thompson	5
Valerie J. Howard	2	Derek Slater	6
Keith J. Triplow	3	John A. Howard	7
Philip J. Simmonds	4	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Judith M. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

LEYTON, London, E.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Audrey R. Alexander	5
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	†Philip Bosworth	6
Robert C. Woodward	3	Peter G. Holden	7
†Jennifer A. Dunning	4	*John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* 25th peal together. † First of Surprise Major.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*Patricia A. Etchells	Treble	Michael D. Fishwick	6
†Ronald M. Edwards	2	Edward Jenkins	7
Michael J. Platt	3	Derek Butterworth	8
Christopher M. Movley	4	Richard S. Starkie	9
Basil Jones	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal in the method.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., Oct. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*John A. Illingworth	Treble	Joseph Thornley	5
David Bennett	2	Arnold Critchley	6
Neil T. E. Burnett	3	Jack Ashcroft	7
David Makin-Taylor	4	*R. Keith Lister	Tenor

Composed by D. G. Lawson. Conducted by R. Keith Lister.
* 25th peal together.
Rung to celebrate the priesting of the Revs. Trevor N. Howard, of this parish, and William G. Wilson, of St. Margaret's, Hollinwood, and ordination to the diaconate of Albert E. Burles, late of this parish.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Oct. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*John Smith	Treble	Roy Jolley	5
Albert Greenhalgh	2	R. Keith Lister	6
John P. Partington	3	John Illingworth	7
†James Cunliffe	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABERGAVENNY. Mon.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Harold Schofield	Treble	J. Edward Cawser	6
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Rupert A. Clarke	7
Alan Evans	3	*Geoffrey W. Randall	8
E. Alan Jacques	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Peter C. Randall	5	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 200th peal

RATBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Andrew S. Hayden	Treble	*Brian L. Burrows	5
*John Watkins	2	*†Robin A. Gilliver	6
*Tony R. Natt	3	*K. Paul Gilliver	7
†Christopher M. Sturgess	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Gordon A. Halls	Treble	G. Stedman Morris	5
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	Robert B. Smith	6
*Alexander R. Jones	3	Peter J. Staniforth	7
David F. Moore	4	Roy Stephenson	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. (No. 1.) Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Mary Barrass	Treble	*Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
B. Stedman Payne	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Andrew S. Hayden	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	5
*Tony R. Natt	2	John Watkins	6
*Brian L. Burrows	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to John and Lawrence Watkins for their 21st birthday.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIRBY BELLARS, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents in 24 methods—Rev. Union, Rev. St. Julian, Rev. St. Faith, St. Owen Place, Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon Bob, New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Blaisdon, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury Bob, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Huntley, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints; and 120 variations—St. Laud, Wroughton, Susanmead, Kirby Bellars, St. Firmin, Aspley, St. Edburga, Gonerby, St. Kenelm, Simpson, Spindlebury, St. Peter, Stoke Bardolph, Arnold, Sandford, Sulgrave, Iffley, Ardingly, West Hanney, Darwin, Epperstone, Sevalcliffe, Standlake, Rousham, Burton Joyce, Lillingstone, Brightwell, Skillington, St. Merryn, Hadham, Chippingham, Saville, St. Clether, Bradden, Kelmarsh, Tring, St. Samson, Oake, Stowey, Queens Park, Hendred, Radlett, St. Brewood, Ludgershall, St. Albans, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, St. John Evangelist, Elford, Austrey, St. Felix, St. Wenceslas, St. Ignatius, Churchill, Amersham, St. John Divine, St. Jude, St. Laurence, St. Austell, St Stephen, Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, St John Baptist, St Katherine, St Magnus, Kent, Sexagesima, Winchester, Wykeham, Vectis, Quinquagesima, Southampton, Romsey, Hampshire, Ember St. Wilfred, St Oswald, Sussex, Septuagesima, Hinton, Wessex, Lydd, Nether Wallop, Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, Uphill, Mottisfont, St. Nicolas, Hordle, Stoneham, Bishop's Sutton, Lonsdale, Lockerley, Rye, Over Wallop, St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, Ezneih, Shareshill, Ryton, St. Cleer, Omega, Heyford, Chilton, Sarratt, Dummer, St. Mary, St. Crispin, St. Cecelia, Laverstoke, Lapley, St. John, Horsley, Obediah, Old, Kennington, Southrepps, St. Columb.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Peter A. Slight	3
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	4
Owen Homewood	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
Most Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung to the glory of God
Kirby Bellars is Variation No. 76, Gonerby is Variation No. 136, St. Peter's is Variation No. 106.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NASH, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 11 methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Plain and Double Bob, (4) Grandsire, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

David L. Phillips	Treble	Stephen Fenwick	4
Peter S. Bennett	2	Christopher Ricketts	5
Paul A. Williams	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W H. Simon.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb in E.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Charles T. Richards	6
*Geoffrey Bridges	2	Christopher H. Rogers	7
†Alan Flood	3	Timothy G. Pett	8
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	4	David E. Rothera	9
Martyn L. J. Jordan	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.) Conducted by David E. Rothera.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First of Royal. Conductor's 50th peal of Surprise Royal and 25th of Cambridge Royal.
Rung for the thanksgiving of harvest.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Margaret W. Woolley	Treble	*David W. Brunning	6
Verona C. Naylor	2	Alan G. Foster	7
George L. Roobottom	3	Barnabas G. Key	8
William J. Leach	4	John K. Smith	9
Cyril T. Haynes	5	Brian T. H. Dawson	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* 100th peal.
Rung to mark the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. John T. Beech of this parish by the Bishop of Lichfield this day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Roland Beniston	Treble	John K. Smith	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Derek P. Jones	4	E. Frederick Gobey	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

F. George Bailey	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Sheila Parsons	2	Norman W. Attaway	6
Alan G. Fever	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
John A. Underwood	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	James P. Blond	5
*Leonard F. Porter	2	Harry E. Wells	6
Roy H. Jones	3	Robert B. Blond	7
Frank E. Godden	4	William T. Gilks	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal of Stedman.

NEWNTON LONGUEVILLE, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Faith.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

William Birmingham	Treble	*Christopher C. Clarke	5
Alan R. Pink	2	*Frank Reed	6
*Michael Hatchett	3	*George W. Holland	7
*Barry J. Davies	4	Victor Griffin	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method
Arranged as a farewell to the Rev. L. C. and Mrs. Butler and as thankoffering for the former's 21 years of ministry in this parish.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., October 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods—240 Rev. Canterbury, 1,200 Plain Bob and 1,680 Grandsire: and 10 variations—240 each of St. Helen, St. Cross, Ladbrooke, Jacobstowe, Stanton, Middleton Stoney and 120 each of Beckley, Pink's, St. Anne and Longparish. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

Howard Page	Treble	Roy H. Jones	3
Richard D. Bing	2	Noel D. Deam	4
Alec Gammon	Tenor		

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
Rung as wedding compliments to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Deam (married September 7th, 1968) and Mr. and Mrs. Ian Howells (married October 5th, 1968).

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

Patricia E. Hibbert	Treble	John W. T. Hibbert	5
William Hibbert	2	Brian R. White	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	John H. Napper	7
Roger F. Overington	4	Leonard F. Cox	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*Robert L. Tavener	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
†Brian R. Danby	2	John K. Foot	6
†J. Malcolm Tyler	3	Richard J. Danby	7
Barry R. Care	4	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Composed by Patrick I. Chapman. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal. † First of Surprise Major.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels and as a 21st birthday compliment to Pamela M. Major

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Roderick W Pipe	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	John R. Insley	7
James Insley	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WESTBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	*J. Rodney Pagdin	5
Norman G. N. Knee	2	Charles F. Andrews	6
Raymond Baker	3	Laurence E. Hitchins	7
Charles P. Quartley	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

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

WITCHAMPTON, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Mary, Cuthberga and All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

*Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*Ross G. W. Robertson	4
*Roderick A. Bryant	2	‡Graham W. Elmes	5
†Frances J. N. Brown	3	*Timothy F. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal in the method. † First of Treble Bob. ‡ First of Minor in the method.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*M. Cecilia Evans	Treble	†Philip J. Evans	6
Bessie Carter	2	†Frederick G. Beddows	7
Barnabas G. Key	3	Ernest F. Wilcox	8
Frederick Leach	4	Reginald H. Newton	9
*Eric S. White	5	‡Alfred E. G. Owen	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Composed by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal. † 25th peal together ‡ 50th peal.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. E. E. F. Walters, Vicar of this parish, on his retirement

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

STAFFORD.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*Andrew R. Wiggin	Treble	‡Jennifer M. Beech	6
Frederick R. Wiggin	2	Neville Holland	7
†Keith Daniels	3	Richard J. Warrilow	8
‡Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	4	Edward R. Fairbrother	9
Ian Friend	5	Frank Beech	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Beech.
* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First "inside"

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968. in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B., two of St. Clement's Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	*Jeffrey M. Lawrence ..	4
Dorothy Durrant	2	Rev. Brian Redgers ..	5
*Barbara Clift	3	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey.
* First peal "inside."

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 19. 1968. in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

Christine Foster	Treble	†Christopher F. Mew ..	7
Nigel Thomson	2	Kevin Taber	8
*Jeremy R. Pratt	3	Norman Summerhayes ..	9
Juliet S. Stoy	4	Richard C. Stevens ..	10
Elizabeth Timmins	5	A. Patrick Cannon	11
C. Martin Foster	6	Alan E. Bagworth	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal of Stedman. † First on 12 bells.
Rung on the Association's annual dinner day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHARLWOOD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1968. in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CHARLWOOD DELIGHT MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Jennifer A. Smith ..	Treble	Ian Wickens	4
*Charlotte M. Harris ..	2	John A. Howard	5
Roger Osbon	3	David D. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by David D. Smith.
* 25th peal. First peal in the method.

BOSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb.

Patrick M. Wills	Treble	Bryan C. Burrough	4
E. Winifred Keys	2	Robert Wake	5
Michael J. Wake	3	Bernard E. Matthews ..	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Norman J. Smith, inducted to the neighbouring parish of Chilham.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 24. 1968. in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Mrs. J. Thomas	Treble	Ralph Harris	5
Thomas W. Lewis	2	Leonard Mills	6
Royston Grosvenor	3	Reginald Rowe	7
Joseph D. Johnson	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. William J. Newman, ringer, and secretary of the P.C.C., and Miss Julie Need, daughter of the churchwarden

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Oct. 11. 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	*Christopher Lees	5
Peter J. Brown	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
M. Irene Brown	3	Robert Edwards	7
Margaret Swain	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Yorkshire

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 12. 1968. in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Ronald Snack	6
Patricia Lockwood	2	David Nichols	7
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Stuart Armeson	8
Ian North	4	Richard E. Price	9
Ronald Warford	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

(The Beverley and District Society.)
HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Robert H. Jordan	Treble	Roderick R. Horton	5
Maris C. Stephenson ..	2	Ian G. Campbell	6
Ronald Ducker	3	C. L. Digby Munday ..	7
John R. Leary	4	F. Charles Hobson	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Leary.
First peal in the method by all the band.

FAR HEADINGLEY, Leeds, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968. in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Ronald Snack	5
Ian North	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
*Alan Clifton	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung to celebrate the centenary year of the Church of St. Chad, Far Headingley, Yorks.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Oct. 13, 1968. in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5600 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 34 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	5
Richard E. Price	2	Ron Ducker	6
Maris Stephenson	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Neil Donovan	4	John N. D. Chaddock ..	Tenor

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
First peal of Glasgow for all except the ringer of the second.

BARNBY DUN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968. in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston and Capel T.B., (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Cambridge S., (4) Double Court, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

Rev. Nicholas Webb ..	Treble	Alan Clifton	4
*R. Anne Johnson	2	Frank Reed	5
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	3	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in 13 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

ELTHAM, Victoria.—At 47, Viewhill Crescent.
On Tues., Oct. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) London and College, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (6) Single Court, (7) Reverse Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

*Henry Rossell	1-2	Robin Turner (cond.) ..	3-4
*Elizabeth Rossell	5-6		

* First peal "in hand."

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Sun., Oct. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 23 in D sharp.

Frank C. Price	1-2	Robert B. Smith	5-6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8

Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Rung for the birth of a granddaughter to Gerald and Molly Moorhouse earlier the same day.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL, Lancashire.—At 212, Allerton Road.
On Thurs., Oct. 10. 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*H. Lyndon Hatfield	1-2	Bruce Wakefield	3-4
†Keith J. Walpole (cond.) ..	5-6		

* First peal "in hand." † First of Minor and as conductor "in hand."

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.
On Fri., Oct. 11. 1968. in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Margaret D. Woolley	1-2	Roger Baldwin	5-6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3-4	*Vivian Nutton	7-8

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

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3.00– 4.00	St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, City (6) and St. Giles', Cripplegate, City (12).
3.45– 4.45	St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8) & St. Michael's, Cornhill, City (12).
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PRACTICE NIGHT

CHARLWOOD, Surrey.—The ringing practice night at St. Nicholas' is now Wednesday at 7.45 p.m. 5057

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Keynsham (8), Saturday, November 2nd, 6.30 p.m. 5052

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Over on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Grandsire Triples and Superlative. 5067

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Benington (8) on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Harris, The Post Office, Benington, Stevenage.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 5024

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Rickmansworth (10), November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth. Tel. 76755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 5007

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Upholland (6), Saturday, November 2nd, at 3 p.m. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 5045

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Autumn meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, November 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Everyone welcome. 5034

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting to be held at Bratton on Saturday, November 2nd, commencing at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. H. Lawrence, 4, Luccombe Terrace, Bratton, Wilts. 5041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Warnham (8) (not Danehill), on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to me, please.—Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel. E.G. 23815. 5042

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, November 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. —Anne M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 5055

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Joint meeting at Thorne, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Short service 4.15. Tea in Parish Hall 5. Further ringing after business meeting to 8.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moorends, near Doncaster. 5008

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, November 4th, at 7 p.m. 5068

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on November 5th at 8.15 p.m. Business will include nomination of officers and Central Council representatives. Practices: November 5th, St. Paul's Cathedral: November 12th, St. Mary-le-Bow; November 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; November 26th, Southwark Cathedral: all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 5013

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at St. Mary's, Staines, on Wednesday, November 6th, at 7.30 p.m.—M. J. 5065

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6) on Friday evening, November 8th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 5056

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Potton (6) on Saturday, November 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A sincere welcome to everyone.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 5047

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Walkington (6), November 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington, Beverley, by previous Thursday. Don't forget the open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, November 11th. 5063

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Guisborough on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 5064

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, November 9th. Start 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cox, 12, Nilverton Avenue, Sunderland.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, November 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing Redhill (8) from 6.45 p.m. Names for tea to B. E. Jeffrey, 36, Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, by Wednesday, 6th. Tickets for the annual dinner will be available at this meeting and an early application is advisable. 5038

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—A.G.M. at Dagenham (8), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Election of caretaker officers for the new S.W. and Southern Districts. Ringing at Romford (8) after the meeting till 9 p.m. Names for tea early, please, to Dr. John Armstrong, 7, The Cobbles, Brentwood, Essex.—G. R. L. Eve, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5023

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting to be held at Egham on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. J. Knowles, 46, Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, by previous Wednesday. 5037

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Yalding, Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Phippen, 1, Ladybird Cottages, Benover Road, Yalding. —C. A. Tester, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5060

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.— Meeting at Millom on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ullock, 135, Albert Street, Millom, Cumberland. — T. F. Metcalfe. 5070

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, November 9th. Refreshments provided. Names, please, to Mr. K. Stainton, 116, Preston Road, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley. — L. Walmsley. 5046

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Todmorden Unitarian Church (afternoon from 3 p.m.) and Walsden (evening from 6.30 p.m.) on Saturday, November 9th Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 5048

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barkby, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Ringing: Queniborough (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m; Barkby (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. M. Kirk, 12, The Ringway, Queniborough, not later than Wednesday, November 6th. 5050

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch. — Evening meeting at Nocton on November 9th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. — G. R. P. 5016

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Staverton (6) on Saturday, November 9th. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Webb, South View, Staverton, by Monday previous. 5062

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual District meeting at Southwold on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 30, Hotson Road, Southwold, Suffolk, by Wednesday, November 6th.—T. N. J. B. 5053

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Almondbury (8) on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.45 p.m.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch. — Meeting, Hartpury, November 16th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Mitchell, School Crescent, Corse (GL19 3RE) by November 11th. No name, no tea.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch. — Annual general meeting, Woodchester (6), November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester (GL2 6PX) by November 12th. 5059

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Meeting at Willesborough, Saturday, November 16th Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify M. S. Lancefield, 4, Boyes Hall Road, Willesborough, Ashford, by Thursday, November 14th.—A. P. S. B. 5069

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at Cannock on Saturday, November 16th. Please note: Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. until 3, then 3.30 (approx.) until 4.25. Committee meet initially in ringing room 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. D. Baker, 86, Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, Staffs.—C. M. S.. Hon. Sec. 5017

LATE NOTICES

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD
Annual Dinner
The Annual Dinner will be held on **Saturday, November 30th, 1968**
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Preliminary Notice.
ANNUAL DINNER
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Full details later 5088

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 2nd. Pavenham (5) 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., Oakley (5) from 7.45 p.m.—C. M. Payne. 5078

UNIVERSITY OF WALES. — Freshers' meeting at Llanfeigan, November 2nd, 2.30. Also ringing at Bronllys, 3 p.m., and St. Mary's, Brecon, 6.30. Past members welcome.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Meeting at Clowne (6), November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne. 5086

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting to be held at the Church of St. Thomas, Dudley, on Saturday, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Netherton (8) available after meeting. Names for tea to R. Edwards, 4, Silver Avenue, High Acres, Kingswinford, not later than Tuesday, November 5th. 5087

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford (6) and Little Shelford (6), Saturday, November 9th. Further details next week.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley End, November 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 5083

LIVERPOOL ASSOCIATION — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Rainhill, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No evening ringing. Names for tea to Mrs. R. G. Latham, Home Farm, Chapel Lane, Rainhill, by Wednesday.—G. K. A. 5072

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, November 9th, St. Mary's, Lewisham High Street, S.E., 3–4.30; St. John's, Lewisham Way, Deptford, S.E., 6–8. No business. Own tea.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 5080

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Theale, November 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing until 9. Names for tea to B. J. Gatward, Newholme, Crown Lane, Theale, Reading, by November 4th No names, no tea. 5084

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Caine Branch.—Meeting at Heddington (6), November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Hacker, Downs View, Stockley, Calne, Wilts. 5073

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. —Bingham District.—Meeting, Colston Bassett, November 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 5076

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Petworth, Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 4.30. Make own arrangements for tea.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 5085

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Bishopstoke and N. Stoneham, November 9th. Bells available: Bishopstoke (8) 2.30–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, Bishopstoke, 5.15. Meeting follows Bells available North Stoneham (10) 7–9. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Cull, 29, St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants. 5082

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Stisted, November 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Please note change of venue. Names for tea to Mr. S. Saunders, East Street, Coggeshall. 5089

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford Branch.—Haslemere, November 16th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and nomination meeting in Haslemere Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Weatherley, 48, Weysprings, Haslemere, by Wednesday, November 13th. 5090

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to K. R. Davey, Fern Cottage, 12A, The Tenters, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Wednesday. 5079

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—**Nomination Meeting**, Godstone, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Postal nominations accepted up to and including December 21st. Names for tea to A. K. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Oxted, by November 13th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 5077

HALF PEAL

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Sept. 27th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Manns 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, J. Arnall 3, M. Chandler 4, E. D. Wilson 5, K. Tyler (cond.) 6. First half peal of Minor for all except fifth.

ABERDARE, GLAM. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Dabb 1, E. J. Evans 3, D. Evans 4, D. L. Kerley 5, G. E. Kerley 6, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 7, L. R. Scott 8. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. C. Dabb 1, E. J. Evans 2, D. Evans 3, D. L. Kerley 4, G. E. Kerley 5, D. G. Kerley 6, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 7, L. R. Scott 8. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. C. Dabb 1, E. J. Evans (first Major "inside") 2, D. L. Kerley 3, D. Evans 4, D. W. Kerley 5, G. E. Kerley 6, D. G. Kerley 7, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 3, 4, 5, 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Cheesman 1, Judith H. Harvey 2, Rachel E. D. Kistruck 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Susan E. M. Davis 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. R. Jones 1, G. A. Newman 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, Miss H. L. Jones 4, T. A. Palmer 5, A. G. Keen 6, F. J. Read (cond.) 7, J. Cuss 8. For Matins.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Christine Younger 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. D. Barsby 3, P. G. Chambers 4, J. R. Perkins 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS. — At St. Michael's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Balaam 1, Mrs. Esme J. Weaver 2, J. J. Hill 3, Mrs. Margaret G. Taylor 4, R. C. Wilson 5, A. Taylor 6, J. Weaver (cond.) 7, B. G. Freeman 8. For Harvest Festival.

BATH, SOM.—On Sept. 6th, at the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Swatton 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, P. J. Devrell 3, P. J. W. Hardwick (first Stedman Triples) 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8. For Harvest Festival, attended by the Mayor and Corporation.

BATHFORD, SOM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. B. Cannings 1, P. J. Devrell 2, P. J. W. Hardwick 3, B. Sarll 4, A. Swatton (first as cond.) 5, D. C. Hawkins 6. For Harvest Festival.

BELTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Selby 1, Miss J. Arrand (first "inside") 2, D. Arrand 3, S. Selby 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a birthday compliment to Miss J. Arrand.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy (first quarter of Minor) 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Catherine Hardy 3, R. Coughlan 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fisher 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: R. Ducker 1, J. N. D. Chaddock 2, Elizabeth A. Ewan 3, J. Birdsall 4, A. E. Shingles 5, A. T. Taylor 6, J. M. Brook 7, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 8. A farewell to Elizabeth who was leaving for York University. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine Rose 1, Helen Goode (first "inside") 2, Gillian Try 3, Elizabeth A. Ewan 4, L. Daggitt 5, J. M. Brook 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3. For Evensong and for Elizabeth, by a local band.

BILSBORROW, LANCS. — On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Lawson 1, L. Walmsley 2, M. Crossthwaite 3, S. Anderton 4, J. Nelson 5, J. Ascroft 6, J. Nixon 7, C. Crossthwaite 8. Jointly conducted by 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Vicar, the Rev. B. H. Williams.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Dale 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, C. Conway 4, R. Philpott (cond.) 5, D. Grimwood 6. For the dedication festival.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sandra Cunningham 1, M. H. Whittell 2, J. F. W. Hollins 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 5, B. Crouch 6. First quarter 1, 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Abbott 1, Cheryl Lay 2, J. F. W. Hollins (cond.) 3, S. Christian 4, R. J. Southgate 5, M. Bewley 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Clare McNeil (first Triples) 1, B. J. Read (first as cond. at first attempt) 2, J. Riddleston 3, Caroline M. Mackie 4, A. V. Sheppard 5, T. G. Williams 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, M. S. Loveday 8. First Plain Bob Triples 1, 2, 4, 5.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose Church, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Martin 1, S. J. Bateman 2, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 3, J. W. Collard 4, T. Newlands 5, N. A. Dawson 6, D. Rennolds (cond.) 7, H. C. Goss 8. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Goss (first away from cover) 1, S. J. Bateman 2, N. A. Dawson (cond.) 3, J. W. Collard 4, D. J. Hunt 5, T. Newlands 6.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, B. Watts (cond.) 5, W. Beeching 6. For Evensong, and to welcome Rev. J. D. Slyfield to the Romney Marsh Group.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Aug. 18th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Robertson 1, P. Smallwood 2, Mrs. C. Harbot 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Rawlings 6, B. Burrough 7, R. Robertson 8, B. Mathews 9, J. Pladdys 10. Arranged to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Robertson who were on a visit from Dorset.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Erin Triples: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, T. J. Bell 3, F. M. Bowers 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, A. J. Davidson 6, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8. First in the principle by all the band except the conductor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARKS. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Lloyd 1, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 2, J. Evans (first in method) 3, Dorothy E. Beamish 4, J. Draycott 5, H. Harris 6, G. A. Bell 7, L. Trevor 8. To mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Coventry Diocese.

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: N. F. E. Reeve 1, Dr. P. J. Perry 2, Dr. R. J. Johnston 3, Dr. R. G. T. Bennett 4, A. P. Whitehead (cond.) 5, C. H. Ward 6. First in the method in New Zealand and by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a compliment to Sir George Manning, Mayor of Christchurch, on his retirement from office.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Uphill (cond.) 1, Miss M. A. Robinson 2, Miss C. Madge 3, Mrs. D. Bishop 4, A. S. Bishop 5, A. E. Bagworth 6, R. J. Cooles 7, M. R. Burn 8.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Turner (first quarter) 1, Maureen Colley 2, Winifred Elliott 3, G. Bainbridge 4, Jane Foster 5, A. R. Elliott 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, I. R. Panton 8. For the dedication festival.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On July 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Eilbeck 1, F. Richardson 2, Miss V. Bell 3, W. Seward 4, G. Tembey (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to the treble ringer.

COLWALL, HEREFORDS. — On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Pl Bob, Grandsire): R. J. Riches (first attempt) 1, H. Hill 2, J. Ranford 3, J. Ward (cond.) 4, J. Cale 5, E. Price 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Greening, a ringer at this church and Coddington, who was buried this day at Colwall, aged 84 years.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (1, 2 leading): Mrs. C. Eldridge 1, D. Rimmell (first quarter) 2, Mrs. C. Miller (first quarter) 3, E. Eldridge 4, T. Tocock 5, R. Wallis 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, K. Tuck 8. For Harvest Festival.

CROFT, LEICS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Watson 1, Joyce Pickering 2, Jane M. Tooby 3, G. Pickering 4, J. Morris 5, L. Pickering (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. Fred Watson on completing 35 years as verger at Croft. Also a wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. H. Clegg, of Mosely.

CROYDON, SURREY. — On Sept. 29th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,575 Stedman Cinques: R. Davies 1, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. Foster 3, E. W. Razzell 4, Miss E. Timmins 5, K. Game 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, N. S. Brown 8, C. M. Foster 9, K. Taber 10, N. Steere 11, A. J. C. Brown 12. For Evensong, and also as a compliment to the Rev. John Sargent, curate, ordained priest in Canterbury Cathedral this day.

DAMERHAM, HANTS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. G. Coward 1, C. Kimber 2, N. Bush 3, D. Kerly 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, D. Tiller 6. Rung immediately after the wedding of Veronica (daughter of Mr. J. Baverstock, captain of this tower for many years) to Mr. Roger Case.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Bould (cond.) 1, P. Perkins (first "inside") 2, A. L. Bennett 3, A. N. Frost 4, J. C. Michelmore 5, E. J. Cann 6.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At the Church of St. George, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. McGregor 1, J. P. O. Barry 2, D. W. Galbraith 3, P. W. Brown 4, C. J. Reede 5, M. R. Owen 6. Rung as a compliment to Adrian and Hilary Doak on the birth of twin boys.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Norris (first quarter) 1, A. Fleet 2, Ruth Reynolds 3, A. Purdom 4, P. Fox 5, J. Hayes 6, H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, I. Clark 8. For Harvest Festival by the Sunday service band. First by a Sunday service band for eight years.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Reed (first quarter) 1, L. F. Cox 2, A. H. Webb 3, B. Wheeler 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6. J. H. Napper 7, E. Sawyer 8. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wells 1, J. H. Napper (cond.) 2, S. Wells 3, H. L. Bishop 4, L. F. Cox 5, C. J. Garlick 6, G. W. Bishop 7, D. Napper 8. For morning and evening Harvest Thanksgiving services.

EAST MALLING, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Agneta Burton (first quarter) 1, D. Parks 2, S. Taylor 3, S. P. Garner 4, P. K. King 5, S. A. B. Wigg (cond.) 6. A farewell to the treble ringer, leaving for Aberdeen University.

ELLAND, YORKS. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss M. Pollard 2, Miss J. Pollard 3, F. Linfoot 4, P. Birket 5, L. Stilwell 6, H. L. Jones 7, A. Rogers (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Jean and Mary Pollard who are leaving for college.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynda Davey (first Plain Bob) 1, Caroline R. F. Cole 2, Liz C. Duncan 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, I. L. Dear 5, A. J. Slade 6. Conducted alternately by 4, 5 and 6.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On Oct. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, G. G. Salmon (cond.) 2, M. J. Whiteley 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, S. Lucas 5, D. G. Mayell 6, F. J. White 7, J. R. Dunford 8, H. J. Gaylard 9, C. Wainwright 10. First Caters 1, 7. For Harvest Festival.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM. — On Sept. 14th, 1,440 London and Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Baker 1, R. Perry 2, M. Horseman 3, J. Maggs 4, R. Smith 5, A. Perry (cond.) 6. Rung for the local flower festival.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: G. W. Limmer 1, Rosamund M. Brown (first quarter on eight) 2, D. C. Brown 3, W. Birmingham 4, L. Stilwell 5, W. L. Gutteridge 6, G. R. Shedden 7, A. L. Pearson (first Surprise as cond.) 8. Rung in thanksgiving for the Rev. C. W. Warner's 25 years' ministry as Rector.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Edna Kenchington 1, W. J. Foot 2, C. Foot (first "inside") 3, E. H. J. Mussell 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, E. R. G. Sparey 6. A compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Ronald M. Verity, M.A., who is retiring after 14 years as Vicar.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, K. J. Rider 3, Deborah Bishop 4, G. W. Shanks 5, A. J. Hampton 6, A. S. Bishop 7, J. R. Pratt 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, A. J. Taylor 10. For Harvest Festival.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Moorcroft (first quarter) 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, S. Waters 3, G. Bainbridge (first "inside") 4, Jane Foster 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, B. J. Howard 7, L. Ainger 8. A compliment to Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips on his 86th birthday (September 11th).

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob: H. Culpin 1, D. G. Rose 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, R. Fordham 5, A. Feaver (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rev. H. Grayson on his retirement.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. Walters (first quarter) 1, M. Cooper 2, S. Leech 3, R. J. Isgar 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, G. H. Isgar 6. For Harvest Festival.

GRENDON, WARKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. A. Parsons 1, Sandra P. Fairfield 2, Sheila Parsons 3, E. J. Dicken 4, K. G. Parker 5, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 6. First Minor 2, 5. Rung to mark the departure of E. J. Dicken to East Anglia University.

HEIGHINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Kitching 1, C. Parkinson (first quarter) 2, E. Jackson (cond.) 3, J. Robinson 4, A. Schofield 5, E. Parnall 6. For Patronal Festival.

HEMPSTED, GLOS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Clare Taylor 1, Helen Taylor 2, Hilda Taylor 3, I. Taylor 4, E. Taylor (cond.) 5, G. Taylor 6. First mixed doubles 1, 3 and 4.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Preece 1, W. A. Kitson (cond.) 2, F. Whistance 3, H. Johnson 4, S. J. Bowyer 5, D. Wright 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to F. E. J. Reynolds, a member of the local band, whose funeral took place this day.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gail P Horton 1, Gillian F. Gardiner 2, R. H. Sharp 3, K. Gatman 4, R. H. Jordan 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. H. Hewett 1, D. Martin 2, W. Tyson 3, T. Sewell 4, D. A. Bayles 5, M. Poppleston 6, K. Arthur (cond.) 7, S. Dixon (first quarter on eight) 8. Rung for Festal Evensong at the inauguration of the Hexham Festival of Arts.

HINTON ST. GEORGE, SOM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Brenda Binden 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, R. F. Arscott 6. First in method by all. For Harvest Festival, and a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Gillard, tower captain.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Erin Triples: F. G. Richardson 1, C. C. M. Pain 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, J. Fowler 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, P. Sippitts 8. For Matins.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Anne Brumwell (first quarter) 1, C. E. Hill 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

ILTON, SOM.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 St. Peter's Bob Doubles: R. J. Dean 1, A. H. Reed 2, R. A. C. Cross 3, J. Cornelius 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. Welch 6. First in method by all.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX. — On Sept. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Lesley Warwick (first on ten) 1, Carol Blagdon 2, Julia Sanders 3, Kathleen Parr 4, Olive Rogers 5, C. H. Rogers 6, H. Blagdon 7, M. Tyers 8, H. W. Rogers 9, D. Boniface 10.

ISLIP, OXON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge (cond.) 1, E. J. Smith 2, C. P. Turner (first in method) 3, M. Journeaux 4, M. J. Turner 5, P. J. Heritage 6, D. Floyd 7, A. Hicks 8. For children's Harvest Festival service.

KEEVIL, WILTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. White 1, J. Berrett (first quarter) 2, L. Edwins (first quarter) 3, W. Ludlow 4, J. Twiney (cond.) 5, G. Burbidge 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): L. Houghton 1, W. W. Cousins 2, Shelagh R. Collins (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding 6. Rung to mark the 30th weddding anniversary of Mr. L. Houghton.

LANEAST, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. P. Pearce 1, W. C. Boucher 2, A. Locke 3, T. J. Bell 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, J. Rich 6. A compliment to Wilfred Boucher on the marriage of his daughter the previous week.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob): W. White 1, J. Foster (first in more than one method) 2, G. Lucas (cond., 50th quarter) 3, D. Stott (25th quarter) 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, L. Foster 6.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Pl. Bob and Single Oxford Bob): L. Walmsley 1, D. G. Lawson 2, J. Nelson 3, D. Marsden 4, J. Nixon 5, J. E. Sumner 6. Jointly conducted by 2 and 5. A ruby wedding compliment to the parents of the second ringer.

LIVERPOOL, LANCS. — At the Church of St. James, West Derby, on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynda C. Challinor 1, N. P. A. Goulding 2, D. C. Simpson 3, R. G. Latham 4, J. R. Ridley 5, G. K. Austin (first as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to David C. Simpson.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Anne Cooke 1, Felicity Cooke 2, P. A. Williams 3, Mary Pryor 4, N. A. James 5, F. W. Corney 6, J. W. Bull 7, C. Quartley 8, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 9, S. Fenwick 10. Rung to celebrate the official opening of the church school new buildings in Llandaff. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,709 Grandsire Caters: Lynne Parker 1, Felicity Cooke 2, Anne Cooke 3, Judith Ashcroft 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, P. A. Williams 6, S. Fenwick 7, J. W. Bull 8, W. J. Goodfellow 9, C. Ricketts 10. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

MARKSBURY, SOM. — On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): H. J. Coombs 1, J. Maggs 2, A. J. Coombs 3, A. Swatton 4, R. Perry (cond.) 5, N. J. Osmond 6. First in five methods 1, 2 and 6.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Heyes 1, Margaret Aslett 2, Mary Heyes 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, M. Lawrence 5, M. Scowen 6, R. Turner 7, H. Rossell (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Ann Roper and Ian McDonald. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,272 St. Clement's Minor: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, R. Turner 3, G. Heyes 4, M. Scowen 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Margaret Aslett (first on ten) 1, Mary Heyes 2, Dermot Roaf 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, Helen Henderson 5, M. Scowen 6, A. Fisher 7, D. Heyes 8, G. Heyes 9, A. Bolton (cond.) 10.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Goodwin 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford 3, Joan Exeter 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Lorraine Hodges (first quarter) 6. For Matins, and a welcome to Bridget Tracey Leworthy. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Same company, except Ann Bryant on 6. For Harvest Festival,

MISTERTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol A. Hedges 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, J. G. Edgson 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, D. Willis 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, L. Childs 6. For harvest supper.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Nicoll (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, J. Parkin 4, G. Parker (cond.) 5, M. Sinden 6. Rung for Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Sinden (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 4, M. Sinden 5, L. Lawrence 6. For Harvest Evensong.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, LEICS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill Howitt 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, R. Martin 3, A. E. Clayton 4, R. N. Scholes 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6. For the institution and induction of Canon F. D. H. Harris-Evans as Vicar.

NORTH FERRIBY, E. YORKS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gail P. Horton (first Doubles) 1, A. B. Cooper 2, R. R. Horton (first of Doubles as cond.) 3, G. K. Smith 4, R. H. Jordan 5, R. Hawkshaw 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Josephine Trigg 1, A. R. Agg 2, Elizabeth Cranfield (first in method "inside") 3, M. R. Worthington 4, E. Lord 5, P. Cranfield (first in method "inside") 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, W. L. Gates 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Wyatt 1, Christine Birks (first "inside") 2, Linda Cozier 3, T. Smith (cond.) 4, P. Lucas 5, J. Sear 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell compliment to Ian Ross, now at Derby, and best wishes to Carol Cooke, now at Bournemouth. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: G. Scarsborough (first quarter) 1, Sarah Hughes (first Doubles) 2, Cherry Robertson 3, P. Lucas 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, Linda Cozier 6. A compliment to Cherry and David Robertson on their marriage.

OXFORD.—At Magdalen College, on Sept. 28th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: E. G. Moore 1, N. I. Allnatt 2, P. J. Heritage 3, P. Walker 4, J. R. Chaundy 5, A. J. Adams 6, B. R. White (cond.) 7, D. A. Leslie 8, F. A. H. Wilkins 9, N. H. Leslie 10. Rung immediately prior to the installation to office of the new President of the College, Dr. James H. E. Griffiths, M.A., D.Phil.

PEMBROKE. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lingard 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, Nesta M. Rosen 3, J. Prytherch 4, S. P. Rogers 5, A. R. Trickett 6, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 7, I. Russant 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Prudence Pattison on the eve of her departure for London University. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. C. Rogers 1, A. Lingard 2, Betty M. Rogers 3, S. P. Rogers 4, Nesta M. Rosen 5, R. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, I. Russant 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. B. H. Rogers, mother of the conductor, mother-in-law of third ringer and grandmother of ringers of 1 and 4.

PENISTONE, YORKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Moxon 1, Mrs. G. Cater 2, R. Cater 3, Miss P. Lockwood 4, G. Hancock 5, I. North 6, R. G. Corby 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise 2 and 3.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Jacklin 1, P. Heath 2, Yvonne Apsitis 3, J. Wallace 4, W. J. Palmer (cond.) 5, G. Harding 6.

PENSNETT, STAFFS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Walker 1, A. Williams 2, R. Anderson 3, J. Dudley 4, T. Pilsbury (first as cond.) 5, W. Williams 6. First "inside" 2 and 3. First by local band since bells installed. For Harvest Festival.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Carol Stacey 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hatherly 3, Mary White 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Waller 7, B. Walton (cond.) 8.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Barbara Moss 1, Betty Marsh 2, Hilda Slade 3, J. Slade 4, R. Voss 5, D. Cull (first as cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and a wedding compliment to Gerald Cornick (local band) and Valerie Bowman.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Sadler 1, P. Sadler 2, B. Sadler 3, A. Cansdale (first in method as cond.) 4, J. Belcham 5, H. Heath 6, H. Furminger 7, G. Eve 8. For Harvest.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,344 Oxford Bob Major: Janet Hallett 1, G. Sandwell 2, J. Warboys (first Major) 3, F. May 4, B. Sadler 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. A compliment to Liz and Gerald Sandwell on the birth of their third daughter, Marion Theresa; also to Martin Steer on his recent "priesting" at Chelmsford.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 29th, 1,240 Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, S. Flatman (first "inside") 3, A. W. Foreman 4, D. Boast (first as cond.) 5, A. Driver 6. For Harvest Festival.

ST. ERME, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (11 var. of Grandsire): R. P. Pearce 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson 3, T. J. Bell 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Kathryne R. Pearce 6. Non-conducted.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Mander 1, Karen Baker 2, D. Guss 3, C. Blaine 4, Joan Ashten 5, C. Hardy (cond.) 6. First Minor 1 and 3.

SELWORTHY, SOM.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. L. Arscott 1, R. Arscott 2, Carol Arscott 3, A. F. Arscott (cond., aged 15) 4, F. Arscott 5, R. F. Arscott 6. First quarter 2, 3. First for many years for ringer of 1 (aged 74). A family (three generations) quarter for the golden wedding of Harry, on the treble, and Mrs. Arscott this day.

SEVENOAKS, KENT. — On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl E. Leys 1, D. G. Brown 2, P. R. Butler 3, N. Pollock 4, P. A. Butler 5, P. J. Simmonds (first as cond.) 6, A. J. Corby 7, J. Pladdys 8. First Grandsire Triples 3, 5. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. R. Butler (first Major) 1, P. A. Corby 2, P. A. Butler 3, P. J. Simmonds 4, N. Pollock 5, W. J. Manning 6, R. Pankhurst 7, J. Pladdys (cond.) 8. First Surprise "inside" 3, 5. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley A. Leys (first attempt) 1, P. A. Corby 2, Brenda M. Stone 3, Doris E. Colgate 4, W. J. Manning 5, P. J. Simmonds (cond.) 6, R. Pankhurst 7, D. W. Woodcock 8.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): R. T. Irish 1, E. C. Anger 2, P. Anger (cond.) 3, R. Partridge 4, G. Moss 5, J. Moore 6, G. Baxter 7, A. White 8. For the wedding of John Anger and Miss Daphne Sherman at Ashbury the previous day.

SIBBERTOFT, NORTHANTS. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol A. Hedges 1, D. Williams 2, W. C. Budd 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong, and christening of Jonathan, son of 2nd ringer, born Witbank, Transvaal, June 9th.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Verona C. Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, C. W. Bragg 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, V. Green 8, R. J. Cann 9, H. C. Spencer 10. For Evensong on the 748th birthday of St. Alphege's Parish Church, Solihull.

SOUTHGATE, N. — At Christ Church, on Oct. 9th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Trudy Newcombe 1, S. G. Peck 2, Gloria Simpson 3, H. Hazell 4, D. Willcocks (first quarter of Triples "inside") 5, R. Amos 6, T. Hawkins (cond.) 7, W. C. G. Wainwright 8. Rung for a thanksgiving service in connection with a stewardship campaign.

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The Bells of St. Mary's, Eastbourne

THE 14th century masons who "topped out" the massive tower of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bourne, could see the entire village from its 70ft. high battlements, and were no doubt acquainted with every one of the 2,000 inhabitants. Today, an interested eye scans only parts of a modern township, stretching from the miles of triple promenade which is Eastbourne's pride to the estates on the lower slopes of the South Downs. The population has increased to 62,000, with fifteen parishes. But the ancient building remains the civic and Parish Church, and its vicar and wardens are also the Vicar and Churchwardens of Eastbourne.

A Saxon wooden church probably stood on the site of St. Mary's in 1054. In 1160 the chancel as we see it today was built, and fifteen years later the nave of four bays erected. Fourteenth century enlargements consisted of widening the aisles at both sides throughout the length, the last bay of the nave added, and the tower which gives the church its characteristic appearance. The interior of the tower is of local green sandstone, and the lower part is carried up beyond the height of the great west arch, and has a rare barrel-vaulted ceiling, unfortunately obscured by organ pipes. Above is the spacious ringing chamber, reached by a worn spiral stairway, the cloak-room above that, and then the belfry.

Of the bells, nothing definite is known before 1650, but it is a practical certainty that there were four, cast locally, and tuned (if at all) with hammer and cold chisel. The churchwardens' accounts of 1650 indicate that at least some of them were lowered by a "greate Roape" and sent at the cost of 30/- return, probably by ox-drawn waggons, along thirteen miles of muddy tracks to Chiddingly. This farming village was then the site of one of the great Sussex iron foundries, and here the bell-founder John Lulham also carried on his business. It does not seem to have been a very large concern, and only one of his bells remains in the county—at Cliffe, Lewes. Extra metal —"brasse pottes" and pewter—was purchased in various parts of the locality by one of the churchwardens to increase the total weight of the ring.

A CRASH

Lulham himself rode over to Eastbourne, and perhaps lodged at the Lambe Inn, which has kept the church company for 700 years, to see his bells hung. And he was paid "for his dyet and horsemeat 3 daies." The new ring gave no trouble for some time, apart from "nayles and bradds and oyle used about the bells," and the occasional rope; and one assumes that it consisted of six bells, for this is the number mentioned in 1724. On the other hand, John Waylett was working in Sussex in 1715, the very year that the wardens' accounts include £8 paid out for an unspecified task—he may have added a treble, although the price appears low. Some historians suggest that this item of £8 may be connected with the undated story of the fall of the 5th bell when in full swing. More than half a ton of bell-metal is reputed to have burst through two floors, struck the arch of the tower, and sunk into the pavement about a foot, "without the slightest crack or bruise from its precipitate and ponderous descent." (Though damage to the ringers' morale must have been considerable!)

At the beginning of the 19th century there was much repair work done about the church. In 1808 the tower was re-roofed, and in 1818 the bells were again down for recasting. They were to be increased to an octave, but not, it is thought, increased in total weight. They went this time to the Whitechapel Foundry, and as it was to be another 30 years before the railway reached Eastbourne, it is interesting to speculate upon the possibility that the heavy load was transported by sea, via the English Channel and Thames estuary. Five of the bells remain as they then returned from the founders. The tenor is inscribed "The Revd.. Alexander Brodie D.D. Vicar. Thomas Baker, John Noakes Church Wardens. T. Mears of London fecit 1818," and its weight is listed as 15¼ cwt. The 3rd, 5th and 7th were found to require recasting in 1928, and again Mears and Stainbank carried out the work, and in 1966 they overhauled the fittings.

THE FIRST PEAL

There is no record of any peals on the old six, but 71 are known to have been rung on the eight, of which no less than 31 are on pealboards preserved in the ringing chamber. The first on the bells was rung by the Brighton ringers within a few months of the increase, and again the mind dwells upon the question of transport. These gentlemen presumably travelled by horse or horse-drawn waggonette, making a return journey of 50 miles along what we should regard as mere farm track. The board giving the details of this peal has recently been restored by an expert, Mr. R. Hale-Sanders, at the instigation of Canon W. W. S. March, the present vicar. The somewhat murky picture at the top was revealed in all its original glory to present the figure of a Muse, holding a sheet of music and reclining rather uncomfortably on a bell. In the background a bright blue sky with large clouds. The footnote is especially amusing. A literal translation of the Latin gives us: "The crowd hates that which it cannot understand," suggesting that public relations were sometimes not all they should have been. The date of the peal was October 26th, 1818, and on the 150th anniversary (also the occasion of the Sussex County Association Dinner at Eastbourne) an attempt will be made to repeat the calling.

Of the methods favoured for peal-ringing, Grandsire (34 Triples, 1 Major) is predominant, with Stedman Triples numbering 14. Then follow Plain Bob with 8, Double Norwich 4, Kent 2, and various Surprise methods 8. The peak years were the 1880s, otherwise there has been a fair average of one per year since that time, with the usual wartime gaps. Some well-known names appear in the list of conductors—W. H. Fussell, Frank Bennett the Brighton 1,000 pealer, John Sparkes Goldsmith who founded "The Ringing World," T. H. Taffender, A. P. Cannon; and lately F. H. Hicks and A. R. Baldock, newly elected county general secretary.

CONTINUOUS BAND

Save in time of war, the bells have never within living memory been silent. Indeed, the ringing master has frequently in recent times conducted a practice ranging from rounds to Surprise, with over thirty ringers present. But in common with most bands, the maintenance of a scientific team presents a continuous challenge, and rounds and call charges are not unfamiliar to the parishioners. A generation ago a favoured device was to change from rounds straight into Queen's, which was known as the "Old Cross."

An alert P.C.C. sees to it that the flaking stonework on the tower exterior is periodiaclly examined and treated. In the midst of the changing scene, due to redevelopment, the church and tower remain, solid and four-square, giving witness of the unchanging things of life. And the bells regularly add their reminder. H. R.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BROKEN ROPE DEFEATS 150th ANNIVERSARY PEAL

THE BISHOP DINES WITH RINGERS AT EASTBOURNE

A GREAT welcome was extended by the Sussex County Association to its president, the Lord Bishop of Chichester, and Mrs. Roger Wilson at the 83rd anniversary dinner held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on October 26th. The Master (Mr. R. Johnson), who presided, mentioned that this was the first time in nearly ten years that the Bishop's commitments permitted him attending one of the Association's functions.

Like other Guilds and Associations, the Sussex Association now regards its annual dinner as an important date in the calendar. This year the organisers were unable to hold the dinner at Brighton, and Eastbourne was chosen, the date coinciding with the 150th anniversary of the first peal at St. Mary's, Eastbourne.

The organising committee—Mrs. Jean Osbon, Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. T. Barlow—had a most disappointing experience after completing arrangements with the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne. A week before the date it was obvious that support was not forthcoming from certain Divisions of the Association, and serious consideration was given to cancelling the event. A well-known biblical phrase was very apt: "They all with one accord began to make excuses."

However, when confirmation was received that the president and his wife were attending and that the hotel was willing to cater for a greatly reduced number at the original price quoted, it was agreed to carry on with the arrangements. Justification came in the excellent dinner with congratulations to the committee on their choice of menu.

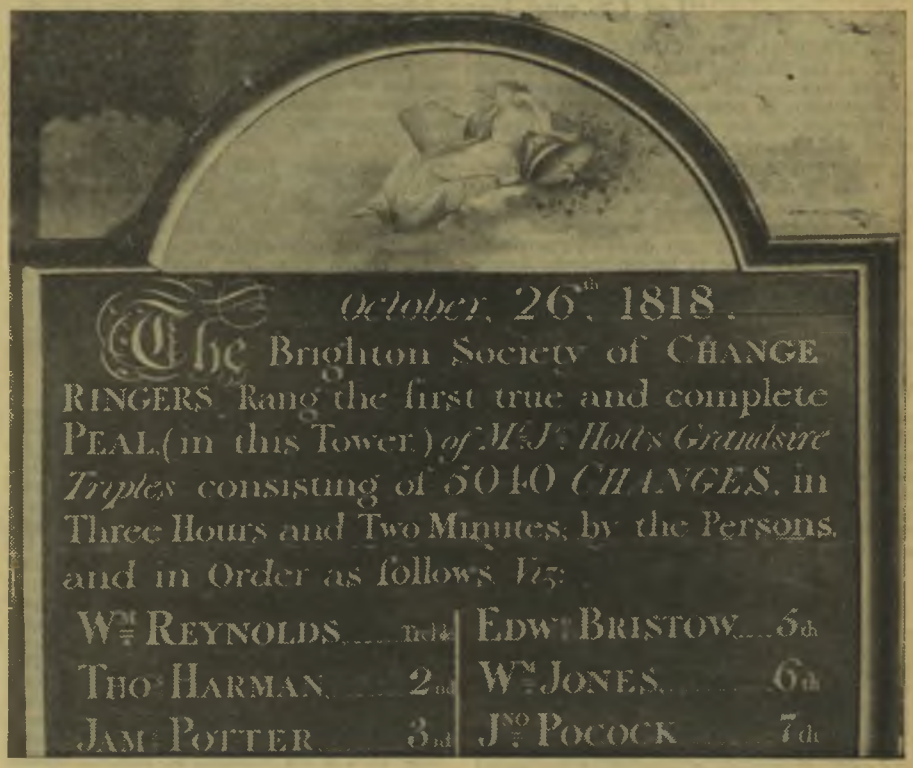
The Master presided over a company of 64 and with him and the president and Mrs. Wilson at the top table were Canon W. March, R.D. and Vicar of Eastbourne, the vice-presidents, Messrs R. Wood and R. Percy, the hon. general secretary and Mrs. A. Baldock, the peal secretary, Mr. J. Norris, Eastern Division secretary and Mrs. G. FitzHugh, Northern District secretary and Mr. R. Osbon, Southern Division secretary Mr. P. Hepburn, Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. T. Barlow (dinner committee). A special welcome was extended to the Rev. P. Newing and Mrs. Newing from Gloucestershire and the hon. librarian, Mr. A. Bond. Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. F. Hairs (hon. life members), Mr. L. Weller (hon. treasurer), Mrs. R. Wood and Mr. J. Hills.

BELLS HIS GUIDE

The president, in proposing the toast of "The Sussex County Association," said he liked to hear good ringing before a service and the five-minute bell gradually dying down to remind people that a service was about to begin. In his travels around the county he often found his way to outlying churches by the sound of the bells.

The Lord Bishop informed the members that he was always pleased to receive a copy of the annual report and read of all the activities of the Association. It gave him much pleasure to see the increasing number of young people learning to ring. In the various parishes he had served as a priest he had been encouraged by the efforts of the ringers to raise money for the maintenance of the bells.

Concluding, Dr. Roger Wilson expressed his thanks to the Association for the invitation extended to his wife and himself to such an enjoyable evening.



The tablet of the first peal in St. Mary's Church, Eastbourne.

[Photo by Ian Rees.

The Master, in his reply, mentioned that this was the first time in nearly ten years that the Bishop had attended one of their functions. Although many invitations had been extended, there were always other engagements that made it impossible for him to attend. He went on to say how happy and pleased all the members were that the Bishop and Mrs. Wilson were able to be with them that evening, and expressed the thanks and best wishes of all concerned and they all honed it would not be so long before they saw him again.

After the dinner, tunes were rung on handbells by the Willingdon ringers, and changes by various members of the Association. Those who did not attend missed meeting and talking to the president and a most enjoyable and successful evening.

MOVE FOR TIDY BELFRIES IN KENT

A proposal before the Ashford District at its annual meeting at Wye on October 19th was a tidy tower competition for 1969. The final details were left to the District officers to arrange.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. B. J. Luck (vice-president) was elected to the chair. All the retiring officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, A. S. Phelips; secretary, A. P. S. Berry; Ringing Master, P. C. Sinden; District representatives, Rev. P. T. Robbins and D. C. Manger.

A progress report was given on the John Willis Memorial Bell, and the inscription on the bell was referred to the District officers.

Mr. R. J. Birch proposed the vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. D. J. Marriott), who conducted the service, and the Wye ringers, who provided a lavish tea for the company of over 80.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Due to the County Music Festival, the annual general meeting of the North-West District, originally planned for the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds, was transferred to Mildenhall (10), where the ringing included Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Superlative Major, Bob Royal and Major and rounds. Mr. C. N. Stannard acted as Ringing Master during the absence of John Underwood on Guild business.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. F. G. Borsley) conducted the service, and 50 members sat down to a fine tea. At the business meeting, with Mr. Cyril Hancock in the chair, the committee and officials were re-elected with the addition of Mr. A. G. Feaver. They are as follows: Chairman, Mr. Hancock; secretary, Mr. A. Ballam; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Underwood; committee, Messrs. L. Wright, R. Rose and N. G. Feaver. Ten new members were elected to the Guild, making a total membership of 60.

A. G. F.

OVERSEAS NEWS

ACTIVITIES AT BENDIGO

During October there were two ringers' weddings at Bendigo, Victoria. On October 12th Anthony Stephens, who learned to handle in England, was married to June Portway, and on October 26th Kathie Paxton, who visited England in 1966, was married to Alan Taylor.

The centenary of the dedication of St. Paul's Church, Bendigo, takes place on November 12th, and the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Frank Woods, will be preaching at the Sung Eucharist. Special celebrations planned include a centenary ball, special services, a music festival and, of course, bellringing. Visitors from Melbourne and Ballarat are expected.

LEICESTER GUILD DINNER

ADVICE TO OLD BOYS ON CENTRAL COUNCIL

"Let Go and Earn Much Respect"

PRINCIPAL guest at the Leicester Diocesan Guild's annual dinner on September 28th at the Stamford Hall, Leicester University, was Mr. Vernon Bottomley, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council and president of the Yorkshire Association. Mr. Bottomley, in proposing the toast of "The Leicester Diocesan Guild," made a special reference to the article in "The Ringing World" from Mr. Douglas May, a member of the Central Council.

"The article," said Mr. Bottomley, "contained many good points relevant to 'Old Boys' clinging to jobs when they ought to retire. There are, however, two sides to the problem. If a voluntary worker has been in office for many years he still likes to hold on to the honour and glory of that position and it often hurts very much when he is 'put down.' The remedy lies with the individual concerned to make up his own mind to let go, thereby earning much respect from the members."

The president (Mrs. P. J. Staniforth) presided over a company of 156, and the menu of the enjoyable meal was melon, roast duck, pear Helene, cheese and biscuits. Mr. B. G. Warwick was toastmaster.

In proposing the toast of "The Guild," Mr. Bottomley said he thought it was a pity that their president did not go to Washington with Mr. P. J. Staniforth and the other English ringers for the dedication of the Cathedral bells, as he felt that when a married couple rang together there were fewer trips, because each tried hard not to make a mistake.

AVOID CONTROVERSIES

Speaking on the question of sound control, he said: "More people today are becoming conscious of their 'rights' and ringers must not get involved in controversies in the Press. They must accept that it is better to control sound than to argue about it. The Central Council publication 'The Preservation of Towers, etc.,' is a book well worth reading, and tells of methods of controlling the sound of their bells."

The reply was by the president, who congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley on the work they were doing in the Yorkshire Association. In her general welcome Mrs. Staniforth particularly mentioned Mr. W. A. Wood and Mr. A. E. Rowley, secretary and treasurer respectively of the Guild in 1946, Mr. J. A. Acres, who now lives at Chigwell and was peal secretary and still helps Mr. R. H. Cook in this work, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, trustee of the Guild, who at the end of October was to retire and take up a new venture in Devon.

BINDING PUBLICATIONS

Calling attention to the work of Mr. J. Bramley, the newly-appointed librarian, the president said the newly-bound copies of "The Bell News" and "The Ringing World" were looking in excellent shape in their new bookcase in St. Margaret's belfry. She commended the raffle being promoted to meet the cost of binding, and invited members and towers to make donations to this cause.

Mrs. Staniforth reiterated Mr. Bottomley's comments on the importance of sound control, and quoted the Bishop of Leicester as saying: "Bells are the voices of the Church." This was a well-established hobby and ringers must keep it that way. The age range of fellowship in ringing was exempified by the oldest member present being Mr. T. Briggs, of Somerby, now 90, and the youngest R. Day, of Melton Mowbray, now 13.

She concluded with thanks to her officers and the dinner committee and regretted that Miss Judy Cox, a member of the dinner committee, had been admitted to hospital that afternoon, suspected of being a victim of food poisoning.

A half-course of Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells followed, the ringers being Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Staniforth, Messrs. J. M. Jelley, A. Ballard and R. B. Smith.

GUESTS OF NOTE

The first life ringing member of the Guild, Mr. John A. Acres, proposed "The Visitors." He extended a sincere welcome to all guests, and mentioned in particular the Precentor of Leicester Cathedral (Rev. D. Buxton) and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Morris (Lyme Regis), Mr. and Mrs. G. Halls (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. A. Schofield (Cambridge), Mr. N. Bennett (conductor of the 40-Spliced Surprise Maximus) and Miss C. Hardman, Mr. D. Tovell (who had brought him to Leicester), Mr. R. B. Smith (conductor of the extent of Plain Bob Major in 1963, when he (Mr. Acres) had been proud to be an umpire) and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. L. Groves and last, but by no means least, Mr. J. Bray (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and his wife.

Mr. Acres then congratulated Mr. A. Ballard on ringing his 100th handbell peal of Surprise, and said he hoped it would not be too long before his 1,000th peal was published.

Mr. Jack Bray, who replied, brought greetings from the Lincoln Guild and added that the Lincoln annual general meeting was never complete without some Leicester members being present. In many ways, he continued, Yorkshire was the tops. In Lincolnshire there was nothing like the football teams in Yorkshire—there being only three teams in the League, and all those in Division Four, no first-class cricket team, but if there was a ringers' league, Lincolnshire might well be in the First Division, and Leicester might well be at the top.

The Leicester Guild had a dinner every year; in Lincolnshire there was only one every five years, and next year, 1969, was the year. He asked that many Leicester ringers attend, although the date had not yet been fixed.

Mr. B. G. Warwick concluded the speeches by saying how pleased he was to see Mr. J. H. Cook present, as he had recently fallen into a newly-dug grave, whilst going for a ring, and fractured an arm. The gathering joined in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Towards the end of the evening, after dancing and games, the raffle prize was drawn for. Proceeds amounted to £14 2s. 6d.

DEDICATION

TWO NEW TREBLES AT ST. MARGARET'S, APSLEY

NOTTINGHAM has a new ring of eight at St. Margaret's Church, Apsley, brought about by the addition of two light trebles. These are the treble of 2 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. called "Little Meg," the gift of St. Margaret's ringers and friends, and the second of 3 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. inscribed "In cherished memory of Willie Cook, 17th July, 1967. A devoted and beloved father, and husband of the late Mary Jane Cook. Given by his family. 'In Heavenly Love Abide.'"

The whole octave was cast by Messrs. John Taylor, the original six in the silver jubilee year of St. Margaret's Church in 1959. The tenor of 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. was the gift of Messrs. John Player and Sons.

The dedication ceremony was performed by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, at Evensong on October 20th in the presence of a large congregation. The Vicar (the Rev. Gordon Blacktop) conducted the service and the lesson was read by the Ringing Master (Mr. Horace Seagrave).

At the dedication the ropes were handed to Canon Thurlow by Mr. W. E. B. Cook and Mr. Paul L. Taylor. Handing them to the Vicar, the Canon said: "Receive these bells that have now been hallowed and solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed to thee as the approved minister of Christ in this church and take care that they be used for God's service and for His glory."

PERSONAL RELATIONS

In his address the Canon said these bells came from the glad working together of people and this was the greatest thing there was. The bells told of authority expressed in service. Most of today's miseries were due to breakdown of relationship between people. There was no way of recovery but through Christ, for His Gospel was the only cement which could unite people together.

"A church is a kind of laboratory showing how world personal relationships can work, and in a church the ringing room can show what can be achieved by people working gladly together.

"This is something of deep importance. You could have had a gramophone record instead of real bells. It would have been cheaper. There would be no risk of breakdown in personal relationships, for there would have been no people. But there would have been no human achievement either! Your belfry would have been like a dead world.

"No, what really matters in the universe is life. The greatest thing life can achieve is glad working together. This is why man is the crown of creation, for only in man can be achieved that towards which the ages of evolution had been working. Here we have it in a tower which houses living people . . . .

"Christ invites all men into His Church. But once in the Church He commands us all to go out and serve. This is what the sound of the bells is for. True, they are the voice of Christ, inviting all men into the Christian community. But they are also the voice which goes out to every place and every person within earshot; they represent the ideal that the Church is a community whose members go out to serve."

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Ferneley (first quarter) 1, J. Nelson 2, L. Walmsley 3, D. L. Marsden 4, G. J. Mee 5, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. W. Stevens 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, R. Martin 3, Mary E. Edwards 4, J. Saddington 5, J. Lacey 6, H. W. Myatt 7, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 8. Rung for Hospital Thanksgiving Evensong, in the Octave of St. Luke.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association's Third Annual Dinner

THE third annual dinner of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on October 19th at the Caveman Restaurant, Cheddar. A company of 183 sat down to an excellent five-course dinner, prior to which Cheddar bells had been available.

At the top table were the Master (the Rev. H. F. Warren) and Mrs. Warren, Bishop D. J. Wilson of Wells, the Ven A. Hopley (Archdeacon of Bath), Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mrs. Felstead, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, Mr. J. H. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. E. Naylor, Messrs. J. Brain and H. Sanger.

Following the loyal toast Mr. John Brain proposed the toast of "The Church and Clergy." He spoke of the debt of gratitude which ringers owed to the Church and the clergy and, illustrating his theme, asked the company to imagine what reaction a village cricket team might get if they wrote to the M.C.C. requesting permission to play a match at Lords. On the other hand, any team of ringers on a visit to Kent might well be allowed to ring the bells at Canterbury Cathedral. Mr. Brain urged that the least ringers could do in return for the pleasure they got from peals, quarters and outings was to ring regularly and faithfully for Sunday services.

Bishop Wilson, in reply, thanked Mr Brain and remarked how young they all looked! He spoke of the acute problems of some dioceses in keeping churches open in the face of dwindling congregations and in some cases churches and their towers might have to be demolished. On a brighter note, we heard that the bell for Trinidad, for which members subscribed, had been crated and was ready for immediate despatch.

34 MAIDEN TOWERS

The toast of "The Diocesan Association" was proposed by Canon K. W. H. Felstead. He said Somerset was famed for its bells—both in number (326) and weight, and only 34 of these had not been pealed (mostly fives). However, the Canon did not think we rang enough peals, as only one tower, Twerton, had passed the 100 mark. He noted with mock concern the home tower of the Master with only five peals!

In replying, the general secretary referred to the fact that the Bath and Wells was the largest territorial Association, with almost 2,000 members. Quoting from old records he demonstrated that Branch officers of 50 years ago had problems very similar to those of current concern, including (to the amusement of the assembled company) that of getting the annual report out before the annual meeting!

Mr. Gilbert drew attention to the latest issue of "The Ringing World" and the "Square Deal for Learners" mentioned therein, which he thought worthy of serious attention. He regretted that the Association had not been consulted over the plan to install tape-recorded bells at Christ Church, Clevedon.

LOOKING BACK 1,000 YEARS

The Rev. C. J. B. Marshall proposed the toast of "The Guests and Visitors" in characteristic style. He read extracts taken from his local paper, written 100 years ago, relating to the drinking habits of the ringers at that time. He advised incumbents to follow his own example and entertain their ringers themselves on New Year's Eve! He welcomed the guests at the top table and Mr. and Mrs. M. Hancock, Mr. M. Hancock, Miss S. Tudor and Miss G Brearley. Mrs. Bette Parfrey, in her role of president of the Ladies Guild, also received special mention. The Archdeacon of Bath replied briefly and wittily, concluding with an anecdote about a gentleman at a Japanese dinner!

To conclude a very pleasant evening, "The Scrumpy Chorale" were billed to entertain with a few songs. Modesty prevents me from making any further comment on this except to thank Messrs. Gilbert and Yeo for their efforts in arranging music and lyrics, and those male members of the Chew and Axbridge Branches who appeared as Bill Brewer, Jan Stewer, Peter Gurney, etc., etc.

M. O. H.

OSWY STREET CUP 1968

Four teams entered for the 1968 Oswy Street contest at St. Swithun's, East Retford, on October 19th. Ringing began shortly after 3 o'clock and continued until a quarter to five, when refreshments were served in the Ebsworth Hall.

Harold Chant, of Wakefield, who judged the competition, commented on the high standard. The new East Retford bells, he said, sounded fine, but with a tenor turning the scales at 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. were far heavier than usual for an exercise of this sort, and provided an exceptionally searching test of ability. He was frequently called upon to judge contests, not only for the Southwell Diocesan Guild but for other Societies, and was very satisfied with the rules employed for the Oswy Street Cup on account of their simplicity and omission of penalty faults of any kind.

The first competitors, Warsop, rang a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. Though not perfect, their "striking" improved steadily, apart from one slight trip, and they were marked 58 faults.

The local team, East Retford, rang second with 360 Plain Bob and, although showing great tenacity, never settled into a steady rhythm, but did better towards the finish—123 faults.

Whatton followed with an interesting 360 Single Oxford designed to limit the number of dodges made by the two heaviest bells, and after an uncertain start rang well—83 faults.

Wollaton, the winners of the Diocesan contest held at Orston last month, rang last with an extent of Plain Bob with the tenors in course; very good in places—74 faults.

Mr. Benjamin Street presented the cup to Herbert T Rooke, captain of the Warsop team, and congratulated them on their achievement. Replying, Mr Rooke thanked Mr. Street on behalf of his band and added his appreciation of the ringing of the other teams, especially that of East Retford, who had the least experience of those taking part.

A collection for the Diocesan Bell Repair Fund realised £2. Further ringing then took place on all ten bells The 1969 contest will take place on the third Saturday in October at a tower to be decided later.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Branch Honours Vicar's First Anniversary

On October 12th, 1967, the Rev. Gwyn Lewis was inducted to the living of St. Tewdric, Mathern. Exactly one year later, on October 12th, 1968, the Monmouth Branch held a very happy meeting at Mathern, an anniversary celebration which gave the Vicar and Mrs. Lewis much enjoyment and delight.

The bells were ringing almost all day—by a visiting band during the morning, by members of the Branch and friends from Malvern and Mitcheldean during the afternoon, and finally were joined by visitors from Bristol during the evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. Ivor Richards, Rural Dean of Raglan, read the lesson. Mr. Harris kindly played the organ.

Mrs. Lewis and her helpers had prepared an excellent tea in the Village Hall, and these kind ladies were thanked by Mr. Roger Shea.

At the short business meeting two new members were elected—Mr. Mark Esbester, of St. Woolos, and little Nicola Paton, of Mitcheldean.

A special welcome was extended by the Vicar to all the visitors and also to Canon Oliver Davies, Vicar of Nash, who had had a very long and close connection with bells and bellringers' meetings.

The Master, Mr. Richard Stewart, thanked the Rev Gwyn Lewis for his interest and warm welcome, and in reply the Vicar expressed his enjoyment of the meeting and said: "This is the first church I have had with bells and I intend to make the most of them!"

J. S. K.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR SHEPPARD

Mr. Arthur Sheppard, ringer at Sandiacre, Derbyshire, for over 30 years, died on Thursday, September 19th, aged 52, after a long and painful illness. Bereaved are his wife, Eva, and daughters Jennifer and Rosemary, who also are bellringers.

The interment took place on September 23rd at Sandiacre, where the bells were rung half-muffled by ringers from Sandiacre and Stanton-by-Dale Half-muffled ringing on Sunday at Sandiacre, Long Eaton and Sawley showed the respect of all ringers in the district.

Arthur will be remembered best in the Ilkeston district, not as an ambitious method ringer but as an extremely accurate and reliable treble man who was quite happy to stand in for peals of Minor. His peal total for the Derby Association, of which he was a founder member, was 21, but in addition he had rung a few peals for the old Midland County Association.

He will be long remembered by the ringers of Sandiacre and the Ilkeston District and missed by his church, which he served faithfully for several years as Vicar's warden during difficult times and also whilst he was ill.

D. R. C.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS. — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathryn Jones (first Triples) 1, Mrs. R. Jones 2, R. F. Jones 3, L. Hawkin 4, E. C. Shepherd 4, E. Norris 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, G. Read 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 8 from Longbridge Deverill, ringers of 4, 5, 6 and 7 from Warminster. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. A. Avery, former tower captain, on the eve of his funeral.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District A.G.M.

Over 100 members attended the Rochester District's annual meeting held on October 19th at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. after a wedding and proceeded until 4.30 p.m., when the service was taken by the Rev. Stanley Evans, a well-known clerical ringer.

After tea a lengthy but lively business meeting ensued. Mr. T. Barton, the District secretary, presented his report on the past year's activities. The elections of District officials proved interesting, there being three candidates for the post of secretary and four for the post of Ringing Master. As a result of elections Mr. T. Barton, of Tunstall, was re-elected as secretary, a popular decision, and Messrs. Laurie Mitchell, of Newington, and David Leworthy, of Minster-in-Sheppey, were elected as joint Ringing Masters for the next 12 months. District representatives Trevor Cross and Cyril Jarrett were re-elected and "The Ringing World" representative, Laurie Mitchell, was also re-elected.

A discussion then took place on the draft rules for the striking contest and these were accepted by the meeting. Laurie Mitchell announced his intention of running a day trip to Loughborough Bell Foundry in April, 1969, and a week's ringing holiday in Devon and Cornwall in 1970

After the meeting closed many ringers made a return to the belfry until 9 p.m. Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Yorkshire and Superlative and, of course, rounds and call changes.

L. M.

Letters

OLD AND NEW CALENDAR

Dear Sir, — The answer to "Cheshire Delight's" questions in his article on "The First issue of 'The Bell News'" about the old New Year's Day celebration at Redenhall, Norfolk, in 1881, would seem to be that it was connected with "Give us back our eleven days"—though in an odd way In 1752, changes were made in the calendar to bring England into line with that part of the Christian world which had in 1582 adopted the Gregorian calendar. The day that would have been September 3rd in 1752 was made the 14th; but as, in addition, the year was from the beginning of 1752 made to start on January 1st instead of March 25th, as hitherto, it was eccentric of the Redenhall ringers to muddle the old and new styles and celebrate old New Year's Day in January.

After more than 200 years, Norfolk's attachment to the old-style calendar still persists, for in this county Michaelmas agricultural tenancies begin, not on September 29th, but on October 11th (old Michaelmas Day), and, of course, the Inland Revenue authorities use April 6th (old New Year's Day plus the number of days dropped in 1752) as the beginning of their year for Income Tax assessment. — Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Norwich.

READING PRACTICE NIGHTS

Dear Sir,—Why is it that in Reading, a thickly populated town, there are three eights practising on a Tuesday evening? If ringing was spread over the week it might be arranged to help St. Giles'.

I am nearly 80 and recovering from a serious operation last June. Whilst I am afraid I shall never ring again, I do want to hear the lovely eight in my own parish struck well So, ringers of Reading, be matey. Ring the changes on other evenings.—Yours faithfully,

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading.

Note.—We regret to report that the writer has since died.—Ed.

OVERSEAS APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—I would like to express my appreciation to the Editor and staff of "The Ringing World" for the splendid service they give. Here, with only two posts a week, my "Ringing World" still arrives on the day of publication—Friday.

The covers do much to remind me of the beautiful churches we are fortunate to have in the United Kingdom, not as we have here, a bar or library closed for an hour every five or six weeks when we are visited by the Padre.

Of late, Messrs. Blagrove and Co. have been kind in keeping boredom away with their letters, but I'm afraid my cross-reference has let me down again, and I still cannot find any publication of the record peal (or is it progressive length?) of the 13,140 Pudsey (Cam variation). Perhaps we need a supplement to "The Ringing World" Index devoted to letters.

The peal reports and reports of outings give much scope to my vivid imagination, and I seriously thank all contributors to "The Ringing World" for a weekly paper that is well worth a shilling and the air mail postage. — Yours faithfully,

RICHARD F. PRIME.

R.A.F. Salalah, G.F.P.O. 66.

TAPE RECORDING AT CLEVEDON

Dear Sir,—Having read the letters from Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Gilbert concerning the installation of apparatus in the tower of Christ Church, Clevedon, which will reproduce the sound of church bells from a tape-recording, I feel that there are one or two points arising from those letters which should be clarified.

To start at the beginning, I was asked by a reporter from a local newspaper to give my personal views on the action of the Consistory Court in granting permission for this apparatus to be used. This was the first intimation that I had received that an application for permission had been made, and that the Court had granted that permission. Knowing from past experience how one's personal opinions can so easily be misrepresented by the Press, I took what I thought would be a precaution against this by asking the reporter to read back to me what I had said, and I received the assurance that this would be reported in full. In my statement, I made it quite clear that, as a ringer, I would prefer to hear the sound of church bells, rung properly by a band of local ringers, and I expressed the hope that any such apparatus would be used only as a temporary measure until such time as a ring of bells could be installed and a band trained to ring them. However, this part of my statement, which came right at the beginning, was not published in the account which appeared in the newspaper.

In the course of my interview with the reporter I took great care to make it clear that I was giving my own reaction to the news, and that for an authoritative statement of Association policy the reporter should get in touch at once with either the Master, the Rev H. F. Warren, or the present general secretary, Mr. Gilbert: I supplied the reporter with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of these officers of the Association and I was told that they would be asked to give their reactions. I share Mr. Gilbert's expressed regret that this was not done.

Christ Church, Clevedon, has a tower which, I am told, could support a light ring of bells, and I know it to be the hope of the present Vicar, the Rev. Michael Rees, that one day such a ring will be installed. However, this comparatively small parish has just raised the sum of £7,500 for the repair of the fabric and organ, and it now faces the task of raising a further £12,000 for necessary extensions to the present church buildings. In addition, this congregation gives very generously indeed to the needs of the Church abroad and at home. Clearly the parishioners already have a great and demanding task ahead of them.

Mr. Rees has taken care to see to it that the recording used will be a suitable one, and he has approached the incumbent of a church which has a light ring of eight bells, and the necessary permission to record these bells has been granted, with the knowledge and approval of the Parochial Church Council as well, and with the ready co-operation of the ringers concerned.

The question of precedent arises in Mr. Hawkins' letter, and I am sure that he and others who are anxious about this installation will be glad to know that the Chancellor, in giving judgment, made it clear that his action did not create a precedent in the normally accepted sense of that term, and that each application has to be treated on its own merits.

Finally, Mr. Gilbert reminds us that "the sexton of 'Clochemerle' rang the single bell there with great virtuosity." I am sure that he did, and no doubt he enjoyed his ringing; I am equally sure that I would not have done, and I end by quoting another authority in this matter, the Rev. Percy Dearmer, who says, on page 71 of "The Parson's Handbook," "no single bell, or couple of bells, should be rung for more than a minute or so at the time: even three minutes is too long."—Yours faithfully,

ROGER O. Fry (Rev.).

Portishead.

MINOR NAMES: LATEST ALLOCATIONS

Dear Sir,—I had been waiting to see whether there would be any comment on Messrs. Jones' and Richards' letters about the naming of Minor methods (page 786), but in vain. This is a little surprising, for both gentlemen, in claiming that the first band to include a new Minor method in a 5,000 has the right to name it, have apparently confused Minor with Triples and methods on higher numbers.

In the case of Triples, etc., this claim is undoubtedly true. However, in the case of Minor the right to name a new method has always been the prerogative of the band that first rings it to an **extent**. Most of the Surprise methods in the C.C. Collection, for example, were named in this way. If however no extent has previously been rung, then, naturally, the band that first includes the method in a peal has every right to give it a name. This convention was finally endorsed by the C.C. Methods Nomenclature Committee in the 1920's; the only exceptions have occurred when the Council authorised the committees responsible for the 1931 and subsequent collections of Minor methods to allocate names to methods which were to be included in their books but had not already been rung and named.

Following this convention, the correct name for

—34—14—12—36—14—1 2nds

is Rampton Surprise, since it was under this name that a 720 was rung at Rampton, Notts, on July 20th, a fortnight before the peal at Warsop. Similarly, the correct name for

—36—14—12—36—14—3 2nds

should not be Keston Surprise, but King Edward Surprise; and for

34—36.14—12—36.12—34.5 2nds

not Ingatestone Surprise but Chester-le-Street Surprise. King Edward was rung as such in a peal at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, on November 19th, 1927, and a 720 of Chester le-Street was rung at Felkirk, Yorkshire, during 1929.

Whilst on this subject, those who have plans to ring and name some of the remaining unnamed Minor methods may like to note that a 720 of

36—34.16—12—36—14—1 2nds

was rung at Askerswell, Dorset, on September 2nd this year, and was named Bradpole Delight.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Letters—continued

R. B. SMITH CONCLUDES DOUBLES DEBATE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove continues to wade deeper into the mire by now dragging in the 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major conducted by Neil Bennett. Mr. Bennett informed me of the attempt (as conductor of the previous long peal of Yorkshire) and I would also imagine that the secretary of the Lancashire Association was also made well aware of the attempt (although the new record was rung for them also). This brings in another point on which I disagree with Mr. Blagrove when he says that . . "Major cannot surpass Royal, tower bells cannot surpass handbells and vice versa." This is absolute rubbish—was not the 19,738 Stedman Caters rung on handbells by Alfred H. Pulling's band the record number of changes rung to a peal of Stedman until the 21,363 Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton in 1922? Of course it was! Did not the 16,368 Cambridge Surprise Maximus supersede the 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal as the longest peal of Cambridge? Of course it did!

The Editor omitted my paragraph relating to Mr. Parker's composition and also to the question of splicing Kent and Oxford. Briefly, I said this:—

We question many of the early peals rung in the absence of composition; should we not do the same with modern long peals where the number of changes is limited? After all, it was Mr. Parker who said to a member of our band that he had lost or mislaid the composition. This aroused suspicions that it may be false; it would not have been the first time that a long peal has been rung and then found to be false (on twelve bells, let alone eight). Mr Blagrove says piously in one of his later letters that Mr. Woodruffe could have had the composition if he had asked for it. More rubbish! It was the diligent Mr. Sibson who prised the composition out of Mr. Parker, but not for some weeks **after the Council meeting, and after the Records Committee's report had been adopted!** Why did not one out of the 150 members of the Council pick out this point? Mr. Christopher F. Mew has the answer on page 783 of "The Ringing World." If anybody has not read that letter I suggest that they do so; it is the best sense that has been written in "The Ringing World" for years.

With regard to Mr. Blagrove's peal of Kent and Oxford, I used some language which evidently is too strong for "The Ringing World." Mr. Blagrove cannot get away from the fact that the C.C. Handbook states specifically that Kent and Oxford T.B. variations cannot be described as spliced peals. He could equally well have called the changes of method with the treble in 3–4 up, 5–6 up or 5–6 down to get round the wording in the Handbook, but Mr. Wratten points out that it is the spirit of the thing which is all wrong.

Now that Mr. Blagrove finds that he stands with his back to the wall he decides to drag up an argument from 1963, when I was one of 11 correspondents who wrote one very short letter giving my views on another topic. Quite by coincidence I came across a fierce controversy in 'The Ringing World" of 1954 which Doubles ringers might like to read; to whet your appetite, here is an extract:—

"Ringing World," September 24th, 1954, page 619.

"THIS TIDYING UP

"Is it the Methods Committee and the Central Council that are dictating and tidying up? I personally think that there are one or two puritanical individuals who are satisfying their personal whims by using 'the gift of the gab' in the very short time that the Council sits for discussion after two or three days' 'tower grabbing.'

FRANK T. BLAGROVE."

Just how far can one go over to the other side? Harold Wilson has nothing on this one!—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

(Concluded case.)

THE PIGEON MENACE

Dear Sir,—I wish we could find a way of tackling this pigeon menace at source; the fouling of buildings can be a danger to the health of anyone trying to clear up, apart from its unsightliness.

The situation seems to have arisen like this: in the last ten years many more people have taken to keeping racing pigeons, so more are lost, both in training and in week-end races, when there are more homing flocks crossing each other's paths and leading each other astray.

There is a central register of National Homing Union ringed birds and a fixed fee of 7s. 6d. for the return of a bird. This was adequate when arranged, but now often does not cover the cost of food, postage and carriage involved. It is illegal to kill N.H.U. close-ringed birds, but if they are caught and taken to local pigeon fanciers, though there are conscientious ones, the majority just do not want to know. If they can be persuaded to take the birds they often release them a few miles away (who can blame them?), hoping they will find their way home, but by now "home" is the church tower. These are the parents of the filthy hordes invading even country churches with inadequate netting and no money for repairs.

It is the pigeon fanciers themselves who should deal with this aspect of the problem. I tried a letter to their weekly paper some time ago but there was no response at all. Filthy towers and buildings do not bother them. Are there any ringers who are also pigeon fanciers? They might be able to do something about this from the inside, perhaps by recommending raising the fee to make return worthwhile, or authorising their local officials to kill ringed birds they judged worthless.

The danger to health is that some of these birds now carry ornithosis—the pre-war psittacosis (parrot disease) without showing any signs of illness themselves. There were once stringent quarantine regulations on all Australian parrot-like birds, e.g. budgies, but the disease crept in probably via a sailor's dead parrot thrown overboard and eaten by fulmars, who specialise in floating sea-offal and nest on cliffs with gulls and rock-doves. The danger is that anyone clearing-up dried droppings from infected birds may inhale the dust and develop ornithosis themselves—an unpleasant and possibly dangerous kind of virus pneumonia. There have been warnings to pigeon fanciers about cleaning out lofts, as this has already happened, but none that I have seen to the rest of us who have to clear up after their wretched birds

May I suggest this course of action for any birds caught in towers—night is the best time with a torch and no moon, but take care not to step on something that is not there! **Unringed birds**—pigeon pie, the squabs are very good when roasted **Ringed birds**—open the wing feathers and look for a club address stamped on them. Return the bird by rail to that address—you will get your 7s. 6d. If there is a rubber ring on the other leg the bird has been lost during a race and may be valuable. If there is no address, let the local fanciers or the R.S.P.C.A. have it—it is then up to them. If you note the ring number and the bird turns up again, you will know what has happened. Odd plastic rings mean nothing; they are just used for sorting out birds easily in the loft If the bird has a ring and nothing else, treat it as unringed, it is almost certainly of no further use to its owner. Though, strictly, this is illegal, no one is likely to know (or care if they do know) as things stand. Nests and eggs should be destroyed, single eggs are usually fresh (check by shining the torch through it) and make good eating.

To be fair to the fanciers, there are often some who are willing to come and help catch up the birds. A good first step is to get in contact with the local secretary, but the problem is national. Unless we, they and the loccal authorities can get together and do something about it the general pigeon population is bound to continue building up over the years until it matches the supply of food and nesting sites available. A solution which merely drives them from one bulding to another can only make things worse in the long run. — Yours sincerely,

EUNICE D. OVEREND.

Frome, Somerset

RESIDENT OR ALL LOCAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. G. H. Harding's comments on Surprise ringing at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath (page 826), it would be interesting to learn if he defines a "resident band" in the same way as he does an "all local" one.

Of the ringers who rang the first peal of Surprise by a resident band in 1930, three were not members of the Twerton band—T. Grant was tower master of Bath Abbey, W. H. Crocker and Miss N. G. Williams came from Weston. The band was therefore resident only because they all resided in the Bath district, although they may have attended the Surprise practices at Twerton.

In contrast, every ringer of Alan Lee's band which rang the quarter of Cambridge a few weeks ago learned to handle a bell at Twerton and all are regular Sunday service ringers at that tower. There is a difference. — Yours faithfully,

G. J. HAWKINS.

Bath.

23-YEAR GAP BETWEEN PEALS

The peal of Bob Major rung at West Wycombe on October 23rd was the first peal on eight for E. H. Langley for some 23 years, and coincidental that it happened to be Bob Major at Christ Church, Southport. This was to welcome home a ringer from a prisoner-of-war camp.

The latest, arranged by John Taylor, of Marlow, and conducted by Mr. David Cornwall, of Hughenden, was allowed to be rung for the homecoming from Rhodesia of E. H. Langley's youngest daughter, who is to be married in Cornwall next month.

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LOOKING BACK

VICTORIAN RINGERS AT ST. GILES', PONTEFRACT

By J. H. LENTON

WHEN I arrived in Pontefract in 1910 there was an interesting band of Victorian ringers, four of whom had their names on a board in the belfry commemorating the re-hanging of the bells in 1887.

The leader of the band was William Pearson, a master plumber. A very good ringer with a keen ear, he could write down the course-ends of a touch outside the tower. Mainly through his efforts the bells were recast and the two trebles added in 1920 as a war memorial. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association Committee.

George Spurr, a master slater, chiefly a Grandsire ringer, could always tell a good tale and sang "Old King Cole" at the annual dinner.

Samuel Brook, a maltster, another Grandsire ringer, who had little to say, always rang the fourth bell

Jack Carter, a market gardener, who soon adapted himself to ten-bell ringing, was safe in Stedman or Treble Bob. He travelled to Leeds Market during the night with his horse and dray and produce. Jack did not believe in banks but hid his money in the loft; there was a fire, and he lost it. The town made an appeal for him. When he was too frail to climb the steps to the belfry he would sit in the Butter Cross and listen to the ringing. His son, who succeeded to the business, was the last market gardener to grow liquorice in Pontefract

Fred Moody, a bricklayer, a good, safe ringer, called the first peal of Stedman Triples by a local band in 1904; died suddenly 1920.

William Jackson, who joined the company in 1899, was a cabinet maker; could ring several methods, but his thoughts were inclined to wander.

Arthur Walker, who joined the band in 1899, was a carter for an ironmongery store. He called the first peal of Double Norwich by a local band in 1911. I always admired Arthur Walker. His first wife died young, leaving him with four little children. He was proud to relate that he got up early on Sunday mornings, went to the stable and fed and groomed his horse, back home and got the children up, washed and fed them, sent them to Sunday School and was in the belfry at 9.30—and never late. If we had more like him today it would help Sunday ringing.

There were not many Edwardian ringers Tom Holder joined the company in 1903 and was an engineer. He made and maintained machinery for the liquorice works. He often came to ring on a Sunday morning in his working clothes. Tom was captain of the Fire Brigade, a staunch Liberal and Congregationalist and led many debates in the belfry.

Harry Walters joined in 1906, was a cabinet maker and manager of the Co-operative Society's undertaking department. A keen Stedman ringer and conductor, in 1921 he conducted the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the new bells. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association Committee. When he died in 1950, at the age of 64, the president of the Association attended his funeral.

Albert Strangward joined in 1907; he did not aim high, was content to cover, but he did turn the tenor in to a peal of Oxford Royal.

J. E. Pickard and myself were made members in 1913. Mr. Pickard was borough engineer and also organist at the Congregrational Church. We stopped ringing to allow him time to get to church (three minutes walk away). These duties took up a lot of his Sunday time. 9.30 to 12 and 5.30 to 8. He left Pontefract for Canada and we lost contact.

William Pearson resigned so I could be made a member of the team of nine ringers.

From 1887 the church paid the ringers £25 per annum. There was also £1 for ringing for the Confirmation service and another £1 for the Archdeacon's Visitation. There was ringing for Mayor's Day, and the Mayor was always generous. When Mr. Pearson mentioned these terms I told him I was a voluntary ringer. He said never bring this forward as it would be the end of the ringing. I have often thought of his words when struggling to keep the band going without this reward.

In those days each ringer would receive about £3 per annum, made up of salary and fines—3d. late, 6d. absent. £3 would purchase a suit or buy shoes for the family.

The first claim on the funds was for "The Bell News," and, later, "The Ringing World."

These men were not great churchmen. I only remember seeing William Pearson in church, and he was a sidesman. Three were Congregationalists, one a Wesleyan.

Practices were held during the winter months, opening in October with drinks. We each subscribed to a bottle of whisky (3s. 6d.) and some beer. The last time there was drink in the belfry was during Peace celebrations in 1919. The Mayor brought up a bottle of champagne.

The tower door opens into the market place. Two bells were used as fire bells to call out the brigade. The last time they were used was for a fire at a motor-cycle showroom and garage. A man living near the church rang the bells and broke a stay, which delayed the brigade and the place was burnt down. After this incident the town provided a siren.

In the early 1920's frequent visitors to the belfry were Arthur Gill, of Wath, and Frank Atkinson, of Wragby (now of York and 86 years old) One Sunday evening Frank cycled from Wragby and left his cycle at the bottom of the tower. Some choir boys tied it to one of the fire ropes. A ringer, thinking a choir boy was on the rope, pulled it up and let it go and said "That's soused him." But it was the cycle, which had two flats. Frank had to borrow a cycle to get home.

"HOP MEN" IN "POTATO" LAND

AFTER last year's invasion of "scrumpy land," the hop men, drawn mainly from the Ashford area of Kent with one or two camp followers and ale sinkers from Hemel Hempstead and Biggleswade, decided to visit Lincolnshire for their annual autumn sojourn.

Most of the party arrived at the headquarters at Branston in time for a ring on the pleasant six before half a dozen of the more stalwart members rang a quarter peal, ably conducted by Brian Johnson. After an excellent meal at the hotel a short drive took us to Waddington Right trusty navigator Huckstepp nearly led the convoy down the main airstrip at the local R.A.F. station; luckily he discovered his mistake before the R.A.F. did, and beat a hasty retreat.

The following morning started with a quick ring at Dunston (locally reported as poor, but better than most Kent fives). Charles discovered that the fourth was not stayless, as we had been informed, when he absent-mindedly set it up! Then, on to the Fenland, where we were joined at Donington by Alan and Anne, who had motored up that morning from London. The many leaning steeples reminded the driver of the old Lincolnshire rhyme:

"Gosberton Church is very high,
Surfleet Church is all awry;
Pinchbeck Church is in a hole,
And Spalding Church is big with foal."

Apart from its askew tower, Surfleet will be remembered for its little ring of 12 and probably the noisiest rope guides encountered on the tour. Inevitable comparisons were made between these bells and our more local ring at Quex Park, the general consensus of opinion being that Surfleet bells handle rather more easily, but Quex are probably a little more audible, though neither ring excels in this respect. Pinchbeck's large tower, with an even more alarming list to the west, rewarded us with a grand ring of bells after the rather harrowing experience of climbing a spiral staircase on the slant (two steps up to one step down!). An equally fine eight, though completely different in character, was found at Spalding.

BABY MARTIN ASCENDS "THE STUMP"

After the light eight at Bicker came the majestic six at Gosberton, and we would have liked to have stayed longer to enjoy these bells. A rather hair-raising drive to Boston followed, during which a lorry almost overtook David's M.G., which thoroughly deserved the ensuing traditional English "cuppa" before ringing at "The Stump." Baby Martin was carried by his father nearly 200 steps (in almost total darkness) to the ringing chamber. The ten were rather an anti-climax, but they were rung at all speeds to suit all tastes. Back at the hotel we were joined by John, Mary, Tony, Bob and, eventually, Colin, after British Rail, in their wisdom had both delayed the train and caused it to arrive at the wrong Lincoln station, utterly confounding attempts to meet him.

Saturday started at Saxilby, where we were joined by friends from Charing and where Spliced Surprise Minor was rung in the hope rather than the belief that everyone knew the methods. On the grand eight at Gainsborough Uncle Sam, on the tenor, set a good beat for Stedman Triples prior to a local wedding. After lunch, some had both the time and inclination for a quick run on the dodgems at a local fair before ringing on the ten at East Retford, which must now surely rank as one of the best rings in the neighbourhood. Grandsire and Stedman Caters went well, but four leads of Cambridge Royal petered out after 3½ leads warning. At Sutton-on-Trent, where we had the pleasure of meeting the Misses Burchnall, an attempt for 8-Spliced Surprise nearly made success.

We were privileged to have a short ring on the 12 at Southwell prior to Evensong. When we had got used to the initially alarming dip in the floorboards some enjoyable ringing was had.

SPINACH FOR LUNCH!

A stop for a final ring at Brant Broughton was made, where the bells are as easy to hear as they are to ring—all the up-and-coming tenor men had obviously had their spinach for lunch, and some good striking was attained. A convivial evening was later enjoyed at the hotel: Tony, as usual, surrounded by full glasses and empty bottles, Colin regaling us with all the principles he nearly constructed (rumour has it that he recently rediscovered Stedman) and the rest discussing the whereabout of absent friends and the venue for next year's trip.

All too soon, bags were being packed for the last time and the lazier members ignominiously routed from bed. All assembled at Lincoln Cathedral to enjoy three-quarters of an hour on the fine ring of 12. After a long wait outside St. Giles', Lincoln, patience was rewarded with the chance of a short ring on another good eight. Thence we split up to go our different ways, most of the band reassembling at Grantham in the afternoon to sample the excellent ten in the stately tower.

YELLOW BELLY.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The quarter peal rung at Merton (see issue of October 25th) was a farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Dennis, who are shortly leaving the parish.

The Rev. Norman J. Smith was inducted to Chidham, and not Chilham, as inadvertently appeared in our issue of October 25th (page 835).

Regarding the peal of Major at Lydd (page 832), it was rung on September 21st, and not as printed. Mr. Brian C. Johnson inquires if this is the first peal of Major by a band of first-pealers in the country.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Ford 1, Pauline F. Smith (first Surprise Major) 2, Felicity S. Hamilton (first Yorkshire) 3, T. Skilton 4, A. J. Smith 5, D. W. James 6, N. D. Robinson 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. All members of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Kathleen L. E. Ennor (first Stedman) 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, C. G. Bryant 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, M. Peters 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Marion L. Lidgey 1, H. Miles 2, W. R. Curtis 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers 5, C. G. Bryant 6. Conducting shared by F. M. Bowers and C. G. Bryant.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: M. Sprackling 1, A. Fulwell 2, Mrs. J. Couperthwaite 3, Miss M. Lewis 4, A. M. Stacey 5, R. Cadamy 6, J. Marks 7, J. Couperthwaite 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, W. G. Wilson 10. Also on the same day, 1,728 Yorkshire S. Major: Jennifer Dunning 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, J. R. Ketteringham 3, R. C. Woodward 4, P. Bosworth 5, P. G. Holden 6, R. Mills 7, J. Pladdys (cond.) 8. By U.L.S.C.R. for Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, SOM. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eastment 1, H. E. G. Jeanes 2, H. Warr 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, G. W. Reddell, jun. 5, R. J. Hunt 6. For Harvest Festival.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Kingston and Capel T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, B. Ellis 3, D. Williams 4, R. Coverley 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,440 Spliced Minor (six methods, 36 changes): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Evensong

NAILSEA, SOM. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, M. Robbins 6.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. M. Bowers (cond.) 1, R. P. Pearce (first Stedman) 2, T. J. Bell (first of Stedman Doubles) 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson 5, D. Stephens 6 An engagement compliment to Mary Pascoe and Graham Dunstan, of Kea.

SAWLEY, DERBYS. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. C. Charter 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Marshall 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey (cond.) 7, R. Newsum 8. First in method by all. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Marshall 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. C. Charter 3, D. Marshall (cond.) 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. Newsum 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for William Simpson, for over 60 years a ringer and chorister

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Minor (Oxford, Kent): Mrs. M. Nicholson (first of T.B.) 1, M. L. Mann 2, D. Surman 3, J. B. Nicholson 4, J. M. Blaikie 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. B. Dobbie 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, F. J. Dadson (first on eight) 4, J. B. Clarke 5, G. Wood 6, B. Jemmett 7, L. Mitchell (first on eight as cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: O. Webster 1, H. Deacon 2, J. Hemsley 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Shirley Black (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. Hemsley 6.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,344 Bob Major: Gloria Simpson 1, Amette Bradbury 2, A. Spreadbury 3, D. F. Wilkcocks 4, R. J. Amos 5, M. Bullett (first Major) 6, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 7, J. R. Whitham 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Alan Willcocks, brother of 4th ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 20th, 1,303 Erin Cinques: M. T. Sprackling 1, D. M. Boniface 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, L. C. Way 5, P. N. Felton 6, A. S. Bishop 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, K. J. Rider 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: C. I. J. Pearce 1, C. E. Timms 2, D. Floyd 3, A. E. Hicks 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, N. Leslie 6. Rung for the wedding of Susan Cantwell and Harry Myers, ringers of this church

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Crofts (first on treble) 1, Susan Riley 2, J. Riley 3, R. G. Edwards (first Grandsire Doubles) 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, D. Bentley 6. For Evensong.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Christine Baldock 1, H. Falkner 2, G. F. Haysom 3, W. Damer 4, D. R. Fuller 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. First of Kent for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gwyneth Pritchard 1, D. J. Bennett 2, T. Hobson 3, I. W. Eggleton (first Triples) 4, R. K. Lister 5, D. C. Makin-Taylor 6, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 7, G. A. Wells 8. First Triples in method 1, 3, 8.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Hunter (first away from cover) 1, Miss M. Hunter 2, B. Sentance 3, P. Sentance 4, G. Bacon (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. S. Bedford (first on cover) 6. First "inside" 2 and 3.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK. — On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rich 1, W. Cousins 2, E. Emmerson 3, R. Newson 4, J. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Mee, 16 years churchwarden.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, SOM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Erica Pankhurst 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Kay Whittaker 3, I. P. Cox 4, R. L. Coles 5, Valerie Thompson 6, Hilary Jacobs 7, M. J. Hawkins 8 First Stedman by all except conductor All are members of the church choir in which all four parts are represented.

WALKERVILLE, S. AUSTRALIA.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss M. Aslett 1, J. Cummins 2, B. Lawes 3, R. Jolly 4, J. A. Martin (cond.) 5, T. Gregory 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. J. Hawkins 1, Susan Thomas 2, E. T. Newnham 3, June Whitcher 4, R. E. J. Dennis 5, G. Walker 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, J. E. Murfitt 9, M. C. Austin 10. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Frances Brown 1, M. C. N. Brown (first "inside") 2, Claire Brown 3, Mary Elmes 4, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 5, C. T. Brown 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Robertson 1, Sara Elmes (first "inside") 2, Claire Brown 3, G. W. Elmes 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, Mary Elmes 6. With the band's wishes for a speedy recovery for Mr. Cecil Hallett, verger.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sarah J. Moxham (first quarter) 1, M. R. Brain 2, W. Lampard 3, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, D. M. Smith 5, K. G. Weeks 6. Rung for the induction of Rev. W. Parsons.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Yeates 1, Ann Hall 2, Mary White 3, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 4, K. G. Waller 5, T. White 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

WENTWORTH, YORKS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods) T. Cairns 1, M. R. Meadows 2, D. Hunton 3, R. Nalliah 4, M. King (cond.) 5, L. Hallows 6. For Harvest Festival.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Everest 1, J. Corby 2, M. Thompson 3, R. Everest 4, R. Waterhouse 5, R. Lee 6, R. Sherlock 7, R. Hayes (cond.) 8.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 25th, 1,289 Doubles (three methods): Gillian Eldridge (first quarter) 1, Jane Mason (first in three methods) 2, Christine Baldock 3, Susan Harrison (first in three methods) 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, D. Woodward 6. Rung prior to a recital in aid of the organ restoration fund. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Woodward 1, D. Woodward (first "inside") 2, Susan Harrison 3, A. Baldock 4, Jane Mason (cond.) 5, Christine Baldock ("circled the tower") 6. For Michaelmas Day Evensong, and with best wishes to David Woodward on his departure to Cambridge University.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 7, 6, 8 covering): F. W. Sherfield (first on working bell) 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, D. G. Hatherly 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, J. D. Flook (first quarter) 6, N. J. Lambert 7, R. L. Ventham 8

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth West 1, F. W. Williams 2, N. D. Shepherd 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barr (first Triples) 1, Linda Cull 2, F. W. Williams 3, G. T. West 4, D. A. Wills 5, J. N. Longridge 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Harvest Festival Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barr 1, F. W. Williams 2, A. Truman 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. All for Evensong

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Barsby 1, L. Harvey (cond.) 2, T. Rawlings 3, G. Sharpe 4, E. Shippey 5, N. Green 6. For Harvest Festival service.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOM. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Quick 1, H. V. Young 2, Mrs. P. Bellamy 3, G. Sparks 4, H. Purchase 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, M. Bellamy (first quarter) 8.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: Mary Elmes 1, Christine Baldock 2, D. R. Fuller 3, T. Collins 4, G. Elmes 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Hartley 1, A. D. Norman 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, Mrs. S. I. Smith 4, M. T. Howard 5, S. J. Wooler 6. Rung half-muffled following the interment of ashes of Ronald E. Thorp, Vicar of Wootton, 1956–64.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. C. Farnsworth has completed 50 years' service as a ringer at Ospringe, Kent. A congratulatory quarter was rung on October 20th.

Mr. Alan Scholfield asks us to state that in his letter on page 878 the views that he there expressed were not necessarily those of the Cambridge University Guild but his own personal observations.

Jeremy Piron (aged 10) and weighing a mere 54 lb., rang his first quarter at St. Paul's Bedford, on October 20th on a bell weighing 792 lb. Our correspondent hopes that this will be the start of an outstanding ringing career.

All eight ringers in a quarter peal at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, are members of the choir, and seven teenagers are pupils of Mr. Alan F. Lee, the conductor. It was a proud moment for the conductor when this "musical" quarter came round.

A former active member of the Pucklechurch, Glos, band, the Rev. D. B. Pennal, was ordained at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on September 22nd A quarter peal was rung by his old ringers on October 15th with good wishes to him in his vocation.

We regret to report that Mr. Ken Lawson had a heart attack while ringing at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, during the annual general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association. He was taken to Newcastle General Hospital. The latest report is that he is now allowed to see visitors.

Miss Y. Eloie, librarian to the Guildford Guild library, informs us that "History of Shoreditch Church," written by H. J. Bradley, the steeplekeeper there in 1913, to raise money for the restoration, contains an appendix giving an account of the 1913 restoration and peals up to January, 1914. This book is in the Guildford Library.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

45 YEARS AS TOWER CAPTAIN

At the annual meeting in Hughenden belfry, Mr. Roland Biggs retired from the post of tower captain, a position he had held for 45 years. He has agreed, however, to continue as steeplekeeper, a responsibility he has carried out most admirably, as any visitor to Hughenden will remember. It will be difficult for the future tower captain to achieve such a high standard. His successor has a deputy to assist him.

Many people have been taught to ring by Mr. Biggs and in that respect it is worth recording that the 300th peal on the bells was a local non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples. Roland has rung almost 200 peals at Hughenden and one of his ambitions is to ring a local peal of London. On behalf of the company, Mrs. J. I. Cornwall writes: "We look forward to ringing with Mr. Biggs for many years to come."

THE CORBYS' PEAL AT CORBY

A peal was rung on October 26th at Corby, Northamptonshire, in which the participants all bore the surname Corby. Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby and their son and daughter live at Sevenoaks, Kent, and the band was completed by R. Gordon Corby, of Wakefield, formerly from Chester, and Christopher D. Corby, from St. Neots. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in respect to the memory of Mr. Ronald Russell, of Corby, a very well-known member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who died on October 4th. Mrs. Russell very kindly entertained the peal band to tea together with Mr. H. Bell, churchwarden, who had made the local arrangements for the peal.

The Corbys are most grateful to have had the opportunity to ring this unusual peal.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

It was an unfortunate choice of the Society to select Kent in the week following the heavy flooding for its summer tour. The dislocation of road and rail services made it necessary to cancel the first two towers in the programme. Otherwise we arrived at towers unusually punctual for us as a Society.

For most of the tour we were handicapped by shortage of numbers and ringing ability. Very little Surprise or Treble Bob was rung, but occasionally we managed some well-struck Stedman.

Our thanks are due to incumbents and the many friends who helped with transport or supplemented our numbers. R. S. H.

FINE RESPONSE TO ONE-DAY HUNTS SCHOOL

A very successful one-day ringing course was held at Stanground, Hunts, on October 26th. The idea of the Rev. Paul Bennett, the curate at Stanground, it was sponsored by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Youth Committee and organised by the Huntingdon District of the Ely Diocesan Association under the leadership of Mr. Harold Peacock.

Over 60 pupils, mostly of school age, attended, which exceeded all the organisers' expectations. Both theoretical and practical instruction was given in neighbouring towers, and the day ended with the showing of the film "Ringers Required." It is hoped that this will be the first of many such courses.

BELLS DISTURB CONSCIENCES

Mrs. R. M. Coombs, of Marksbury Gate, Bath, writes suggesting that when people complain about the ringing of bells it is because their conscience is disturbed through their neglect in worshipping God. If bells can rouse men's and women's consciences to their solemn duty, then they are doing a very great work indeed, she adds.

"I ring to tell both ill and well
The joyful new of the Gospel."

THE DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

After a lapse of five years, due to repairs to the tower, the Dorset Ringing Festival took place again on October 26th in Blandford Parish Church. Some 60 ringers from various parts of the county took part and the bells were ringing from 3 o'clock to 4.30 p.m., when, at the Festival service, the Rector (Canon H. G. Goodall) welcomed the ringers. The lesson was read by Mr. J. Barrett, of Beaminster, and, in place of a sermon, the Rev. R. N. Longridge read out the terms of the bequest of the late Samuel Francis Pond, the benefactor of the Festival. Mr. Purvis played the organ. Attending the service were the Mayor and Mayoress of Blandford (Councillor and Mrs. Fry).

At tea in the Corn Exchange afterwards the Mayor welcomed the ringers to the town and presided over a discussion as to the future nature of the Festival. It was generally agreed that it should incorporate some form of ringing competition, as allowed for in the terms of the bequest, and a committee was formed to devise and organise a trial festival on these lines for next year. On this matter, advice and support were given by the Town Clerk, Mr. Lavington, and other councillors present.

The ringing, which was resumed later, was under the direction of Mr. E. H. Amey, of Dorchester.

FINDING THE RIGHT GIRL

When ladies are ringing their first peal in married status will they kindly forward their maiden name either to the Editor or Mr. G. E. Thoday, 62, Young Street, Cambridge CB1 2LZ, who is keeping this year's records. He would like the names of all ladies ringing peals who have been married this year.

A NEW ESSEX EIGHT

St. Andrew's Church, Rochford, Essex, has been presented with a new ring of eight bells by Mr. Nigel Prevost in memory of his son, who died two years ago. It will be dedicated on December 1st by the Bishop of Bradwell.

150th ANNIVERSARY PEAL LOST

Saturday, October 26th, 1968, was the 150th anniversary of the first peal rung at St. Mary's Church, Eastbourne (the peal was Grandsire Triples). An anniversary peal attempt of Grandsire Triples was made on the anniversary day, but unfortunately was lost due to a broken rope. The steeplekeeper is still trying to get out of the tower after being told to check the ropes properly before the next attempt is made. B. P.

RINGING FOR "ST. PAUL'S TODAY"

As many readers no doubt know, St. Paul's Cathedral is conducting a three-month experiment under the general title of "St. Paul's To-day," otherwise known as "Pop-in St. Paul's," which is an attempt to give young people of all denominations "an opportunity to express in the Cathedral in their own way what they are thinking and doing positively." Over the three months a wide variety of activities and skills are being displayed.

When it came to bellringing, however, it was pointed out to the organisers of "St. Paul's Today" that the Cathedral bells, because of their weight and long draught of rope, are not suitable for ringing by comparatively inexperienced bands. Accordingly, it was agreed that our art should be represented by a peal attempt, the band consisting of members of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers and other College Youths who assist regularly in ringing the bells on Sundays. So the band which rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday, October 26th, was not perhaps quite as youthful as some of the other groups who have been taking part in "St. Paul's Today," but at least it was probably the band with the lowest average age ever to have rung a peal there, only one of the band being over 40.

Incidentally, this peal must have been one of the best publicised attempts there has been for a long time; besides appearing in the official programme of "St. Paul's Today" it was mentioned in "The City Press" and "The Times" and was referred to in the B.B.C. Radio 4 programme "South-East" on the Friday evening.

EXETER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Michaelmas term meeting of the Exeter University Society was held at St. Mark's, Exeter, on October 23rd. Miss A. C. Hughes took the chair and the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. K. A. Hughes; secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. K. Goodhew. It is expected that the coming year will be very successful for this relatively new Society, in conjunction with the Exeter Colleges Guild.

P. K. G.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The second Saturday in October again saw the Biggleswade District active in its monthly meeting. Firstly the District ringers visited Haynes (a melodious five) during the afternoon and then went to Maulden for a very nice tea prepared by local ladies.

During the short business meeting, at which Mr. Ashton took the chair in the absence of the chairman, Mr. Mehew, three new members were elected—two from Stotfold and one from Ampthill.

When the meeting closed, everybody climbed the hill to the church to ring until 8.30. The ringers enjoyed ringing not only on the octave but also on Maulden's handbells in the nave. The fine evening brought out many more people, and total attendance for the day was about 45. L. E.

75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Founded October 13th, 1893.

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Mon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	7
Ian C. Maycock	2	Alexander E. Marsh	8
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	9
Anthony H. Smith	4	Richard S. Starkie	10
Geoffrey W. Randall	5	Tudor P. Edwards	11
Charles P. Quartley	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral and Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Christopher Ricketts	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	6
Michael J. Platt	2	Peter S. Bennett	7
Mandi McCallion	3	Alexander E. Marsh	8
David J. Llewellyn	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	9
*John W. Bull	5	†Charles P. Quartley	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal.

BLAENAVON, Mon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Oct. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Nicholas W. H. Simon	Treble	Paul A. Williams	5
Marion R. Bennett	2	Michael Pilgrim	6
John W. Bull	3	*Peter S. Bennett	7
Paul S. Reading	4	Charles P. Quartley	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Charles P. Quartley.
* 250th peal. First as conductor.

MARSHFIELD, Mon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

Mary E. Pryor	Treble	Charles P. Quartley	5
Hazel A. Mackenzie	2	Michael Pilgrim	6
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Roger J. Shea	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Pilgrim.
First peal of Stedman as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Andrew J. Slade	Treble	Raymond G. Cousins	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	George Cecil	8
Richard A. G. Inglis	3	Michael J. Uphill	9
Ian L. Dear	4	George E. Thoday	10
Kenneth Warner	5	John Armstrong	11
Frank V. Gant	6	John W. Stephenson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
OLD CLEEVE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5022 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Bruce Martin	Treble	Edward G. Mould	5
Philip M. J. Gray	2	Dennis A. Chapman	6
John W. Collard	3	James R. Taylor	7
Trevor Newlands	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by D. John Hunt

WOOLAVINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Mervyn A. Arscott	Treble	Raymond F. Arscott	4
*Cecil T. Clarke	2	Edwin Dibble	5
John Cornelius	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* 50th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band.
Rung on Association Dinner Day.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Beds.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

*Charles C. Radcliffe	Treble	Kenneth E. Jackson	6
Diana M. Frost	2	Edward W. Houghton	7
*David W. Manton	3	Edgar J. Conquest	8
Henry B. Whitney	4	*Raymond S. Gaylor	9
Alan J. Frost	5	Roy Woodruffe	Tenor

Arranged by J. G. Mitchell. Conducted by Alan J. Frost.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Farmbrough, 102 years of age.

TOTTERNHOE, Beds.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Bristol and Superlative, 1,248 of Cambridge and 1,216 of London, with 105 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Roy Stripp	Treble	†John W. Sinfield	5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	Ronald F. Sharp	6
Keith H. Fleming	3	John R. Mayne	7
*David Redfearn	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of spliced. † First of 4-spliced. First of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

V. Nutton (Selwyn)	Treble	Merryn Hutchings (Newn.)	5
*M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	2	D. P. Sturge (St. John's)	6
D. S. Pont (Christ's)	3	*A. T. Winter (Christ's)	7
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	4	R. H. Youdale (Emman.)	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by V. Nutton.
* First peal in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Ronald F. Andrew	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Christine Andrew	2	*Gerald Moorhouse	6
Harry Stacey	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
Derek F. Yates	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by B. F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method on tower bells.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Oct. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Gordon K. Green	Treble	Roland W. Morant	4
John R. Scott	2	Frank R. Morton	5
David Allman	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a welcome home to the Rector after a fortnight in hospital.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, five extents of Rev. Canterbury and seven Plain Bob; five extents of the following variations, Southrepps and Kennington and four spliced variations Clifford's, April Day, Old and St. Columb.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

William H. Watkin	Treble	Frederick S. Sutton	3
John R. Scott	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
		Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to the Rector, the Rev. L. W. Sapsford, and Mrs. Sapsford.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONELEIGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Edward G. Mould	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	4
Clare F. Dolphin	2	Ian C. Maycock	5
Paul S. Reading	3	Ernest J. Gower	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRINKLOW, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*Betsy A Mountford	Treble	*Barry Elliott	4
*Dorothy Boyd	2	*David W. Mountford	5
Alan Boyd	3	*Susan Bagshaw	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Boyd.

* First peal. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells. First on the bells for 41 years. Second recorded peal on the bells and first by a local band.
Rung for Youth Sunday.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Fri., Oct. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	5
Hilary Muirhead	2	Geoffrey Pearson	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	John G. Gipson	7
Brian D. Threlfall	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
First peal in the method by all except the tenor ringer. First in the method for the Association. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

*Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Brian D. Threlfall	4
Geoffrey Pearson	2	†Brian Horrell	5
†Walter C. Chandler	3	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First peal of Surprise.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Alfred J. House	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	6
*Yvonne A. Murray	2	David E. Rothera	7
Frank B. Lufkin	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Josephine A. Quilter	4	Peter G. Brown	9
Joe E. G. Roast	5	James L. Towler	Tenor

C. Wratten C148. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung following the marriage this day of Peter Sloman, ringer at this church, and Elizabeth Ann Denny. Tenor 18½ cwt.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Joe E. G. Roast	Treble	Peter G. Brown	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	David E. Rothera	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	James L. Towler	7
Philip J. Rothera	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

ICKLETON, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*A. David Lilley	Treble	Alan R. Andrews	5
Edward P. Duffield	2	Walter Arnold	6
Neil V. Avis	3	Harry J. Millatt	7
Gordon Lilley	4	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Composed by W. G. Bason. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.
* First peal Tenor 18 cwt.

LEYTONSTONE, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Kenneth J. Ryder	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	John W. Smith	6
Alfred J. House	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	James W. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, as follows: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2 and 4) Cambridge Surprise, (3, 6 and 7) Plain Bob, (5) Buxton Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Philip Thompson	Treble	Walter Arnold	4
Neil V. Avis	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
*James L. Towler	3	*Yvonne A. Murray	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Now "circled the tower" to a peal.
Rung to celebrate the marriage this day of Ronald John Barnett and Judith Ellis.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OTTERSHAW, Surrey.—At Christ Church.
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*Paul V. W. Feast	Treble	‡Jeffrey P. Ladd	4
Christopher M. White	2	†Alan D. Flood	5
†Roger L. Coley	3	David E. Parsons	Tenor

Conducted by David E. Parsons.
* First peal. † First of Cambridge Minor. ‡ First of Surprise and in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KIMPTON, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Thomas J. Southam	Treble	Thomas J. Lock	4
*Jennifer M. Indge	2	Eric Edmondson	5
Gerald Penney	3	John G. Cull	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal "inside."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

John W. Smith	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
Frederick J. Cullum	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Christopher T. Osenton	4	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Cullum.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Oct. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Plain Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Roger Osbon	Treble	Edward J. Jenner	4
Philip J. Simmonds	2	Harold Evans	5
Maurice Thompson	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Margaret Wright	Treble	Michael J. Platt	5
Richard S. Starkie	2	Christine Andrew	6
Jeffrey Brannan	3	Ronald M. Edwards	7
Christopher M. Movley	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

W. Arthur Crowder	Treble	Jack Bray	5
Ronald Chafer	2	Harold Judd	6
Derek Yates	3	William H. Dowse	7
C. Aubrey Harrison	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COWLEY, Oxford.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.

Victor Griffin	Treble	Roy Goodwin	4
Peter J. Heritage	2	Laurence H. W. Busby	5
*Brenda J. Martin	3	A. James Adams	Tenor

Conducted by Victor Griffin.
* First peal in the method and of Minor.
Rung on the eve of St. Luke's Day, remembering the work of all medical staff. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BICESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Edburg.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Stephen K. Thompon	Treble	*Richard H. Johnston	5
Lawrence J. Haines	2	P. Gerald McIlhone	6
Rodney A. Yeates	3	Peter H. Mackie	7
Stephen F. Royal	4	J. Paul Coad	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.
* First peal of Major.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
William J. Chester	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Raymond A Vickers	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method for all the band and for the Guild.

ROTHWELL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Ann E. Smith	Treble	*John G. Mitchell	5
*Noel F. Pearson	2	*Roger L. Coley	6
*Edward C. Buckby	3	Murray A. Coleman	7
*Stephen B. Bell	4	*Terry G. Smith	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Matthew John, born to Noel and Rosemary Pearson on September 27th, 1968, and as a wedding compliment to Michael J. Staley and Mary A. Leech, married earlier in the day at St. Andrew's, Kettering.

WELFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 WELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Mary R. Coleman	Treble	John G Mitchell	5
Sheila J Staley	2	Stephen B. Bell	6
Barry R. Care	3	Richard J. Cowley	7
Edward C. Buckby	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
First peal in the method.

WELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—12—16—34—3458—16—78. l.h. 12. Group B.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	*Raymond Henman	5
*David J. Morgan	2	Stephen B. Bell	6
*Valerie P. Williams	3	Barry R. Care	7
*Anne Henman	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Major.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Oct. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, Norwich, Netherseale, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*Stephen B. Bell	Treble	†Roy W. Spencer	4
†J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Raymond H. Daw	5
†Barry R Care	3	†Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* Has "circled the tower." † First of seven Surprise.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. George Brudenell, formerly of Deene Park.

LOWICK. Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent, Oxford and Double Oxford, two of Single Oxford and one each of Plain Bob and St. Clement's.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Alan F. Marks	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
Michael J. Hawkins	2	Peter S. Abbott	5
Murray A. Coleman	3	Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen B. Bell
* First peal.

DEEPING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb.

Bill Smith	Treble	Geoff Davis	4
Bernard Branston	2	Roy Spencer	5
*Rosemary Foster	3	Gilbert Cowlin	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Spencer.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to Rosemary Foster, who is leaving the district.

BRAFIELD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

David Morgan	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
*Raymond Henman	2	Stephen B. Bell	5
J Malcolm Tyler	3	Allan R. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.
* First peal in seven methods.

CORBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Christopher D. Corby	Treble	R Gordon Corby	4
Lucile M. Corby	2	Andrew J. Corby	5
Judith M. Corby	3	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Ronald Russell, of the local band, who died on October 4th, 1968.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Oct. 17. 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	7
James W. Belshaw	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Susan E. Smith	4	George E. Fearn	10
Maurice F. Edwards	5	John A. Anderson	11
James Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

BROMYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 78 lb.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Vernon Green	5
James W. Belshaw	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Susan E. Smith	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin Conducted by Roderick W Pipe.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENKRIDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Richard J. Warrilow	Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother	5
*Frederick R. Wiggin	2	Nevill R. Holland	6
Frank Beech	3	†Roy K. Mowforth	7
Jennifer Beech	4	Edmund Malin	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major "inside."
Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods/variations, viz.: Six extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Plain Bob, and three of Kennington and Seighford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	*Pamela J. Clifton	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	W. Gordon Marsh	4
Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor		

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.
* First peal at first attempt.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in A flat.

Stephen Bedford	Treble	Peter Bedford	4
Adrian Knights	2	Vernon Bedford	5
Ruth Woodman	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.

Rung for Harvest Festival and also as a birthday compliment to Teresa Marie Nash, of North Carolina, U.S.A., granddaughter of the tenor ringer.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968. in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Single Oxford and Double Oxford. (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. Jack Gibson	Treble	Adrian Knights	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Stephen J. Bedford	5
Vernon B. Bedford	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung in memoriam Ronald Russell.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Sept. 29th, 1968. in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Timothy D. W. Banner	Treble	Bernard E. Matthews	5
Bryan C. Burrough	2	Ian Wickens	6
Geoffrey C. Rix	3	David D. Smith	7
John A. Howard	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by George Francis.

Rung to mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. S. F. Cousins, curate of this parish. Also as a farewell to the ringer of the second, who is shortly leaving for Saudi Arabia.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968. in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Michael J. Uphill	Treble	Peter N. Felton	5
Brian Downie	2	*Rev. Michael Hart	6
*Patricia Copas	3	Laurence C. Way	7
†Graham A. Duke	4	Michael J. Palmer	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major † First of Surprise Major "inside."

The conductor's 125th peal on tower bells and 25th peal on these bells. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Jean Uphill, sister of the conductor, for her 19th birthday and for her engagement to Mr. Peter Blackburn.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968. in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 27 cwt. in D

*Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	Thomas G. Francis	7
Daniel T. Matkin	2	Edward G. Colley	8
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Colin W. Reed	9
G. William Critchley	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
Jack L. Millhouse	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
†William T. Perrins	6	Stewart F. Kimber	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Cinques

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968. in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Clifford Skidmore	5
Margaret Swain	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Peter J. Brown	3	*Raymond Smith	7
M. Irene Brown	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal in the method Rung on St. Luke's Day.

CLAVERLEY, Salop.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*Susan Stride	Treble	Peter J. Brown	5
†Morley P. Tobin	2	Raymond Smith	6
Margaret Swain	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
M. Irene Brown	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Arranged by J. E. Groves.
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal, and rung on her 17th birthday. † First of Triples.

CROPTHORNE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968. in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 (Morris's) and 40 extents (10 callings).
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

Ronald J. Stephens	Treble	*Malcolm A. Maggs	4
*Harold B. Schofield	2	*Christopher Hims	5
Arthur C. Berry	3	†Malcolm G. Lampitt	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. W. Barber, of Pershore.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James, Apostle.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968. in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Lincolnshire and Cambridge and 1,120 of Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

William P. Haskins	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	*Ronald R. Warford	6
*Suzanne J. Withers	3	Christopher M. Movley	7
Ian North	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hunslet.
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

John Potts	Treble	Peter M. Gardner	5
William P. Haskins	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
Suzanne J. Withers	3	Christopher M. Movley	7
Robert A. Beresford	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Hunslet.
On Mon., Oct. 14. 1968. in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*Linda D. Shaw	Treble	†Christopher Forstor	5
†Suzanne J. Withers	2	†Ronald R. Warford	6
†Robert A. Beresford	3	Ronald J. Snack	7
†John J. Durham	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

RIPPONDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968. in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUGAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G sharp.

Lawrence Palmer	Treble	Robert A. Beresford	5
Roger C. Green	2	Christopher Forstor	6
John J. Durham	3	Ronald J. Snack	7
Suzanne J. Withers	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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

(Huntington Guild.)

WHIXLEY, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Sat., Oct. 19. 1968. in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob, with seven different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G sharp.

E. Ann Williams	Treble	Susan E. Thompson	4
A. Colin Banton	2	†Simon R. Cole	5
*John D. Cooper	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal "inside." † First of Minor.

Rung on the occasion of the Snowdon Dinner as a tribute to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past members of the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Church Road, Edgbaston.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968. in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G

Christopher I. Rowson	1–2	James R. White	5–6
*Gwynneth M. James	3–4	†John S. Hopwood	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

* First peal "in hand" and first of Major. † First of Major "in hand."

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Church Road, Edgbaston.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR
Being seven different extents: (1) Double Oxford, (2 and 3) St. Clement's, (4, 5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*John S. Hopwood	1–2	Chris. I. Rowson (cond.) ..	3–4
James R. White	5–6		

* First peal "in hand" in more than one method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7–8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse ..	9–10
*Robert B. Smith	5–6	John W. Gander	11–12

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 100th peal of Plain Bob.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Frank R. Morton	7–8

Arranged by John A. Acres. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
*Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6		

* 250th peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Ilkeston variation Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	7–8
Gerald Penney	3–4	Roger Baldwin	9–10
Julia A. Fellows	5–6	John R. Mayne	11–12

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The ringer of 3–4 has now rung all the pairs to peals of Treble Bob Maximus. Believed to be the first peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Trevor A. Cross	5–6
Frank J. Matthews	3–4	*Edward J. Beer	7–8
Stuart Sandford	9–10		

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* 75th peal "in hand." First of Royal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of Patricia and Trevor Cross.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(Hinckley District.)
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 35, Long Street.
On Tues., Oct. 8, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*John Vernon	1–2	Alfred Ballard (cond.) ..	3–4
†John J. Morris	5–6		

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal of Minor in the method "in hand." † First of Surprise "in hand" First of Surprise "in hand" by Hinckley District members.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 28 methods, comprising 480 of London, 320 each of Eastcote and Elford, and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Dublin, Ealing, Hereford, Highgate, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Yeading and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place, W.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor size 11 in G.

*John R. Ketteringham ..	1–2	†Maureen J. Carruthers ..	3–4
Geoffrey Bridges (cond.) ..	5–6		

* First peal "in hand." † First on an "inside pair."

QUARTER PEALS

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 13th, 1,344 Bob Major: S. Marshall 1, G. T. Bunning 2, Hilary Adcock 3, D. G. Adams 4, P. C. Palmer 5, J. A. Adams 6, P. Adcock 7, G. P. Adams (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise: A. Ballam 1, C. Stannard 2, R. Rose 3, J. Underwood 4, A. Feaver 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Mannering 1, M. Lacey 2, P. Bushell 3, R. Bushell (cond.) 4, E. Kennett 5, Rev. J. Green 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to Rev. J. Green.

HAVERFORDWEST, PEMBS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Frances Fairbank 1, M. Mulvey 2, Rosemary White 3, G. Pick 4, J. Burton 5, P. Johnson (cond.) 6, C. Bainham 7, J. Humphries 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 1, D. Hope 2, Miss Alison Mager 3, P. Jewell 4, R. Fuller 5, M. Downs 6. First quarter for 2, 4, 6. For Parish Communion.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: V. R. Tubby 1, L. Ladley 2, Mrs. L. James 3, C. E. Hayter 4, C. Springham 5, S. James 6, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 7. R. Salmons (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of Sidney F. Carter, interred this day.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, R. Offen (first "inside") 2, J. E. Spree 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Eleanor M. Hough and Alan A. Oliver, married at Tenterden this day.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rowley 1, D. A. Green 2, I. S. Merry 3, M. A. Caldecote 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver 6. For Harvest Festival.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Venn 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, R. K. Russ 4, M. W. Seymour 5, H. W. Rogers 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, P. S. Venn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. T. Venn.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, J. R. Rigby 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, W. G. Marsh 4, M. W. Harrison 5, H. Carter 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

HORRINGER SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Amanda M. Richmond (first quarter) 1, B. R. Wells 2, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 3, C. R. Nunn 4, A. F. Ballam 5, Theresa R. Orris 6. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Sally E. V. Potter (first quarter) 1, B. R. Wells (first Minor "inside") 2, A. G. Feaver 3, C. R. Nunn 4, J. A. Underwood 5, B. E. Whiting (first Minor as cond.) 6.

IRTON, SOM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Welch 1, Mrs. R. Dean 2, Miss B. Horsey (first "inside") 3, R. Dean (cond.) 4, R. Welch 5, B. Spiller 6. For Harvest Festival.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Everard 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, Miss F. Salter 3, S. Caldwell 4, N. Abell 5, J. Barker 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, M. Pugh 8. Rung as a farewell to N. Abell, who is leaving for Louth, Lincs. Also as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Wallace Cox, who was recently licensed as Rural Dean.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: B. Doe 1, D. Goss 2, M. Goss 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Watts 5, P. Furness 6, G. Dodd 7, P. Taylor (first of eight as cond.) 8. First quarter of Major 1, 2. For Harvest Festival.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. T. Falder 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, P. C. Worthington 3, A. A. F. Peters 4, M. R. Worthington 5, G. Coker 6. Most methods by all the band.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Anne Rigby 1, Joan Cheney 2, R. Jones 3, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 4, P. M. Edgson 5, W. C. Budd 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving and to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. J. Morley.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mary Munt 1, Pamela A. Court 2, A. Binstead 3, K. Butler (cond.) 4, A. C. Eastmead 5, W. C. Chandler 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Barry Jack Cooper as Rector.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Georgina Grey 1, Sue M. Heyworth 2, S. K. Thompson 3, R. Benstead 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, R. Allsworth 6. First quarter of Doubles in the method by 2 and 3. For Harvest Festival.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 6th, 1,344 Bob Triples: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Janet Aston 2, Susan Chew 3, J. Perry 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlia 6, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 7, C. Kennaugh 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1, W. Smith 2, M. Spencer 3, Rosemary Foster 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. Davis 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Branston on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Jane.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Rose 1, W. Cracknell 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, D. Tamberlin 4, B. Coley 5, L. Nice 6. For Harvest Festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Royal: K. J. Walpole 1, Katherine S. Hardy 2, E. Edmondson 3, M. D. Frost 4, G. Dodds 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, A. R. Carter 7, R. E. Hardy 8, T. J. Lock 9, G. Penney (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. Princess Marina.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: G. Pick 1, M. Mulvey 2, J. Humphries 3, Rosemary White 4, N. White 5, P. Johnson 6, J. Burton 7, C. Bainham (cond.) 8.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: K. Daniels (first Surprise) 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Ruth Fairbrother (first "inside") 3, Jennifer Beech 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, F. Beech 6, N. Holland 7, E. R. Fairbrother (first Surprise as cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 4.

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BIRTHS

BEACHAM. — On October 26th, 1968, at Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester, to Kitty and David, a daughter, Sarah Kate, sister to Jonathan. 5950

STONE.—On October 16th, 1968, to Valerie and Michael, of Bridgwater, a son, Julian Michael. 5925

ENGAGEMENT

KELLY—SMITH — The engagement is announced between Derek Kelly, of Shaw, and Kathleen Smith, of Oldham. 5947

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DARVILL.—Stephen has migrated to 73, Mill Hill Road, Acton, London, W.3. No telephone yet, so you will have to write or visit! 5923

HORN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Horn is now 21, Brooklands Drive, Goostrey, Crewe, Cheshire. Tel. Holmes Chapel 3053. 5933

PARSONS.—Joyce and David Parsons will be found at 8, The Retreat (off Middle Hill), Englefield Green, Surrey. Telephone number unchanged—Egham 3472. 5930

PERSONAL

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."—Ephesians vi, 12.

PUBLICATION

"RINGING TOWERS." — Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to "Ringing Towers," the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

SPALDING, LINCS. — St. Mary's, St. Nicholas'. Evensong 4 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m., Nov. Dec., Jan. 5092

PRACTICE NIGHTS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practices: November 16th, Cheddington; December 21st, Weston Turville: January 18th, Great Missenden. All at 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome. — A. J. White, Branch Sec. 5940

MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Leatherhead on Tuesday, November 19th, 7.30–9 p.m.—J. P. O. 5931

LUXULYAN, CORNWALL. — Rededication of rehung bells (6), Saturday, November 16th, at 3 p.m. Preacher, Canon A. S. Roberts. 5938

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South West Branch.—Grand social evening on Saturday, November 16th, 7.30 to 11, at Harewood House, Plympton. Programme to suit all ages; licensed bar. All welcome. Tickets (price 7s. 6d.) obtainable from R. A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, Plymouth. 4782

PRICE INCREASE

Since the price increase came into force in July, no fewer than 364 subscribers have made a voluntary contribution amounting to £190 9s. 2d. to bring their last payments into line with the new rates. We offer them our sincere thanks for their helpful support and invite all those who have not yet done so to join their number.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Buck Branch. — Seventh annual Dinner and Dance at the Beech Tree Hotel, Beaconsfield, on Sat., November 16th. Tickets, 28/- each (limited) from J. Muller, 7, Brampton Court, Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead. 5091

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Prices. — Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d for each additional card. — "The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District — Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6) on Friday evening, November 8th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 5056

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Wentworth, November 9th. No teas provided—ringers to bring their own. Bells available from 3 p.m. All people welcome.—T. Tarbatt. 5951

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Practice at Wiveliscombe (8) on Saturday, November 9th at 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 5946

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Chesterfield District.—Meeting at Clowne (6), November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne. 5086

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting to be held at the Church of St. Thomas Dudley, on Saturday, November 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Netherton (8) available after meeting. Names for tea to R. Edwards, 4, Silver Avenue, High Acres, Kingswinford. 5087

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford and Little Shelford on Saturday, November 9th. Bells, Stapleford (6) 3 p.m. Service, Stapleford, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Little Shelford Village Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Stapleford 6 p.m. and Little Shelford (6) 7.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 5937

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W District.—A.G.M. at Dagenham (8), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Election of caretaker officers for the new S.W and Southern Districts. Ringing at Romford (8) after the meeting till 9 p.m. Names for tea early, please, to Dr John Armstrong, 7, The Cobbles, Brentwood, Essex.—G. R. L. Eve, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5023

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Lydiard Tregoze, Saturday, November 9th, 3–8 p.m. Cups of tea available in School House, Hook, at 5 p.m.—E. Jaques, Branch Sec. 5935

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting to be held at Egham on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. J. Knowles, 46, Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Egham. 5037

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley End, November 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 5083

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Yalding, Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Phippen, 1, Ladybird Cottages, Benover Road, Yalding. —C. A. Tester, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5060

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Saturday, November 9th, St. Mary's, Lewisham High Street, S.E., 3–4.30; St. John's, Lewisham Way, Deptford, S.E., 6–8. No business. Own tea.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 5080

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Theale, November 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing until 9. Names for tea to B. J. Gatward, Newholme, Crown Lane, Theale, Reading. No names, no tea. 5084

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Bingham District. — Meeting, Colston Bassett, November 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 5076

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual District meeting at Southwold on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 30, Hotson Road, Southwold, Suffolk. —T. N. J. B. 5053

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Petworth, Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 4.30. Make own arrangements for tea.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 5085

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Bishopstoke and N. Stoneham, November 9th. Bells available: Bishopstoke (8) 2.30–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, Bishopstoke, 5.15. Meeting follows. Bells available North Stoneham (10) 7–9. Names for tea, please to Mrs. Cull, 29, St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants. 5082

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Almondbury (8) on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.45 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Plain Bob, D.N.C.B. All welcome, especially learners.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 5071

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—District practice meeting at St. Margaret's (8), Ipswich, Tuesday evening, November 12th, 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Make this a meeting for your benefit.—W. L. 5926

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Practice meeting at Cumnor, November 13th, 7 p.m. All welcome. — C. Corderoy. 5932

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch — Evening practice at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Friday, November 15th. Bells (8) 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 5929

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting Shebbear, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by November 11th. 5945

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Denver, November 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5943

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, November 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Please note change of venue. Names for tea to Mr. S. Saunders, East Street, Coggeshall. 5089

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Sherborne (6), on Saturday, November 16th, 5.30 to 7 p.m., and Windrush (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Dis. Sec. 5948

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford Branch.—Haslemere, November 16th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and nomination meeting in Haslemere Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Weatherley, 48, Weysprings, Haslemere, by Wednesday, November 13th. 5090

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Standon (6) on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Windmill 5.15, followed by short business meeting. Ringing in the evening at Much Hadham (8). Names for tea to Mr. K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. 5939

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, North Mymms (8), November 16th, 3 p.m., with tea and business. Monken Hadley (8) available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield. (Tel. 2688.)—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 5928

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Meeting at Willesborough, Saturday, November 16th Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify M. S. Lancefield, 4, Boyes Hall Road, Willesborough, Ashford, by Thursday, November 14th.—A. P. S. B 5069

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—An evening meeting at Foxton on Saturday, November 16th, at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting after service. Subscriptions for 1968, please.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5936

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Gaddesby, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Institute 5 o'clock. Names to Mrs. M. Hall, 2, Ashby Road, Gaddesby (Phone 294), by the 13th. —J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 5927

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Holbeach, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to K. R. Davey, Fern Cottage, 12A, The Tenters, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Wednesday. 5079

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C.2, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Staff Luncheon Room, Guildhall. Evening ringing at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 5947

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Carlton Colville on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (5) from 7 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 4995

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Marlborough, November 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Evening ringing, Mildenhall. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts, by Tuesday, 12th. 5949

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cannock on Saturday, November 16th. Please note: Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. until 3, then 3.30 (approx.) until 4.25. Committee meet initially in ringing room 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. D. Baker, 86, Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, Staffs.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 5017

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—**Nomination Meeting,** Godstone, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Postal nominations accepted up to and including December 21st. Names for tea to A. K. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Oxted, by November 13th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 5077

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Rotherham, November 16th. St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8), 3–4 p.m.; Rotherham Parish Church (10), 4–5 and after meeting. Cups of tea only, bring own food.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 5942

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Autumn meeting, Talgarth (6), November 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. and after tea (2s. each). Service 4 p.m. Also available: Bronllys (6) 1.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m., Glasbury-on-Wye (8) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names, please, to Rev. T. James, The Vicarage, Talgarth, Brecon.—J. S. King. 5934

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Whitchurch (Cardiff), Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and further ringing. All ringers welcome.—Iolo Davies, Llandaff Branch Hon. Sec. 5924

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual District meeting at Clare on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. **Please note that there will be a Guild Committee meeting immediately after the District business meeting.** Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. J. Twitchett, 3, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk, by November 20th. 5944

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The new District secretary is Mr. T. B. Keeler, The Bear Inn, 3, Market Place, Faversham, Kent (Tel. FAV 2668), to whom all correspondence should be addressed. 5953

PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Practice meeting at St. James' (8), Taunton, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Branch Sec. 5956

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Aldershot (8) on Tuesday, November 12th, 7.30–9 p.m. 5959

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Warmley (6), Wednesday, November 13th, 7.30 p.m.—R. H. D 5954

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening practice meeting at Woodhouse Eaves (6) on Wednesday, November 13th, at 7.30 p.m. 5960

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE. — No practice on Wednesday, November 13th. Ringing for service 7–7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5955

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—District meeting at Godmanchester on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing to cease 8 p.m. Special methods: Oxford Bob Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5964

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS. — A.G.M., All Saints', West Ham, November 16th, 2 p.m.; St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5 p.m. Dinner 7.15. — D. L. Gullick, Stevenage 54309. 5963

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Quidenham on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, November 13th.—C. F. W. P. 5957

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark and North Notts Districts. — Joint meeting, Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea to Miss K. Burchnall, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. T. 5952

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer, Saturday, November 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Wivelsfield 6 p.m. Names for tea to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, by previous Wednesday, please. 5961

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, November 23rd, at Shipton Beauchamp (8 bells). Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, business meeting and ringing after. Visitors welcome. **Please notify numbers for tea by Tuesday, November 19th.**—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec., Puckington. Tel. Ilminster 2435. 5962

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Holy Trinity and St. John's, Darlington, on Saturday, November 23rd. Ringing at Holy Trinity 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at St. John's 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Park, 38, Swaledale Avenue, Darlington, Co. Durham, by the previous Thursday. 5965

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Lewisham District was held on October 26th at Chislehurst. Attendance was unusually low for this District, particularly for an annual meeting. The afternoon ringing took place at the Annunciation tower on the ring of eight.

Mr. E. A. Barnett was chairman at the business meeting. Miss Mary Andrews was unanimously elected for a further term as District secretary. Mr. Tony Lewis is the new Ringing Master and continues with Mr. D. Paul Smith as District representative.

The meeting wholeheartedly approved that the Alfred G. Smith Memorial should take the form of an investment, the interest of which will provide beginners' books for recruits. Monthly joint practices are to continue within the District and another ringing school is to be arranged at a later date.

Mr. A. S. Richards proposed votes of thanks to the ladies who provided tea, to Dr. D. V. Reed for the use of the Annunciation bells, to the Rev. S. H. Adams (Rector of St. Nicholas') for allowing members to join Evensong and for the use of the bells after the service.

The ringing, which ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major, ended at 8 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch, held at Tewkesbury, was well attended by members of the Branch and visitors from neighbouring Branches.

The service in the Abbey was more than well attended, as the choir of Cheltenham College were there to give a recital and take part in the service, their singing being much appreciated by the ringers, who were in the choir stalls, and the visiting congregation, who filled almost half of the nave.

A very good tea followed in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Ralph Perks, the Branch chairman, who was later re-elected to the office for another year.

There were changes in other officers. Mr. H. B. Scofield being made Ringing Master in place of Mr. J. Attwood, and Mr. D. E. Deakins secretary, replacing Mr. L. C. Prosser, who has moved out of the area covered by the Branch, with Mr. F. E. Wood to represent the Branch on the Association Management Committee.

Reports on the last two meetings of the committee were presented in detail by Mr. Wood, and matters discussed were arrangements for the Association annual general meeting to be held at Tewkesbury next April, the Association annual report and the decisions reached regarding Branch boundaries.

Good use was made of the Abbey bells both before and after the meeting, ringing ranging from rounds on the 12, Grandsire Doubles to Caters and an attempt at Plain Bob Maximus.

£75 GRANT TO STINCHCOMBE

The bells of Stinchcombe, Glos, are to be rehung and the tower repaired in the near future. The Gloucester and Bristol Association have made a grant of £75 towards the sum needed from its Belfry Repair Fund.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWCASTLE ON TYNE

THERE has been a feeling during the last few years at annual meetings of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association that the verbal presentation of reports by the various officers was not satisfactory on two counts. One was the consumption of time in the business meeting and the other was that this practice gave little or no opportunity for proper consideration of the contents of the reports.

The situation was considered by the committee at its customary meeting about a fortnight before the annual meeting and there emerged the idea of duplicating the draft reports and handing them out earlier in the day. The officers agreed to do what they could to give the idea a trial this year, although the notice was rather short.

With all but one of the reports duplicated, the secretary went to Newcastle on Saturday, October 5th, for this year's annual meeting expecting the business to be concluded more quickly and more efficiently. "Get the bells up before the meeting," he said to George Deas, "as we should be able to manage a touch before the service in the Cathedral." Touch **before** the service? We did not leave much time for touches after the service! It was just as well the bells were up.

REPERCUSSIONS

What took up the time? Well, there was one report that was not duplicated. Kenneth Arthur, the Ringing Master, had told the committee that business commitments would not enable him to have his report ready in time for duplication and so he had to read it out. Kenneth puts a great deal of effort into his office and consequently has quite a number of things to report year by year. His report is always a comprehensive one and this year's was no exception. Two of the items evoked criticism. Kenneth himself had passed critical comment on the circumstances in which a peal for the Durham University Society had been arranged on the local practice night at Consett. Malcolm Johnson, a member of the D.U.S., and Bill Tyson, of Consett, related the details and explained that everything had been sorted out amicably within a week or two of the event. It was felt that no good purpose was serveed by raising the matter again and a motion to delete that item from the report was carried.

Not unnaturally, this had repercussions in the election of officers and Kenneth offered his resignation, although he had been recommended for re-election by the committee. Several people spoke in appreciation of the work that he has done over many years and, happily, he was persuaded to stand again.

PEALS AND "THE RINGING WORLD"

Another controversial issue was raised by the secretary. The report of "The Ringing World" Committee at Worcester had suggested that peal ringers might make voluntary contributions towards the cost of publishing peals in the paper and he felt that this suggestion should be brought to the notice of the Association. The Association already collects contributions from peal ringers towards its own printing costs and he suggested that the wording of the motion of the 1960 annual general meeting should be modified to increase the contributions to a shilling a rope, with the additional money going to "The Ringing World" at the end of the year. The idea got as far as finding a seconder and that was all, for it was very heavily defeated. The two alternative suggestions to help "The Ringing World" were both adopted—one that an annual sum should be donated at the committee's discretion from the funds of the Association, and the other was that a box should be provided at District meetings for voluntary contributions.

The afternoon began with ringing at Newburn, where ringers were able to appreciate the improvement after the rehanging by Taylor's. The rededication had taken place the previous Sunday on the Patronal Festival and was a very satisfactory culmination of the efforts of the local ringers in raising the money for this work.

KEN LAWSON

The next tower was St. Stephen's and it was there that Ken Lawson collapsed while ringing. Most people assumed that it was a diabetic coma, knowing that Ken suffered from diabetes, but some of his closer friends summoned medical aid and an ambulance arrived and took him to Newcastle General Hospital. At the time of writing this report, a fortnight later, he is still there in Ward 7, the victim of a heart attack. The president, Bill Tyson, in opening the business meeting, expressed the sympathy of everyone with Margaret and the two daughters, Ann and Enid, and hoped that it would not be long before Ken was well again.

Fenham was the last tower for ringing in the afternoon and there was quite a crowd of ringers in the well-appointed ringing chamber. Ringing in the evening was confined to the Cathedral and good use was made of the restricted time left after conclusion of the business.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Archdeacon of Northumberland, the Ven C. P. Unwin, and the preacher was the Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, Vicar of Tanfield (both of them have done some practical ringing). Mr. Ellery took the text from Amos iii. 8—"The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?"

NEW PRESIDENT

The business meeting began with Bill Tyson presiding, but as Bill had held the office for three years he was ineligible for re-election. When it came to the election of officers Bill nominated Roland Park, of Darlington, as his successor and recalled the long association of the Park family with the Society. The other officers were re-elected and so the list for 1968–69 became: President, R. Park; secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, E. N. Harrison; Ringing Master, K. Arthur; editorial secretary, K. W. Cheeseman: auditor, F. Ainsley; trustees, K. Arthur and E. N. Harrison. The District officers were confirmed as follows: Northern: Chairman, S. Hewitt; secretary, D. Martin. Central: Chairman, W. Tyson; secretary, W. Davidson. Southern: Chairman, T. Cooke; secretary, Miss J. Warwick. In the matter of Central Council representation it was pointed out that the membership might possibly rise by the end of 1968 to the point where three representatives could be elected. It was agreed to reappoint Messrs. Arthur and Bayles with R. Park in reserve if a third one was required.

The peal report showed a large increase in the number of peals over the previous year. The total was 34, 31 of them on tower bells and three "in hand." Seventy-six ringers took part in these peals and six rang their first peal on tower bells, viz. S. Atkinson, G. A. Barker, D. R. Cox, B. Palmer, E. J. Trundley and Miss S. Woodward. Leading peal ringers were G. Deas (19), E. N. Harrison (16) and M. Maughan (15). M. Maughan was the leading conductor with nine.

FINANCES

The treasurer's report showed a large increase in the balance in hand from £54 9s. 4d. to £113 3s. 7d., with the General Fund increasing from £20 8s. 1d. to £70 13s. 5d. A pleasing feature of this statement was the increase of about ten per cent. in the income from subscriptions, but the chief factor in the increased balance was that no printed annual report had been produced during the year. It was decided that a combined report should be printed for the two years 1966–67 and 1967–68. The stock of badges with brooch fittings had been sold out and authority was given to purchase 300 of this type and to raise the price to members to 3s. 6d. in line with the increased cost.

Seven new members were elected—three from Lanchester, three from Shincliffe and one from South Shields.

Roland Park proposed an omnibus vote of thanks after tea at Bainbridge's Restaurant while the Archdeacon and Mr. Ellery were there to acknowledge it. Later, back in the library, Roland proposed another vote of thanks to the retiring president. He said that Bill Tyson had filled the office with tremendous enthusiasm over the three years and he felt that members would wish to acknowledge his efforts. It was quite evident from vigorous and sustained applause that those sentiments were echoed by all present. D. A. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The light six at Sandridge were open for the meeting on October 19th, methods up to London and Cambridge being rung during the afternoon under the direction of Mr. Andrew Wilby. Some confusion arose over the service as the Vicar was on holiday and his stand-in had not expected us quite so early. But we struggled through and then walked over to the Church Hall for tea.

Mr. Vic Frost took the chair at the business meeting. Tickets for the District dinner on December 7th were available from the secretary at 30s. each. The meeting on November 16th was at North Mymms in the afternoon and at Monken Hadley in the evening.

Some discussion followed on the quarter peal programme. One quarter had been scored and three lost so far. It was agreed to carry on with this. The I.T.V. visit on November 28th was also mentioned: names should be given to the secretary, who will give details when received from I.T.V. The secretary reminded members that at the end of the year he has to submit a list of towers and members to the Association secretary for publication in the annual report

A vote of thanks went to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Vicar of Marshalswick for the service, Bob Hardy for playing the organ and the local ringers for the tea.

Evening ringing continued until 8 p.m. with a fair range of methods and visitors. J. A. F.

Eastern District

The Eastern District's October meeting started at Little Munden (6), where a variety of methods was rung, including London and Cambridge. A short service was conducted by the Rev. A. Bennett, who made special mention of the death of Mr. Sidney Carter, the well-known ringer, who was born in this village

Tea was laid on in the village school by church ladies, and at a brief meeting two new members were elected—Timothy Peacock and Stuart Marshall, of Tewin. The District's Ringing Master (Mr. E. Newnham) proposed the vote of thanks and welcomed the county president (Dr. D. Gullick).

Further ringing took place at Little Munden and on the "stiff-going" eight at Ware. At 8 p.m. the bells were rung down, and so ended a very successful meeting. B. J. W. F.

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. G. Huckstepp 1, P. C. Sinden 2, Pamela Court 3, H. Deacon 4, N. J. Davies 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

DATE TOUCHES

BATTLE, SUSSEX. — On Oct. 16th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Christine M. Baldock 1, Ann Harris 2, L. W. Jarvis 3, F. J. Lambert 4, D. R. Reed 5, H. G. F. Reynolds 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, A. R. Baldock 8. Rung in memoriam Harold, Rex Anglorum, killed by a tyrannical invader within 100 yards of this church at the Battle of Santlache Hill, October 14th, 1066.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,968 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. A. Harfield 1, H. W. Brown 2, A. V. Sheppard 3, J. R. Norris 4, B. J. Harfield 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Composed by Walter Small. First date touch by all except 3. Rung for Harvest Festival.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 12th, 1,320 Ipswich and Cambridge Spliced Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N. Bennett 2, Wendy Wallace 3, I. Wiltshire 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. Rung for the wedding of Carol Cousins (tower secretary) to Barry Rodgers. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Head (first quarter) 1, Penny Cocks 2, N. Bennett 3, Louise Powell 4, I. Wiltshire (first as cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins.

ALBURY, HERTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Kent 1, H. Watts 2, P. Glazebrook 3, D. Hutley 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5.

ALDWICK, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): Anne M. Stevens 1, G. F. Durrant (first quarter "inside") 2, Ruth Halford (first quarter) 3, P. Stevens (cond.) 4. First quarter on the bells. Rung for the laying of the foundation stone of the Daughter Church of St. Michael.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Reed (first Triples) 1, H. Moody 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, M. Lockyer 4, R. Corke 5, E. Hedger 6, C. Chennell-White (cond.) 7, A. Kersey 8.

ALWALTON, HUNTS. — On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): R. W. Smith 1, A. Waller 2, J. Cooper 3, Ann Smith 4, F. E. Siamey (cond.) 5. For the mid-week Harvest Festival Evensong.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Belcher 1, Josephine Trigg 2, R. T. Falder 3, A. C. Harris 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, G. F. Coker 6. A belated wedding compliment to Renee Bunn and A. W. Griffiths.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Morton (first in method) 1, Barbara Shaw 2, S. Halliwell 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Valerie Jones 5, K. Warner 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8. For Harvest Home.

BARKSTON, LINCS. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, V. P. Evans 2, D. Leafe 3, P. A. Slight 4, A. Crawford 5, B. Buttery 6. First quarter "inside" 3 and 5.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kemp 1, E. J. Phillips 2, B. J. W. Foley 3, A. Stracey, jun. 4, A. Stracey, sen. 5, J. H. Phillips 6, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 7, D. Butcher 8. Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of Sidney F. Carter, interred this day.

BIRMINGHAM. — At High Hall, Edgbaston, on October 3rd, 1,320 Minor (five methods): J. S. Hopwood 1–2, C. I. Rowson 3–4, J. R. White (cond.) 5–6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, R. Walker 8. For the Festival of Music. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Travers 1, R. Hayden 2, D. Kingston 3, T. Camp 4, A. Richardson (first as cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. For Evensong.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 P.B. Minor: M. Cass (first Minor) 1, Mary White 2, D. G. Hatherly 3, R. A. Stone 4, B. E. Pink 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. R. Godfrey 1, P. E. Wells 2, H. S. Peacock 3, A. J. Davey 4, P. S. Abbott 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6. First in method on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Raymond Charles Grattan and Eleanor Wendy Maynard.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Gardner 1, Monica Blagrove 2, R. A. Blewitt 3, P. Ruch 4, D. Fowles 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong on the christening day of Colin Francis Fowles, son of Derek and Wenda Fowles, ringers at this tower.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: B. J. Read 1, R. E. Stillwell 2, D. L. Nibbs 3, Caroline Mackie 4, N. P. Morris 5, T. G. Williams 6, R. I. Vaughan 7, A. W. Bond 8, M. S. Loveday (first Surprise Royal) 9, A. P. Foster (cond.) 10. First of Royal 2, 5, 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Ellis 1, L. Atton 2, G. W. Reynolds 3, S. J. Franklin 4, J. G. Beadman 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. First quarter on the bells since augmentation. The band wish to associate the name of the late Ronald Russell with this quarter as he was in the original band.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Hussey 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, T. Newlands 3, S. J. Bateman 4, N. A. B. Dawson 5, B. Martin 6. Conducted by 2 and 6. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: T. Newlands 1, S. J. Bateman 2, N. A. B. Dawson 3, B. Martin 4, Mrs. G. M. Hunt (cond.) 5, D. Rennolds 6, J. W. Collard 7, H. C. Goss 8.

BROMPTON REGIS, SOM.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lock 1, J. Aldridge 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, R. Somerfield 4, R. Penny 5. First quarter peal since the bells were rehung.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. G. Mitchell 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, S. J. Franklin 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, R. N. Scholes 5, A. Gibbs 6, G. E. Watson 7, C. J. Groome (first as cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 4. For Harvest Festival.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Modwen, on Sept. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Ruth Fairbrother 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Jennifer Beech 3, T. J. Williams 4, E. R. Fairbrother 5, F. Beech 6, N. Holland 7, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 8. First Surprise by a Stafford Sunday service band.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Taylor (first quarter) 1, Susan Lippett (first quarter) 2, Linda Gibson 3, G. Dean 4, G. Pick (cond.) 5, M. Buckham 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Trevor Lowe and Jennifer Williams.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. T. Winter 1, R. L. Underwood 2, G. Bagley 3, R. A. G. Inglis (cond.) 4, D. Barton 5, D. S. Bishop 6, R. H. Youdale 7, D. S. Pont 8.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan A. Peake 1, Carol A. New (first away from treble) 2, Anita D. O'Brien 3, B. Bladon 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, M. A. New 6. For Harvest Festival, and a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. E. G. Adams, tower captain and churchwarden.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,240 Pl. Bob Minor: Margaret Hill 1, G. F. Oliver 2, J. Cooper 3, C. Banks 4, K. Oliver 5, F. E. Siamey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Hurst 1, A. Nixey 2, L. Cooper 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, C. Woodward 6. For Harvest Festival.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Skinner (first quarter) 1, Carol Gosling 2, Diane Wickens (first three methods) 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples· Dilys Eastmead 1, Mary Munt 2, G. Webb 3, Pamela A. Court 4, W. C. Chandler 5, K. Butler (cond.) 6, A. C. Eastmead 7, J. Thorne 8. For the induction of the Rev. Barry Jack Cooper as Rector of Cheriton with Newington.

CHESWARDINE, SALOP.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Yates 1, G. Pick 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, A. Fletcher 4, C. Bennett 5, P. Johnson (cond.) 6, R. Dorrington 7, S. Illidge 8. For Harvest Festival.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Durrant 1, M. W. Sayers 2, Anne M. Stevens 3, Lynn Gibson (first quarter "inside") 4, P. Davis 5, E. Winifred Keys 6, P. Stevens (cond.) 7, K. Knight 8. For Evensong.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. L. Cooper 1, R. Cooper 2, P. Payne (first as cond., 720) 3, T. J. Wellen (first as cond., 540) 4, J. F. Payne 5, G. Coleman (first quarter) 6. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): S. M. Sharp 1, T. J. Wellen 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, P. Payne 4, J. F. Payne 5, G. Coleman 6. Both for Harvest Festival.

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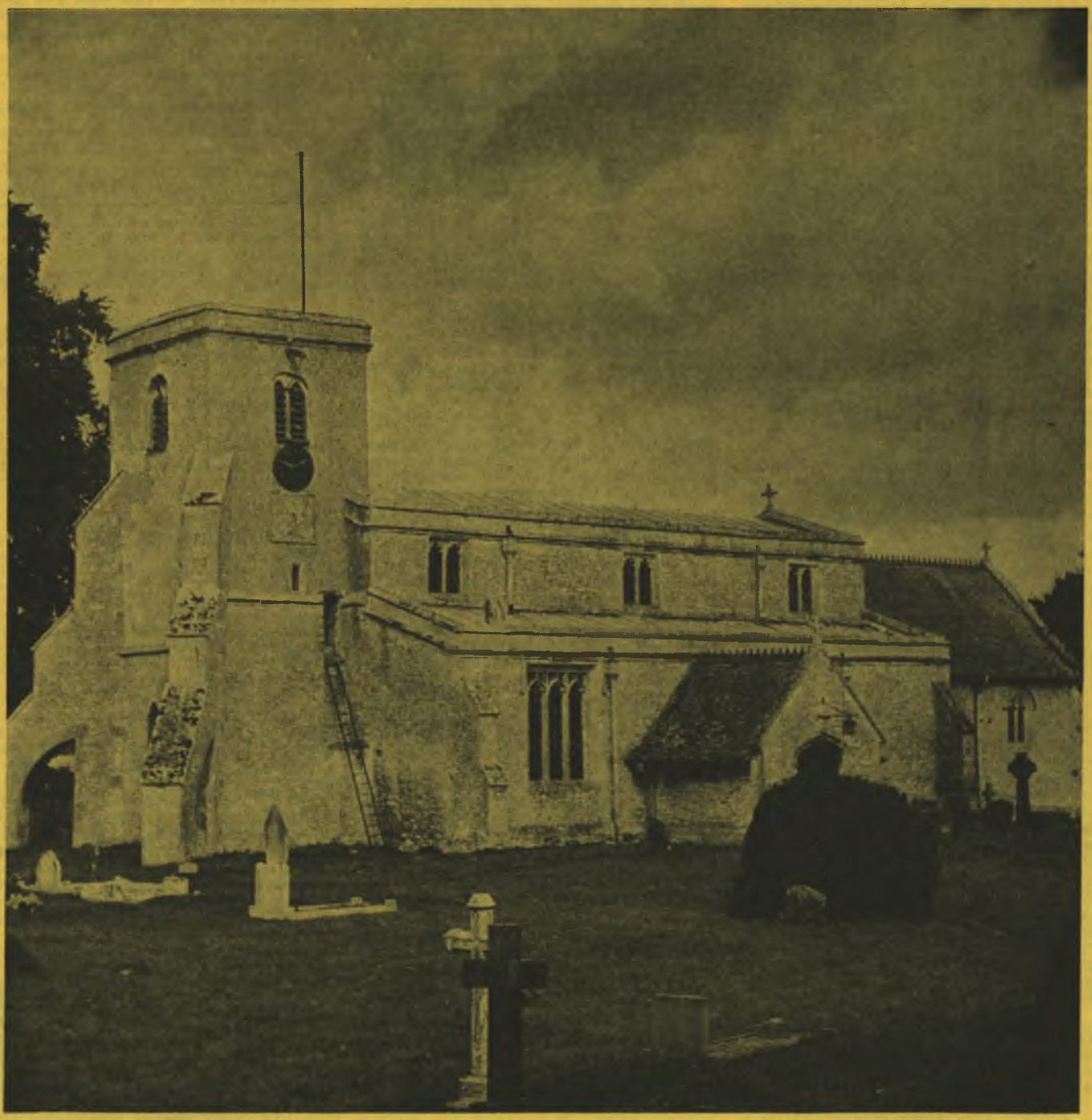
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The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Launton

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BEFORE REFORMING THE COUNCIL CONSIDER THESE POINTS

By the Rev. JOHN G. M. SCOTT

On October 11th you published a letter from Mr. Christopher F. Mew under the heading "Is the Central Council a White Elephant?" Expecting a spate of replies, I did not venture any comment on it, but as nobody else seems to have considered it worthy of notice perhaps a few comments are the least that Mr. Mew deserves, even if they do come from me, for he has raised a number of very interesting topics.

I think it better not to deal with his points in the order in which he takes them, as I think that the matter of the ringing and social activities must wait until we have decided just what it is the Council ought to be doing.

(1) The present Council *is* probably too big for "efficient debate". But is that all it's there for? There are two ways of bringing your point of view before the Council; either you get up and make a speech, in which you may ruin a good case or make a bad one look better than it is by eloquence or the lack of it. Or you can talk, before the meeting (perhaps even on the way to a tower during the week-end ringing beano) to someone who is involved in the matter and who will himself be speaking about it. The second method is often more effective than the first. It follows that there are a number of highly effective members of the Council who very seldom speak at all during a meeting.

The Council also functions quite apart from decision-making which affect its size: one of these is providing a trunk on which can grow the various committees which work for it. Some of these are not concerned with advising the Council but with taking the Council's work to the outside world; they meet but seldom, for what they require is a body of people scattered over the country to look after a department of the Council's work; they therefore have to be big enough to do it effectively. If these branches are to be sufficiently big, they must have a big enough trunk to carry them.

Another function is hard to define and evaluate but probably as important as any —acting as the central meeting-point for the Exercise. A representative may go two or three hundred miles, and spend four days away from home, and speak not a word in debate, but his contacts with other ringers, particularly with ringers of different backgrounds from associations from different areas, may be invaluable to his own society. We have seen societies for which affiliation to the C.C. has been the start of a new life, no less—and just think how much good it must do all those peal-ringers and tower-grabbers to spend a week-end in the company of right-minded people like Mr. Mew!

Now both these functions are probably as important as decision-making and debate; were the size of the Council to be dictated only by the needs of efficient debate it might impair them very seriously.

(2) What is more, if these functions are to be adequately fulfilled, then one thing that the Council *must* have is a good deal of time *not* spent in meetings. Members of the Towers and Belfries and Sunday Service Ringing Committees, for instance, may live four hundred miles apart and see one another only at the Council, yet their comparing of notes will often be of great value to themselves and the Exercise. If Mr. Mew is going to herd us all into meetings from the Saturday to the Tuesday and engage us in efficient debate for four days, when can this happen? Perhaps there is a little too much of a ringing beano at present, but in my experience much of this stems from the desire on the part of the host society to do the honours as well as possible and also to get some good ringing for its own members —certainly I waited in one tower this year for 45 minutes to ring a sixscore of Doubles in a crowd of whom C.C. members did not make up a tenth. Yet even then I don't think it was time wasted, for among that tenth were people whom I was glad to see and with whom I had things to discuss.

I do agree wholeheartedly, however, about the curtailment of meetings because of social functions. One doesn't like to be churlish when the civic authorities wish to do the Council honour, but one wonders whether the civic receptions couldn't be laid on at a time—say the Monday afternoon or even on the Saturday—when they cannot interfere with the business. Then, if we had really important work to do, we could stick at it till midnight and do it properly.

I know that the clergy are now a very small group on the Council, but their convenience is not the only reason for not carrying the meeting over the week-end. I for one would be profoundly unhappy if the Council were to arrange its meetings in such a way that members could not attend without abandoning their own towers on a Sunday. I know that many do make a week-end of it, but at present they don't have to, and it would be a sad day if they did, for it would make nonsense of the Council's claim to do everything possible to encourage service ringing if it demanded the absence of 150-odd ringers from their home towers every year.

(3) The demand for really fast decision-making by the Council doesn't really seem terribly realistic; the space age doesn't yet seem to have affected the Exercise very profoundly, and I can't for the life of me see how it's going to. I know that some pieces of business get left over from one year to another—and I know also that many of them need to be. It will not do the Exercise irreparable harm to wait for a final decision about Doubles Methods, and it may well be a better decision for having had a year's consideration. If the Council's methods had been streamlined for instant decision-making two years ago, I fancy Mr. Mew might not have had a "Ringing World" to publish his letter.

(4) Representatives are not delegates, and it would be a very difficult situation for them if they were. For one thing a representative would be in honour bound to resign if ever his association advanced a motion with which he didn't agree. For another thing every association would have to debate every piece of business on the agenda and give its representatives detailed instructions, or else they would be unable to speak or vote. Imagine a motion coming up which was not on the agenda: without instructions none of the representatives would be able to vote, and the matter would be decided entirely by the Honorary Members!

(5) As to cross-representation, I can't see any way out of this that would be workable and fair. After all, I may be a member of two societies and my membership may be counted for both; but the interests of the two may be quite different, and so may my interests as a member of each.

(6) Perhaps some of the non-territorial societies are over-represented; cutting them down to size would not do much to reduce the size of the Council, though. As to the rest, a reduction would result in unfairness. You can cut down the Guild of Devonshire Ringers by 25%, but you can't do the same for the East Grinstead and District Guild, can you?

Much of what I've said about the size of the Council and its programme applies to that other body which meets in the Palace of Westminster. Of late people have been making sure that it keeps up with the space age—its decision-making is very rapid indeed, as witness the Commonwealth Immigration Act which was not only shameful but proved to be unnecessary; its members are being made to devote more and more of their time to debate and leave behind the atmosphere of a gentlemanly club which once they enjoyed: and by an odd coincidence it has never in history been more out of touch with the people or in lower public repute.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Launton, Oxon.

By FREDERICK SHARPE

FOR mutual protection our Anglo-Saxon forefathers usually built their dwellings close together in settlements, or 'tuns'; but Launton was an exception, and from this peculiarity the village derived its original name. Here the ground forms a slight ridge, sloping towards two brooks; and, having cleared the higher ground, the settlers erected their buildings in a continuous line and called the place "Langetun"—the long "tun," or village.

The later Saxon kings had much to do with this neighbourhood. Dorchester was the cathedral city, first of Wessex, later of Mercia. There were royal palaces at Headington, Islip and Woodstock. In 1004 Edward the Confessor was born at Islip; and from the Domesday Survey we learn that in his day Launton was one of the 1422 manors which were the hereditary property of the Crown. Edward's chief interest was the founding and building of Westminster Abbey. To this he gave one-tenth of his estates, and among his gifts was Launton.

The Abbot of Westminster took possession of his newly-acquired property soon after the upheavals caused by the Norman Conquest, and one of his first acts was to cause a small church to be built here for the use of his dependants. It was dedicated to St. John-the-Baptist, and consisted of a simple nave, with a semi-circular eastern apse, and bell-cote. To this the present tower was added about the middle of the 12th century. The work was done by a guild of masons employed by the Abbot, and the large stone quinquangle on the south side is their guild mark. The tower exhibits late Transitional-Norman details, and the belfry windows consist of double lancets of early character under semi-circular hood mouldings.

Of the original church the tower alone remains. The nave was rebuilt and aisles added towards the end of the 12th century, and when the enlarged church was reconsecrated in or about the year 1238 by Bishop Robert Grosseteste of Lincoln, in whose diocese Launton was then situated, the dedication was changed to that of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The earlier apse was replaced by the chancel in the 15th century and, with the addition of a porch, the church assumed its present form.

A bell weighing approximately 3¼ cwt. was placed in the tower soon after its erection, and the only other one then in use was the saunce. Although the latter was recast in 1725 by Chandler, of Drayton Parslow, Buckinghamshire, it is still used for its original purpose during the Consecration of the Elements during the Communion service. The writer's first introduction to campanology was the ringing of this small bell.

ITINERANT BELLFOUNDER

In the year 1416 an itinerant bellfounder recast the original tower bell and added two larger ones. In those days it was easier to erect a temporary furnace than to transport bells over country with no roads. The account recording the transaction is extant and gives many details, but omits the most interesting one—the founder's name. Most of the mediæval bells in the neighbourhood were cast at the Wokingham foundry, but considering the connection between Launton and Westminster Abbey it seems more likely that they would have employed a London founder. The new bells, weighing 3½, 5 and 7 cwt. respectively, were hung in a new oak frame, parts of which remained until 1907.

Soon after the erection of the ring of three bells the foundations of the tower subsided and it developed a considerable inclination westwards; with it also came the north aisle. In rural parishes it was then the custom to cast bells in a pit as near as possible to the tower in which they were to hang, and the foundations were weakened in this manner. The north aisle was rebuilt in the 15th century; the leaning tower remains At the Reformation we learn from the inventory made in 1552 that the church possessed: "Item, iij belles in the stepull and the saunce bell"

The three bells were recast and augmented to five early in the 18th century. The work was done by members of the Chandler family, either by Richard Chandler II and his nephews, Richard III and George, or by any one or two of them. Each of the four smaller bells was inscribed with the date: "1701." The tenor bore the inscription: "CHANDLER MADE ME 1712." The mediæval frame was extended to accommodate the additional bells, and the bell chamber enlarged by the removal of the inner lining of the east wall The rope transom of the mediæval bell frame was converted into a lintel to support the wall above the portion removed, and still exists, revealing the holes worn by the friction of bell ropes in bygone days, and from it we may ascertain the sizes and positions of the bellpits of 1416.

Before 1851 the ringing chamber was situated inside the church at ground level. Now it occupies an upper floor, reached by an external ladder and a short flight of steps set in the thickness of the wall. The doorway measures only four feet ten inches by one foot two inches. To enter, you grab a safety chain, take a deep breath, and squeeze in sideways. Once inside you find yourself in a ringing chamber seven feet two inches by seven feet. One corner is occupied by the clock mechanism, another by clock weights, the third by the ladder to the bell chamber, and the fourth by the entrance door.

WATERLOO BROWN

The unusual form of approach to the ringing chamber was constructed to prevent the ringers celebrating each anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. A nephew of a former rector, Colonel Brown, had distinguished himself in the Army. He was mentioned in despatches by Wellington, after Waterloo, where, after being twice unhorsed and once ridden over by a troop of enemy cavalry, he rose to mount a runaway horse and lead his men to victory. Each year "Waterloo Brown," as he was known, had a barrel of beer taken into the belfry, and between and after ringing a glorious party would take place in honour of his exploits. While his uncle was rector, and knowing the Colonel's gallant record, no one complained, but the arrival of a new rector brought quick repressive measures. He quickly tried to make it impossible to take a barrel into the tower and to ensure that all future ringers were sober and slim

Towards the end of the 19th century fears were expressed that the tower was again moving westward, and as a precautionary measure the huge flying buttresses, shown in our cover photograph, were built in 1892.

In 1907 the bells were again recast, this time by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who rehung them in a metal frame. The frame is so carefully designed that all the bells are hung at one level. A treble to make six was added at the same time in memory of Richard Thomas Staples-Brown, and his wife, Ann, descendants of "Waterloo Brown." In 1938 self-aligning ball bearings were fitted, and other frictional parts renewed, by Messrs. White, of Appleton.

EARLY MEMORIES

The writer was taught the rudiments of our art in 1919 by the late Richard Castle, for many years verger, chorister and ringer At that time some of the ringers who had rung in the previous century were active members of the band, notably William Foster, another verger, chorister and ringer, who lived to the age of 91 and died in 1925. He rang regularly until within a year of his death. For excellence of rising and falling in peal and well-struck call changes the performances of these ringers were hard to equal

Change ringing was unknown in this part of Oxfordshire before the formation of the Bicester Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1913. Under the leadership of James Marriott the Launton ringers commenced learning Grandsire Doubles; they were all self-taught, and it is to their great credit that they scored their first peal in 1914. Peals on these bells have not been numerous, but one in 1924, in which Edward Hims, of Bicester, rang a pair of bells to Bob Minor deserves mention.

Following some parochial unpleasantness after a peal in 1932, the writer invented the practice device, now known as the "Launton silencer." This apparatus embodies a small striker, pivoted on a clapper bar, which enables the ringer to hear the bell, which cannot be heard 50 yards from the tower. It has been used with advantage in many places, and the initial instruction at Washington Cathedral, U.S.A., was given on it

LONG SERVICE

The ringers today are intimately connected with the church life of the parish. Among the twelve members are one lay reader, three servers, seven choristers, five members of the P.C.C. and four sidesmen. Besides holding four of these offices the vice-captain, Herbert A. Massey, is also verger and church treasurer. The writer has been churchwarden for 36 years and holds four other offices. His co-churchwarden has held office for nine years, but has been a chorister for 74 and a ringer for 70, and at the age of 82 regularly climbs the external ladder to the belfry and is seldom absent.

The church possesses many treasures, chief among which is the unique chalice, bequeathed, traditionally, by Archbishop Laud to Bishop Robert Skinner before the former's execution. Bishop Skinner's gallant conduct during the Commonwealth is commemorated in the stained glass of the east window. When the Puritans evicted the Anglican clergy and prohibited the use of the Liturgy the Bishop continued to reside at Launton Rectory and publicly used the Prayer Book. He secretly ordained between 400 and 500 priests unknown to the authorities. He was aided by Dr Ralph Bathurst, Fellow and afterwards President of Trinity College, Oxford. Bathurst was in priest's orders, but having also taken a degree in medicine, was then practising as a physician Candidates for ordination came to him secretly; he first examined them and then arranged for them to meet him at Launton Rectory. On the appointed day he went to Launton on the pretext of seeing patients, and officiated at the ordination as Archdeacon In Bishop Skinner's own words: "Launton during those dismal days was the fountainhead of the English Church."

NEXT WEEK'S COVER PICTURE THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES WREXHAM

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT 331st DINNER

College Youths a Link with great City Companies

THE magnetism of the Ancient Society of College Youths is unabated. At the 331st annual feast, held at the Walbrook Restaurant, City, on November 2nd, there was a record attendance of 272 men and one lady—Mrs. F. I. Hairs. Today she is the only lady member, having been proposed more than 50 years ago by a famous London ringer and past master, Mr. Challis Winney. But there were others present that night with longer membership, the honour of oldest member to take wine with the Master being Mr. G. E. Symonds, a nonagenarian with over 70 years membership of the Society.

The Master this year, Mr. Philip A. Corby, is one of the best known ringers in the country by virtue of his peal ringing activities of more than 30 years and his work as general secretary of the Kent County Association and previously with the Leicester Guild. He took as the theme of his address the association of the Society with the City of London and how it had modelled its conduct on the rules of the great City Livery Companies, its contemporaries throughout the centuries.

The record which the secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) presented of the activities of the Society during the past year was stimulating, with 41 peals. This last October saw the Society ringing peals on the three heaviest twelves—at Liverpool Cathedral, St. Paul's and Exeter Cathedral. The popularity of practices had presented accommodation problems, and 51 new members had been elected during the twelve months.

It was a very happy evening of renewed friendships—members being present from 29 counties.

In accordance with tradition, the Master proposed the toast of "The Church" and spoke of the great privilege of being the 331st in the long line of Masters. He was very conscious of the honour but knew it would never have been possible for him to carry out the duties without the assistance of the officers and, in particular, the secretary. It was impossible to pay too high a tribute to the tremendous work on behalf of the Society by Jim Prior. All the arrangements for that dinner and the seating of the 273 present were carried out by him

He took that opportunity of greeting his many friends present, especially those of long standing. It was a unique experience to have with them George Symonds, who had been a member for 70 years. Then there were Mr. and Mrs. Hairs with 51 years' and many with over 50 and 60 years'. It was also a great pleasure to take wine with the members of the Kent County Association, of which he happened to be the general secretary, and also with Mr. George Richardson, who taught him to handle a bell some 37½ years ago

The Society had a great privilege in being able to hold their dinner in the City of London, still the finest city in the world, with wide influence in banking, insurance, shipping and commerce. A city full of history and still having its narrow lanes and alleys amid its great new buildings. The Society had its link with celebrated churches within the famous square mile—St. Paul's, St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Giles', Cripplegate, St. Michael's, Cornhill, whose Rector, Canon Motley, was with them; he had dinner with him the previous Monday at the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, of which Canon Motley is chaplain.

GOVERNED LIKE A CITY COMPANY

After referring to the government of the City, the Master said the College Youths were governed on the same principles as the Livery Companies. He had just heard that the present Lord Mayor, Sir Gilbert Inglefield, had raised £100,000 for the "War on Want" and Canon Motley had suggested that the Society should contribute to that great cause, and if they did he would like to join them. The matter would be submitted to their next meeting.

Then there was the part the Church played in the life of the City. Originally there were too many churches. By the genius of Bishop Wand during his episcopate Guild churches were formed and there was a great use of churches during week-days, many being identified with a particular use, as for instance the fine music at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Botolph's, Aldgate, and the dialogues between famous people at St. Mary-le Bow. Before the Church there was a great task and everybody was getting terribly excited about St. Paul's, inspired by Dean Sullivan. They regretted his absence, but they realised it was Caribbean night at St. Paul's.

At another church, St. Edmund the King, a great restoration was taking place. The memorial to Sir Henry Tulse was being removed from the old churchyard of St. Dionis' to the garden of St. Edmund's Church. Sir Henry was Lord Mayor in 1684 and, in the same year, Master of the Society and also of the Grocers' Company.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Concluding, the Master said the Church was always under fire, but he was sure it would remain triumphant; in the words of the old hymn:

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

The reply was by Canon N. C. S. Motley, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, who thanked the Society for their interest every Sunday in Cornhill. "They shuffle down from St. Paul's in four minutes flat and shut up in ten minutes flat. It is something we are indebted to them for." The Canon mentioned with affection the five bells at Navestock, Essex, and recalled ringing on the bells at St. Michael's for his induction. On that occasion, in the presence of the Archdeacon and other dignitaries, he gave the rope a mighty tug, and snaking down came 70 feet of rope. The Archdeacon looked severe, but he could not help bursting out laughing.

He wanted to say "thank you" to a corporation or body of men, a cross-section of society where there was real brotherhood.

TENOR RINGER

The toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths" was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president of the Kent County Association), who told of his close association with the Master, Mr. Corby having been best man at his wedding and godfather to his daughter. In pre-war days they used to spend their Saturday afternoons trying to ring peals. In 1931 their Master rang the tenor at Quex Park and, later that year, Southwark tenor. He was then only 18 years of age and the footnote read: "Youngest to ring this bell to a peal."

Mr. Barnett congratulated Mr. W. T. Cook on his excellent articles on the property of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he had read with much pleasure, and also his article on the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, that appeared under an alias in "The Ringing World," but his writing could not be disguised.

They could not have too much history and he could not understand anyone not wanting to know. In his own tower there was a peal board of Grandsire Triples with the name of Frederick K. Newman on it. He was a firm man and it was said of him that he once applied for the post of public hangman. Mr. Barnett said he did not think he succeeded. Another instance he came across was in the Transport Museum, where, painted on an old horse-bus was the name of John C. Mitchell, a former Master, who rang 1–2 in the first peal of Holt's Original on handbells.

"A COMMON SINGLE"

History was said to repeat itself. At Birmingham a peal of Stedman Triples by Lates from Thurstans' four-part was commented upon by Henry Johnson that it came round with a common single. Rules had been accepted for centuries and it was jolly hard luck if it did not succeed. The wheel had now turned full circle and now any and every wangle would do to achieve a peal.

Another instance of history repeating itself was that after the completion of a peal of Bob Maximus at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1726, it was reported that all members of the band left the church in their own carriages—that was something that they certainly had today.

The College Youths of the past would indeed be proud of the College Youths of the present day and proud to think that they cherished the Society's traditions with such enthusiasm.

The response to the toast came from the hon. secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, who said that last year he reported an attendance of 237, but that year—apart from the tercentenary dinner—was probably an all-time record. This year they had to increase the price of tickets because of rising costs, but despite this they had handsomely exceeded last year's with 273 people present. "To all, especially those who have travelled long distances, on behalf of the Master and officers, I say thank you very much for your continued support."

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from the Dean of St. Paul's, the Dean of Westminster, Messrs. F. E. Collins, Harry Miles, William Shepherd, A. York-Bramble, R. G. Edwards, C. T. Clarke and B. J. Wylde. Mr. Miles sent his warmest greetings, as also did Mr. Shepherd, who joined the Society in 1900.

NEW MEMBERS

In the past year, continued Mr. Prior, 51 new members had been elected, including Mr. Richard Dirksen, the leader of ringers at Washington Cathedral, U.S.A. The list was:

John Weaver, Leonard G. Gates, John G. Cull, Martin A. Gay, Stephen A. Gay, George E. Bonham, John R. Cotterill, Colin G. Wright, Harold Duncan, Roger Durrant, Richard A. G. Inglis, David S. Brown, Richard S. Youdale, Sidney Hough, Lawrence P. Mackie, Alan F. Scholfield, Andrew Howard, Philip M. Park, G. Robert Mordaunt, Gordon W. Land, Edward G. Mould, Harold Evans, Andrew W. R. Wilby, Percy Venn, Christopher Venn, Simon A. B. Wigg, Malcolm Barden, Christopher Forster, A. Stephen Taylor, Donald F. Murfet, Graham W. Elmes, David W. James, Richard F.

College Youths—continued

Prime, Frederick E. Jones, Richard S. Dirksen, Rev. Michael Hart, Robert P. Sherlock, Roger M. Heyworth, Ernest T. Carvell, John Ariss, Peter D. Sell, Ian D. Thompson, John N. Longridge, Peter J. Wycherley, A. James Poyner, Alexander R. Jones, Desmond P. Mortlock, Peter M. Adcock, Ronald F. Andrew, Alan McFall, Gerald Moorhouse.

LOSSES BY DEATH

"Since the last dinner we have heard of the deaths of 15 members. We shall remember them all, but uppermost in the minds of many of us, particularly of the London members, will be the name of Jack A. Waugh, one of the staunchest and most loyal members that our Society has ever had. He had served the Society as Master, senior steward, junior steward and as a Central Council representative and at the time of his untimely death he was one of our trustees. He was also a member of the bands at Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral. Jack was held in affection by all of us who had the privilege of his friendship and he is greatly missed."

The company stood while the following were remembered: John Willis, William A. Collins, John G. Jeffries, George H. Humphries, Edwin G. Buck, Edward T. Sneller, Harold L. Parfrey, S. George Chaplin, Peter Laflin, Stanley Bristow, Jack A. Waugh, Henry T. Macey, Norman Heaps, R Thomas Newman, James Turner.

FORTY-ONE PEALS

Since the last dinner 41 peals had been recorded.

Triples: Stedman 4.

Surprise Major: London 2, Bristol 2, Newcastle 1, Glasgow 3, Rutland 1, four-spliced 1, six-spliced 1, ten-spliced 1.

Caters: Stedman 1, Grandsire 2.

Surprise Royal: London 1, Cambridge 4, Bristol 1, Prittlewell 1.

Cinques: Stedman 7.

Surprise Maximus: Cambridge 3, Londinium 1, Superlative 1, Lincolnshire 1, Prittlewell 2.

POINTS FROM PEALS

A peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 29th was rung in memory of Jack Waugh.

During October, peals were rung on the three heaviest twelves, i.e. Stedman Cinques at Liverpool Cathedral, Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, and Prittlewell Surprise Maximus at Exeter Cathedral.

OUT-OF-TOWN MEETINGS

"In May we had a most enjoyable and highly successful meeting in Kent and it was most appropriate that we should go there in view of the Master's other office as general secretary of the Kent County Association. There was ringing of a high standard at Rochester Cathedral, Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege's, Canterbury, and Sevenoaks. At the business meeting in Canterbury the Master had the unusual experience of taking the chair at a ringers' meeting in a former synagogue, and he conducted himself as to the manner born! For next year's out-of-town meeting we have been very glad to accept an invitation to go to Birmingham.

The usual practices have been held on Tuesdays throughout the year with very good attendances, particularly of the younger members. The number attending the practices at St. Paul's Cathedral have been so great that we are having to give serious thought to ways and means of relieving the pressure here.

LIBRARIAN

For some time Mr. W. T. Cook has been the Society's librarian and he has done and is doing a splendid job of work. The work of the librarian is now considered to be of first-rate importance and we have recognised this by amending this so that the librarian is now an officer of the Society. The records of the Society were now in better order than ever before.



MR. PHILIP A. CORBY
(Retiring Master)

At the recent rededication of the historic ring of 12 at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, our friends, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, undertook the responsibility of raising the money; they put in a tremendous amount of hard work in the tower—painting, bricklaying, etc.— and we would like warmly to congratulate them on the success of their undertaking. We were delighted to receive an invitation to take part in this great occasion and we took along a band consisting, with one exception, of the Master, officers, past masters and past officers.

CHANGE OF MEETING ROOM

The four weekly business meetings have been increasingly well attended, so much so that our present meeting room is no longer big enough for us, and we have therefore arranged that as from January next year the business meetings shall be held at the Lord Raglan, St. Martins-le-Grand, quite close to St. Paul's Cathedral."

Next year's dinner will be held on November 1st.

The speech was followed by a touch of Stedman Cinques rung by W. T. Cook 1–2, W. Williams 3–4, M. V. Chilcott 5–6, J. E. Chilcott 7–8, P. A. F. Chalk 9–10, M. P. Moreton 11–12.

The toast of "Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies" was proposed by the junior steward, Mr. A. R. Kench, who expressed thanks to the clergy of the churches in which the Society rang. He thanked all their visitors who helped to make the art of bellringing better known. The survival of bellringing depended on the interest of many in having a common aim

There was a prospect in the huge building that was being erected close to St. Giles', Cripplegate, that the bells would become a nuisance. During the year sound-control had been put in and they hoped that, through this, ringing would be able to continue.

Mr Kench made special reference to the presence of the Master and secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and Mr. John Freeman (vice-president of the Central Council).

The Rev. E. Rogers, Rector of St. Giles', Cripplegate, called attention to the change in his parish when 6,000 people lived in the Barbican. There was now some talk at St. Giles' whether a 13th bell should be added.

Mr. John Freeman, in reply, made reference to representation on the Central Council. He said he thought it was very important that all Societies should think about their aims and objects, because the success of the Central Council depended on the members elected to it, and it behoved every Society to send their best people.

Mr. Freeman said he was impressed by the attendance of 273, and he asked himself why people should be attracted there from all parts of the country. The obvious thing was that the Society, with its history and tradition, had a certain magnetism about it that attracted ringers from all parts of the country.

"THE MASTERS OF 300, 200 AND 100 YEARS AGO"

This was the concluding toast, which was proposed by the Master. The Masters were:

1668 Robert Luttley.
1768 Records destroyed.
1868 James Pettit.

The Master read the following notes prepared by Mr. W. T. Cook:

Robert Luttley was elected Master in 1668. He became a member in 1659 and was elected steward in 1664, but I have no other information about him.

There is no record of who was Master of either the "Ancient" or the "Junior" Society of College Youths in 1768. Neither Society was very active just then in peal-ringing; the peal book records one peal for 1768 and three peals for 1769, all rung by members of the Junior Society.

In 1868 James Pettit was elected Master. Born on April 25th, 1834, he began his ringing career at St. John's, Hackney, and became a member of the College Youths in 1857. Thereafter he took part in most of the notable performances of the Society, among which may be mentioned the 15,840 Kent T.B. Major at Bethnal Green in 1868; the first peal ever rung in Ireland (at Waterford in 1872); the first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, in 1881, which he conducted; 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham in 1883; and the attempt for 10,030 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1887, which was lost in the last course. He was for many years the premier conductor of the Society. He was the conductor of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild from 1878 to 1911, and for many years he was treasurer of the College Youths. He died in May, 1912, aged 78. Those who knew him have described him as a good and true man, one whose gentleness of nature, quiet dignity and personal charm won the affection, as it commanded the respect, of all who knew him

THE ATTENDANCE

Top table.—The Master (Mr. P. A. Corby), Canon N. C. S. Motley (Cornhill), Revs. D. Harbord (Aldgate), J. McCulloch (St. Mary-le-Bow), E. Rogers (Cripplegate), J. F. D. Trimingham (St. Lawrence Jewry), Messrs. J. G. A. Prior (secretary), C. G. J. Watts (treasurer), A. N. Stubbs (senior steward), A. R. Kench (junior steward), J. F. Smallwood (trustee), W. T. Cook (librarian), A. J. Frost (Immediate Past Master), E. A. Barnett (vice-president of Kent County Association), D. Beresford (Master of Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), J. Freeman (vice-president of the Central Council), D. E. Sibson (secretary of Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), K. S. B. Croft.

Others present.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth, J. Ariss, H E. Audsley, G. K. Austin, M. C. Austin.

C. H. Bagot, A. E. Bagworth, N. S. Bagworth, T. N. J. Bailey, A. Ballard, A. D. Barker, L. Barry, J. C. Basher, D. A. Bayles, A. W. Beard, E. J. Beer, D. A. H. Bennett, A. P. S. Berry, P. J. Bird, M. Bishop, J. H. Bluff, P. Border, W. C. Boucher, D. R. Bould, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W. Brighty, D. G. Brown, P. Brown, F. W. Budgen, R. H. Bullen, R. Burbury, D. Burnett, R. G. Burton, A. A. J. Buswell, T. Barton.

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Letters

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION

Dear Sir,—Because of the poor response this year in the way of entries (only three), it was decided to postpone the event. This was very disappointing to me after nine years, when I really thought the idea and the whole spirit of the competition had caught on.

Careful thought and discusion will be required to find out what has gone wrong. One of the rules is "Sunday service bands," and I wonder if the small entry is any reflection on the state of Sunday service ringing? Perhaps the competition is held at the wrong time of the year? Are ringers still nervous of competition ringing? Or antagonistic to it?

It would be interesting to have other organisers' views and experience, particularly as competition ringing generally seems to be on the increase and becoming more popular. —Yours truly,

J. G. CULL.

Kimpton, Hitchin

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—I have just heard from Mr. R. L. Sills, the correspondence member for Addington, Kent, and in his letter he gives me definite information regarding the condition of the bells. They appear to be the same bells as in Stahlschmidt, tenor 31½ diameter, about 5¼ cwt. in B flat. They are now standing on the floor, awaiting restoration by the Whitechapel Foundry, including tuning, quarter-turning, all new fittings and a new six-bell frame.

Mr. Sills has worked very hard, both regarding the hanging of the existing bells and in attempting to get them augmented to six, though he tells me that this will not be done at present. I am sure that all members of the Kent County Association will join in the hope that his enthusiasm will be rewarded. He appears to stand in a long line of optimists, who in 1732 provided the previous frame—also for six bells!—Yours sincerely,

D. L. CAWLEY.

Whitstable, Kent.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dear Sir,—The following additional information to Mr. Cawley's article on Kent four-bell towers may be of interest.

East Langdon.—Third recast by Bowell when bells rehung in 1910. Tenor then quoted as 7 cwt. in C.

Isle-of-Grain.—Bells cast by Mears, 1904, and hung in a six-bell frame. Tenor 27½ ins., 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Waltham.—Bells tuned as Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, of an octave (i.e. treble semitone sharp).

Westwell.—I made this tenor note F, but Mr. Cawley may be going on a different pitch scale.

An additional four, omitted by both Mr. Cawley and Mr. Dove, is:

Pembury, St. Peter's.—1, 2 and 4, Mears, 1923; 3, J. and C. Hodson, 1677. Hung dead in old frame, and chimed by apparatus. Tenor 32 ins., 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

DOUBLES APPENDIX: A NEW CRITIC

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer the following criticisms of the recent Doubles Appendix. They are intended to be constructive—I hope they will be regarded as such.

Firstly, I do not understand why the twin-hunt methods Newark, New Newark, Reverse Newark and Reverse New Newark have been classified as irregular. The four blows in one place are specifically allowed by the relevant leading or lying, and the three blows in one place are specifically allowed by the relevant C.C. ruling. The C.C. Collection does add that three blows in one place "actually occur only before or after the treble's leading or lying," and in the above methods the three blows are made elsewhere; I think this hardly forms an adequate basis, if it is such, for rejection of the regularity of the methods.

Secondly, in the 1955 C.C. Doubles Collection, the Methods Committee adhered as far as possible to the convention adopted (in general) on higher numbers of bells, that the bob used resulted solely in the alteration of the places made at the treble's lead. Where this was not possible, the bob specified in the Collection resulted **solely** in the alteration of the places made at **one** position internally in the lead, either as the treble passed from 2nds place to lead, or from 5ths to 4ths. In the three remaining methods where this in turn was not possible, they were decreed to have no bob at all and consequently could be pealed only in spliced extents.

If we still adhered to the above conventions, this would admit of the following definition of a variation: a variation of a method is rung when the bob used results in one or more of

(i) alteration of the places made at one non-standard position in the lead;

(ii) non-standard alteration of the places made at the standard bob-position; or

(iii) alteration of places made at more than one position in the lead.

What disturbs me about the new Appendix is that many of the methods have a standard pattern above the treble specified as a bob (e.g. a Grandsire single above the treble) irrespective of what the plain lead of the method is above the treble; these methods consequently fall into category (iii) of the definition above. This must, I think, be either an attempt at uniformity in the new methods (for instance, all Group P methods have a Grandsire single as a call), or else an attempt to make the methods simpler to ring. Neither of these seem to me to be sufficient or justifiable reasons for non-conformity with (previously) universal convention.

I think it would be a much better idea to follow the precedent set by the Collection, and specify the bob, individually for each method, to be a certain alteration of the places made at one position only in the lead, preferably at the lead-end, and where this is not possible to have no bob at all.

If this idea were adopted, then some of the new methods would revert to variations, while some variations would be elevated to the status of methods. For instance, Rev. St. Bartholomew becomes a variation again (category (iii) above), and a corresponding method emerges—St. Augustine, whose plain course is that of Rev. St. Bartholomew, and whose bob results in 2nds and 5ths place being made at the lead-end instead of 2nds and 3rds.

Also, the difficulty of resolving the difference between methods such as April Day and Rev. St. Bartholomew becomes trivial if we regard these mainly as duplicate names of the same variation, the name used depending on the composition. This is already the case with some variations, I believe.

I would be interested to read in "The Ringing World" what other ringers (not necessarily Mr. Blagrove or other Doubles ringers) have to say on the above subjects.—Yours faithfully,

SIMON HUMPHREY.

Stapleford, Notts.

KNOCK-KNOCK PERMISSION

Dear Sir,—With reference to the notice concerning ringing at West Meon and Warnford in "The Ringing World" (page 836), may I inquire of Mr. Bassett how much time he regards as "proper notice"? I should hate to write to one of these towers for permission to ring and to receive a reply saying that my application had been received too late for consideration. Every now and again in the columns of "The Ringing World" we get letters and notices about ringers knocking on vicarage doors asking permission to ring. May I through your columns say that in a great majority of such cases the incumbents and Ringing Masters are usually most delighted to welcome you to their tower and, in my experience, incumbents have received far more respect and courtesy from "knock-knock" visitors, simply because such visitors **have** to make themselves known, and **have** to hold an intelligent conversation with the incumbent or Ringing Master in the time between asking permission and finishing ringing.

On a great many organised ringing outings, with a perfect time schedule, etc., the man in charge takes command as soon as he enters the tower, the ringing goes ahead, and the local man is often completely ignored except for the half-hearted "Are you sure you won't have a ring with us?" When a party has permission to ring, in writing, the ringers tend to think it is their right to ring at that tower for the allotted time, and it is, alas, very easy to leave one's manners outside in the car, because there is no need to do any "vicar-chatting." The bells are available, so what else matters?

May I finally inquire if the views of Mr. Bassett are those of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (Alton and Petersfield District), whose name he has used in the notice? I have been on a few "knock-knocks" in that district with ringers from that district (Liss, Petersfield, etc.). It is standard procedure for a great number of ringers, especially after a lost peal attempt—and I have never come across such an attitude anywhere else in that district. I would have thought this was a private matter between Mr. Bassett and his Rector, and nothing whatever to do with the Diocesan Guild. Perhaps Mr. Bassett would correct me if I am wrong. —Yours faithfully,

M. J. UPHILL.

Putney, S.W.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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DEVON RINGERS HELP THEIR CATHEDRAL

FOR the last two years Exeter Cathedral has been appealing for a total of nearly £300,000 to endow the regular maintenance of the Cathedral and its worship. Many Societies and business firms in Devon have made their contribution to this, and last year the suggestion was put forward that the ringers of the Diocese should do their part as well. There are not a great many occasions for real united action by the Guild and the Association—what one looks for in a ringing festival is not quite the other's cup of tea—but this was something which we could and should do together, and Don Roberts (general secretary of the Guild) and Beric Bartlett (of the Association) were appointed by their respective Societies to put the plan in motion. (Lest anyone should think that the Association was by-passing its own secretary, Edgar Cole, it is only fair to add that while Edgar lives in High Bickington, some 40 miles away, Beric lives very close to Don in Torquay.)

The plan was first set in motion at the Association's annual general meeting last November, and since then it has been gathering way steadily; hardly a single meeting or competition has been allowed to go by without a reminder, and every band of ringers in the county was asked to send a representative to the Cathedral on October 26th with a donation. Some bands had money in their funds; others had a collecting box in the tower; some ran whist drives; and some made a house-to-house collection. It was impossible to know beforehand how many would come on the 26th, and how much they would bring.

When the day came there can seldom, if ever, have been such a representative gathering of ringers in Devon. From Bridgerule to Sidmouth, from West Down to Kingsbridge, they came from every corner of the county and they made the nave of the Cathedral seem comfortably full; perhaps there were about 300 there altogether. The Sacrist, the Rev. H. Rann, conducted the service; the lesson was read by Prebendary J. H. B. Andrews, president of the Guild. The Archdeacon of Totnes (the Ven. R. J. D. Newhouse) in an address thanked the ringers for this gesture of loyalty and care for their Cathedral, which had come entirely from themselves; and during the singing of the last hymn the offerings were brought up and handed to the Dean by representatives of the Associations and towers—there must have been well over 100 of them.

The total will probably amount to just over £300 when one or two gifts have arrived in the post. J. G. M. S.

AGAINST PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,——I refer to Mr. Beale's letter in which he states the donation per rope per peal given in "The Ringing World" on a certain peal tour. It seems to me that as a registered newspaper it is the job of "The Ringing World" to publish news of interest to ringers without expecting a subsidy for doing so. If the funds of "The Ringing World" do not enable it to fulfil this function then the proper course for the Editorial Committee is to do what any other newspaper would do—charge an economic amount for the paper. Far rather would I see a donation made to the church offering its bells for peal attempts—and I know that Mr. Beale's peal bands make such a contribution.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. JONES.

Markfield, Leicester.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

The quarterly meeting combined with a striking competition, held at King's Norton on October 19th, attracted a large gathering of ringers. The excellent back eight were used for the competition, and the ringing was of a high standard. The chief criticism by the adjudicators was that the ringing, being slower than normal, was a little too "stiff." It was the opinion of the judges that the bands entered for King's Norton and St. Chad's respectively were of equal merit and therefore tied for first place. Other bands competing were those of Solihull, Perry Barr, Yardley and one composed of ringers from several towers.

New resident members elected were: F. Hallifax (Aston) and C. Kennaugh, Miss V. Kennaugh and Miss J. Aston (Perry Barr). Mrs. M. Foskett (Nottingham) was elected a life member, and the tower elections as life members of Miss R. Richardson (Dewsbury) and R. A. Smith (Doncaster) were duly ratified.

The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's on January 4th, with ringing at the Cathedral before the meeting and on St. Martin's bells afterwards.

A formal proposition that the Henry Johnson Dinner be held on March 1st was moved and it was agreed that Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd be invited to occupy the chair at this function.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of King's Norton for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the Guild's form of service, and especially to the ladies for providing a most excellent tea—even for the large majority who had failed to notify.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Rev. Roy Southwell, recently installed as Vicar of St. Mary's, Hendon, welcomed the members of the Association to his church on October 19th and, after conductiing a short service, joined the company at tea.

As only six ringers were present shortly after 3 p.m. Spliced Little and Plain Bob Minor commenced the ringing, but numbers soon improved and ringing continued until 4.30 p.m. in a variety of methods to suit all tastes. Visitors were present from Southwell, Notts and Hawkhurst, Kent, together with more local friends from the Hertfordshire district.

At the business meeting Mr. E. A. Hibbs, of Harrow Weald was elected a ringing member whilst Mr. W. S. Hardy, of Darlington, Co. Durham, was elected a non-resident life member.

Mr. H. G. Hart, chairman, proposed the usual but very sincere vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr Robert Clarke, organist, and to Ruth Foreman and her helpers for providing an excellent tea

A return was then made to the ringing chamber, where the bells were put to good use for a further hour or so. F. H. K.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. ROSE

Wyke Regis Church, Weymouth, Dorset, has lost a very faithful servant by the death on October 20th of Mr. J. W. Rose. For over 60 years he had been a regular ringer at this church and since the last war he had been chief conductor. He had also served his church in the office of churchwarden for the last 25 years.

College Youths—continued

J. E. Camp, A. P. Cannon, A. R. Carter, E. Carvell, G. W. Cecil, P. A. F. Chalk, R. J. Chapman, J. H. Chilcott, M. V. Chilcott, H. Clayton, W Clamp, D. E. Cobb, W. H. Coles, R. H. Cook, A. J. Corby, R. G. Cousins, L. Cox, J. H. Crampion, T. A. Cross, D. Cubitt, M. Cubitt, F. J. Cullum.

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Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, G. H. Harding, N. V. Harding, R. W. H. Hayes, D. Heighton, H. J. Hesketh, T. W. Hesketh, C. J. Hibbert, J. W. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, J. Hill, D. P. Hilling, E. J. Hitchins, H. Hodgetts, E. Holdsworth, M. G. Hooton, D. E. House, A. Howard, J. A. Howard, M. Howe, D. Hughes, W. A. Hughes, R. W. Hinde, F. E. Haynes

R. A. G. Inglis, E. R. Iveson, D. James, C. S. Jarrett, D. Jewell, C. M. P. Johnson, A. R. Jones, B. Jones, E. G. Jones.

R. G. Leale, E. T. Lee, D. Leslie, N. Leslie, T. Lewis, A. F. Lewry, J. N. Longridge, J. H. Lott, the Rev. B. K. Lunn.

F. D. Mack, L. Mackie, P. Mackie, D. C. Manger, W. R. Manser, A. J. Martin, A. G. Mason, Air Commodore J. S. Mason, R. B. Meadows, H. W. Milford, R. D. Mills, R. Mitty, F. C Mogford, D. F. Moore, G. R. Mordaunt, M. P. Moreton, R. S. Morris, D. P. Mortlock, F. A. Munday, S. R. Munday, B. Murduck, P. Murduck, P. Murduck, D. F. Murfet

J. H. Napper, D. J. Neal Smith, C. E. Norris, R. Overington

D. E. Parsons, R. I. F. Parsons, A. R. Patterson, A. I Pearmain, D. Peers, R. Peers, D. E. Pepper, James Phillips, John Phillips, H. A. Pinchbeck, G. W. Pipe, H. N. Pitstow, A. J. Poyner, J. R. Pratt, C. P. Quartley.

D. Randall, E. R. Rapley, W. J. Rawlings, F. G. Richardson, J. R. Ridley, J. D. Rock, B. B. Rogers, C. H. Rogers, W. Rogers, D. E. Rothera, P. Rothera, E. J. Rowe, S. Rowe, R. K Russ

G. G. Salmon, T. J. Setter, A. F. Scholfield, R. Sherlock, D. Slater, M. E. Sleat, F. W. Slocombe, R. F. B. Speed, P. J. Staniforth, J. W Stephenson, A. Stimson, G. E. Symonds.

A. S. Taylor, C. A. Tester, W. A. Theobald, A. F. Thirst, D. Thomas, H. E. Thompson, I. D. Thompson, S. K. Thompson, N. Thomson, B. D. Threlfall, A. Turner, A. M. Tyler, M. J. Uphill, C. C. Varney, C. Venn, P C. Venn.

S. C. Walters, A. H. Worboys, L. C. Way, J. Weaver, J. O. Weller, R. W. D. Wetenhall, D. Wheeler, R. Wheeler, B. R. White, F. White, F. A. White, F. C. White, T. W. White, A. Wilby, F. Wilkins, W. Williams, A. C. Winn, S. A. B. Wigg.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER

National Vice-President Replies To C.C. Criticism

THIS was held, as in the previous two years, at the Victoria Hall, Preston, on the last Saturday in October.

Eighty-four people—somewhat fewer than in the past— sat down promptly at 7.30 p.m. to an excellent meal. After this, when appetites had been satisfied and wines had been complemented by coffee, the gathering was entertained by a group of handbell ringers from the Moorside and Ashton-under-Lyne teams. Despite their apologies for shortage of practice, their ringing provided a very pleasant interlude and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

AN OLYMPIC CHOICE!

The guest speaker was Mr. John Freeman, vice-president of the Central Council, who endeared himself to his attentive audience by describing the L.A.C.R. as a "Swinging Association," and asserted that if 12-bell ringing had been featured in the Olympic Games then he felt sure that Britain would have been represented by the band who rang the 40-Spliced Maximus at Liverpool. At least, he added, they would have had plenty of acclimatisation to altitude! He applauded the records in spliced ringing which were being set in Lancashire and which were providing targets for others to aim at—thus ensuring success.

He then went on in more serious vein to discuss the recent criticisms of the Central Council—both its rules and membership—which had appeared in print a few weeks previously. After reading some of these criticisms he made two important replies: on rules, that it is more important to keep to the spirit of the rules than to quibble about the letter; and on membership of the Council—that the remedy was in the hands of the constituent Associations, who should ensure the quality of membership by seeing that they each elected the people best suited for the task.

COMMITTEES—FOR BENEFIT OF ELECTORS

In his reply, the president (Canon A. Hodgson) thanked John Freeman for his speech, which he described as witty, entertaining, instructive and encouraging. He, too, stressed that administrative committees exist for the benefit of the people who elect them; and that here, just as in Sunday service ringing, we are offering to God the best of our abilities.

He commented on the success of the Association garden party which had been held last June. It had been a very happy occasion; his lawn had now fully recovered and all were invited to "come again next year."

Canon Hodgson concluded by reporting the engagement of Jeff Brannan to Pat Etchells, and the whole assembly were privileged to join him in a toast to their future happiness

The speeches were speedily concluded by Denis Jones (Association vice-president), briefly but sincerely welcoming the visitors from Wiltshire, Cheshire and Tasmania.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing (with varying degrees of success), to chatter (both idle and purposeful) and to drinking (both social and serious). In short, all tastes were catered for, and the verdict was "another jolly good 'do.'"

(Overheard on leaving: " . . .he might be able to ring Spliced Surprise, but he can't dance a Quick Step.") C. C.

THE WORCESTERSHIRES AT DINNER

A COMPANY of 156, the greatest number for several years, sat down on October 26th for the Worcestershire Association's annual dinner in the Co-operative Hall, Worcester. Principal guests were Mr. Roger Savory, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and Mrs. Savory.

In introducing Mr. Savory to the company, the chairman, the Rev. L. J. Birch, said that Roger was already well-known to many of them, as he was born and bred in the county, where he also learned to ring.

Proposing the toast of "The Association," Roger said that he was one of a number who began ringing at Badsey, but of that number only himself and Tony Brazier, who was to reply to his speech, were still ringing. He was very conscious of the debt he owed to members of the Association, in particular Joe Johnson, Geoff Hemming and the late John Thomas. He went on to say that the undoubted highlight of the Association's year was the meeting of the Central Council at Worcester. He had been privileged to attend that meeting as one of his Guild's representatives, and he could assure the Association that other arrangements had been highly successful and were a credit to the committee which had made them

A LOT OF SATISFACTION

Replying, Mr. Tony Brazier thanked Mr. Savory for his kind remarks about the Association and said it gave him great pleasure to reply to a toast by one of his contemporaries. He had followed Roger's progress with interest for, in addition to his skill as a practical ringer, he was also a competent composer and conductor. Regarding the Central Council visit, the Association had been very pleased to be hosts this year, and the sub-committee, of which he had been a member, had derived a lot of satisfaction from making the arrangements

Before the speeches, the general secretary, Mr. D. Beacham, read a letter of apology from the Bishop of Worcester, patron of the Association, who sent his best wishes for the occasion and an expression of thanks for all that the ringers did. A letter was also read from the Association's late president, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, who had recently resigned the Deanery of Worcester. The Dean said that the Association had brought him great interest and companionship, which he would miss on leaving Worcester.

In the absence of a president, the chair was taken by one of the vice-presidents, the Rev. L. J. Birch, Rector of Bredon. In proposing the chairman's health the Master of the Association, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, said it was a great pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. Birch with them that evening. They had been members of the Association for a good many years and were the friends of many.

Replying, Mr. Birch said that although he was standing in for the Dean of Worcester that night, he hoped that nobody would go away with the impression that he was to be the next Dean! As far as ringing was concerned, he had to admit that his wife was a far better ringer than he, though how she managed to cope with the mathematics of bell-ringing yet muddle up the household accounts he could never quite understand!

An hour's entertainment then followed with songs by Verne Yorke-Williams accompanied by Tony Hayward, and humour from Ron Pardoe. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung "in hand" by L. J. Haines 1-2, J. C. Eisel 3-4, M. J. Fellows 5-6 and M. D. Fellows 7-8. A very enjoyable evening was rounded off with community singing, with the loudest chorus of "Nellie Dean" coming from the chairman himself! D. B.

LEEDS SOCIETY'S FIRST STRIKING CONTEST

The October meeting of the Society was held at Cleckheaton, where the parish church possesses a good light ring of eight. This was the first visit of the Society to Cleckheaton for some time, the bells having been silent for many years

The afternoon part of the meeting took the form of a striking contest on six bells, with a test piece of 360 changes. This is believed to be the first time the Society has held such a contest. Six teams entered and the pleasant, warm afternoon made it possible for teams waiting to ring to stand in the churchyard and listen to their rivals. When the contest was being arranged it was hoped that it would take place in a friendly and light-hearted atmosphere, and it was pleasing to note that the teams treated it as such by the way they mingled amongst each other to joke about and discuss the various performances. In fact certain members of one team were actually cheering when the team ringing made a mistake!

An excellent buffet tea had been arranged by the local company, which was served from 4 p.m. onwards When everyone had eaten and all the teams had rung, the judge, Mr. Noel F. Moxon, of Cawthorne, gave the result. The favourites, Wakefield, came first with 29 faults, no penalties, with Ossett a close second, only 5 faults and 5 penalties. Behind them were Thornhill 57 faults, Chapel Allerton 100 faults, 5 penalties, Rothwell 156 faults, and Birstall, who unfortunately rang out after only two leads.

It was generally felt that the contest had been a success and was enjoyed by all who took part; it will probably become an annual event of the Society.

General ringing took place in the evening with methods up to Lincolnshire Surprise Major. I. N.

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"YOUNG" FOR EVER: Pretty Bray Wedding



THE sleepy Berkshire village of Bray-on-Thames, noted for the mutability of one of its former Vicars, was roused on the morning of Saturday, October 19th, by the ringing of its bells as a fitting prelude to the wedding at St. Michael's Church later in the day of two well-known local bellringers. Seven holders of the office of Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Ringing Master-elect were ringing what turned out to be a first-class peal of Plain Bob Major for the marriage of Mr. Donald Thomas Young, Ringing Master at All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, and Miss Doreen Ada Hague, a ringer at Bray and for eight years (until last April) a most efficient and very popular Branch secretary.

The bride's dress was of rose-patterned lace over white satin with a train of lace and organza. She carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds, white stephanotis and lilies-of-the-valley. She was given away by her father, and her attendants were the Misses Christine Gooch, Christine Tyler, Carole Young (all cousins of the bride) and Lynn and Vivienne Wagstaff (cousins of the bridegroom). They were dressed in rose-pink taffeta silk dresses and carried white bouquets of lilies-of-the-valley and carnations.

The happy couple left the church to the sound of the bells beneath an arch of handbells held by some of the many ringing friends present. The reception was held in the Drummond Room of the new Maidenhead Town Hall, opened a few years ago by H.M. the Queen. The honeymoon was spent in Majorca.

Don learned to handle a bell at Taunton but has been a ringer at Boyne Hill for the past 11 years. Doreen has been a member of the Bray band and its chief conductor for 15 years, and is often to be seen ringing the seventh of the 26 cwt. octave.

The best man was one of the bridegroom's colleagues at Boyne Hill, Mr. Alan Horne, who jokingly remarked at the reception that Doreen always looked young, and it was nice to know she would remain ever "Young."

Among the host of well-wishing telegrams was one from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, holding its autumn meeting that day at Bletchley—from the "top brass," as one wag observed!

Mr. and Mrs. Young will make their home at 90, Orchard Grove, Maidenhead.

BELFRY GOSSIP

For the first time we have a subscriber in the Solomon Islands. Mr. Charles S. Naylor's address is the District Commissioner's office.

Mr. F. Stedman, the 94-year-old captain of Wyke Regis tower, is in Weymouth and District Hospital recovering from an operation.

October 26th was a particularly busy day for David Beacham, the popular secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, as the annual dinner coincided with the arrival of his second child.

The fifth wedding anniversary of Tony and Janet Roberts was celebrated by a peal at Pulham Market, Norfolk, on September 28th. A convivial evening followed at their home at Loddon.

May we remind those ordering copies of Central Council publications from Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward that a postage charge of 4d. is necessary and that there is not a reduction in price for 12 Beginners' Handbooks. The margin on the Central Council publications is so fine that an extra 1d. postage in some cases results in a loss.

Mr. George E. Fearn's term of office as hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham expires at the annual meeting in January. His stint of over 21 years will be completed.

Mr. W. B. Duncan, of Gorleston-on-Sea, has completed 60 years membership of the Norwich Diocesan Association. He was appropriately honoured with a peal of Major on October 12th.

Amends have been made to the 150th anniversary peal at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, which was lost through a broken rope on October 26th. The peal was truly rung the following Saturday (November 2nd), conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

Mr. Raymond Bath has written a history of St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey. The original cost of the eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.) was about £450 and they were cast by John Warner and Sons Ltd. in 1895. In 1936 the canons were removed and bells retuned by John Taylor and Co. and the weight of the tenor is now 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

The first "John" peal for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was rung at Butcombe on October 9th, conducted by John S. Walton.

Three new members—Messrs. G. F. Coker (Knebworth), A. Gray (Aston) and P. J. Belcher (unattached)—were elected to the Herts County Association at Benington on November 2nd. This was the quarterly meeting of the Northern District.

"The Western Daily Press" of October 28th report a peal rung at the 800-year-old church at Andersleigh, near Taunton. The peal was a success and this is attributed to the yellow sweater that accompanies Mervyn R. Arscott on his ringing trips. It is a mascot that brings luck.

Mrs. F. I. Hairs, who celebrated her 76th birthday on October 22nd, rang 1-2 to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on October 28th. The other members of the band were: Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 3-4, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 5-6, F. I. Hairs 7-8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

GETTING READY FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

A report was given at a meeting of the Northern District of the Herts County Association at Benington on November 2nd by Mr. A. R. Agg, general secretary, on the arrangements for the Central Council's visit to St. Albans next Whitsuntide. He said that over 400 beds had been located and that £244 had been collected to entertain members and meet expenses. There was to be a civic reception and seating accommodation for up to 300 at the meeting hall

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH

On Saturday, October 19th, the new sharp second bell at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of London at the thanksgiving service for the restoration of the church. One of the lessons was read by Mr. W. R. Winterton, a past Master of the Drapers' Company, who have given the new bell, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor were also present.

The ringing before the service consisted of the first quarter peal on the rehung twelve and was 1,311 Stedman Cinques: W. Louise Slater 1, Jane Foster 2, Joan Beresford 3, J. A. D. Woolford 4, M. H. D. O'Callaghan 5, Edwin A. Barnett 6, P. M. Wilkinson 7, N. Summerhayes 8, J. S. Barnes 9, D. E. Sibson 10, D. Beresford (cond.) 11, P. Beresford 12.

Following the service a quarter peal of 1,344 Bristol Surprise Major was rung on the new light eight by: M. Louise Slater 1, Joan Beresford 2, Angela Wright 3, P. Beresford 4, J. S. Barnes 5, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 6, J. A. D. Woolford 7, D. Beresford 8

DALSTON'S HOSPITALITY

After the peal of Bob Major at St. Mark's, Dalston, London, the band was kindly entertained to sandwiches and tea by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Pateman, who was unfortunately indisposed. They were welcomed by Mr. A. Schatto, Deputy Warden, Mr. R. Wood, local captain, and two lady helpers. The parish, reputed to have the largest church in London, is a very live one and serves a large coloured population. The bells, cast by Warners in 1877, have had very little professional attention since then and are rung regularly by the local band

RINGING PARSON ADDRESSES ROTARIANS

Bury St. Edmunds' Rotary Club at a recent meeting heard an address by the Rev. A. A. Muxlow, Vicar of Stowmarket, on bell-ringing. A bellringer for 40 years, he said that bellringing was by no means a dying art, and many youngsters were taking it up as a very useful and healthy exercise.

Mr. Muxlow illustrated his talk with tape-recordings, particularly of the bells of Lavenham Church, whose tenor bell is heard on the wireless on the death of a member of the royal family.

CALLS BROTHER'S FIRST PEAL

Fifteen-year-old Anne Johnson has called the first peal for her brother George at Shelley, Yorkshire. Both are in the Wakefield band. It was George's first attempt and Anne's first attempt at calling one. Fourteen blisters help her to memorise that it was her 14th peal. This peal is believed to be the first of Doubles on the bells.

SUFFOLK'S SILENT SUDBURY

Looking at Sudbury on page 106 of the current "Dove" gives one a feeling of sadness—three rings of eight there, with tenors of 26¼ cwt., 21 cwt. and 16 cwt., but only one set safe for ringing. Now comes a further blow—the "East Anglian Daily Times" of October 28th reports that the third tower, All Saints' (26¼ cwt.), is unsafe, and ringing has been stopped.

It seems that the tower buttresses are cracked, and an architect has described the danger great enough to cause a ban on ringing to be made.

The Rev. John Hewitt (All Saints') says that Sudbury has been described as an "ecclesiastical distressed area," and there is much concern in the town.

Apparently thought has been given to the question of demolishing one of these churches and somebody has ascertained that it would cost £15,000 to £20,000 to demolish a building like All Saints' Doesn't it sound dreadful!

Sudbury is a country market town of about 7,000 population on the Essex boundary.

A large new housing area has been built just outside the town and is being extended.

The Church of St. Peter, with the 21 cwt. tenor, stands at the head of the Market Hill, and it has been "in splints" for a long time while repairs are made.

The third church, with the 16 cwt. tenor, shown in "Dove" as St. George's, is, I think, St. Gregory's.

Centuries ago there was another church, St. Bartholomew's.

The Suffolk Guild Report of 1967 lists All Saints' bells as in good-going order, St. Peter's fair, and St. Gregory's unringable. It seems that the state of the tower, not the bells, is the main trouble.

It is truly a sad state of affairs in a town which might be—probably has been—a ringers' paradise. C. R.

BATH BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The third striking competition of the Bath Branch was held on October 26th at Bathampton. The adjudicator was Mr. W. B. Kynaston, from Swindon, and a record entry of 11 teams took part but only representing four towers. Placings:—

St. Michael with St. Paul's—A team, 3 faults, C 4½, B 5; St. Mary's Bathwick—A, 7; Twerton-on-Avon—A 8½, B 14½; Corston—A, 14½; Twerton-on-Avon—C, 15; St. Mary's, Bathwick—B, 15, C 19; Corston—B, 21.

We must congratulate St. Michael's for a splendid performance, and Mr. George Hawkins, the towermaster, was a very proud man, especially as his youngest ringer was in the winning team. A. F. L.

VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY AT APSLEY END

The peal at Apsley End on October 28th was originally fixed for October 21st (Tim Tompkins' 60th birthday) but was delayed a week at the request of the Vicar. Ted Upton was supposed to be ringing the treble, but on the original date unexpectedly found himself in hospital, where he is making slow progress. Tim, our faithful Sunday service and practice friend, does not attempt peals since his war injuries stopped him. We had already celebrated both days, but our sincere wishes are sent to Ted in hospital. W. A.

RINGING ABOVE AVERAGE LEVEL ON WATFORD DISTRICT OUTING

A very pleasant day was spent on a trip to the South Coast, calling first at Guildford Cathedral en route.

Having got our second wind after reaching the lofty and spacious ringing chamber, we enjoyed ringing and listening to the fine ten. We left being very impressed by the Cathedral and its bells.

The beauty of Sussex on a fine autumn day needs no description here. The bells of St. Peter's, Brighton, were appreciated by all, and a few managed to look at the rough sea after the lunch and before the climb to St. Nicolas' belfry, where the bells were put to very good use.

At Hurstpierpoint we gave the local band a break, for by expert timing our ringing was sandwiched between two weddings. Windswept Ditchling, we found, has a light eight in the squat tower, which sounded very well.

After tea at Haywards Heath, ringing at Reigate was a fitting conclusion to a well-spent day.

The day's ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal. All the bells were good and we thank District secretary Geoff Seaman for his selection and other arrangements. A word of praise is also due to the various Ringing Masters, who expertly handled a large company of varying proficiency levels to produce ringing well above outing average. R. G. B.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

In spite of the fact that parts of the University had been taken over for the week-end demonstration, the Ringing Society was more concerned with changing its own constitution than with revolution at the general meeting on October 26th. Ringing took place during the day at six towers and varied from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major.

At the meeting after tea 12 new members were welcomed to the Society—a good intake with full range of talent. Robert Woodward was elected secretary after this post had fallen vacant owing to circumstances beyond the previous secretary's control. The constitution was amended to admit past and present members of Branch and City Universities to the Society now that they are separate degree-awarding bodies independent of the University of London. The annual dinner will take place on February 15th, and the annual tour is from July 5th to 13th in Co. Durham, kindly being arranged by John Pladdys.

Roger Bailey was overcome at the prospect of proposing a vote of thanks after the meeting so the chairman, Alan Thirst, ably expressed thanks to the ladies who provided the excellent tea and to the incumbents who allowed us the use of the bells. R. C. W.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The quarter peal at Coggeshall (page 858) should have read: D. J. Leatherdale (first quarter) 1.

Mr. T. J. Lock's first peal was rung on December 12th, 1927. The literal in the table on page 844 is regretted.

Mr. Harry Poyner writes although there are points of similarity between his 5,056 Surprise Major (published on page 780) and the 5,088 by Harold G. Cashmore to be found in the Wratten Collection, the compositions prove to be different when inspected closely.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	Richard C. Stevens	7
Raymond G. Cousins	2	Alan R. Patterson	8
William T. Cook	3	David P. Hilling	9
Michael V. Chilcott	4	James Phillips	10
Alan J. Frost	5	Michael P. Moreton	11
Antony R. Kench	6	Philip A. F. Chalk / Roger F. Overington	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

TOTTENHAM, London, N.—At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 85 lb. in A.

S. Clarke Walters	Treble	Richard A. Hunt	5
Martin Cubitt	2	Alan R. Patterson	6
Gwilym I. Salmon	3	Christopher H. Rogers	7
David Cubitt	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. (Five-part No. 1.)
Conducted by S. Clarke Walters.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Neil T. E. Burnett	Treble	John P. Partington	5
John A. Smith	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Christine Broadley	3	Geoffrey Cheetham	7
*B. Michael Boardman	4	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by James E. Andrews.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a farewell to John A. Smith, who is shortly returning home to Tasmania after ten months in Heywood, during which time he has been a regular Sunday service ringer at this church.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being two extents of Stedman, three of Winchendon Place, four each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Nicholas, New, Huntspill and Union, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

John Chaplin	Treble	*John Brain	4
*John H. Gilbert	2	John S. Walton	5
John Coombs	3	*John K. Baker	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
* First peal in 11 methods. First "John" peal by all the band and for the Association.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ELSTOW, Beds.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

Kathleen A. Marriott	Treble	Robert L. Piron	4
*Rosemary A. Hartley	2	†Alan D. Norman	5
*Robert P. Wood	3	Martyn J. Marriott	Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BIDSTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising six extents of each of the following: Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Leonard, April Day, Old Bob, Kennington.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

J. Richard Roberts	Treble	Charles B. Pemberton	4
David G. Marsh	2	Timothy R. Marsh	5
*Jean Tompson	3	†Robert D. Nixon	Tenor

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.
* First peal "inside." † First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. Richard Roberts and Timothy R. Marsh.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
NUNEATON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SHROPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Clare F. Dolphin	Treble	Geoffrey Pratt	5
Leonard Trevor	2	Hubert E. Ashley	6
Peter C. Randall	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Ian D. Thompson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Delphine E. L. Holman	Treble	*Paul Reading	5
Robert W. Sherriff	2	Anthony J. Cox	6
*Shirley E. Jones	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Charles P. Quartley	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the occasion of Paul Reading's 21st birthday. Slowest peal of Major on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Philip Mehew	Treble	†John R. Pratchett	7
Susan E. Smith	2	Peter Beresford	8
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	9
*Adrienne Gibson	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Thomas H. Francis	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
†Roger Baldwin	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Maximus "inside." † First in the method.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Colin M. Shaw	Treble	Joyce Chadwick	4
Jennifer Brackenbury	2	John Moore	5
Girling Rigby	3	John V. Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.
Rung for Michaelmas Day.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (2) Berwick and Newcastle, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Norwich. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Colin M. Shaw	Treble	John Moore	4
Norah Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle and John V. Chadwick.

SANDIACRE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, comprising London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Vivien Smart	Treble	John Moore	4
Girling Rigby	2	John V. Chadwick	5
Norah Carlisle	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Arthur Sheppard.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 London, 672 Brighton and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

John S. Rank	Treble	Vivian Nutton	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	John G. Gipson	6
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Brian D. Threlfall	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Alfred J. House	Treble	David E. Belcham	6
Michael J. Hallett	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Colin G. Wright	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	8
Dennis A. Hewitt	4	Joe E. G. Roast	9
Kenneth Warner	5	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Rung as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Barnett from Essex to Banbury.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Oct, 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 19 methods, as follows: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
*Yvonne A. Murray	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
James L. Towler	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F flat.

*Raymond C. Hume	Treble	Brian Bladon	5
†Anita D. O'Brien	2	Allan G. Keen	6
†W. Bertram Kynaston	3	Maurice A. New	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Major. †. First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Alan R. Pink	Treble	Raymond J. C. Hulme	5
Pam E. Gough	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
*Michael A. Sutton	3	Peter J. Heritage	7
Walter G. Knight	4	Lewis F. Cobb	Tenor

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* Second peal and first of Major.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORCOP, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
42 extents. 15 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*George T. Cousins	Treble	*Robert A. Hatcher	3
Austin T. Wingate	2	*Adrian G. Semken	4

Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor
Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Herts. — At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	*Reginald F. Ewer	7
Gerald Penney	2	Harold V. Frost	8
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	*Anthony R. Carter	9
*Frederick W. Ellis	4	Michael D. Frost	10
Eric Edmondson	5	Thomas J. Lock	11
Bertram C. Johnson	6	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Composed by G. Penney. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal of Maximus. First on 12 as conductor.

CHIPPING BARNET, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

Laura Grindrod	Treble	John Whitham	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	†Philip M. Cuckson	6
*Suzanne J. Withers	3	Ronald J. Snack	7
Anthony R. Carter	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Wratten Collection No. 35. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † First of Surprise Major.

HATFIELD, Broad Oak, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*John E. Murfitt	Treble	Roger E. Burbery	5
†Glynis E. Perry	2	Christopher Forstor	6
Suzanne J. Withers	3	Ronald J. Snack	7
‡Philip M. Cuckson	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Yorkshire.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 16 methods, being one extent each of: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull, (2) London and Wells, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) Nethersealc, (6) York and Durham, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Charles A. Farrow	Treble	*Reginald E. J. Sheppard	4
Walter Ayre	2	Keith Sheppard	5
Augustin V. Good	3	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* Has now "circled the tower." 525th peal as conductor.
Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to E. J. Upton (Ted) and F. J. Tompkins (Tim), both ringers at this church.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Being 3,360 Plain Bob and 1,640 Little Bob, with 100 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

*Susan M. Holden	Treble	John A. Howard	5
J. Keith Triplow	2	Richard Hayes	6
Peter G. Holden	3	Tony Lewis	7
Derek C. Slater	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal on eight bells. First in these two methods spliced by all the band

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Margaret Wright	Treble	Michael J. Platt	5
Richard S. Starkie	2	Christine Andrew	6
Jeffrey Brannan	3	Ronald M. Edwards	7
Christopher M. Movley	4	Alan F. Schofield	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Diserens. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	†David Howarth	5
Patricia A. Etchells	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Christine Andrew	3	Michael D. Fishwick	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Patricia Etchells and as a compliment to her and Jeffrey Brannan on their engagement.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Christine Broadley	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Jeffrey Kershaw	2	Michael D. Fishwick	6
†John P. Partington	3	Richard S. Starkie	6
‡John A. Smith	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Surprise. † 250th peal. ‡ First of Surprise "inside."

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Donald Lawson	Treble	Stanley Anderton	5
Rev. William G. Wilson	2	John D. Nixon	6
Lawrence Walmsley	3	John Ellison	7
*David Marsden	4	Bernard Moss	Tenor

Composed by Horace Howlett. Conducted by Donald Lawson.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor at first attempt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DARWEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*Frank C. West	Treble	Raymond D. Helliwell ..	4
†David Haworth	2	Bryan D. Hill	5
*Ian Smith	3	John T. Parsons	Tenor

Conducted by John T. Parsons.
* First peal in two methods. † First in Kent. First peal since 1933 and only the second to be rung at this tower.

UPHOLLAND, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Graham Kellie	Treble	Frederick Pearson	4
Dianne M. Hatfield	2	H. Lyndon Hatfield	5
Martin E. Snape	3	Keith J. Walpole	Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal.
Rung for the wedding of David Lewis and Diane Walls, local ringers; a farewell to Geoffrey Round; a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

MUSBURY, Helmshore, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Fri., Oct 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb in A flat.

*Margaret Crossthwaite ..	Treble	†John A. Smith	4
John P. Partington	2	*Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Roger Leigh	3	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* 50th peal together. † First in seven methods.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUGGLESCOTE, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Robin A. Gilliver	2	David G. Massey	6
Brian L. Burrows	3	John Bramley	7
K. Paul Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung by request of the Vicar to celebrate the 89th anniversary of the consecration of this church, October 27th, 1879.

HALLATON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Arnold S. Goad	Treble	*Malcolm Bray	4
Richard Chantler	2	Edward W. Martin ..	5
John Hunt	3	Raymond H. Martin ..	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Ron Russell.

KIRKBY MALLORY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, comprising: (1) Norwich, (2) London, (3) Beverley, (4) York, (5) Surfleet, (6) Bourne, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

W. Ernest Rawson	Treble	David G. Massey	4
Martin Green	2	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Robin A. Gilliver	3	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal on six bells as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
GEDNEY, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Wallace Cousins	Treble	Claude Cousins	4
Shelagh R. Collins	2	Norman V. Harding	5
John E. Fox	3	Tony Price	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Price.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents in 168 methods-variations: 20 methods—Rev. Union, Rev St. Julian, Rev. St. Faith, St. Owen Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Huntley, Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon, New, Huntspill, St Vedast, Blaisdon; and 148 variations— St. Laud, Wroughton, Susanmead, Kirby Bellars, St. Firmin, Aspley, St. Edburga, Gonerby, St. Kenelm, Simpson, Spindlebury, St. Peter, St. Albans, St. Ambrose, St. Paul, St. John Evangelist, Elford, St. Felix, Austrey, St. Wenceslas, St. Ignatius, Amersham, Churchill, St. John Divine, St. Jude, St. Austell, St. Laurence, St. Stephen, Eynsham. St. Ninian, St. Leonard, St. John Baptist, St. Katherine, Kent, St. Magnus, Sexagesima, Winchester, Vectis, Wykeham, Quinquagesima, Southampton, Hampshire, Romsey, Ember, St. Wilfred, Sussex, St. Oswald, Septuagesima, St. Giles, Church Gresley, St. Miles, Ezneih, Shareshill, St. Cleer. Ryton, Omega, Heyford, Sarratt, Chilton, Dummer. St. Mary, St. Cecelia, St. Crispin, Laverstoke, Lapley. Horsley, St. John, Obediah, Hinton, Lydd, Wessex, Nether Wallop, Brockenhurst, Uphill, Lyndhurst, Mottisfont, St. Nicolas, Stoneham, Hordle, Bishop's Sutton, Lonsdale, Rye, Lockerley, Over Wallop, Stoke Bardolph, Sandford, Arnold, Sulgrave, Iffley, West Hanney, Ardingly, Darwin, Epperstone, Standlake, Sevaicliffe, Rousham, Burton Joyce, Brightwell, Lillingstone, Skillington, Eaton, Silk Willoughby, Wellingore. Alpha, Colsterworth, Asfordby, Waddington, Carlton Scroop, Belvoir, Lenton, Navenby, Fulbeck, Leadenham, Stoke Rochford, Silkby, Barkston, St. Merryn, Chippingham, Hadham, Saville, St. Clether, Kelmarsh, Bradden, Tring, St. Samson, Stowey, Oake, Queens Park, Hendred, St. Brewood, Radlett, Ludgershall, Redcliffe. Almondbury. Burns. Great Ponton, Alvaston, Lindsay, Folkingham, Welby, Dale, Branston, St. Wulfram, Claxby, Cliffe, Highgate, St. George, Barrowby.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Brian Buttery	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Owen Homewood	3	Thomas A. Relf	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
Most Doubles methods by the band and for the Guild. Thought to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
USK, Monmouth.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

David J. King	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Wilfred Williams	6
William A. Theobald ..	3	George E. Thoday	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

PEN-Y-FAI, Glamorgan.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 240's and 22 six-scores.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

William T. Petty	Treble	Thomas E. Hiddins	3
Alwyn R. Lewis	2	Harold Preece	4
Gwyn I. Lewis	Tenor		

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Thurs. Oct. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*Lynda M. Deebank ..	Treble	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	5
†Margaret L. Ellwood ..	2	†§Marcus C. W. Sherwood	6
Maris C. Stephenson ..	3	Christopher M. Movley	7
‡Wyn Pugh	4	¶C. L. Digby Munday ..	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by C. L. Digby Munday.
* First peal, first attempt. † First in method. ‡ First of Surprise Major. § 75th peal ¶ 50th peal.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
DALSON, London, E.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Richard L. Jones	Treble	Peter N. Felton	5
Laurence C. Way	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
Robin J. Collis	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Christopher J. N. Dalton	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal of Plain Bob on the bells and the first peal on the bells since 1933.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. Mr. Edmiston.

HELSTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., Nov. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

Peter N. Felton	Treble	Laurence C. Way	5
*Kenneth T. Rider	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
*Richard L. Jones	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
*Robin J. Collis	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

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

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F

Harry B. Fuller	Treble	Owen Claxton	5
Albert C. Harrison	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	6
Charles R. Catchpole	3	William Flatt	7
Anthony R. Roberts	4	M. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung with best wishes of the band and the Vicar (the Rev. F. Wood) on the wedding anniversary of Janet and Tony Roberts, who were married at this church five years ago.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

A. William Bird	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Michael J. Parker	6
*Christine M. Clarke	3	†Arthur C. Cooper	7
Frederick C. Gunton	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal. † First of Major "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Nola Toone and Edwin Goodwin, whose wedding took place at this church earlier in the day, both being members of the local company and ardent church workers. Also to commemorate the completion of 60 years' membership of the Association by Mr W. B. Duncan.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Patrick and Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 76 lb

Shelagh R. Collins	Treble	*Peter Adcock	5
Janet House	2	Martin Cubitt	6
Leslie F. Bailey	3	†Kevin S. Hohl	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by David E. House.
* 200th peal. † First of London Major.

FAKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

Hilary Adcock	Treble	George P. Adams	5
*Janet House	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
*David G. Adams	3	Peter Adcock	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D

Albert Diserens	Treble	William H. Jackson	7
Brian Bladon	2	Brian J. Luff	8
James R. Taylor	3	Brian D. Threlfall	9
Beryl R. Simpson	4	Frank W. Lewis	10
Helen M. Diserens	5	Ronald F. Diserens	11
*John W. T. Hibbert	6	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal of Maximus.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8lb. in D.

Roland Biggs	Treble	William Birmingham	5
Sydney M. Bailey	2	Howard Oglesby	6
A. Leslie Pearson	3	David A. Cornwall	7
Arthur Newton	4	Walter Lee	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung by past Ringing Masters and the Deputy Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Guild prior to the wedding of Doreen Hague, past secretary of the Branch and ringer at this tower, to Donald T. Young, ringer at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

WARBOROUGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

P. Gerald McIlhone	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
Angela M. Ayres	2	Peter H. Mackie	6
John R. Leary	3	Robert B. Blond	7
Stephen K. Thompson	4	Robert A. Partridge	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
Rung with the band's best wishes to Frank Absolom, of Warborough, who is recovering from an operation.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
DRAYTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Peter H. Mackie	Treble	Rodney A. Yeates	5
*Nicholas C. V. Pollock	2	P. Gerald McIlhone	6
Richard J. Wilsher	3	Stephen F. Royal	7
Richard H. Johnston	4	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.
* First peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
(Daventry Branch.)
STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*Penelope J. Webb	Treble	†John S. W. Townley	4
*Iris R. D. Webb	2	Edward S. Garrett	5
Stanley F. Webb	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † First in seven methods "inside."
Rung as a birthday compliment to Dorothy Webb.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STURMINSTER MARSHALL, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob and two extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 18 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Roderick A. Bryant	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Ross G. W. Robertson	2	Timothy F. Collins	5
John N. Longridge	3	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Margaret Egglestone	Treble	Sylvia R. F. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
*Dorothy M. Durrant	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Howard W. Egglestone	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal of Major "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
PETWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5024 PETWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

James M. Hills	Treble	John R. Pratchett	5
Susan E. Smith	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Christopher B. Fynes	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Douglas A. R. May	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Reginald V. Johnson ..	Treble	Ian Wickens	5
James M. Hills	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*Stephen D. Upton	4	W. Leslie Weller . ..	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
LLANFIGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Jacqueline S. King	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Tudor P. Edwards	2	David E. Rothera	6
David J. Llewellyn	3	David J. King	7
George E. Thoday	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PETERSFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*Sally E. Stacey	Treble	Kenneth A Tipper	5
†Mary E. White	2	John F. M. Maybrey ..	6
‡Ramon A. Stone	3	R. Brian Walton	7
‡David G. F. Hatherly ..	4	*Nigel J Lambert	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Walton.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal. ‡ First of Triples "inside." 50th peal for tower
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and 5.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Frederick J. Jackson ..	6
J Henry Fielden	3	Richard E. Price	7
Roger A. Smith	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

SHELLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in seven methods: 720 each of Plain Bob, St Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb in G.

*George D. Johnson ..	Treble	†Alan Clifton	4
Wilfrid F. Moreton	2	†Christopher A. Moxon ..	5
†R. Anne Johnson	3	†Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by R. Anne Johnson.
* First peal † First of Doubles. First as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the centenary of this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3–4	*J. David Atkinson	7–8
		John W. Gander	9–10

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method "in hand" on an "inside" pair.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
		Frank R. Morton (cond.) ..	5–6

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor size 13 in E.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	John R. Mayne	7–8

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 400th peal (175th "in hand").

QUARTER PEALS

ASHCOTT, SOM.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol Kent (first quarter) 1, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 2, Freda Prime 3, A. Kent 4, J. Lott 5, E. Dibble 6.

ASHFORD, KENT. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carole Sparks (first Triples) 1, Helen Roland (first Triples "inside") 2, Pamela Court 3, R. Lebon 4, J. Hemsley 5, P. C. Sinden 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, B. Cox 8. A wedding compliment to Barbara G. Swift and William D. Gordon.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. P. Evans 1, P. M. Cheesewright 2, J. Hardy 3, D. A. Frith 4, B. Buttery 5, P. A. Slight 6. First quarter 2 and 3.

BEDFORD, BEDS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,330 Grandsire Triples: Jeremy Piron (first quarter aged 10) 1, A. Gibbs 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, Charlotte Harris 4, R. L. Piron 5, M. J. Marriott 6, S. Ivin (cond.) 7, C. M Orme 8. For Evensong.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): Miss M. Aslett 1, Mrs. M. E Martin 2, A. Herrman 3, J. W. Robertson 4, J. A. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Lawes 6, J. Smith 7, M. Moores (first quarter) 8

BENTLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): A. W. Sawyer 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Jill P. Oakshott (first in two methods) 3, A. D. Elsmore 4, J. A. Collier 5, P. J. Munday (first in two methods as cond.) 6.

BROADCLYST, DEVON. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7 6 8 covering): W. Ware 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, W. E. Richards 4, R. W. Trichey (cond.) 5, P. Howe (first quarter) 6, F. S. Down 7, Irsp. H. Blamey (first quarter) 8. 100th quarter to be conducted by R. W. Trichey. A golden wedding tribute to Mr. and Mrs. L. Ransom, brother and sister-in-law of 2nd and 3rd ringers.

CRANFORD MIDDX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Palmer 1, Suzanne J. Udell (first Minor) 2, J. M. Britchford 3, Patricia A. Copas 4, C. J. Venn 5, R. K. Russ (cond.) 6.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS. — On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. J. Beaney (first quarter) 1, Amy Warnes 2, R. H. Cook (cond.) 3, O. Homewood 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, R. Offen (first of Minor "inside") 2, J. Spree 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. P. S Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Eleanor Hough and Alan Oliver.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — On Oct 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. S. Venn (first on eight away from tenor) 1, M. J. Palmer 2, Patricia A. Copas 3, R. K. Russ 4, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 5, M. W. Seymour 6, W. H. Coles 7, C. J. Venn 8. For Evensong.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Meakes 1, S. Smith 2, T. Wright 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. To welcome the Bishop of Nasik, preacher. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Wright 1, S. Smith 2, C. Hagger 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, C. Meakes (first "inside" in method) 5 R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2. A wedding compliment to Doreen Hague (former Branch secretary) and Mr. D. T. Young (both ringers in the Branch), married the previous day at Bray.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. B. Whitney 1, M. Ann Houghton 2, E. Houghton 3, K. E. Jackson 4, P. G. Williams 5 R. S. Gaylor 6, A. J. Frost (cond.) 7, C. C. Radcliffe 8.

LLANDAFF, MON. — At the Cathedral, on Oct. 13th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: N W H. Simon (cond.) 1, Felicity M. Cooke 2, Susan Harber 3, N. A. James 4, P. S. Reading 5, F. W. Corney 6, C. Ricketts 7, C. P. Quartley 8, J. W. Bull 9, S. Fenwick 10. Rung for Evensong on the day of the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

MALMESBURY, WILTS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 cover): J. E. Billings 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, B. Evans (cond.) 3, E. Player 4, P. W. Holroyd 5, R. Woodward 6, L. K. Grey 7, H. E. Blacker 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of L. St. John Mace, a faithful ringer at this church.

OSPRINGE, KENT. — On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Winch (first quarter) 1, F. Pack 2, Miss M. Judge 3, Mrs. E. S. Palin 4, F. C. Farnsworth 5, E. T. Eades (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Winch 1, F. Pack 2, Miss M. Judge 3, Miss P. Winch 4, Mrs. E. S. Palin 5, B. E. Jemmett 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, G. Nicholson 8. A compliment to Mr. F. C. Farnsworth on completing 50 years' service as a ringer at this church, and a birthday compliment to Miss P. Winch.

PAGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Street (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Clark (first quarter) 2, Mrs. I. L. Wake 3, M. J. Wake 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, W. Bristow 6. For Evensong.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Pearce 1, F. M. Bowers 2, W. R. Curtis 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, A. J. Davidson 6. For the Festival of St. Pol de Leon.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Bourner 1, Sylvia Knight 2, J. Hemsley 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL. — On Oct. 13th, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): Valerie C. Allen (first Minimus) 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson 3, T. J. Bell 4. A wedding compliment to Heather Walters and Robert C. Kippin.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss J. Lewis (first quarter) 1, M. J. Stanley 2, Miss V. Ballard 3, P. Minchin 4, R. Hulme 5, M. Sutton 6.

TRULL, SOM.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (ten meth., one var.): A. Pigott (first Doubles) 1, J. Cornelius 2, M. A. Arscott (first as cond.) 3, K. E. Beale 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. Mills 6. For United Nations Day.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): F. Marshall 1, Miss E. Campbell 2, M. Hunter 3, F. Roper 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Bourner 1, D. Staples 2, P. Staples 3, B. Johnson 4, W. Garner 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Peter Richardson and Kay Butler.

"MY JOB FOR THE CHURCH"

A BELLRINGER — DENNIS A. BAYLES

Three contributions to this series in Epilogues on Tyne-Tees Television were recorded in September, 1967, and transmitted in September, 1968, as noted recently in "The Ringing World". Readers outside the Tyne-Tees area may be interested in the three scripts. Each script was illustrated with appropriate visual aids.

If there had been television about a hundred years ago and a bellringer had been appearing on it I suppose the most likely role for him would have been in a "commercial" for beer rather than to talk about his job in the Church. Probably it was a minority that attracted attention and got a bad name for ringers in general, but there undoubtedly were things that needed to be put right. Thus it was that in the latter half of the 19th century there arose a nationwide movement in which many regional Associations of ringers were formed to promote belfry reform.

One of the oldest of these is the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, of which I have the honour to be the secretary. Founded in 1877, it is this year celebrating the 90th anniversary of its foundation in Durham, and so it was to Durham that we went on September 23rd as part of our celebrations. Service in the Cathedral and ringing on the Cathedral bells preceded a dinner in the evening. At this dinner we were very pleased and honoured to be joined by ringers from other parts of the country, including the Master and other members of that famous London ringing society, the Ancient Society of College Youths, which dates back to 1637. Our chairman was Canon Thurlow, of Norwich Cathedral, who is president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

In talking about this event I have given some indication of the official organisations which link together ringers throughout the country. The individual ringer is a member of the band of ringers for his own church and these local bands in turn are grouped into regional organisations. Thus, I belong in the first instance to the band at Chester-le-Street Parish Church and then this band is part of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. This latter, in common with the other regional organisations, sends representatives to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers which meets annually about Whitsun. It met in Newcastle in 1954.

Ringers are kept in touch with each other by these organisations which are backed up by our own weekly paper, "The Ringing World," and last year I was elected to the committee that is responsible for the management of this paper. You see here the issue which publicised our celebrations and there are no prizes for guessing which cathedral was on the front cover for that week!

But over and above this official machinery for linking up ringers, there is something much deeper in the wonderful fellowship between ringers everywhere. I have been in a strange place and followed the sound of bells to a church and made my way in. At the next interval I have been asked: "Are you a ringer?" and soon I have been ringing with the local ringers and have made more friends. There are not many activities where this happens, and this is one great attraction to me of my job as a bellringer—the wonderful fellowship that unites ringers everywhere and gives me a host of friends scattered all over Great Britain who share my love of bells and bellringing.

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I spoke last evening of the wonderful fellowship that unites bellringers, and tonight I want to try to indicate something of the fascination of the art itself. I am a change ringer. This is a system of ringing developed in this country in which the whole bell swings through a full circle in alternate directions each time that the bell sounds. You see here a set of bells ready for such ringing. This requires one ringer for each bell and differs from the carillon, developed mainly in Holland and Belgium, where all the bells are operated by one man. In the carillon the bells remain stationary and are struck by hammers, which are connected to a keyboard or similar device. In change ringing each bell sounds about 30 times per minute, so that with eight bells there are about 240 notes being emitted a minute, and you can see that literally split-second timing is involved in spacing these regularly.

The bells themselves usually range in weight from a few hundredweights to, perhaps, a ton in a typical ring such as we have at Chester-le-Street, and there is a great sense of satisfaction in achieving accurate control of a large mass of metal to make it sound at the precise moment that it should in conjunction with the other bells to produce the pattern that you see here.

Change ringing involves team work and wherever a team is involved there must be constant attention to recruitment and training. You will know how this is needed in sport if standards are to be kept up. Fortunately, the playing life of a bellringer is not restricted to a few years as it is with a footballer, and a ringer having started to ring in his early teens can go on ringing for the rest of his life. There are some men today still going strong in their 80's and the odd one even at 90. By comparison with this my 30-odd years make me just a beginner!

If new recruits are to be trained there is no school or college to which we can send our pupils and we have ourselves to tackle the job of teaching. Teaching has its attractions for many people in a wide range of subjects and the teaching side of bellringing has held a great interest for me for many years. I find great interest in analysing the various movements to try to find out just what is involved in each of them, for it is not always easy to say precisely how one does a certain operation. For example, the catching of the sally at the correct point is much more a matter of timing rather than seeing as it at first sight might appear to be.

Teaching in bellringing has been very much neglected in the past, but today it is receiving much more attention. In these post-war years one-day and week-end courses have been introduced in various parts of the country for beginners and for instructors. In this area I have helped with the running of such courses at Lumley Castle, where lectures have been coupled with practical ringing sessions at nearby churches. These courses not only deepen interest and help to raise standards in ringing but also help to sustain that great fellowship between ringers. Thus in bellringing I find a second great attraction in the exercise of a skill as part of a team and in trying to impart that skill to others.

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My interest in bellringing began in the 1930's at Acle in Norfolk where my parents were living at that time. As a young boy I had joined the village choir and we used to robe in the base of the tower. This was not used for ringing at that time, as the death watch beetle had ravaged the timbers of the old bell frame and made the bells unsafe to ring. However, the choir had to move out of the tower when the work of restoration began and I followed this with great interest. I remember taking part as a choirboy in the service of dedication of the restored bells in September, 1933.

About two years after that I was judged to be about big enough to start to learn to ring. Thus I was already a church worker before I learned to ring and my ringing has always seemed to me a continuation of my church work.

Last evening I mentioned the different systems of ringing bells developed by the Continentals and the English. In Holland and Belgium the development of the carillon has been for secular purposes, and there the bells are to be found in town halls and the like and the ringing takes place on week-days. In England the development of change ringing has taken place in churches and the chief use of the bells is on Sundays as a preliminary to the church services. Our mid-week ringing is usually for practices to improve our Sunday ringing and to train our recruits.

As our church spire at Chester-le-Street points symbolically upwards, seeking to lift men's hearts from purely earthly things, I believe that we who ring bells are giving it a voice and a voice with a distinctive note amid the din of life in the 1960's. This voice speaks of peace amid the turmoil of the furious pace of life today. The bells seek to call the faithful to the church, to warn the heedless and to comfort the sick who are unable to get to church with the knowledge that its work is still going on.

The author of "Pilgrim's Progress," John Bunyan, was once a bellringer at Elstow in Bedfordshire but he gave it up because in those far-off times it was considered by many to be wicked. Today, naturally, I do not take that view and I find yet another great attraction in my ringing as a valuable piece of work for my church, and I like the sentiments expressed in this verse from a hymn for bellringers:

Ringers of Christian England
Who peal in earthly fanes
For Christ our Lord and Master
(He all your homage claims).
Complete your sacred office
While pilgrims on this strand
That ye may swell the praises
In that eternal land.

QUARTER PEALS

MIDDLETON, LANCS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Kathleen Miller 1, L. K. Miller 2, J. A. Smith 3, J. Spencer (first quarter) 4, A. Smethurst 5, J. P. Partington (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to John Spencer and Lynn Boardman, both ringers at this church. Also as a farewell to John A. Smith, shortly returning to Tasmania.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss A. Brain (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Pator (first quarter) 2, Mrs. B. Paton 3, R. Davies (first quarter) 4, A. Paton (cond.) 5, Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. N. Dixon.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. A. West 1, K. G. Game 2, I. Goacher 3, M. S. Dallison 4, D. Atfield 5, K. Dallison 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the rebuilt organ.

SALFORD, LANCS.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity on Oct. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Taylor 1, W. Pugh 2, Lynda Deebank (first in method) 3, Maris C. Stephenson 4, Margaret L. Ellwood 5, S. Taylor 6, M. C. W. Sherwood 7, C. L. D. Munday (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): Lynda Deebank 1, Maris C. Stephenson 2, Margaret Ellwood 3, Wyn Pugh 4, C. D. Munday 5, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Mander 1, Alison Mager 2, Karen Baker 3, D. Goss 4, I. Pearse 5, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 6.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 9 covering): Lynne Brookes 1, J. Preston 2, J. R. Perkins 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 5, F. W. Faulkner 6, B. S. Payne 7, J. P. M. Hunting 8. Rung at the Vicar's request for the church gift day. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Moyers 1, M. D. Barsby 2, J. Preston 3, C. J. Mobbs 4, F. W. Faulkner 5, H. M. Payne 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, C. S. Winter 8. Rung as a wedding day compliment, by fellow-members of the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society, to Michael White, Ringing Master of the tower.

NOTICES

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"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." — James iv, 17.

MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

A change in Rule vii causes the formation of a new District—the Southern.

The committee have considered and approved the following to apply as from January 1st, 1969:—

Transferred from: **S.W. to Southern:** Aveley, S. Benfleet, Bentley Common, Brentwood, Gt. Burstead, Canewdon, Downham, Fobbing, Horndon-on-the-Hill, Hutton, Ingrave, Laindon, Langdon Hills, Leigh, N. Ockendon, Orsett, Prittlewell, Rayleigh, Rochford, Shenfield, Stanford-le-Hope, W. Tilbury, Thorpe Bay, Gt. Wakering, S. Weald.

S.E. to Southern: Rettendon.

S.W. to N.W.: Bobbingworth, Blackmore, Fyfield, High Ongar, N. Weald.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Sec. 5978

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Leatherhead on Tuesday, November 19th, 7.30–9 p.m.—J. P. O. 5931

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise practice at Shalford on Thursday, November 21st, 7.45 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Rutland, Pudsey, London, Bristol.—F. W. Housden. 5971

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice meetings at Knebworth on Tuesday, November 19th, and at Norton on Tuesday, December 10th, 7.30–9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 5986

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, and St. ST. GEORGE'S, BECKENHAM.—Combined Surprise Major practice at Lewisham on Thursday, November 21st, 7.45–9.15 p.m. — D. Hollis. 5975

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and dinner will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at the Windsor Hotel, Lancaster Gate, W.2. Tickets at 31s. 6d. reduced to 27s. 6d for undergraduates, now available. Ringing arrangements will be sent to those attending the dinner. Nominations for officers of the Association, to be elected at the meeting, may now be sent to the secretary, M. Melville, Rushmoor School, Shakespeare Road, Bedford. 5066

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CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Nempnett Thrubwell (6), Saturday, November 16th. Bells available 5 p.m. — D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5984

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting Shebbear, November 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy. 5945

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Denver, November 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5943

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—District meeting at Godmanchester on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing to cease 8 p.m. Special methods: Oxford Bob Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5964

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS. — A.G.M., All Saints', West Ham, November 16th, 2 p.m.; St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5 p.m. Dinner 7.15. — D. L. Gullick, Stevenage 54309. 5963

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Standon (6) on Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Windmill 5.15, followed by short business meeting. Ringing in the evening at Much Hadham (8). Names for tea to Mr. K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. 5939

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, North Mymms (8), November 16th, 3 p.m., with tea and business. Monken Hadley (8) available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield. (Tel 2688.)—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Saxilby on November 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. H. Cox, 5, High Street, Saxilby, by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Norfolk Surprise and Plain Bob. 5969

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C.2, Saturday, November 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Staff Luncheon Room, Guildhall. Evening ringing at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 5947

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Ouidenham on Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X. — C. F. W. P. 5957

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Rotherham, November 16th. St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8), 3–4 p.m.; Rotherham Parish Church (10), 4–5 and after meeting. Cups of tea only, bring own food.—J. Seager, Dis. Sec. 5942

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice at St. Andrew's (8) Chippenham, Wednesday, November 20th, 7.30 p.m. Members and friends welcome.—B. Johnson. 5968

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at Stanwell on Wednesday, November 20th, at 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 5981

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rochford (6), Thursday, November 21st, 7.30–9 p.m. Advance notice: January 25th, 1969, Supper Party to mark closing of this Guild. Past and present members welcome.—J. Emms, Sec., 76, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea. 5987

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, November 23rd, at Shipton Beauchamp (8 bells). Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, business meeting and ringing after. Visitors welcome. **Please notify numbers for tea by Tuesday, November 19th.**—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec., Puckington. Tel. Ilminster 2435 5962

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Evening meeting, Caddington, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) from 5 p.m.—K. G. Spavins. 5983

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Farnborough (8) on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. B. White, 11, Revelstoke Avenue, Farnborough, Hants (Tel. Farnborough 44255).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 5958

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Autumn meeting, Talgarth (6), November 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. and after tea (2s. each). Service 4 p.m. Also available: Bronllys (6) 1.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m., Glasbury-on-Wye (8) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names, please, to Rev. T. James, The Vicarage, Talgarth, Brecon.—J. S. King. 5934

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Croft, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Watson, 5, Pochin Street, Croft, Leics, by the Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 5988

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Whitchurch (Cardiff), Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and further ringing. All ringers welcome.—Iolo Davies, Llandaff Branch Hon. Sec. 5924

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hitcham, Saturday, November 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to J. Muller, 7, Brampton Court, Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead. 5980

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District. — Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), November 23rd. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions by this meeting, please. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Sollis, 4, Lime Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 4BS, by Wednesday previous. No names, no tea.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 5779

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual District meeting at Clare on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. **Please note that there will be a Guild Committee meeting immediately after the District business meeting.** Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. J. Twitchett, 3, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk, by November 20th. 5944

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer, Saturday, November 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Wivelsfield 6 p.m. Names for tea to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex. 5961

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Liss, November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Bells afterwards till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, by 17th. Tel. Locksheath 2404. 5974

LATE NOTICES

PERSONAL

Would any Middlesex ringers who still have copies of my questionnaire **please, please** return them to me, completed if possible, as I n[illegible]on before I can begin writing up my thesis. — Pamela Brown, 68, Whitton Waye, Hounslow. 5998

MISCELLANEOUS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. —Annual Dinner, December 7th. Tickets (21s.) and ringing arrangements from S. J. Gullick, Lake Hall, The Vale, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15. Last date for tickets December 3rd. 6001

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GIBSON.—The address of Pearl, Stewart, Heidi, Beatrice and Hugh Gibson is now 131, Chesterhill, Cramlington, near Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland. All ringers and friends will be most welcome. 5994

TELEPHONE NUMBER

The home telephone number of John H. Allen, treasurer, Stafford Archdeaconry Society of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, is now Wolverhampton (S.T.D. Code 0902) 29106.

MEETINGS

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. — Meeting, Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, November 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note this is not a joint meeting but all visitors are welcome. D. J. T. 5996

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — St. Nicholas', Wallasey, November 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Wednesday previous. 6002

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Meeting, Bishop's Cleeve (8), November 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Ringing again 7 to 8.30. Names for tea to M. Maggs, 50, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham, by November 21st. 5989

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice, Whitbourne, November 23rd, 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—R. L. Price, Dis. Hon. Sec. 5992

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Dartford and district on Saturday, November 23rd. Meet at St Mary Magd.'s, Woolwich, 2 p.m. Names for tea to P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent. 5990

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at St. Clement's, Hastings, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Further ringing after tea to 8 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartres, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, by Tuesday previous.—G. FitzHugh, Dis. Sec.

DOINGS IN DEVONSHIRE

Since its inception a few years ago Stratton Ringers' Day has gathered to itself a good reputation as a really good day out for any band—yes, we know Stratton is in Cornwall, but a large number of ringers go from England and enjoy it very much. There are six-bell and eight-bell competitions with a high enough standard for anyone but no very great pressure, so that novice bands do not mind having a go. A number of excellent towers are open for all-comers, and the Stratton ringers really make it go with a swing. If previous years are anything to go by, there will be some of the best bands in Devon there on November 30th and some ringing well worth listening to.

J. G. M. S.

FIFTH BRISTOL FESTIVAL

THOSE TV fans who watch the programme "Softly, Softly" will recall that the preamble always shows the city of Bristol, with a tantalising glimpse of the bombed Church of St. Nicholas. Several other churches can be picked out in the "Bells" square mile around the City Centre, in which there are no fewer than 12 rings of bells; before the war there were 15. No other provincial city has such a wealth of bells within such a small area, and in addition there are another 10 rings within a further two miles radius. Truly a tower-grabbers' paradise, and the friendly Bristol City Branch ringers are always pleased to open their towers on Festival Day to everyone.

So on October 26th the fifth Festival was attended, for some part of the day, by over 150 ringers from 20 counties, mostly young and all eager to ring in as many of the 29 towers open as possible. The Festival Committee was appointed in March, and this year consisted of Messrs. M. J. Hobbs, R. W. Sweet and S. Bateman. A great deal of work is involved to ensure a successful day but everyone who was present would agree that this year's committee did a really grand job. To ensure that strangers to Bristol found their way round, Mick Hobbs had kindly invited visitors to apply for a map of the City Centre and he received 47 applications.

Ringers began to arrive on Friday night, and a punctual start was made at 9.30 a.m. on the two morning routes. Approximately 40 ringers followed round on the south route, visiting Brislington, Knowle and St. Philip's, and another 40 were advancing on the city, starting at Filton and continuing via Horfield, Henbury and Westbury to St. Mark's, where 82 were present at the ringers' service. This was conducted by the Rev. David Sansun, Rector of Stechworth, Birmingham (late curate of Stoke Bishop). We were privileged to hear an excellent "down-to-earth" address from a practical ringer, who admitted to being a keen tower-grabber himself.

Four routes had been planned for the afternoon and by this time numbers had considerably increased. The west route took in Long Ashton, Abbots Leigh and Stoke Bishop, and the east route St. George's, St. Ambrose's Stapleton and St. Werburgh's. For those wishing to go further afield a country route had been fixed to Mangotsfield, Pucklechurch, Abson, Westerleigh, Doynton and Warmley, and for newcomers to Bristol the big attraction was the city towers of Christ Church, St. Michael's, St. Mary Redcliffe, St. Stephen's, Kingsdown, the Cathedral, St. John's and St. James'. At Redcliffe several people were filmed in action by the Harlech TV Company. An additional pleasure was a visit to the University tower, which houses the 96 ton bell "Great George," and around 50 people availed themselves of this opportunity to hear it strike 6 o'clock.

The social evening had been arranged in a private room at the Swan Hotel, Stokes Croft. To help cover their expenses the committee ran a raffle for six good prizes, and Dick Sweet sold many records of "Bristol Bells," with ringing from four churches. There was an amusing singing session, with Chris Kippin at the piano, and three well-known ringers were featured in songs. By 11.30 p.m. there were still 80 present and a good time was had by all.

During the day some of the ringing had been good and some bad When an open invitation is extended to everyone there are always bound to be those whose enthusiasm exceeds their ability, and even the most astute Ringing Master has difficulty in assessing what everyone can manage. Perhaps the wisest thing to do at a festival of this sort, for those who bring beginners, is to decide whether they are good enough for what they wish to ring and, if not, to tell them that they will get more enjoyment if they wait until they have had more experience in their own tower or District meetings.

So, on behalf of all the visitors, our grateful thanks to the organisers for a very enjoyable and interesting day.

APACE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch Lose Ringing Master

An announcement was made at the quarterly meeting of the Cary Branch at Queen Camel on October 6th that the Ringing Master (Mr. D. M. C. Hill) had now left the diocese and would not be seeking re-election at the annual meeting.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. P. Ralph-Bowman), who was assisted by the Branch chairman (the Rev. G. S. Robinson). Mr. Darrel was organist, and a collection was taken for the Association Bell Fund.

Tea was served in the Mildmay Arms, followed by a business meeting, when one new member from Bruton was elected.

Some members then returned to the belfry and rang before and after a Confirmation service being held that evening, whilst the others went to nearby Marston Magna.



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ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Oct. 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Penny Cocks 1, Louise Powell (first T.B. "inside") 2, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 3, N. Bennett 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

ALDWINCLE, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Baker (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, P. Curtis (first "inside") 3, A. Marks (first Doubles) 4, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 5.

AXBRIDGE, SOM.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cocks (first Minor) 1, Marion Hunt 2, T. W. Harris 3, R. M. Virgin 4, R. Hillman (first Minor "inside") 5, J. W. Owen (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of C. G. Weare, former ringer and chorister at St. John's Church.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Holmes 1, B. Hough 2, Mrs. B. N. Reed 3, K. Vernon 4, C. W. Reed 5, C. H. Pritchett 6, P. Wakefield (cond., cover bell) 7. For the engagement of Brian E. White, a local ringer.

BICTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. F. Willcox 1, Patricia C. Stocken (first Minor "inside") 2, M. Cecilia Evans 3, M. J. A. Orman 4, R. H. Newton 5, P. J. Evans (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 27th, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: A. W. Bond 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, Caroline Mackie 3, Peggy Taylor 4, B. J. Read (first Surprise Major) 5, R. E. Stillwell 6, M. S. Loveday 7, A. P. Foster (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 20th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Martyn Palmer (first quarter) 1, C. Palmer 2, J. Palmer 3, B. Sims (cond.) 4, J. Bishop 5, B. Clark 6. For Evensong. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 form three generations of same family.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. J. Mears 1, C. W. Tidwell 2, J. W. Marshall 3, P. R. Board 4, E. H. Amey 5, R. A. Bryant 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, P. C. Joyce (first quarter) 8. Rung for St. Luke's Day. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: E. H. Amey 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, J. W. Marshall 3, Mrs. B. J. Duke (first in method) 4, C. W. Tidwell 5, P. R. Board 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears 8. Rung as a tribute to Mr. J. W. Rose, churchman and ringer.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKS. — On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Goodwin (first quarter) 1, Mary L. Mann 2, M. J. Lockey 3, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 4, W. Sear 5, C. D. Mann 6.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARKS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Hart 1, Mrs. R. J. Pluckrose 2, J. Evans 3, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 4, J. Draycott 5, G. Edmands (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

CROWAN, CORNWALL. — On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, A. J. Davidson 3, T. J. Bell (first Stedman) 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, C. G. Bryant 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, E. W. Razzell 3, G. Fisher 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. S. Brown 7, A. J. C. Brown 8, C. M. Foster 9, K. Taber 10. Rung prior to the dedication service to mark the beginning of the Stewardship Campaign.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Bessie Dowling 1, A. P. Cannon 2, Ethel Clear 3, J. Stedman 4, A. H. Smith 5, B. Coward 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, B. Read 8. Rung to commemorate the consecration of the Ven. Kenneth Dawson Evans, M.A., Archdeacon of Dorking and late Vicar of St. Martin's Church, as Bishop Suffragan of Dorking.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hobbs (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Garlick 2, A. H. Webb 3, G. W. Bishop 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, B. Wheeler 8. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Bishop 1, J. H. Napper 2, Mrs. P. Aplin 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, L. F. Cox 5, C. J. Garlick 6, M. Bishop 7, E. Sawyer 8. For Ringers' Sunday.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: Sally Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, Mary White 3, K. Sansom 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Waller 7, B. Walton (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 5 and 6.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,320 Warsop Surprise Minor: B. Moran 1, B. A. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss T. E. Staples (first in method) 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint (first in method) 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Rung after festival service to celebrate the foundation of this church at the burial place of Edwin of Northumbria, King and Martyr, who was killed at the Battle of Hatfield in 633.

QUARTER PEALS

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Duffell (first quarter) 1, Glynis Perry 2, Elisabeth Ottaway 3, Christine Neville 4, R. Burbery 5, C. Ottaway (cond.) 6.

EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alyson Dyer (first quarter) 1, P. J. Munday (cond.) 2, T. B. Porter 3, C. Chapman 4, L. Kingswood 5, S. Mortimore 6, Jill P. Oakshott 7, J. Aronson (first on eight) 8. Also on Oct. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Elliot 1, Rosemary Astridge 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Jill Oakshott 4, C. Chapman 5, J. B. Helder 6, W. J. Munton 7, P. J. Munday 8, J. C. Davidge (cond.) 9, J. Aronson (first on ten) 10. Rung for the wedding in Auckland, N.Z., of Sue Aronson (erstwhile member of the band) to Mr. Michael Rowledge.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. Morris 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Jill P. Oakshott 3, Audrey R. Alexander 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, P. J. Munday 6, J. C. Davidge (first of Yorkshire) 7, R. D. Mills (cond.) 8.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss J. Stiller (first quarter) 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Miss E. W. Keys 3, R. Wake 4, M. J. Wake (cond.) 5, W. Bristow 6. Rung to congratulate the Rev. Donald Manners, M.A., who completed 34 years as Vicar of this parish this day.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Fulcher 1, Miss D. Toone 2, A. W. Bird 3, A. C. Cooper 4, W. B. Duncan 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HALLING, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. R. Osenton 1, P. R. Chidwick 2, M. J. Hitchcock 3, C. H. Underdown 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, P. D. Silver (first quarter) 6. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. R. Osenton (first Minor) 1, P. R. Chidwick 2, G. K. Terris 3, C. H. Underdown 4, M. J. Hitchcock 5, C. T. Osenton 6.

HEALEY, Rochdale, LANCS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sagar 1, Christine Broadley 2, J. P. Partington (cond.) 3, J. A. Smith 4, C. S. Taylor 5, G. Tarran (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Chief Inspector L. Tarran, father of ringer of 1.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Willis 1, Miss R. Catlin 2, Mrs. M. Ranken 3, S. Atkinson 4, Miss J. Berriman 5, J. Close 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, F. Brown 8. For Evensong on Houghton Feast Sunday.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss A. Brunwell (first quarter) 1, C. E. Hill 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Bulleid (first quarter) 1, B. J. Stone 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Katharine Salvage 4, C. D. Collin (first as cond. and of Grandsire Doubles) 5, Lesley A. Hawes 6. Rung for Evensong and for the birth of a son to Kay and Colin Tee.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 St. Remigius Bob Doubles: W. White 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, L. Foster 6. First in method for all, and by a local band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cherrill L. Everard 1, M. D. Barsby 2, C. J. Mobbs (first Triples and Grandsire) 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, R. D. Hughes 5, R. I. Kendrick 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, P. Smith 8.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Rachael Oakley (first quarter) 1, Linda Ellison 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, M. J. Lockey 4, K. Fleming 5, G. Kirby 6. For Harvest Festival.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Holliday 1, F. Harper 2, D. J. Pepper (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Sanderson 4, J. G. Gipson 5, D. E. Pepper (first as cond.) 6. In honour of the silver wedding of Rev. and Mrs. P. McNeice.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. H. Holmes 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp 3, Mrs. D. A. Day 4, R. Looker 5, O. Homewood 6, R. E. Manton 7, A. French 8. A birthday compliment to H. Clayton and to mark his retirement at 65.

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MOORLINCH, SOM. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,500 Doubles (three methods): Felicity M. Vere Hodge (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, R. D. Short 3, E. T. Dibble 4, M. J. Stone (cond.) 5, G. Nabb 6. To mark the wedding of K. Anthony Vere Hodge to Miss Sarah Thomson. Also 720 St. Clement's Bob and 540 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Phillips 1, Mrs. P. Bridle 2, L. Derrick 3, M. Stone 4, J. Brain 5, P. Bridle 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos' Cathedral, on Oct. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Marion R. Bennett 1, Gill J. Colleypriest 2, D. G. Pike 3, C. E. Slade 4, S. W. Gall 5, D. L. Phillips 6, R. J. Stewart 7, G. R. E. Wilkinson 8, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 9, R. C. Bustin 10. For Harvest Festival.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Locke 1, F. M. Bowers 2, A. J. Davidson 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, A. Carveth 5, T. J. Bell 6, C. G. Bryant 7, D. Stephens 8. Rung silent and non-conducted.

PRESTON, RUTLAND. — On Oct. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: A. Naylor 1, S. Bell (cond.) 2, Miss C. Barnett 3, L. Atton 4, M. Hawkins 5, W. Taylor 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Ronald Russell, friend and member of the Rutland Branch.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Sprules (cond.) 1, J. Sprules 2, N. J. Smart (first "inside") 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris 5, V. Jones 6. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. D. B. Pennal at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Sept. 22nd.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: Bessie Carter 1, E. F. Willcox 2, R. H. Newton 3, F. H. Bennett 4, F. Leech 5, E. S. White 6, Jennifer Beech 7, L. D. K. Roberts 8, P. J. Evans 9, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 10, N. Holland 11, F. Beech 12. First Plain Bob Maximus 6, 7, 8 and 11. For Harvest Festival.

SILSOE, BEDS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Catlin 1, D. R. Brazier 2, M. F. Mitchell 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, P. A. Keene 5, A. Martin 6. For Harvest Festival.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS. — On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Gay 1, Miss L. Roper 2, Miss J. Lawson 3, M. Robinson (cond.) 4, J. A. Tandy 5, C. Morey 6, P. Gay 7, P. Gosling 8. By Keele Change Ringing Society for the Patronal Festival.

WEXFORD, IRELAND. — On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. MacGregor 1, Miss H. H. Hubert 2, D. H. Taylor 3, L. R. Taylor 4, C. J. Reede 5, P. W. Brown 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8. Rung for the opening of the Wexford Festival.

WOOKEY, SOM.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. P. Wainwright 1, V. Roberts 2, A. S. Whiteley 3, R. Edwards 4, M. J. Whiteley (cond.) 5, B. Chappell (first of Doubles) 6.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOM.—1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Eleanor Kent (first quarter) 1, Monica Horseman 2, L. Childs 3, M. T. Horseman (cond.) 4, G. Marchant 5, W. Heath 6.

WRINGTON, SOM.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Teresa Kingcott (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Smith 2, Anne Kingcott 3, Hilda Kingcott 4, W. Kingcott 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6, R. Smith 7, M. M. Collins 8. A family quarter rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 4 and Mr. W. A. Prescott (who could not take part owing to ill-health).

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Herbert 1, Miss V. Howell 2, G. Abbott 3, J. Rose 4, P. Herbert 5, F. Symonds (cond.) 6, E. Amey 7, M. Harris 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service in memory of Mr. J. W. Rose, 60 years a ringer at All Saints' Church.

WYMONDHAM, LEICS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. T. P. Thorpe 1, M. T. Stimson 2, W. Clamp 3, R. H. Cook (cond.) 4, R. E. Manton 5, O. Homewood 6. Rung for the dedication of the new C. of E. school by the Bishop of Leicester, the Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams.

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The Church of St. Giles, Wrexham

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Giles', Wrexham, and its Bells

WREXHAM Parish Church is regarded as the best example of Gothic architecture in North Wales. It is always alluded to as one of the "Seven Wonders of Wales". The familiar rhyme recording these "wonders" runs:—

Pistyll Rhaiadr and Wrexham Steeple
Snowdon's mountain, without its people;
Overton yew trees, St. Winifred's Well,
Llangollen Bridge and Gresford Bells.

The recorded story of Wrexham Church goes back to the thirteenth century, but it is the majestic tower, built in the reign of Henry VII, which has led to its inclusion in most lists of the famous churches of the United Kingdom. As early as A.D. 1617 it was described as the Holy Tower. It rises to a height of 136 feet, with hexagonal turrets of different heights. The one on the North West corner is the highest and it has a spiral staircase right up to the top. There are 29 statues on the tower, some now rather weather-beaten, but that of St. Giles with a hind at his feet can be readily identified from the pathway leading to the North Porch over which is the carved stone figure of the Virgin Mary and the Child, as might be expected in a Church so closely connected with the Cistercians in days long gone by.

The treasures of the Church include a pre-Reformation chalice; the Eagle lectern of A.D. 1524 given by John ap Davydd of Plas-y-stiwart and mentioned in the standard work on lecterns; the iron chancel screen believed to be the gift of Elihu Yale, and saved for the church by the intervention of the then lay rector, Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, who prevented its sale; and a number of brasses bearing curious inscriptions.

ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS

The ante-nave is filled with many brasses in memory of comrades of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, together with the beautiful alabaster and marble memorial to officers and men of the regiment unveiled by King George V when, as Prince of Wales, he came to the Church with Queen Mary, then Princess of Wales. The Font on which several heraldic figures are carved was restored to the Church after being for many years in a garden in Acton. The Memorial Chapel at the East end of the North Aisle commemorates the fallen in the two world wars. The window above the reredos is in memory of Dean Howell. The Heber window in the North Aisle is in memory of Bishop Heber who wrote the missionary hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" at the old Vicarage on Vicarage Hill, and it was first sung in Wrexham Church.

The patron saint of Wrexham is St. Giles. Nothing now remains of the 13th century church and according to Mason Marks, noted by A. N. Palmer, the eastern portion of the south aisle belongs to the 14th century. The old steeple was blown down in 1330 and afterwards the market was changed from Sunday to Thursday.

In 1472 the east window, now forming the Chancel arch with remnants of the tracery, was taken out and the chancel was completed in 1480, but it was not until 1506 the the present tower was begun, and completed about 1518.

FOUNDER OF YALE

In the 18th century, Elihu Yale, the virtual founder of Yale University, U.S.A., returned from India, lived at Plas Grono and made numerous gifts to the Church including the painting in the ante-nave said to be by Rubens. The tomb of Elihu Yale with its well-known inscription is visited by American tourists each year. The inscription on the tomb is as follows:—

"Born in America, in Europe bred.
In Africa travell'd and in Asia wed,
Where long he liv'd and thriv'd; in London dead.
Much good, some ill he did, so hope all's even
And that his soul, thro' mercy's gone to heaven.
You that survive and read this tale, take care,
For this most certain exit to prepare,
Where, blest in peace the actions of the just
Smell sweet, and blossom in the silent dust."

THE BELLS

Wrexham Church bells were cast by Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester in 1726 and were brought up the Severn to Shrewsbury, from where they were conveyed by road to Wrexham. In a small frame in the belfry is the original receipt for casting these bells in Abraham Rudhall's own handwriting. It reads:—

Rec'd of Robert Ellis, Esq., by the hands of Henry Jennings the sum of forty-four pounds, fourteen shillings and sixpence in full of all accounts for casting Wrexham bells by me.

Signed
Abr. Rudhall Junior,
£44–14–6. June 16th 1732

The bells were rehung and chiming hammers attached to them by J. Taylor of Loughborough in 1877 and in the following year Messrs. Gillett and Johnston installed a new clock and dials, the entire cost being £521 10s. 10d.

In 1907 the bells were tuned, quarter tuned and rehung in entirely new fittings and wrought steel frame on a new belfry floor by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Cost £491.

In May, 1955, nine of the bells were removed to the bell foundry at Loughborough and retuned to the tenor with new fittings, etc. The rededication was performed by the Archbishop of Wales on December 8th, 1955.

EARLY PEALS

The first peal recorded in the ringing room is 5,040 Grandsire Triples, rung on March 26th, 1729. Six of the band, or practitioners as they were then called, had only been ringing for twelve months.

Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples was rung on February 19th, 1827, by the Junior Society of Wrexham Ringers and the same peal was rung again on February 3rd, 1879. On this occasion all the ringers were natives of the town and members of the Wrexham Society of Change Ringers.

Wrexham is the only ring of 10 bells in North Wales and recorded in the ringing room is the first peal on ten bells to be rung in Scotland, at St. Giles' Cathedral. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Wrexham Society of Change Ringers on August 31st, 1886.

The band was as follows:—
Joseph Field, Oxford; Richard Evans, Wrexham; Alfred Thomas, Birmingham; Joseph Williams, Wrexham; John Ellis, Wrexham; Francis E. Dawe, London; Edward Rowland, Wrexham; Thomas Newell, Wrexham; Edward Evans, Wrexham; James Kendrick, Wrexham. Composed by Henry Johnson and Conducted by Francis E. Dawe.

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75th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association

MEMBERSHIP NEARLY DOUBLED IN TEN YEARS

TO celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of what was then the Llandaff Diocesan Association, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association held a dinner in the Grand Hotel, Cardiff, on October 19th, attended by many of its members and friends and some distinguished visitors, amongst them the Archbishop of Wales, the Most Rev. W. G. H. Simon, the Bishop of Monmouth, the Rt. Rev. E. S. Thomas, both presidents of the Association, and Mr. John Freeman, vice-president of the Central Council. Perhaps as an augury for a successful evening two good peals were rung during the day, Stedman Triples at Marshfield and Cambridge Maximus at Newport Cathedral.

The meal was well served and prepared and at its conclusion a plain course of Bob Major was rung on handbells by Bernard Groves 1–2, Nicholas Simon 3–4, Arthur Hoare 5–6, Bob Smith 7–8, which was greeted with warm applause from the large, and now mellow, gathering.

LOVE OF THE CHURCH

Mr. T. M. Roderick, one of the Association's Central Council representatives, then proposed the toast of "The Church." He compared conditions in the 19th century, when some clerics proposed that Sunday ringing should be stopped, with those of today; what would those clerics think when they saw the assembled company with an Archbishop and a Bishop present; we seemed to have lived down the bad repute of earlier days. The bishops would always have the Association's support "in the one loud noise made to the glory of God," but they would look for more, as the well-being of the Church must depend on the witness of clergy and laity together It was to be sincerely hoped that the increasing number of young people ringing today would be instilled with a love of the Church which would last them the rest of their lives and into a lasting fellowship beyond the parish to wherever there were ringers.

The Bishop of Monmouth replied in a characteristically fluent and witty manner. Had he been chosen because Newport Cathedral was featured in "The Ringing World" that week? Perhaps Monmouth was now able to form a Guild of its own. After various dissenting cries from the floor he added that these were obviously heretical words; it was just a passing thought!

From his experience at Llandaff Cathedral he knew that many young people had become interested in the art and that many girls as well as boys were now ringing. This was clearly all to the good. He grew to learn that he was always welcome in the tower—except on New Year's Eve, when for some reason the ringing always sounded better! It was a good thing for youth to be trained to take authority, to work and serve together with older people

Bells had supporters in the most unexpected quarters. His dachshund would go into the garden and wait for one particular note on Llandaff bells and would then begin to howl—not with pain but with delight.

In conclusion he thanked the Association in the name of the Church for making ringing a delight to listen to; let it be encouraged by all those people who loved the sound of bells.

ENCOURAGE YOUTH IN OFFICE

Mr. John Freeman proposed "The Association." Several famous figures had been members in the past; he called to mind particularly J. W. Jones and A. J. Pitman, as he knew them well. But a "those were the days" attitude should not be adopted: the Association must look to the future. Officials should not hold office too long and should encourage youth, who should, however, have a sound knowledge of the workings of the Association. New ideas were essential in any institution.

The Association had prospered in the past; it appeared to be prospering at the present day. He hoped that in another 25 years he would be able to propose another toast.



RICHARD J. STEWART
(24-year-old Master of the Association)

In reply, the Master (Mr. Richard Stewart) spoke of the growth of the Association from the 40 members of 1893 to the figure of 450 at present. In that time many rings had been installed or augmented, chiefly the 12 at Newport and the tens at Abergavenny, Chepstow and Llandaff. But enthusiasm was not confined to the larger parishes; recently Grosmont bells had been recast and rehung through the collective work of Rector and parishioners, numbering no more than 200.

Why had the membership figure nearly doubled in the last ten years? Much was due to the interest shown at Llandaff Cathedral, represented in force that night. There had been constant recruiting by tower captains, the average age of whom was constantly falling. If one young person got interested, more were likely to follow. There had also been welcome additions to the area from other parts of the country. One should not forget the influence of the Cowbridge Grammar School Society under its leader, Mr. Iolo Davies, a master at the school, and the previous Master of the Association

The fact that he (Richard Stewart) was one of the youngest ever to hold the office of Master was symbolic of the outlook of present-day members: they placed their hopes for the future in to-day's youth. He had heard the expression "once a ringer always a ringer"; it was very important in the "permissive society" of today that those recruited should be brought into contact with the truths of the Church as well as the traditions of bellringing. This, he was confident, would happen.

There was then an interval after which the popular secretary, Mr Jack Pryor, proposed "The Guests and Visitors." They were very pleased to welcome the Archbishop, perhaps the first appearance of a Welsh Archbishop at a ringing dinner Some of them had been pleased to ring at the recent Enthronement service at Llandaff and in the peal which followed it. The Bishop of Monmouth and Mrs. Thomas were missed at Llandaff Deanery, so he understood, but Llandaff's loss was Newport's gain. The presence of the vice-president of the Central Council symbolised the unity of ringers through the territorial Associations and Guilds. Near neighbours were represented by Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cousins, of Hereford, while Mr. J. A. Hoare was from the Swansea and Brecon Guild. The University College of Cardiff members were there, and a fine body they looked, too (laughter). The several clergy showed the close links between ringing and other Church activities. There were representatives of the Cheshire Guild and a large contingent from the Coventry Guild. Finally, wives and sweethearts must not be forgotten; their forbearance on practice nights was sometimes marvellous.

In reply, Mr. Ian Maycock thanked the Association on behalf of the guests and visitors for a very good evening. Time was getting on and he sensed a long speech would not be very welcome Jack Pryor had done the lion's share of the organisation. He had only one thing left to say—thank you again and maybe see you in 25 years' time.

Mr. L. Bainham, librarian, then thanked Mr. F. J. Hannington, former general secretary of the Association for the gift of an album containing a picture of every tower in the area—surely an almost unique gift. Mr. Hannington had also presented the Association with several other books in the past, for which they were again exceedingly grateful.

To finish the official proceedings of the evening three leads of Kent Major were rung "in hand" by the above-mentioned exponents, again to be greeted by warm applause. Proceedings were continued informally and all agreed events had matched the occasion.

N. W. H. S.

A DEVIZES WEDDING

A quarter peal was rung at Southbroom on October 26th in honour of the wedding at St. James' Church, Devizes, of Mr. G. Hutton, a member of the church choir, and Miss D. Bridges, whose father has been a ringer at St. James since 1920.

The service was fully choral and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. Currah), assisted by the Rev. D. W. King. The anthem "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" was sung during the signing of the register

The reception, attended by 100 guests, was held at the Town Hall, and the honeymoon spent at New Milton.

NEXT WEEK'S COVER PICTURE ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TWICKENHAM

WHO WROTE THE TINTINNALOGIA?

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

IN his recent review of the 1668 "Tintinnalogia" S. C. S. quotes in some detail the late Armiger Trollope's reasons for deciding that the book was written by the Rev. Richard Duckworth, with the assistance of Fabian Stedman. I have not seen Trollope's detailed evidence, but it would be interesting to know whether, in reaching the conclusion that he did, he took into account the evidence on the authorship of this famous book that exists in the Annable manuscript.

The manuscript itself is a well-bound book of some 300 pages, written in Annable's own hand and now in the possession of the British Museum. Although it is sometimes said that the book was started around 1735 there is quite good evidence that it was started some time earlier, during the 1720's. It seems likely that Annable began it with the intention of compiling a collection of methods and that it was an early draft of a book that was to be published. Writing in his diary in July, 1734, with reference to the recently-published third edition of the "Campanalogia Improved," Thomas Hearne said: "One Annables is now putting out a new edition of the book which 'tis said will be the best of its kind that ever yet was printed on that subject."

As might perhaps be expected, Annable's primary sources of methods were the ringing books that were then available—the 1668 "Tintinnalogia," the "Campanalogia" of 1677, and the first two editions of the "Campanalogia Improved," published in 1702 and 1705 respectively. To the methods copied from these books he then added some more from other sources. Some were the production of his friend Laughton, many were his own work, and a few were methods such as Cambridge Surprise Minor that were being practised in London at the time but whose provenance was unknown.

A "KEY" LETTER

An interesting—and in the present context highly significant—feature of this part of the manuscript is that Annable gave nearly every five- and six-bell method a "key" letter. Against each appears a bold capital A or a D or an I or an L or an S. Comparison with the methods already published in the three ringing text books of the day shows that those taken from the "Tintinnalogia" are denoted by an "I," those from the "Campanalogia" have an "S," while those taken from the "Campanalogia Improved" are distinguished by a "D." Methods that appear in more than one book carry the "key" letter for the earliest work, showing that Annable worked systematically through the three volumes, starting with the "Tintinnalogia," going on to the "Canpanalogia," and finishing with the "Campanalogia Improved"

A clue to the meaning of these letters is given when we see that one of the "L" methods is Laughton's Pleasure. It seems possible that the "L" therefore stands for Laughton. "A" would consequently seem to indicate Annable's own work. This tentative association between "key" letters and initials is strengthened beyond any reasonable doubt when it is recalled that the author of the 1677 "Campanalogia" ("S") was Fabian Stedman, and that one of the authors of the "Campanalogia Improved" ("D") was named Doleman

But what of the "I"? In view of the other evidence it seems extremely likely that it must be the initial of the "Tintinnalogia's" author. It is of course possible that it is indeed not an I at all but a J; 18th century block capital script did not distinguish between the two letters, and later in the manuscript Annable himself printed the word "January" as "Ianuary." But in neither case does the initial fit either Duckworth or Stedman.

It might seem at first sight that Annable could not use the letter "D" to stand for Duckworth because he had already used this initial to stand for Doleman But this theory will not withstand any critical examination, for it has already been shown that Annable started his collection by extracting methods from the 1668 book. It is therefore the "D" standing for Doleman that would be unusable, not the "D" for Duckworth. For the same reason there was nothing to have stopped him using an "S" for Stedman.

Nor does it seem likely that the "I" was a purely arbitrary letter used because Annable himself did not know who was the "Tintinnalogia's" author. The manuscript was started only 50 years or so after the "Tintinnalogia" had been published, and it hardly seems possible that the name of the author of such a significant book could have disappeared so rapidly from the memory of the London Exercise.

On the contrary, there is every reason to expect Annable to have known who the author was. The book had been seen through the press by Fabian Stedman, probably acting on behalf of the College Youths, since it was to this Society that the book was dedicated. Although we cannot be sure of the precise date, it seems probable that Stedman did not die until 1713, only eight years before Annable joined the Society. It can, I think, be safely assumed that some memory of the author would have persisted in the College Youths for as long as Stedman was living, and the interval that then elapsed before Annable arrived on the scene and started collecting his methods is scarcely sufficient for the last vestiges of this memory to have passed away beyond recall.

POSSIBLE CLUE

There is one further possible clue to the identity of the mysterious Mr. I (or J) in the manuscript. Annable marked one method there with an "I" that was not in the 1668 book—"Oxford Surprize." This might be taken to suggest that perhaps Mr. I was an Oxford man, more likely "gown" than "town" in view of relations between Oxford and the College Youths in the second half of the 17th century. Since Duckworth was an Oxford graduate it might be interesting to speculate on the existence of a link between "I" and Duckworth while they were both at the University.

In 1944 Armiger Trollope examined in detail the relationship between the co-authors of the 1702 J.D. and C.M. "Campanalogia Improved." He came to the conclusion that, while Doleman was the technical expert and the man with the knowledge of composition and so on required for such a book, the "literary author" was the still unidentified C.M. Is it not possible that a similar relationship had existed between Annable's "I" and Duckworth in the production of the "Tintinnalogia" with the "I" being the technical, and Duckworth the literary author?

This is an attractive theory and one that would answer our chief problem; for it would explain why Annable labelled the "Tintinnalogia" methods "I." while Anthony à Wood said in his Athenæ Oxoniensis that Duckworth wrote the book. Wood, thinking of the book simply as a book and not of its detailed technical contents, spoke of its "literary" author," while Annable, who was interested only in the technicalities, referred to the "technical author." We know that he had done exactly the same thing in the case of the J.D. and C.M. "Campanalogia Improved."

The theory is, it is true, open to two objections. The first is that the 'Tintinnalogia's" title page says that it is "By a lover of that ART"—in the singular. There is no hint of dual authorship. Trollope's view that Fabian Stedman provided much of the technical material for the book is however open to the same objection, an objection that is, I feel, more apparent than real. But this view of Trollope's itself is the second objection to the theory.

JOINT WORK?

The chief evidence for the supposition that it was Stedman who provided the technical expertise lies in the wording of the title page: "Printed by WG. for Fabian Stedman at his Shop in St Dunstan's Churchyard in Fleet-street," and in the residue of the centuries-old tradition that Stedman was the book's sole author—if he wasn't the book's sole author, then at least he helped with it. But when we see the tremendous difference between the technical knowledge displayed in the "Tintinnalogia" and that in Stedman's own "Campanalogia," published a mere nine years later, it seems a little doubtful whether the same man, let alone a man of Stedman's calibre, could have been responsible for both books. The appearance of Stedman's name on the title page is itself no evidence that he took a hand in its writing. The title page of his own "Campanalogia" tells us that it was "Printed by W. Godbid, for W.S.," and although the identity of W.S. remains as much a mystery as does that of the C.M. of 25 years later, there is no suggestion that he assisted Stedman in any way in writing the book.

I am as a result drawn to the conclusion that the "Tintinnalogia" was the joint work of two men—a "literary author" in the "sower, harsh, and almost intollerable" person of Richard Duckworth, with, assisting him in details of methods and compositions, Annable's mysterious "I" or "J." Stedman saw to the publication of the finished book, and once it was off the press did a great deal of work to encourage its sale, travelling as far afield as Leicester to advertise it and collect orders.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET

On October 26th the local band, with friends from Taunton and Wiveliscombe and a visitor from Painswick, had an outing in North Devon. On arriving at East Buckland it was discovered that the tower not only contained a nice ring of six (tenor 7¼ cwt.) but also a fine display of ferns growing inside the window. Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, the ringing Vicar of Chittlehampton, joined the band for a ring and accompanied the ringers to West Buckland, where the bells (6, 7¼ cwt.) go like the proverbial tops.

After lunch a visit was made to Barnstaple (8, 22 cwt.), where the "go" was not as bad as expected from earlier reports. Pilton bells (8, 25 cwt.) are a magnificent ring and the band were pleased to have two local ringers join them in call changes.

Between Pilton and Braunton (8, 16½ cwt.) the car shed part of its exhaust system, and the delay for roadside repairs resulted in the four occupants missing the last four towers—Braunton, Holy Trinity (8, 12½ cwt.), SS. Philip and James (8, 11½ cwt.) and Lynton (6, 10 cwt.), which was the writer's 2,000th tower. Grateful thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers who met the party.

E. T. P. F.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Boucher 1, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 2, D. Garvie 3, H. Stacey 4, A. Sandy 5, G. Boucher 6, T. Hillman 7, J. Boucher 8. Rung as a compliment to Carol (a ringer at this tower and daughter of the conductor) and Colin James.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, E Veall 6 Rung with the best wishes of the band to Susan Adams and Michael Stephens (son of 4th ringer), who were married at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Little Holton, Manchester, on October 5th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Warning at Annual Dinner from Mr. John Chilcott

FOLLOWING the success of last year's Surrey Association dinner, a similar event was held on October 19th at Laker's Hotel, Redhill. Arrangements had been made by a sub-committee composed of Mr. D. Brookes, Miss A. Mann and Mr. C. Mew.

Ninety-seven members and friends, with four guests, the Rev. and Mrs. G. Williams of Nutfield and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chilcott, sat down to roast Surrey chicken, doing justice to a good meal, even if the wine service could have been a little speedier. The toastmaster, Mr. S. F. Kimber, announced that the Master, Mr. F. E. Darby, who was presiding, would be pleased to take wine with the officers and committee members.

After the loyal toast Mr. C. Mew began the speeches by proposing the toast of "The Church and the Exercise." He stressed the need for both functions to adapt to the demands of a rapidly changing world if they wished to survive. A good system of communication was essential and more attention should be paid to the needs of younger members.

Replying to the toast, the Rev. G. Williams endorsed whole-heartedly the points made by Mr. Mew and illustrated his speech with some amusing anecdotes. He was generous in his praise of ringers, who he felt formed part of the spearhead of the Church's parish work.

THREE TYPES AT MEETINGS

The toast of "The Association" was proposed by Mr. J. E. Chilcott. While he was pleased to see that the Association was taking an active interest in Central Council affairs, he warned against pressing for changes unless they constituted genuine improvements. The regular practice meetings of the Association were its strongest building point. Such meetings were attended by three types of ringer—learners who got something denied them at their own towers, middle-of-the-roaders such as peal ringers who drifted in and out of meetings, and the stable supporters. Mr. Chilcott suggested that some communication was lacking between the three groups and greater contact might usefully be made.

Replying for the Association, the Master outlined its history from its humble beginnings in May, 1880. Membership now stood at 405. Mr. Darby then thanked the Dinner Committee and presented a certificate for the most successful band in the 1968 Striking Competition to Miss J. Armstrong of the Putney ringers.

The draw for the lucky numbers on the dinner tickets resulted in a bottle of sherry going to Mr. A. Brown, of Croydon, and boxes of chocolates being received by the Master and Mr. Mew. The floor was then cleared for dancing to the Race Band until midnight.

THE COMPANY

The Master (Mr. F. E. Darby) and Mrs. Darby, the Rev. and Mrs. G. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chilcott (guests).

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bangham, D. C. Brookes, M. V. Chilcott, A. R. C. Clarke, B. Coatsworth, C. H. Cook, D. Cooper, M. Earp, C. M. Foster, E. Godfrey, J. Harrison, D. Hawkins, S. F. Kimber, R. J. Lee, C. F. Mew, D. E. Parsons, R. I. Parsons, J. Pratchett, D. Spittle, N. Steere, A. Streeter, K. Tuber, G. West.

Misses J. Armstrong, S. Aveyard, A. S. Bruce, C. Cobb, R. Cotton, C. Foshury, J. Greenhalf, L. A. Hawes, V. Hayward, J. Henderson, C. Madge, A. Mann, C. Martin, B. Minnion, B. P. H. Moorby, J. Oakshott, K. Salvage, J. S. Stoy, S. Thexton, E. Timmins, J. Walker.

Messrs. A. Bagworth, M. Bayley, A. Brown, K. Burgess, A. P. Cannon, R. Cooles, J. Davidge, R. Davies, R. D. Dawson-Taylor, R. Dorrington, S. Elliott, A. Flood, K. Game, R. Grant, C. Harris, B. Hawkins, J. Knipe, A. Long, W. J. Munton, W. F. Scrase, G. Shanks, R. Stevens, C. Stoker, B. J. P. Stone, N. Summerhayes, N. Thomson, D. Tipler, F. Warr.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION STRIKING CONTEST

Saturday, October 19th, saw carloads of ringers from the county converging on Eaton Bray early in the afternoon, for this was the venue of the Association striking contest. Two teams from each District provided the ringing before tea and this proved to be of quite a high standard and a joy to all who had gathered just to listen. This was the first year that the rules allowed anything other than rounds, and several teams took advantage of this by ringing changes.

After the contest a short service was held, the Vicar expressing his pleasure at hearing the bells rung. Tea was available in the Village Hall, supplied by the local ladies, in conjunction with the village autumn fair.

After tea the ringers adjourned to the church for the judges' verdict and the presentations.

The president, Mr. A. E. Rushden, introduced the two judges, Miss Valerie Mills and Mr. Walter Ayre, whose comments on the ringing followed with results. In giving faults, varying from four to 63, the judges said of the ringing that most of it was steady and had a good rhythm, although every band found difficulty wih the third bell causing some unevenness at times.

The teams were placed as follows: Totternhoe 1, St. Paul's, Bedford 2, Luton 3, Maulden 4, Goldington 5 and Stotfold 6. The cup was therefore once again presented to Totternhoe, and certificates to the first three bands.

The president thanked the judges for their excellent appraisal of the competition, the bands for competing, the ladies for tea, and the Vicar for the use of the bells. A warm vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. June Sinfield, the organiser of the competition, and to the organisers of the District eliminating contests.

General ringing continued until about 8 p.m., and thus the ears departed, leaving the village once again in silence. S. I. S.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Warboys (cond.) 1, K. Westwood 2, T. Camp 3, R. Walker 4, A. Richardson 5. For Maths.

LOUGHBOROUGH OUTING 1968

Perhaps it is only to be expected on an outing from Loughborough that five of the six towers visited should contain bells which have received attention from Taylor's Foundry and that we should think that they were all excellent. Maybe we are biased, but on this occasion we think not.

The first tower we visited was at Grantham (a superb Taylor ten of 1947), well matching the superb structure). The frame at Boston Stump is an interesting construction. Those who ventured to the bell chamber were rewarded with the sight of the ten ringing bells hung round the 15 stationary carillon bells in the centre of the frame (all the bells by Taylor's, 1932 and 1951). This tower is in design more akin to the carillon tower of the Low Countries, and indeed contact between the port of Boston and the Netherlands must have been greater, if not physically easier, in the Middle Ages than with many places in England.

The standard of our ringing at Donington (8) was not good and our opinion of this ring is better not mentioned. We followed with the pleasant six at Whaplode, which have needed no attention since they were rehung by Taylor's in 1933. What a delight both to hear and handle are the bells of the 1926 Taylor octave at Spalding! We could all have spent many more hours on these bells. The final tower, Surfleet, contained the lightest 12. We were very pleased with the way these bells handled, the only complaint being the indistinctness of the two trebles inside the tower. (Mostly Taylor, 1912 and 1932.)

Ringing ranged from rounds to successful Grandsire Cinques. Our grateful thanks to all incumbents and ringers who helped to make our day so enjoyable. T. C.

BATH BRANCH'S QUARTER PEAL TOUR

This for us was a new venture and followed a brain-wave that Julian Newman had to ring a different plain hunt Minor method in six Bath Branch towers. The band with him were Roger Coles, Alan Lee and David Hawkins (his father deputising for him in the first quarter) from local towers, plus two of our University friends, Peter Hardwick (Herts) and Roger Kendrick (Leics).

The first attempt was at Newton St. Loe, where St. Clement's was duly rung and very much enjoyed. The bells are a ground-floor ring with rope guides that rattled, a clock with only an hour-hand and a clock hammer that is released on the tenor bell itself.

On to Wellow (the only ring of the day on ball bearings), where we opened all the windows to allow our Leicestershire friend to appreciate this glorious Mears ring of 21¼ cwt. Double Court was the method rung here but after a good 540 we failed in the plain course.

St. Matthew's, Widcombe, was the first call after lunch and Plain Bob was chosen for lots of reasons—bells dropping, etc.—but let it be said that without the tower master's care these bells would have been unringable a long while ago. As it was, the quarter was a great success.

Along the road to Lyncombe to ring Childwall on the very pleasant, clear-sounding ring. We tried, but a miscall ended proceedings after several false starts. Swainswick tower was chosen for Double Oxford, which was successful at the second attempt. Lots of interesting things in this tower—they are anti-clockwise, for a start, hung on three tiers in a tiny tower, and most of the ringers need to be thin, as the bells fall in awkward places in the corners of the tower. Apart from the rope of the fifth becoming unravelled all went well.

On to Bathford for Thelwall on the well-kept Warner ring of 1880. Bad luck was encountered here as after some very good ringing we failed three courses from home.

What had been gained (apart from blisters) by this venture? Firstly, experience with less familiar methods, and in every case the 540 had been successful even if the quarter had failed. Secondly, a chance to ring in a few of one's own Branch towers. Thirdly, that one tower less would be the ideal number if tried again.

To Julian our thanks for the chance this gave us—and have more brain-waves, won't you! A. F. L.

Ilchester Branch

On November 2nd the Ilchester Branch held its monthly practice meeting at St. Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi, by kind permission of the Rev. K. W. Puddy.

About 26 ringers attended, representing some 14 towers, and they were made welcome by the Vicar and Mr. H. Tilley.

Ringing on this good-going if somewhat noisy heavy six (tenor 19 cwt.) was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, and varied from rounds and call changes to Bob Doubles, Grandsire, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, London, Cambridge and Kent Treble Bob.

The Branch is grateful to the Vicar and tower master for a successful and enjoyable evening. M. M. L.

Letters to the Editor

RINGING AT EVERDON

Dear Sir,—G. K. D. (page 843) mentions the ringing which took place at Everdon, Northants, and the band are to be congratulated on accomplishing a quarter peal on this glorious ring

These bells, have, however, been rung on various occcasions in recent years and I took part in touches there in August, 1963.

Messrs. P. I. Chapman and M. R. Bennett got the bells in reasonable shape, and, apart from myself, other ringers taking part were, to the best of my memory, Messrs. H. Johnson, G. C. Paul. A. A. Paul and J. J. Spraggett.

The then Rector, the Rev. Mr. Trnka (a Czechoslovakian) recorded the ringing, played it back to us and was delighted with the result. I believe the tape was handed later to the present Rector, the Rev. R S. Dye.

Northants has its fair share of ancient and in some cases "unringable" bells, but most have been conquered by post-war bands "set free" after hostilities had ceased, to roam and ring in the county they love.

However, once more congratulations on this "quarter" accomplished on the bells of Everdon.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. HUTT.

Rugby, Warks.

ANOTHER RINGER AT EVERDON

Dear Sir,—I would like to correct a statement by Mr. Dodd that the bells of Everdon, Northamptonshire, had not been rung since 1930.

I was one of a band of Daventry Branch members, the others being Messrs. P. Chapman, M. Bennett, H. Johnson and F. Hutt, who rang these bells on two occasions; the first was in August, 1963, and again later. They were not so bad to ring as Mr. Dodd makes out.

On the first occasion the then Rector recorded the ringing and we sat in the church afterwards and heard the bells played back.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES J. SPRAGGETT.

Fenny Compton, Leamington.

RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT

Dear Sir,—My friend George Hawkins raises an interesting point in his interpretation of local and resident bands. Definitions differ, no doubt, but for my money, with rare exceptions, a local band would automatically be a resident one, whereas a resident is not necessarily a local one!

By coincidence, the Twerton band have also provided the opportunity to take this distinction a stage further. The quarter of Duffield they rang recently was claimed as the first for the Association, but I think the footnote should have added "by a resident band." I am afraid we rang one at Backwell, Somerset, on September 21st, 1960, and although it contained one local, two resident and five non-resident life members, we naturally rang it for the Bath and Wells! I am sorry if we have stolen some of their thunder, but here again, as your correspondent says, there is a difference.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

"INCOMPETENT AND INDOLENT VOLUNTEERS"

Dear Sir,—Since, with respect, you may be regarded as one of the veterans of the Central Council, you will, I am sure, be relieved to know that your unfortunate use of headline for the Leicester Dinner report has given the wrong emphasis to the advice, if indeed it be advice, which I sought to give. This provocative presentation of a precis may have caused distress in a few minds and it is regrettable.

My remarks were directed, not to "old boys" (an expression which I abhor, by the way) but to those of any age who cling to offices which they have ceased to fulfil effectively, and furthermore the remarks were not directed specifically to the Central Council, but to the Exercise in general. Indeed, I said that the problem was not confined to bell-ringing.

Over and over again people may be seen half-heartedly doing work for which they have long since lost enthusiasm, when honesty points the way to the honourable solution. Those who undertake voluntary work of any kind ought to accept the moral responsibility implied. Stipendiary engagements have, generally speaking, the built-in safeguard of the sack, but it is often difficult to dispense with the services of an incompetent or indolent volunteer.

But, sir, the important points I wished to make were that there are two sides to the problem and that there is a solution much to be preferred to those practised by Cromwell and Mao.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Hon. Secretary, Central Council.

VICTORIAN RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Lenton's interesting article on Victorian ringers at Pontefract (page 868) has reminded me that I rang my first quarter peal for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee on June 20th, 1897, and it also made me wonder how many there are still actively ringing, besides Mr. George Symonds and myself, who rang peals during her reign.

I rang seven peals before her death in January 1901, two of which stand out, one for the relief of Ladysmith during the Boer War and the other was the only peal of Double Oxford the late Mr. William Pye ever rang.

Some ten (perhaps twelve) years ago an inquiry revealed a surprising number of ringers who had rung peals in the last century. These have no doubt shrunk considerably by now.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford, Kent.

Note.—We would be very pleased to publish details of those of our readers who rang peals in the last century.—Ed.

HOMEWARD BOUND

Miss Pam Warren, who was captain of Merrow, Surrey, ringers before she went to Australia, starts on her journey home in January, proposing to make her way overland and reach Guildford in June. She has left Toowoomba, Queensland, for Perth, Western Australia, where she has accepted a relief job. While in Perth she hopes to ring at the Cathedral. She sends her greetings and best wishes to Guildford friends.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Maidstone District A.G.M.

On October 12th the Maidstone District held its annual general meeting at All Saints', Maidstone. The afternoon's ringing began at St. Michael's (6, 8¼ cwt.), where rounds up to Surprise were rung, and then transferred to All Saints' at four o'clock.

A pleasant service was taken by the Vicar, during which the traditional course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. Cullingworth, Sone, Waddington and Macfadyen. A splendid tea laid on by the All Saints' ringers followed.

Mr. A. P. S Berry, of the Ashford District, took the chair for the meeting and the minutes of the previous two meetings were read and signed as correct. The election of District officers resulted in the following being chosen: District secretary, Mr. Colin Tester; Ringing Master, Mr. P. Muchlinski; District representatives, Mr. A. Waddington and Mr. Malcolm (alias "Fred") Barden; "Ringing World" representative, Mr. S. Taylor.

Having presented his annual report, Mr. Martin Howe was formally thanked for all he had done during his term as District secretary, and Mr. Lewis Head was offered congratulations on his composition and expert conducting of 5,050 Stedman Caters, rung to celebrate his golden wedding anniversary and also his 78th birthday.

It was generally agreed that the ladies had once again "done themselves proud" in preparing and serving an excellent tea, and a vote of thanks was given to them by Mr. Waddington.

After the meeting a variety of ringing was enjoyed at All Saints' under the leadership of our new Ringing Master. S. T.

EAST HAGBOURNE PEAL BAND

Dear Sir,—I have recently been engaged in compiling a peal book for East Hagbourne tower and was most interested to see the name of Frederick S. Macey among those who have taken "The Ringing World" from the first issue. Mr. Macey rang four peals at Hagbourne during 1922 and 1923—three peals of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Jim Butler, Dick Rice and Tom East (my grandfather) and a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Tom Hibbert.

Apart from Mr. Macey, there are now only two survivors of those four peals—Alf Webb, a young lad of 67, and Bill Hibbert, who must be at least 50!—Yours faithfully,

East Hagbourne. MICHAEL BISHOP.

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BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Retiring President Faces the End of Office

GRATITUDE FOR SIX YEARS OF KINDNESS

PROPOSING the toast of "Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association," Canon Gilbert Thurlow made reference to the conclusion of his term of office as president of the Central Council. He said:

"Like someone else whose political tact forbids my mentioning by name, I don't expect to be re-elected at the next election—anyhow, one doesn't stand again after six years. When I was placed in this position I made no promises, so it will not be possible for my epitaph to resemble Alexander Pope's epitaph for a politician: 'Count not his broken pledges as a crime: he meant them—how he meant them—at the time!'"

"Speaking personally, I shall never cease to be grateful for the kindness I have received from so many fellow ringers in so many different areas. I have met far more ringers during these last six years than a full-time working priest would otherwise meet and every such meeting is of untold value. I have, by other people's kindness, been able to share in far more historic ringing events than would have been possible otherwise.

COUNCIL'S SPIRIT WONDERFUL

"What is far more important is the state of things in the Council as a whole. We lost during this period a brilliant secretary with a marvellous wife, and we gained another brilliant secretary with a marvellous wife. Amid other changes the general spirit of the Council continues to be quite wonderful. How wise various of its members are to be self-critical. How important it is for all constructive criticism of it to be seriously discussed with a view to possible improvement in its machinery.

"It would not be fitting to go into any details now, but I think one might make one point. It need not be felt that a spate of letters in 'The Ringing World' on matters discussed at the last meeting left its work unfinished. No live subject can be killed and finally wound up in one debate, however long. Parliament may pass an Act after most careful and long debate and after receiving information from expert advisers, yet if the issue is one of living interest Press columns continue to debate it indefinitely!"

Turning to the toast, the Canon said it was splendid to perpetuate the memory of such men as Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and the past officers of the Yorkshire Association. All such men had set an example of single-hearted devotion to their art, with hope of no reward beyond the joy that skill, achievement, friendliness can bring, with their dedication to the service of God and people.

Snowdon, first president of the Yorkshire Association, had been followed by a succession of presidents of whom he would be immensely proud. They all know about his connection with Ilkley, where it would be a great pleasure for the Central Council to meet in 1970, and of the high honour in which he was held in his lifetime, as evidenced by the window in his memory at Ilkley. They thanked God for all this and showed their thanks by giving all they could in the way of service to maintain traditions and to progress further.

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OBITUARY

MR. RONALD RUSSELL

An Appreciation

I would like to pay a tribute to my old friend Ronald Russell. My son and I had rung a number of peals with him, together with his pal, Percy Baldock, in the 1950's.

I was disappointed that no mention had been made regarding his funeral, but I was delighted to read in the "Belfry Gossip" of the peal which was rung by the Corby family at Corby Church in his memory. I think that was a great tribute, as also were the quarter peals at Uppingham and Braunston. J. H. C.

MR. GEORGE GASSON

A quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung at Bolney, Sussex, on September 5th, with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. George Gasson. He was a member of the well-known family of ringers at Bolney, and the quarter peal was composed by his father, the late Tom Gasson.

The ringers were R. V. Johnson 1, H. Brown 2, S. Upton 3, S. Allen 4, J. Jeffery 5, S. Brown 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, J. Nulty 8.

DUBLIN FIRE.—At Christ Church Cathedral, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (light eight, tenor 26 cwt.): M. R. Owen 1, C. J. Reede (cond.) 2, Helen M. Hubert 3, L. R. Taylor 4, P. W. Brown 5, D. H. T. Taylor 6, J. P. O. Barry 7, E. C. Cathalin 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of William E. Lynch, late conductor and secretary of the Cathedral band.

REDEDICATION

HALSTOCK, DORSET

Sunday, November 3rd, was a great day for the small country village of Halstock, when in the afternoon parishioners and friends gathered in church for the service of rededication of the ring of five bells which had been rehung by John Taylor and Co. Previously the bells had been silent for over 30 years through the dangerous condition of the frame.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Slater) and the Rev. A. F. Godley was present. The Archdeacon of Sherborne (the Ven. E. J. G. Ward) dedicated the new vestry and rededicated the bells. Rounds were rung by the local ringers, who have been taught to ring since the bells were rehung.

After the service, members of the Salisbury Guild from Beaminster, Netherbury and Yeminster rang touches in various methods.

This marks the end of 12 years of renewal and restoration at St. Mary's Church and is a fine tribute by all those who have given and worked over the years. J. D.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, Jean Horton 2, B. W. Farhall 3, M. Davies (cond.) 4, J. Taylor 5, G. Mercer 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. Alfred Crowhurst, for 50 years churchwarden.

WICK ST. LAWRENCE, SOM.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): G. Prescott (cond.) 1, J. Coombs 2, Marjorie Legg 3, S. Lewis 4, R. Ballam 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Parsons.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. D. Floyd Leaves for Bristol

The autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch was held on October 26th at Church Harborough. Prior to the service ringing was enjoyed on the six bells at this church as well as on the six bells at the neighbouring village of Freeland.

The business meeting was in the form of an experiment. Preceding meetings had been condemned as too long and laborious. The minutes had been circulated well in advance, and so only required a vote of acceptance. The remaining agenda was equally brief. The secretary summed up the events which had taken place since the spring meeting.

Mr. David Floyd told the meeting that he was leaving the district to take up a post in Bristol, and would have to give up his post as Ringing Master, but would remain treasurer until the spring meeting. The chairman, the Rev. P. Wilkins, thanked Mr. Floyd on behalf of the Branch for all the work he had done and wished him the best of luck in his future career. Mr. Walter Judge was then elected Ringing Master. Finally Yarnton was proposed and accepted as the venue for the spring meeting on April 26th.

Ringing continued at Church Hanborough until 7.30 and on the eight bells at Woodstock until 8 p.m. E. R. V.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The last general meeting of the Central District this year was held at Stowmarket on October 26th. The Rector (the Rev. A. A. Muxlow) conducted the service, and the lessons were read by Mr. L. E. Last and the Rev. L. Pizzey (Guild secretary).

At the meeting, officers elected for 1969 were: Chairman, H. W. M. Leather; secretary, Mrs. M. R. Page; Ringing Master, R. E. Lester.

The bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m. to a variety of methods under the watchful eye of R. E. Lester.

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FOR THE DOUBLES BEGINNER

SEEKING MORE VARIED QUARTER PEALS

THE most valuable part of St. Thomas's practice night is the discussion which always follows in the Rose over a pint of ale. At least, that's what I always tell the wife.

The routine is always the same. A final shambles, which even the most optimistic dare not call ringing down in rounds, then a mad rush down the stairs, the youngsters to get to the "fish 'ole," the senior members (ha!) to get to the beer. You can always feel the atmosphere in the Rose freeze as we enter and the landlady's look of resignation whilst we argue as to who is going to pay for the first round is worthy of a Rembrandt.

Well, the other Monday Brian had worked a crafty one and had got out of paving for the beer by the simple process of sitting down in "the ringers' corner," a courting couple fleeing in terror, and reading a copy (sorry, my copy) of 'The R.W." As we all sat down he looked up and observed "Fair old flap they've gone and got themselves in about Doubles methods"—well, actually, he used a much more vulgar expression, but Tom White would never print it. "Do you think we could get the old Woodbine controversy going again?" You see, being reactionary Northerners, we still ring a fair number of irregular methods.

"I've given up reading the letters," I said. "Lot of show-offs airing their knowledge without much regard for the average ringer. I shall still call it April Day, I can tell you."

"No, you've got it all wrong," replied Robert. (He's just done an M.Sc. in variable speed A.C motors and is a bit of a pedant.) "It's to the Exercise's advantage that the rules should be codified. Progress always involves some sacrifice, just like drinking this keg beer instead of the old Bentley's draught"

"But John has got a point," interrupted David. 'I've been giving this matter a bit of thought and . . ."

Uproar broke out. David had never been known to think of anything but birds, beer and baccy—in that order. Still, he had just spent a week in Brum Perhaps there is something in the air down there.

When the noise had subsided, he continued: "There was a bit of a fuss in 'The Ringing World' some time back when someone claimed that the general standard of quarter peals is very low."

"He was right enough," I broke in.

"Exactly," continued David, "but I've been wondering if so many bands stick to Plain Bob and Grandsire simply because no one has ever bothered to tell them how easy it is to ring a quarter in 12 methods/variations.

"You say yourself, John, that learners are silly to jump from method to method, from Oxford to Cambridge, say, without applying a rational system to their learning. So if a band who can only ring Plain Bob Doubles next try to ring St. Hilary's or Stedman they are bound to run into snags. Running before they can walk Perhaps it would help if someone were to suggest a reasonably progressive way of learning Doubles methods and variations."

"O.K., clever beggar," said Brian. "what would the Professor suggest?"

"I was coming to that. It's no use supposing that these bands will have a copy of the Council's Doubles Collection. We must be the only tower within a ten-mile radius to have any of the handbooks on the shelves. What most ringers do seem to have, though, is the Diary, and so I've stuck to that.

"Now, given that a band know Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, they can ring a Grandsire Single each time the fifth makes second's place and get a spliced extent in two methods, Plain Bob and Reverse St. B. In fact even if a band can only ring Plain Bob it would be no great effort to learn how to ring a Grandsire Single. Simply tell them that the call must be made at hand before the treble leads and that the bell that would normally have made the bob fourths strikes four blows in thirds instead and then returns to the lead whilst the other two working bells do a double dodge in 4/5, remembering to be very careful about which one lies and which one runs in afterwards

"Having taken that step," he continued, "it's no use telling people to learn a Pink's Single or a Grandsire Extreme or something like that because they don't appear in the Diary."

"But there is one other call shown in the Diary, and that's a Reverse Canterbury Bob. Ring that in Plain Bob instead of the normal call and you get Kensington."

"Wrong, old lad You get Kennington,' I claimed.

"O.K., Kennington. But it's a simple bob to ring; far easier for learners than a Grandsire Single, I would have thought," continued David

"You should also tell the learner that a Reverse Canterbury bob can't always be called with the tenor as observation," added Robert. "unless, of course, they're clever enough to start the extent in the middle of a bob Plain Bob is one method where this applies."

"Anyway, there you have three different calls—the Plain Bob bob, the Grandsire Single and the Reverse Canterbury bob. Now for some methods, and what should learners turn to after Plain Bob?"

We all waited, whilst David made a theatrical pause.

Why, St. Simon's. Of course. We always teach learners St. Clement's after Plain Bob Minor, so it's obvious that a Doubles ringer goes on to St. Simon's. Of course, you tell them they must learn to ring the method off the treble. Ring Plain Bob when the treble is below you; make third's and return to the back when the treble is above you unless you're doing the long front work. And the only way you can get into the long front work is either by a 3/4 dodge or by being called in at a bob. Piece of cake, if only people would realise it.

"Once you know St. Simon's, ring it with a Grandsire Single for Eynsham and an R.C. bob for St. Albans. Then as your next move you learn St. Martin's, which is hardly different from St. Simon's, and get St. Leonard's and St. Paul's as a bonus.

"That gives you seven methods/variations plus a spliced extent in two further methods—three more to go, so next the beginner learns Winchendon Looks tricky at first, but once you really study it it's only St. Martin's with 3-4 or 4-3 places made back and hand instead of the normal dodge when the treble leads."

"Why not call them Kent places?" asked Ken.

"Because a Doubles learner has never rung Kent, you fool," retorted Robert. "Go on, Dave."

"Well, that's it, really. You ring Winchendon with a Reverse Canterbury bob for the parent method. Ring it with a Grandsire Single for St. John's; a Plain Bob bob gives St. Miles'. That one might prove a bit sticky."

"Not if you tell them to ring the bob lead-end as though they were ringing a bob in St. Martin's," contributed Ken. "Hey, but isn't St. Miles' an extent of Spliced Winchendon and St. Martin's?"

"Could be, could be." I agreed; then it suddenly ocurred to me that as we were talking about a St. Martin's bob lead-end it couldn't.

"So there you have it. How to ring a quarter peal of Doubles in 12 methods/variations in five easy steps. Of course the learner might as well look at Reverse Canterbury while he's at it. After all there's only the same difference between R.C. and Plain Bob as there is between Winchendon and St. Martin's. You can't ring a Grandsire Single with it but you can ring a Plain Bob bob for Southrepps."

David was so pleased with the reception his ideas had received that he forgot it was Brian's turn and bought the next round of beer himself. On second thoughts, though, he may not have been quite so naive, because when he came back from the bar he delivered the punch line.

"This is what I think. Now that I've told you my ideas, John ought to write an article for 'The Ringing World.' They're always asking for contributions and it should be worth a try. I'd do it myself, but I shall be seeing a lot of Janet in the next few days."

We let the Janet bit pass (Dave's 38th bird, according to Ken), and I agreed to write an article, mainly because I had an idea of my own.

"Dave's ideas can be taken a bit further," I said. "Why not suggest a quarter peal for All Saintstide in 11 Doubles methods/variations named after Saints?"

"Corny," they all said. "Must have been done thousands of times," added Robert.

"It's no worse than ringing Morning Star for the Epiphany, and certainly no worse than the time we learned Norwich Surprise for a visit to Colegate," I persisted. "And if I'm doing the article I shall mention the idea

"Dave's collection gives seven Saintly extents not including St Bartholomew. Another method which produces two Saints name variations is St. Osmund's. It fits into the general scheme, too."

"Not in the Diary," objected Dave. "And besides, who's heard of it?"

"I can give the plain course in the article. Really, it's St. Simon's but, having dodged 3/4, the bell that's coming into the long front work first makes second's place back and hand, forcing the bell that turned the treble to strike three blows at lead The two bells at the back ring exactly as in St. Simon's and it's a seconds place lead-end Ring it with Plain Bob bobs and call it St. Osmund. Grandsire singles give St. Ninian's, and Reverse Canterbury bobs give St. Ambrose

"I was thinking that All Saints' would be a suitable 11th extent, but probably a band of learners would be happier with Reverse All Saints'. I'll give the plain course. After all, it's only another version of St. Martin's with

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DOUBLES METHODS/VARIATIONS

PLAIN COURSE	CALLING		
	Plain Bob bob	Grandsire Single	Rev. Canterbury bob
Plain Bob	Plain Bob	April Day	Kennington
St. Simon	St. Simon	Eynsham	St. Albans
St. Martin	St. Martin	St. Leonard	St. Paul
Winchendon Place	St. Miles	St. John	Winchendon Place
Rev. Canterbury	Southrepps	—	Rev. Canterbury
St. Osmund	St. Osmund	St. Ninian	St. Ambrose
Rev. All Saints	Reverse All Saints	—	—

MORE VARIED QUARTER PEALS—Contd.

the added benefit of plain hunting at the lead-end—no dodges or places to bother about. Only pity is that it won't take the other two callings."

"There's only one thing," commented Brian. "If you write an article, how can you be sure the Doubles ringers you've written it for will read it?"

"Some of them must buy a copy of 'The Ringing World'" I replied. "And a lot more of them will read other people's copies, just like you, you great birk. When are you going to start and buy your own copy?"

"You lot still on about ringing? Don't you ever let up?" We were joined by Steve, who announced that he had just made two bob at dominoes. That did it. There was no more discussion on ringing matters. Within five minutes we had all moved into the tap room in the hope of making some "Ready Money." (Ugh!)

I lost.

Anyway, as you can see, I did write the article. Hope it will be of use to someone. I've added the plain courses of St. Osmund's and Reverse All Saints' along with a table of methods/variations cribbed straight from the Appendix, though as a last fling I couldn't resist putting April Day instead of Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. B. We're old-fashioned at St. Thomas's despite the jeans and the sweatshirts. I. R.

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24153	24153
24513	42513
42531	42531
24351	24531
42315	24513
42135	42153
41253	41235
14523	14325
14253	13452
St. Osmund	Rev. All Saints

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Quarter peal, Willington, Nov. 1st (page 849) and Sandy (page 859) for D. Guss, as submitted, read D. Goss.

K.C.A. DINNER REPORT, "LEG-PULL"

Dear Sir,—I have not yet reached the age of 95, but if and when I do I will be very proud and happy to attend a K.C.A. dinner!

If I am still on this planet next year I will have completed 60 years of ringing—51 in Kent and nine in Reading—and, as my many friends know, I still enjoy ringing for Sunday services and also on practice nights.

Can any lady beat this?—Yours sincerely,

E. M. MITCHELL (Mrs.).

DELIGHT MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—In my letter (page 766) re Delight Minor methods, I have been guilty of a mistake, which has caused four indignant letters (so far) to arrive on my doormat. To put matters straight:—

—36—16—12—36.12—14.56 2nds is unnamed.

—34—16—12—36.12—14.56 2nds is Conisbrough.

I apologise for the error, which is the result of a too rapid reading of an amended Four-Way Table.—Yours sincerely,

D. C. JACKSON.

Totton, Southampton.

LISS, HANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Down (first quarter) 1, Gillian Read 2, T. S. Bowles 3, D. Fox (first in method "inside") 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, R. J. Lintott 6. For Confirmation service.

QUARTER PEALS

DATE TOUCH

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sept. 1st, at St. John's Church, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Charlton 1, H. Goakes 2, Pamela Blackith 3, W. R. Barker 4, F. Boyall 5, J. E. David 6, R. H. Daw 7, J. H. Bluff (comp. and cond.) 8. For morning service.

BATH BRANCH QUARTER TOUR
On November 2nd

NEWTON ST. LOE.—1,260 St. Clement's College Bob Minor: G. J. Hawkins 1, A. F. Lee 2, R. L. Coles 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, J. E. Newman (cond.) 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. First in method by all.

WIDCOMBE.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Newman 1, A. F. Lee 2, P. J. W. Hardwick 3, R. L. Coles 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. I. Kendrick 6.

SWAINSWICK.—1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: R. I. Kendrick 1, P. J. W. Hardwick 2, J. E. Newman (cond.) 3, R. L. Coles 4, A. F. Lee 5, D. C. Hawkins 6. First in method by all.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Louise Powell (first in method) 2, I. Wiltshire 3, N. Bennett 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rogers 1, P. N. Mounsey 2, B. Birkett 3, S. Knights (first quarter) 4, D. Jack 5, C. M. Wright (first as cond.) 6. To celebrate the opening of the 19th Olympiad.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. M. Bavin (first quarter) 1, R. J. Latham 2, R. W. T. Slack (first as cond.) 3, A. M. Donaldson 4, A. J. Mason 5, R. R. Crook 6. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): G. Evans 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, R. J. Mayle 3, C. Phillips 4, H. Preece 5, G. McGowan 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, T. Thomas 8. Rung for the laying up of the old standard and the dedication of the new for the Bridgend British Legion.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. J. Pickup 1, Jenny Field (first Kent) 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, D. G. Andrews 4, D. Barton 5, A. T. Winter 6, D. S. Pont 7, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 8.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. J. Davidson 1, A. Locke 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, T. J. Bell 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, D. Stephens 6. Rung on the front six, and followed on the back six by 1,320 Doubles (11 vars. Antelope): D. Stephens 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, T. J. Bell 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts 6. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,480 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, A. J. Davidson 3, T. J. Bell 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, F. M. Bowers 6, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Watts 1, J. Saxton 2, W. Beaven 3, J. Potter 4, J. B. Weeks (cond.) 5, F. Osmond 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. G. Hutton and Miss D. Bridges.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Spry 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Jennifer Felton (first "inside") 4, P. N. Felton (cond.) 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Pipe 1, Muriel R. Page 2, J. Bennett 3, G. R. Goodship 4, S. R. E. Pipe 5, E. G. Pearce 6, L. G. Brett (cond.) 7, F. J. Crapnell 8. Ringers of 3, 4 and 8 are 81, 80 and 86 years of age respectively.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. Locke 3, A. Carveth 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, T. J. Bell 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, C. J. Dunstan 8. Rung as an appreciation of the work of Rev. W. H. Biscoe during his ten years as Vicar of Kea. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. Locke 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, C. W. Jose 5, T. J. Bell 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, C. J. Dunstan 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. P. J. Larkin.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. S. Cull (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Harding (first "inside") 2, I. Desborough 3, T. J. Southam 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Miss D. Meredith 6.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jennie Brown 1, K. Small 2, Catherine Reed 3, D. Gebbett 4, F. Hurrell 5, C. P. Starbuck 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, J. Machell 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jonathan Hollis (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Cotton 2, Catherine Reed 3, Jennie Brown 4, T. Ellams 5, D. Gebbett 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, C. P. Starbuck 8. For Evensong.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Jude's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Dugdale 1, E. Blanch 2, Carol Adams 3, J. Sheehy 4, W. Watson 5, J. Fryer (cond.) 6. For the annual Sportsman's Service.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. A. Jones 1, A. J. Lazzerini (first Minor) 2, Mrs. M. Brown 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, K. Hemm 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. First attempt for 1, 3 and 5.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Allen (first quarter) 1, J. S. Eastwood 2, D. J. Wilkes 3, S. K. Kirby 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. T. Dutton 6. For Hospital Sunday Evensong.

WEARE SOM.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Stott 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, J. Burroughs 4, Mrs. Burroughs 5, G. Prescott 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Oakley 1, P. Carter 2, D. Parks 3, E. S. J. Hatcher 4, P. K. King 5, M. Gilbert 6, R. Sills (cond.) 7, S. Taylor 8. First quarter of Triples 1, 3, 5, 8. Rung for Confirmation.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra Cox 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Trimm 3, Mrs. J. Gay 4, B. Williams 5, G. Prescott 6, D. Gay (cond.) 7, G. Kinadon 8. First Triples 1 and 3.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lock 1, B. Dennett 2, W. Smith 3, L. Lyddon 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5. To mark the opening of the new memorial hall.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Dorothy Smith 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, N. Chamberlain 3, H. Gardner 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5, W. C. Godwin 6. A golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Smith, parents of the ringer of 1.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Grantley Hall course for next year has been fixed for the week-end November 14th/16th.

Only one quarter peal has reached us that was rung for the 19th Olympiad at Mexico City; this was rung at Babworth, Notts.

Mr. Stanley Abley, who rang his first peal at Grimley, Worcs, on October 30th, achieved his first 120 over 30 years ago in this tower.

Another new conductor is 15-year-old John Hallatt, who called his first quarter on November 3rd at Bishopstoke, Hants.

"Thank you for a good 'bob's' worth every week," from a wellwisher who sends an out-dated postal order to redeem for "Ringing World" funds.

The Cambridge University Guild has rung its 700th peal. This was Stedman Cinques "in hand" conducted by J. M. H. Hunter on November 11th, 1968.

Three octogenarians took part in a quarter of Stedman at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, on October 31st. They were F. J. Crapnell (86), J. Bennett (81) and G. R. Goodship (80).

We thank the reader for his appreciative note regarding our 20 tinted cover issues—bargain for 7s. 6d. "A good collection of towers." was his comment.

Mr. Philip Gray, who represents the Australian and New Zealand Association on the Central Council, is again visiting his constituents. We have just received an article he wrote in Rumania en route for Australia.

On the day that the Rev. A. S. Roberts was installed a Canon in Truro Cathedral three peals were rung in Cornwall, mainly by Worcestershire ringers. Five of the party rang in three peals and four in two. Conductors were Michael J. Fellows (2) and Gerald C. Hemming.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

"RINGING WORLD" AFFAIRS

"The Ringing World" Committee met at the Whitechapel Foundry on November 2nd, the convener (Mr. R. B. Anderson) presiding over a full attendance of members.

A report was presented on the meeting of creditors of Rolls House Publishing Company Ltd., which was attended by Mr. W. G. Wilson and Mr. D. Tate (auditor to "The Ringing World"). A liquidator was appointed. About £512 is owing to "The Ringing World." There was a prospect, reported the hon. treasurer, of a dividend of 15s. in the £, but the convener said it was usual to wait about two years for a settlement. In drawing up the 1968 account it was decided to treat this as a bad debt.

A report was presented on the first quarter's trading account sales through newsagents. The fact that "The Ringing World" was publishing the journal resulted in an average increase of £21 19s. 5d. over previous figures. There was not now a loss on newsagents' sales.

A report on the position generally arising from increased price indicated that the loss in circulation was very slight. New subscribers were still being enrolled weekly.

The policy of the paper was discussed at length. With the exception of a week at Christmas and one in the New Year, tinted covers would continue and the same policy of covers would operate for the first six months of next year

The meeting lasted from 1 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. At the conclusion thanks were expressed to Mr. Douglas Hughes for his hospitality. The next meeting was fixed for March 22nd at the Whitechapel Foundry to enable the audited accounts to be presented. Reports would be presented monthly to the committee from the Editor, as has been the practice for many years.

REWARD FOR HANDBELLS LOAN

What is believed to be the first quarter peal on handbells by a band resident in Canada took place at Hamilton, Ontario, on October 10th. Writing from the Department of Geography, Hamilton University, Mr. D. R. Ingram states that it is hoped shortly to announce the ringing of a peal. This ambition, however, will have to be achieved by the end of November, for then Ruth Gay will be returning to England with the handbells. The band would like to thank Mr. F. Andrews, of Hinton Blewitt, Somerset, for loaning Ruth the handbells for her stay in Canada.

JOINT MEETING AT COALBROOKDALE

A joint meeting was held at Coalbrookdale on November 2nd attended by the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and the Shropshire Association. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Miss Valerie Edge, Master of the Hereford Guild, and Mr. P. Evans, Ringing Master of the Shropshire Association.

The new Vicar of Coalbrookdale (the Rev. J. Kirby) took the service and gave an address. Tea at the Valley Hotel, Ironbridge, was attended by 30 ringers. Thanks were expressed to all concerned for making this joint meeting so enjoyable. J. B.

SUFFOLK GUILD VETERANS

Aldeburgh, home of the poet Crabbe and of Benjamin Britten, the braciest air on the East Coast and thus appropriately(!) the birthplace of Britain's first woman doctor, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, was this year's venue for ten Suffolk veterans and their little annual get-together on October 15th.

It scarcely seems 12 months since the last happy afternoon at Leiston, but there they all were, average age 80, loking if anything more sprightly than ever!

Jim Pipe had specially selected Aldeburgh so that the boys could have a paddle before ascending SS. Peter and Paul's tower for an hour and a half's enjoyable ringing. The light Taylor eight proved ideal, although some trapdoors had to be opened because C. J. S. "couldn't hare 'em." However, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain, Kent T.B., Double Norwich and Superlative Major were successfully brought round.

An excellent tea for the twelve of us was rounded off by the usual fund of anecdotes —the evergreen G. Symonds really excelling himself. Messages of good wishes came from Ted Duffield and Lester Gray. Thanks were expressed to Jim and George Pipe for the arrangements, and we look forward to possibly Eye or Debenham next year.

The company: Percy May (73), Leonard Last (72), Willoughby Maulden (77), Harry Hall (78), George Finch (78), Gilbert Goodship (80), James Bennett (81), Charles Sedgley (81), Frederick Crapnell (86) and George Symonds (93). G. W. P.

TOOK FIRST ISSUE

TURNER, A., of 12, Cromwell Close, East Finchley, N.2, who is now over 80, writes that he has taken "The Ringing World" since its first issue and also took "The Bell News."

MITCHELL, Mrs. E. M., of 19, Victoria Rd., Southwick, Brighton, writes: "I thoroughly enjoy reading the paper from end to end. In my early days I used to take 'The Bell News.' My husband, F. M. Mitchell, I believe had 'The Ringing World' from its start and I have carried on."

METRIC SYSTEM AND RINGING

An attempt by Cambridge University Guild to introduce the weights of tenor bells in metric units has not been accepted by the Editor. Even if this system of weight is employed in the Engineering Department at the University it is not in common usage among ringers, and until the metric system is introduced into this country the traditional style will be maintained.

A SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR

Mr. W. Cathrell, of Wrexham, the hon. secretary of the North Wales Association, sails on December 20th from Southampton on a four months' tour of South Africa, Rhodesia and Zambia. He hopes to visit Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg, Salisbury and Lusaka, and is anxious to make arrangements for practice or Sunday ringing where possible.

During his absence Dr. A. V. Woodcock, of The Meadows, Higher Kinnerton, near Chester, will carry out the duties of hon. secretary to the Association.

363rd ANNIVERSARY

In 1605 an unknown donor left half-an-acre of land to provide a leg-of-pork supper for the ringers of Harlington, Middlesex, on condition that the bells should be rung and fired on that day.

Again we are happy to report that the tradition was duly observed on November 5th at the Steak Bar Restaurant, Hayes. The Vicar, the Rev. Ronald Bartlett, was a genial chairman and submitted the loyal toast. Mr. Lionel Grice, captain of the tower, reported on a good year's ringing with an improved standard. He was also pleased to welcome new learners—an essential requisite if the tradition was to be maintained. The toast to the unknown donor was proposed by Mr. John James (the vice-captain).

Before the supper a quarter peal of 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles was rung by the following: M. James (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Britchford 2, Miss J. Pole 3, J. James (first "inside") 4, J. Britchford (cond.) 5, L. Grice 6.

FALSE ALARM

One dark and dirty winter's night at nigh on closing time,
Two men were seen to go in church as if intent on crime.

With thoughts of theft and desecration, sabotage and arson.
They summon Kings Arms clientele, but couldn't find the Parson.

With knobbly stick and flashlight, six trusty men rush out.
For they intend to apprehend and sort the felons out.

Landlord's wife stands by the door waiting for some signs
To say that she should rush indoors and dial a bunch of nines.

Meanwhile, aloft, the aforesaid men, the cause of all the fuss,
Say "Whatever's going on down there, do you think they're after us?

"Suppose we'd better go downstairs and see who we shall meet.
Strewth, Vicar's brand new carpet, hope they wiped their feet."

The Kings Arms troops are waiting there, but how their spirits sag
When they find churchwarden and his mate, who'd been to lower flag.

Although on this occasion it had been a false alarm,
Our thanks are due to those who prove our church won't come to harm

The moral of this story shows no matter what you do,
That someone here in Montacute has got his eye on you.

GORDON W. RENDELL.
Montacute, Somerset.

HORNCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR

The above, rung to a peal at Willesden on August 15th, 1968, is as follows: C —38—14—12—38—12—38—56—18 f.c.h. b d.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

November 23rd, Worcester Cathedral, 11.45 a.m., Yorkshire Maximus, Denis Mottershead's band.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

*Timothy J. Bell	Treble	Anthony J. Davidson	5
Margaret Swain	2	†F. Malcolm Bowers	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Reginald Newton	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Vicar of Carbis Bay, who was installed as an Honorary Canon of Truro Cathedral on this day.

TUCKINGMILL, Cornwall.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*F. Malcolm Bowers	Treble	*Reginald Newton	5
Margaret Swain	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
*Anthony J. Davidson	3	*Clive G. Bryant	7
Morley P. Tobin	4	*Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method.

TOWEDNACK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Tewinnock the Confessor.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

Reginald Newton	Treble	Clive G. Bryant	5
Anthony Locke	2	Anthony J. Davidson	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
*Timothy J. Bell	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal on eight bells "inside."

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Peter T. Dale	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	6
A. Stephen Taylor	2	Charles P. Quartley	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Eric J. Hitchins	8
Anthony R. Carter	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
Andrew W. R. Wilby	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

WILLESDEN, London, N.W.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5
Richard A. G. Inglis	2	Christopher M. P. Johnson	6
Vivian Nutton	3	Richard H. Youdale	7
Christopher W. Woolley	4	Brian D. Threlfall	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.
Rung by members of the Cambridge University Guild.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EXFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob (seven different callings). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Frederick C. Arscott	Treble	Leslie H. Arscott	4
*D. Lesley J. Parker	2	Robert Parker	5
Adrian F. Arscott	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal of Minor.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
HILGAY, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

R. L. Underwood (P'house)	Treble	A. T. Winter (Christ's)	5
D. Barton (Selwyn)	2	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	7
Hilary Muirhead (Newn.)	4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Richard H. Youdale.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

D. Barton (Selwyn)	Treble	*G. J. Band (Emmanuel)	5
Merryn Hutchings (Newn.)	2	M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	6
D. G. Andrews (Trinity)	3	R. L. Underwood (P'house)	7
A. T. Winter (Christ's)	4	D. S. Pont (Christ's)	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Alan Winter.
* First peal of Major. First as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Christopher Morey	Treble	*John Hall	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Dennis Latham	6
T. Felicity Ashford	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Roy Worrall	4	Paul Atkins	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal of Rutland. First in method as conductor.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

Osward Claybrook	Treble	Eric J. Gilbert	5
John R. Bibby	2	*Robert Peers	6
Robert Warrilow	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
John E. Bibby	4	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Hattersley. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
* First peal in the method.

WEST KIRBY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Rachel Williams	Treble	Edward G. Houghton	5
Lucy P. A. Hopkins	2	Robert Peers	6
Ernest T. Carvell	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
Christopher J. Eden	4	Charles F. Pocock	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Edward V. Rodenhurst	Treble	*Frank R. Morton	4
Victor Neal	2	John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	*Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* 25th peal together.
Rung as birthday compliments to Edward V. Rodenhurst and W. J. Chesters, of Helmdon.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	*Frank W. Perrens	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	John F. Thorne	6
Hubert G. Summers	3	John K. Foot	7
L. Michael Callow	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitman. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* 600th peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Robert Sherriff and Delphine Holman on their engagement.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in F sharp.

*Carol A. Eveleigh	Treble	*Julian G. Edgson	4
Linda M. Nicholls	2	†Philip M. Edgson	5
*William C. Budd	3	Aubrey G. Eveleigh	Tenor

Conducted by Aubrey G. Eveleigh.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey G. Eveleigh, a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Edgson, and a welcome to the Rev. John Morley (curate of the parish) and Mrs. Morley.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In four methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

David R. Randall	Treble	Biran R. Danby	4
*Graham G. H. Cooper ..	2	†John F. Thorne	5
Peter C. Randall	3	†Robert W. Sherriff ..	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal "inside." † 25th peal together.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*Anthony D. Jones	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	4
†Peter C. Randall	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
David P. Crawley	3	John F. Thorne	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal. † 100th peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Wed. Oct. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Harold Taylor	6
David J. Marshall	2	Rev. Fred Ross	7
Gordon A. Halls	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Malcolm P. Phipps	4	Michael Fellows	9
Burley P. Morris	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Eric Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Peter Blight	Treble	Rev. Fred Ross	5
Timothy Wylie	2	Michael Fellows	6
Harold Taylor	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Brian Tomlinson	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONSETT, Co. Durham.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 19 lb

Janet Warwick	Treble	*William Tyson	5
Dennis G. Blows	2	Ernest Pannell	6
Fred Hodgson	3	Thomas Cooke	7
Thomas M. Cox	4	Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*Katherine S. Hardy ..	Treble	Norman Summerhayes ..	5
Robert E. Hardy	2	*Martyn W. Harbott ..	6
*Ruth M. Foreman	3	Gerald Penney	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Eric Edmondson	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Alison and Brian Porter, ringers at St. Martin's, Epsom, married this day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM, London, N.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ULCEBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Robert J. Hardy	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	5
Katherine Hardy	2	Anthony R. Carter	6
John R. Ketteringham ..	3	Gerald Penney	7
A. Stephen Taylor	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method.

ULCEBY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—16—14—38.12—12.78. l.h. 12. B b, d, o.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary Magd.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 HOLBEACH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Philip Bosworth	Treble	Robert C. Woodward ..	5
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	2	Gareth H. Jones	6
John R. Ketteringham ..	3	Roy D. Mills	7
Audrey R. Alexander ..	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method.

HOLBEACH SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—1456—56—16—12—58—16—58. l.h. 12. B b.

RAINHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat.

*Helena Carter	Treble	Terence Barton	5
Francis J. Cheal	2	Raymond E. Finch	6
Edward C. Barton	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Timothy D. Wickens ..	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal

HERNHILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Reginald E. Lambert ..	Treble	Robert T. Lambert	4
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson ..	5
Peter F. T. Smith	3	*Colin J. E. Wyld	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Frl., Nov. 1, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Norwich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*Timothy G. Pett	Treble	Audrey R. Alexander ..	4
Roy D. Mills	2	Peter G Holden	5
†Maureen J. Carruthers ..	3	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* Has "circled the tower" twice. † Most Surprise methods to a peal.
Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

SANDHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Leslie W. Jarvis	Treble	Edward J. Jenner	4
Herbert J. Pope	2	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Philip J. Simmonds	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
Rung to welcome the Rev. J. H. G. W. Greene on the day following his institution and induction as Rector

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DEANE, Bolton, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Gwyneth Pritchard ..	Treble	†John Illingworth	5
†Thomas Hobson	2	†David Makin-Taylor ..	6
†Neil T. E. Burnett	3	†R. Keith Lister	7
Albert Greenhalgh ..	4	‡Graham Wells	Tenor

Conducted by R. Keith Lister.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Triples.

(Bolton Branch.)
HALLIWELL, Bolton, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter, Smithills.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Thomas W. Smith	Treble	R. Keith Lister	5
*Geoffrey Fothergill	2	Albert Greenhalgh	6
A. John Illingworth ..	3	James E. Andrews	7
Neil T. E. Burnett	4	†C. David Moss	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by James E. Andrews.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First peal. First of Triples as conductor. The conductor's 25th peal for the Association during 1968. First peal on the bells for almost 20 years (last peal, December 4th, 1948) and first on the bells of any method other than Grandsire.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2 and 3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 8 lb. in A flat.

Christopher M. Sturgess	Treble	‡Brian I. Burrows	4
*Jane M. Tooby	2	Robin A. Gilliver	5
†Valerie E. Watts	3	‡K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* Most methods to a peal "inside." † First in more than one method "inside" ‡ 50th peal together.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Vivian J. White	Treble	John H. Napper	6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins ..	2	Frederick C. White	7
Norman H. Leslie	3	Brian R White	8
John W. T. Hibbert	4	Francis A. White	9
Dennis A. Leslie	5	Edwin Drewitt	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the Fallen.

WEST WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Edward H. Langley	Treble	Roy Woodruff	5
Joyce I. Cornwall	2	Richard E. Dean	6
John Young	3	Walter Lee	7
Alan J. Collings	4	David A. Cornwall ..	Tenor

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

Joyce I. Cornwall	Treble	*David Wood	5
Dorothy R. Fletcher ..	2	David A. Cornwall	6
*Belinda Wood	3	Roland Biggs	7
Kathleen E. Fletcher ..	4	Arthur Newton	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Biggs.
* First attempt for a peal of Stedman.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

TWYFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

Alan R. Pink	Treble	‡Walter G. Knight	5
*Elsie M Smith	2	Bernard C. Castle	6
†Pam E. Gough	3	William Birmingham ..	7
Violet N. Castle	4	§Harold Smith	Tenor

Composed by John Thorp. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Major "inside." † First of Treble Bob Major.
‡ First in the method "inside." § 50th peal.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 FAXTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	Treble	Maurice A. New	6
Graham C. Paul	2	W. Bertram Kynaston ..	7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	3	Barry E. Saunders	8
Roger W. Smith	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Richard J. Danby	5	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method.

FAXTON SURPRISE ROYAL
—50—,16,—12—,30,—14—,30,—14—,70,—18—90.
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WADENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat.. June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B, and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

Pamela Blackith	Treble	*John Riley	4
J Malcolm Tyler	2	John E. David	5
Murray A. Coleman	3	Raymond H. Daw	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.
* First peal at first attempt.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed . Nov. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being the following seven extents: Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Michael Hawkins	Treble	Alfred Waller	4
Barrie Care	2	Stephen Bell	5
Malcolm Tyler	3	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
Rung in memory of Ronald Russell, of Corby, Northants.

WEEKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

Michael J. Hawkins ..	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	4
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Alfred Waller	5
Barry R. Care	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Malcolm Tyler.

PATTISHALL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being nine methods in seven extents: (1) Beverley. (2) Surfleet, (3) Cambridge, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) Double Oxford and Single Oxford. (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

Iestyn Morgan	Treble	Barry R Care	4
David J. Morgan	2	Murray A. Coleman	5
Raymond Henman	3	Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
First peal in nine methods for all the band.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes ,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*Rosemary J. Willey ..	Treble	Derek Stainsby	5
*Janet M. Bull	2	David Stainsby	6
Brian M. Buswell	3	†Andrew L. B. King ..	7
Melvyn Rose	4	Brian J. Bull	Tenor

Conducted by Brian M. Buswell.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Fri., Nov. 8. 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman Sherratt	Treble	*Phillip Jones	5
T. Felicity Ashford ..	2	David J. Danby	6
*Christopher Morey	3	David J. Midgley	7
*John Hall	4	Raymond J. Ballard ..	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal of Bristol. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
THETFORD. Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968. in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Arthur F. Ballam	Treble	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	5
*Charles R. Stannard ..	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
*Alan G. Feaver	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
John A. Underwood ..	4	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
ROUGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Court, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

John A. Underwood .. Treble	Brian R. Coley 4
David T. Tambling 2	Alan G. Feaver 5
R Rose 3	Maurice J. Rose .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice J. Rose.
Rung to mark the birth of Edward Robert Coley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian R. Coley

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 HUNGERFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

John R. Norris .. .. .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Ian Wickens 6
David D. Smith 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Derek Slater 4	Tom Page .. .. Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

CRAWLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CRAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

James M. Hills .. .. .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Tom Page 6
David D. Smith 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Ian Wickens 4	George Francis .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Frederick J. Lambert .. Treble	Harold G. F. Reynolds .. 5
Janet M. Percy 2	Thomas M. Barlow .. 6
Betty Percy 3	Alan R. Baldock 7
*Paul Fox 4	Robert W. R. Percy .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples "inside."
Rung to mark the 150th anniversary of the first peal in this tower, also Grandsire Triples, which was rung on October 26th, 1818.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINKINHORNE, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Melori.
On Wed., Oct. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

Alan Carveth .. .. .. Treble	George E. Mudge 4
Timothy J. Bell 2	D. Roy Bould 5
Wilfred C. Boucher 3	Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Jointly Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson and Alan Carveth.
First peal on the bells.
Rung in honour of Mr. H. H. Male, for 29 years lay reader in the parish and 64 years a ringer in the diocese.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

John R. Southey .. .. Treble	James R Taylor 6
Joan Beresford 2	Anthony R. Peake 7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3	Roger Baldwin 8
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	Brian Bladon 9
G. William Critchley .. 5	John R. Mayne .. .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

Thomas W. Lewis .. .. Treble	Royston Grosvenor 5
Allen Morgan 2	David G. Franklin 6
Mrs. J. Thomas 3	Reginald Woodyatt 7
Joseph D. Johnson 4	Reginald Rowe .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
Rung as a compliment to Royston Grosvenor for his 21st birthday.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed. Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret Swain .. .. Treble	Morley P. Tobin 5
J. Clifford Skidmore .. 2	T. Bryan Ellsmore 6
M. Irene Brown 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
Peter J. Brown 4	Michael J. Fellows .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, Worcs.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Arthur D. Cook .. .. Treble	Martin Powell 5
M. Irene Brown 2	A. Bryan Ellsmore 6
*Joseph Warr 3	Geoffrey Westwood 7
*Peter J. Brown 4	Martin D. Fellows .. .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal in the method

GRIMLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

E. Marion Key .. .. Treble	†Peter J. Key 4
Barnabas G. Key 2	‡Leslie F. Smith 5
*Stanley Abley 3	Alfred W. Glazzard .. Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First of Doubles.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At 4, St. Peter's Terrace, Peterhouse.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 13 in E.
M. J. Pickup (Churchill) .. 1–2 A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 3–4
R. L. Underwood (P'house) 5–6
Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
25th peal and first "in hand" as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 17 in A.

Keith J. Walpole 1–2	N. David Lane 7–8
Eric J. Gilbert 3–4	Robert Peers 9–10
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5–6	F. Leslie Coventry 11–12

Arranged by Robert Peers. Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of five methods—Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, and three extents each of nine variations—Northrepps, Fortune, Rushall, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, April Day, Old and Kennington. Tenor size 18 in G.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1–2 | John R. Scott 3–4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5–6

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. .. 1–2 | John R. Scott 3–4
Frank R Morton (cond.) .. 5–6

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COVENTRY, Warwickshire.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Treble size 15 in C.
Frank W. Perrens .. 1–2 | Geoffrey Pratt 5–6
Hubert E. Ashley .. 3–4 | Frederick Shallcross 7–8
Ernest Sibley 9–10
Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 3,136 of London, 800 of Superlative, 768 of Cambridge and 352 of Bristol, with 109 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1–2 | Roger Baldwin 5–6
John R. Mayne .. .. .. 3–4 | *Brian Bladon 7–8
Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Lewis 1, A. J. White 2, A. E. Hole 3, D. G. Wheeler 4, E. Brunger 5, R. Woodruff (cond.) 6. For patronal festival.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Chater 1, J. Hall 2, C. A. Harrison 3, S. Neave 4, A. Crowder 5, G. Bromfield 6, J. Bray 7, R. Harrison 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. H. Varah and Miss S. Clark which took place at St. Mary's Church this day.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, R. J. Mayle 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, G. McGowan 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, G. Evans 8. For St. Illtyd's Day.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS. — On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Glenda Emmett 1, Angela Ayres 2, A. R. D. Cope 3, F. Godden 4, C. Holloway 5, G. McIlhone (cond.) 6. The last quarter rung on the six bells before augmentation to eight.

BURITON, HANTS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Samson 1, A. Reeves (first Kent) 2, Mrs. P. Tremeer 3, Miss J. Dando (first Kent) 4, D. Hughes 5, L. Tremeer (cond.) 6.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Retter 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, Mrs. R. Woodley 3, Miss M. Retter 4, J. Salway 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur Broom, a member of the local band, married earlier in the day.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, A. D. Collins (cond.) 2, P. R. Johnson 3, R. E. Lyons 4, A. G. Richards 5, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 6, J. D. R. Smith 7, H. E. Green 8. By the local band for Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. G. Roast 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, T. Spurgeon 5, Yvonne Murray 6, I. J. M. Saunders 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. Also on Oct 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Yvonne Murray 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, T Spurgeon 4, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 5, T. R. Roast 6, I. J. M. Saunders 7, J. L. Towler 8.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,272 Combined Kent and Oxford T.B Minor: J. Clarke 1, Wendy K. Austin 2, W. Wood 3, F. J. Dadson 4, G. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. First Combined Kent and Oxford by all the band. A birthday compliment to G. Wood.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: A. F. Marks 1, N. F. Pearson 2, J. M. Tyler 3, B. R. Care 4, S. B. Bell 5, T. G. Smith 6, E. C. Buckby 7, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 8.

HARLINGTON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. James (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Britchford 2, Miss J. Pole 3, J. James (first "inside") 4, J. Britchford (cond.) 5, L. Grice 6. Rung before the Harlington Bellringers 363rd Leg-of-Pork Supper, 1605-1968.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: V Hollands 1, R. Bushell (cond., 25th quarter) 2, M. Lacey 3, P. Bushell 4, C. Mannerings 5, Rev. J Green 6. For Evensong.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Retter 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, Miss M. Retter 3, D. Salter 4, B. Coles 5, T. Travers (first Triples) 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8.

HUTTON ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints all eight callings): C. E. Hill 1, J. Wallett 2, P. J Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For patronal festival Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. C. Hewitt as organist.

KENILWORTH, WARKS. — On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Sally-Ann McIntyre 1, Pam Whitfield 2, D. R. Randall 3, D. P. Crawley 4, P. C. Randall (cond.) 5, A. D. Jones 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 2.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: Joan Carter (first quarter) 1, Susan M. O'Neill 2, Sheila M. Anthony 3, D. W. F. Lazzerini (first Minor) 4, R. M. Day 5, A. R. C. Harris (first as cond.) 6. First St. Clement's by all. First quarter for the Society of Arboretum Scholars, with their compliments to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McLean on their recent marriage.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Bailey 1, G. J. Neilson 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, M. J. Taylor 4, B. G. Butcher 5, R. G. Baldock 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, G. J. Neilson 2, B. G. Butcher 3, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 4, M. J. Taylor 5, R. G. Baldock 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): D. G. Manby 1, Margaret K. Fenton 2, Valerie R. Humphrys 3, I. E. Margaret Manby 4, A. Ward 5, P. G. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six for Evensong.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,320 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): C. Brinsley 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, G. D. Scourfield 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. Rung to install treble ringer (formerly of Barnsley) in his new residence. All ringers from Barnsley.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. West 1, Marilyn J. Burn (first "inside") 2, Stella M. Knight 3, Jane A. Osenton 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, J. J. Charlton 6. For Evensong.

NORTHFLEET, KENT. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hobson 1, T. V. Barnard (first Triples) 2, J. Hobson 3, R. M. Thompson (first Triples) 4, R. J. Thompson (first "inside") 5, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 6, S. Sandford 7, D. Wilkinson 8. For dedication of the new colours of the Girl Guides.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On June 21st, 2,160 T.B. Minor (60 methods): V. Evans 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, B. Buswell 3, W. Exton 4, D. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Andrew's, Church, Headington, on Oct. 27th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: G. Scarsbrook 1, P. Lucas 2, C. Butchart (first "inside") 3, Linda Cozier 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, Jane Wyatt 6. Longest touch 1, 3, 4. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Dr. Emden, who commissioned photographs of the recently-rehung bells.

PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Charlton (first Major) 1, H. Goakes 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, J. Riley (first Major) 4, J. M. Tyler 5, J. E. David 6, F. T. Boyall 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For "Mayor's Sunday" morning service. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Charlton (first Triples) 1, Pamela Blackith 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, H. Goakes 4, W. R. Barker 5, J. M. Tyler 6, R. H. Daw (cond.) 7, J. C. Meads 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Very Rev. Noel C. Christopherson, Dean Emeritus of Peterborough Cathedral, who died May 30th, 1968. Also on July 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gladys Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, W. R. Barker 4, J. E. David 5, J. M. Tyler 6, F. T. Boyall 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the induction of Canon L. E. W. Bosley as Vicar of St. John's. Also on July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gladys Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, Pamela Blackith 4, J. M. Tyler 5, J. E. David 6, R. H. Daw (cond.) 7, F. T. Boyall 8. Rung to mark the birth of a son (Anthony Martin) to Ray and Wendy Daw on July 24th, 1968. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Katharine Gorvin 1, H. Goakes 2, J. R. Charlton (first Major "inside") 3, J. Riley 4, W. R. Barker 5, J. M. Tyler 6, J. E. David 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For Evensong on "Hospital Sunday".

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov 3rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs. A. Hall 1, Mary White 2, D. Hatherly 3, R. Tipper (75th quarter) 4, K. Tipper 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, K. Sansom 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Carol Stacey and C. Pound.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. Belcham 1, P. Saddler 2, Miss P. Halliwell 3, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 4, G. Lucas 5, D. Sloman 6, G. Sandwell 7, D. Belcham 8, H. Turner 9, M. Hallett 10. First Cambridge Royal for 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Margaret Allen 1, Margaret Hockham 2, Valerie Hook 3, Hilary M. Dickson 4, J. R. Poole 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. S. Gale (first Bob Doubles) 1, I. H. Trueman 2, R. S. Parratt (first "inside") 3, M. L. Northway 4, D. R. Fallick (first as cond.) 5, M. K. Waldron (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,440 London and Wells Spliced Minor: Cynthia M. Wells 1, R. W. Smith (first spliced) 2, L. Watkins 3, M. E. Brown 4, B. L. Burrows 5, J. Watkins (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Laurence and John Watkins. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Alison Butterfield (first Treble Bob) 1, N. W. Harvey (first Surprise) 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, R. W. Smith 4, L. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For All Saints' Day.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Rev. Winchendon Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Blackburn Place Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,380 Westminster II Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,560 Grandsire Doubles: A. Lazzerini 1, J. Nelson 2, D. Lazzerini 3, D. Mottershead (cond.) 4, T. Wylie 5. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 New Grandsire Doubles: A Lazzerini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, F. Bradley and D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. All for Evensong.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona C. Naylor 2, T. J. Warner 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, C. W. Bragg 5, E. J. Cole 6, R. J. Cann 7, V. Green 8, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SOUTHWARK, S.E. — At the Cathedral, on Oct. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Jean Henderson 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, D. B. Brown 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, R. J. Cooles 5, L. C. Way 6, K. J. Rider 7, J. W. Smith 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. W. Euston 10. Rung after the installation of new Hon. Canons, with good wishes for Canon Neville D. Gill, Vicar of Battersea.

STANGROUND, HUNTS. — On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. R. Charlton 1, H. Goakes 2, R. H. Daw 3, J. E. David 4, J. M. Tyler (first as cond.) 5, A. J. Dolby (first quarter) 6. Rung on the occasion of the village feast.

TRURO, CORNWALL. — At the Cathedral, on Oct. 26th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: G. F. Dunstan 1, A. Locke 2, A. F. Burley 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, A. Carveth 5, T. R. Hart (first on ten) 6, R. P. Pearce (first on ten "inside") 7, T. J. Bell (first of Caters) 8, A. J. Davidson (first of Caters as cond.) 9, D. Stephens 10. First of Plain Bob Caters by all the band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, SOM.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Cherry Stapleford 1, Kay Whittaker (first as cond.) 2, Hilary Jacobs (first in two "inside") 3, A. F. Lee 4, Erica Pankhurst 5, Anne Ringham (first attempt) 6. For Evensong.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX. — At All Hallows Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Seagrave (first Triples) 1, Marie D. Simnet 2, N. F. Edwards 3, D. B. Brown (cond.) 4, Pam Brown 5, C. A. Harris 6, E. Morris 7, Anne Horsford 8. A compliment from All Hallows' ringers to St. Mary's on the rededication day of the rehung bells.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Catherine Southwell (first quarter) 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, L. Atton 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, J. C. Hudson 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to David Woolley, first son of John and Margaret Woolley.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Miss P. Pickles 1, Miss M. Shelley 2, F. Kirk (cond.) 3, G. Foster 4, R. Bedford 5, D. Walsh 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Johnson, lady verger and lifelong chorister.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Mander 1, Margaret Clarke (first quarter) 2, A. S. Smith 3, Sheila Smith 4, D. Goss (first as cond.) 5, D. Carr 6. For All Saints' Day.

STEYNING, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): T. Crayen 1, P. Watson 2, A. Mimack 3, Catriona M. McNeil 4, S. Harris 5, E. Garman 6, M. L. Haigh (cond.) 7, A. P. Lee 8.

UPPER CLATFORD, HANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Holbrook 1, M. Holbrook ?, P. G. Holmes 3, R. Wimlet 4, J. C. Wimlet (cond.) 5, B. M. Pickford 6. For Evensong, and in memory of Air Commodore Fawdry, of Upper Clatford, the day following the funeral.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Anne Elkington 1, G. McIlhone (cond.) 2, Glenda Emmett 3, Sue Heyworth 4, E. Garrard 5, R. Partridge 6, P. Absolom 7, R. Cobb 8. Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bullock on their golden wedding.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Miles (first quarter) 1, E. Hill 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, G. J. Collett 4, P. Pearce 5, T. J. Hester 6, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For patronal festival. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. K. Adkins (cond.) 1, G. Elms (first Minor) 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, P. Pearce 5, T. J. Hester 6, B. J. Coggins 7, W. H. Clarke 8. For Harvest Festival.

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ENGAGEMENT

SHERRIFF—HOLMAN. — Mr. and Mrs. P. J. V. Holman, of The Bungalow, Southam, are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Delphine, to Robert, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sherriff, also of Southam. 6004

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FIDLER.—Arthur, Jean and family, along with John P., now reside at Highcroft, Bow, near Crediton, Devon. Phone Bow 379. Old and new friends can call for a "cuppa." In order that the combined and vast experience of father and son with towers and bellhanging shall not be wasted, their professional services will be available as and when required. 6033

PITSTOW.—The address of Leonard and Mary Pitstow is Greystones. 3, Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden. Phone No unchanged—Saffron Walden 2074. 6006

PERSONAL

"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thy eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thy eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness."—St. Matthew, vi, 22 and 23.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. —Annual Dinner December 7th. Tickets (21s.) and ringing arrangements from S J. Gullick. Lake Hall. The Vale. Edghaston. Birmingham 15. Last date for tickets December 3rd. 6001

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The Annual Dinner will he held on November 30th at 7.30 in the Staff Club. Dunelm House. Tickets (26s.) and ringing details from Margaret Nicholson, Trevelyan College. 6018

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

LIBRARY

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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PUBLICATION DATES

Issue of December 20th: Last time for Notices, Friday, December 13th.

Issue of December 27th: Last time for Notices: Thursday, December 19th.

PRICE INCREASE

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Dedication of the ring of eight by the Bishop of Huntingdon on **Saturday, November 30th**, at 3 p.m. Ringing after service.

Names for tea to K. Oates, 6. Glebe Way, Histon 6007

TENTERDEN. KENT. — Owing to the annual parish party on November 25th there will be no bellringing practice.—R. C. O. 6014

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PRACTICE NIGHT

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL.—The practice night has been changed to Friday, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. N.B.—There will be no practice on Friday, November 29th. 6034

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Kewstoke (6) on Saturday, November 23rd, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec 6003

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, November 23rd, at 7 p.m.—E. R T.-B. 6015

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Meeting at Bulkington on Saturday, November 23rd. at 3 p.m.; Service at 4.30, Tea at 5.15. Names for tea. please, to L. Trevor, 61, Watling Street, Nuneaton. Please put in a good attendance.—L. Trevor. Dis. Sec. 6009

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting at Brampton on November 23rd. Names for tea to J. Hopkins, High Lorne Terrace, Brampton, Cumberland. 6010

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Farnborough (8) on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. B. White. 11. Revelstoke Avenue. Farnborough. Hants (Tel Farnborough 44255).—Mrs. B R Simpson, Dis. Sec. 5958

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice, Whitbourne, November 23rd, 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—R. L. Price, Dis. Hon. Sec. 5992

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Minster-in-Sheppey, Saturday, November 23rd, Ringing starts 3 p.m., followed by service and tea. All names to Miss Jennifer Wood. Tel. Minster-in-Sheppey 3277. 6005

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane (8) on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Business meeting. Evening ringing until 8.15 p.m This is the last Branch meeting for the year. All welcome.—A. J. I., Branch Sec. 6019

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, Whitchurch (Cardiff), Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and further ringing. All ringers welcome.—Iolo Davies. Llandaff Branch Hon. Sec. 5924

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hitcham, Saturday, November 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to J. Muller, 7, Brampton Court. Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead. 5980

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Mansfield District. — Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), November 23rd. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions by this meeting, please. Names for tea to Mr. E. J Sollis. 4. Lime Avenue. Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 4 BS. No names, no tea.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec 5979

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual District meeting at Clare on Saturday, November 23rd Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m **Please note that there will be a Guild Committee meeting immediately after the District business meeting.** Names for tea, please, to Mr S. J Twitchett. 3, Station Road. Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk. 5944

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at St. Clement's, Hastings Saturday, November 23rd. Bells 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Further ringing after tea to 8 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartres, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham. by T[illegible] Dis. Sec

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Thorne (8), Saturday, November 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Bell, 24. Tennyson Avenue, Thorne, Doncaster, by November 28th. 5967

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, November 30th. 6.30 to 9. **This is instead of the proposed District meeting.** — I. R. Panton, Dis Sec. 6013

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Eastern District.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Hertford (8), Saturday, November 30th, 3 to 4.30 p.m.; All Saints', 10, 6 to 8.30 p.m. Regret tea under own arrangements.—Peter M S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 5999

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Saturday, November 30th. Ringing at Wragby (6) 2.30–4.30 p.m. Tea in the crypt of Wakefield Cathedral 5 p.m. Names. please, to Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, 6. Bar Lane, Wakefield, by previous Thursday. Cathedral bells available in the evening. 5973

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Branch annual. Fakenham, Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Cooke. 24. Back Street, Hempton. Fakenham. by Wednesday, November 27th — C. E. G. Banham. Hon. Sec. 6011

ST. ANDREW'S. STRATTON, CORNWALL. —Annual Ringing Festival on Saturday, November 30th. All local towers open. Everyone welcome. Numbers for tea to H. Stacey, Stratton. Phone: Bude 2911. 6012

SALISBURY GUILD —West Dorset Branch. — Annual meeting. Beaminster. Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 6027

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SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting at Derby, Saturday, November 30th, St. Peter's, 3–4.30; The Cathedral 6–8.30. Tea and business meeting 4.45 at St. Peter's Parochial Room. Names for tea to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham (Tel. 233506) by November 28th. 6026

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Debenham (8), November 30th, 5.30–8 p.m. 6024

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Masham (8), November 30th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Fish and chips tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. T. Atkinson, Market Place, Masham, Ripon, by November 28th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Surprise Major practice at Anstey, December 2nd, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Methods to include Glasgow and Yorkshire. All welcome.—Ron Hughes. 6021

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Eastchurch (6), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to N. Chesson, 19, Church Road, Eastchurch, Sheppey, by previous Wednesday. Special method: London.—T. Barton. 6032

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Leverton (6) on December 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Lakin, 10, Lacey Lane, Leverton, Boston, Lincs, by December 2nd. 6022

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Sketty, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, SA5 8 EL, by November 30th. 6017

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting, Selling, on December 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Epps, Downwell House, Selling, Kent, not later than December 11th.—J. B. K. 5995

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CORRECTION

The first peal on ten bells in Scotland was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and not at St. Giles', as stated on page 902 in the article on Wrexham Church and Bells.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MILLER. — Judy and John have finally moved in. New address: 16, Appleton Road, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1NE. All friends welcome, especially gardeners! 6041

MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BANBURY

Conductors wishing to attempt peals during 1969 should address their applications to the undersigned to reach him not later than December 16th, 1968. —Clifford T. Wightman, Hon. Sec., 14, Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon. 6043

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Swansea, on December 7th. Tickets (25s.) and ringing arrangements from R. Harpole, 14, Gordon Road, Cardiff CF2 3EJ. Please send s.a.e. 6036

MEETINGS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Surprise practice at St. St. Giles', Northampton, Saturday, November 23rd, 7.30 p.m. Special method: Bristol. 6044

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's (8), Chippenham, November 30th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30. Names for tea to D. Carey, 5, Eastern Avenue, Chippenham, by November 28th. 6038

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual meeting, Woodbury, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. T. Perry, White Gate, Lympstone, by December 1st. 6040

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Autumn meeting, Birmingham, December 7th. Ringing arrangements to be announced shortly. 6039

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Bulwell on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Naylor, 105, Cantrell Road, Bulwell, Nottingham, NG6 9HJ, by the previous Wednesday. 6042

QUARTER PEALS

BELTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elaine Pearson (first quarter) 1, Judith Arrand 2, J. H. Selby 3, S. Selby 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5, D. Arrand 6. Rung for the opening and dedication of the new Church Hall (Collinson-Cooper Hall).

CANNINGTON, SOM.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. R. Ellis (first quarter) 1, G. G. Davis 2, G. Brown (first "inside") 3, F. C. Fackrell 4, D. K. Lane (cond.) 5, W. W. Bartholomew 6. For Evensong, and to welcome the birth of Julian Michael, son of Valerie and Michael Stone, chairman of Bridgwater Branch.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (four methods): Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 3, G. Oliver 4, A. Waller 5, F. Sismey 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. A. Smith

CHISWICK, LONDON.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. Clarke 1, Lesley Warwick 2, Mary Knight 3, D. Boniface 4, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 5, R. D. Edwards 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

DRAYTON BASSETT, Tamworth, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): A. E. Cooper 1, Miss S. P. Fairfield 2, K. Donnison 3, K. G. Parker (cond.) 4. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memoriam W. Carvel and W. Stanford.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Miss D. Rogers 1, S. Franklin 2, D. Bowen 3, L. Toseland 4, R. F. Turner 5, J. G. Mitchell 6, S. Robinson 7, J. Mitchell 8, A. Gibbs 9, B. Austin (cond.) 10. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Tingle 1, Mrs. C. Bowen 2, R. F. Turner 3, L. Toseland 4, S. Robinson 5, B. Austin 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Hazel I. Nichols 1, M. D. Barsby 2, G. Slater 3, D. Manship 4, J. R. Perkins 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Yates (25th quarter) 1, Bryony Moorby 2, S. G. Pick 3, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 4, Christine Slater 5, C. Bennett 6, P. Johnson 7, R. Dorrington (cond.) 8. Rung for the Archdeaconry of Stafford 17th annual dinner.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: P. J. Atkins 1, Madeleine McCallion 2, T. Felicity Ashford 3, J. Hall (first Bristol) 4, D. J. Midgley 5, D. J. Danby 6, R. Warford 7, R. J. Ballard (cond.) 8. Rung for the ordination of Phillip J. Jeffries as priest.

A SUNDAY OUTING TO CAMBRIDGE

Another enjoyable day was spent by ringers from North Hampshire in Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, with Cambridge being the centre of our objective on Sunday, October 27th.

Service ringing was enjoyed on the fine ten at Luton Parish Church with the local band, who kindly allowed us to join them in Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Then on to Bassingbourne (5) and Litlington (6) before lunch in Meldreth and ringing with John Gibson on the attractive eight.

Ringing in Cambridge had been arranged for us by Mr. Quinney and started on the light eight at St. Andrew's. As a direct contrast, the heavy eight at the Roman Catholic Church followed, and here Cambridge and Bob Major were rung.

We joined the local band at St. Mary's in Stedman Cinques and Kent Maximus in ringing for service. This was a highliight of the day and we thank the ringers for the privilege of being allowed to ring in such company.

THE SEXTON'S DILEMMA

(FOUNDED ON FACT)

IN the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and—well,
The date does not matter, but the truth I will tell,
Lived a butler of note, fear did not enthral,
A good and true servant at famed Harrold Hall.

This jolly fat butler, Broomsgrove by name,
Was the stamp of an Englishman, bonny and game,
Nothing would daunt him, whate'er might befall,
He'd play his own tactics in spite of them all.

It happen'd one Sunday that illness o'ercame
His Master's good consort, "Alston" by name;
And thus sorely smitten, they for quietness sighed,
And anything requisite was not denied.

The famous old church being close to the Hall,
Whose bells being chimed did the worshippers call;
But the noise of them harrow'd the invalid sore,
So to stop them next service was the thing "to be sure."

But no, who'd be guilty of such a bold plot?
And commit such a deed, whether Sabbath or not;
But as fate's no respect for rich or for poor,
You shortly shall hear who'd the key of the door.

At two-twenty p.m., that day, was to be seen
A man who for fifty years sexton had been,
Wending his way with a "chimer" in tow,
To chime the church bells (were the men don't-cher-know).

It chanced then our butler, who was taking a stroll
To air well his lungs before feeding his soul,
When he met the two "chimers" who at their hat brims did tug,
So he tipped them the wink, would they each take a mug?

The invite being tempting, they did not refuse,
But repaired to the cellar, lest a chance they might lose;
But the "Mistletoe Chest" was not in it they say,
When the door went click, which caused such dismay.

The footman being with them said "Drink up, my boys,
For now you've the 'oppo' you must wet both your eyes."
Said Douglas the sexton, "I'll take nothing more,
For the click of that door-latch it troubles me sore."

So he hobbled upstairs to get to the door,
But 'twas fastened up tight, "Oh dear! and Oh lor!
Whate'er shall we do now we're left in the lurch,
For by gums and good gracious I've the key of the church.

None can get in there to pray or to preach,
The bells are all quiet—(Oh Lord, I beseech
That Thou wilt release me from this barrell'd cell,
For my conscience feels smitten with a foretaste of hell.

My character's gone that's been 50 years good,
Although I'm as spotless as the babes in the wood;
Forgive me this once and I'll ne'er do it more,
Please send some kind Christian to open the door)."

Loud kicking and thumping was heard from within,
Lamentations and moaning—What's all this great din?
Someone's in the cellar, and the key can't be found,
Ask Broomsgrove? Can't find him, he's gone for a "round."

Outside of the church at two fifty-five,
The faithful were gathered, with commotion alive;
The bells were all silent, the "chimers" unseen,
The doors also locked, how strange it does seem.

But two minutes later with quivering breath,
Up came the sexton, who looked pale as death;
He hustled his way through the crowd standing there,
Both speechless and trembling, which made them all stare.

Then out with the key, he the door did unlock,
And one by one, quietly, in went the flock—
No time for the bells now, the strangers to call,
So quietness reigned supreme at the Hall

Then all being seated, the service began,
The sexton and "chimer" looked careworn and wan;
And when asked the next time if a "mug" they would take,
Said, "No, not just now, please excuse for Heaven's sake."

Moral:—

Now all you good Christians, who to duty would stick,
Be true to your conscience and firm as a brick:
Remember the sexton, the spider and fly,
Don't act too pious, and binge on the sly.

W. R. S.

These verses were dedicated to Mr. Francis Broomsgrove, of Harrold Hall, near Bedford, 1885.

Mr. E. Pearl Inskip writes that he had rung with the "chimer," who was a lad at the time this happened.

QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS. — On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Clayton 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, W. Clamp 3, R. Looker 4, R. H. Cook 5, O. Homewood (first as cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. C. Stevens 1, K. G. Game 2, T. Skilton 3, N. G. T. Steere 4, N. Thomson 5, Juliet S. Stoy (first Major as cond.) 6, N. Summerhayes 7, A. P. Cannon 8.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Belcher 1, A. A. F. Peters 2, R. T. Falder 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, A. Gray 6. For morning service.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Chilcott 1, R. J. Cook 2, D. G. Spittle 3, Juliet Stoy 4, N. Thomson 5, J. Schofield 6, S. F. Kimber 7, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 8. Rung silent and non-conducted for Evensong on Missionary Sunday by members of the Sunday service band. Umpire: F. D. Jennings.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Philippa E. Menniss 1, Linda V. Cull 2, John Hallett (aged 15, first as cond.) 3, R. Le Marechal 4, J. P. Colliss 5, J. C. Howell 6. First quarter 1, 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to John P. Colliss.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Miss J. Ford 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 5, B. Crouch 6. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At St. Nicolas' Church, on Oct 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Hopkin (first Triples) 1, M. S. Loveday 2, Peta Ollen 3, Caroline M. Mackie 4, B. J. Read (first in method as cond.) 5, T. G. Williams 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, N. R. Clatworthy 8. Rung by Sussex University Guild.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. Sinfield 1, Mrs. B. Redfearn 2, N. Garrard 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, A. E. Rushton 5, D. Redfearn (cond.) 6. For patronal festival.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET. — On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. Penman 1, Miss J. Atkey 2, Mrs. M. Medley 3, M. J. Medley 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, J. Caddy 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Farmer (first quarter) 1, J. G. Draper 2, Jennifer M. Tyack 3, Renee Sturgesss 4, J. Gunstone 5, F. E. Fagg 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7 J. N. Haile 8. For Evensong.

GIGGLESWICK-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): H. Walker 1 Shirley Washbrook 2, P. Norman 3, R. H. Brueton 4, W. S. Walker (cond.) 5, E. Lee 6, D. Warren 7. Rung for the Ancient Parishes Service.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Putt 1, Miss E. Humphries 2, B. Pink 3, Miss M. Groves 4, D. Putt 5, T. H. Bird (cond.) 6, A. Wood 7 A. Starmer 8. By Sunday service band for Harvest Festival.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Knighton 1, Barbara Hooks (first as cond., aged 15) 2, P. Mary Beach 3, Helen M. Simpson 4, D. J. Beach 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6. For Evensong.

HALLING, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: G. H. Terris (first quarter) 1, P. R. Chidwick 2, M. J. Hitchcock 3, C. H. Underdown 4, G. K. Terris 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6.

HAMILTON, CANADA. — On Oct. 10th, at 16, Gary Avenue, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ruth E. Gay 1–2, D. R. Ingram 3–4, D. Sawyer (cond.) 5–6, J. Owen 7–8 First on handbells 1–2, 3–4.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (30 methods): P. Slight 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, S. Humphrey 3, W. Exton 4, D. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (31 methods): P. Slight 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, S. Humphrey 3, W. Exton 4, D. Frith 5, B. Mills (cond.) 6.

KILMERSDON, SOM.—On Oct. 31st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick, Mundon; 720 York, Durham): J. D. Tarrant 1, R. G. Beck 2, E. J. Chivers 3, J. Maggs 4, A. P. Beck (cond.) 5, R. E. Beck 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Annas (first quarter) 1, A. H. Smith 2, Judith Robinson 3, P. Ford 4, Anne Parr 5, A. J. Smith (cond.) 6.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Susan F. Thomas 1, E. T. Newnham 2, R. Durrant 3, A. M. S. Stracey 4, B. J. W. Foley 5, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 6. For patronal festival.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 3rd, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples: Felicity Cooke (first Stedman Triples) 1, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 2, C. Ricketts 3, M. Pilgrim 4, H. Heath 5, J. W. Bull 6 P A. Williams 7, F. W. Corney 8. For Evensong.

LOCKING, SOM.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Reverse Grandsire Doubles: P. Kelby 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, J. Coomes 3 June Legg 4, G. Prescott 5, H. Button 6.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — On Nov 1st, 1,320 Doubles (11 "saint's name" meth./var.): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, I. Roberts (cond.) 4, D. Williams 5, R. Taylor (first quarter) 6. Rung before Sung Eucharist on All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob Minor: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, I. Bowron 4, D. Williams 5 B. Ellis 6. For Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church on Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. F. L. Smith 1, P. J. Brown 2, M. Irene Brown 3, R. Smith 4, J. Warr 5, M. Powell 6, G. Westwood 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. Last quarter on the bells before rehanging by Tohn Taylor and Co.

STREATHAM, LONDON. — At St. Leonard's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Adams 1, Veronica E. Dupré 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, J. W. Rea 5, J. H. Lott 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, N. A. M. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled after Evensong in memory of the late Mrs. M. Dumble, verger for 16 years.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Payne 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, J. Anne Rickaby (first Grandsire) 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, J. Rickaby 5. Rung before evening service on All Saints' Day.

TECHNICAL

Towards Forgetting the Combination Roll Up

By CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON

FOR some time the combination roll-up has held undisputed primacy as judge of the merits of compositions, particularly of Surprise Major. However, there now seems a considerable feeling among conductors that the c.r.u. should be given a more realistic place It is not totally to be ignored, but there can be little dispute that, for example, a —5678 has greater musical value than a —6478. Furthermore the preoccupation with music at the back has produced some unfortunate compositions of Bristol which are not only boring but actually unmusical as soon as the tenors eventually escape from the back.

One of the most outstanding compositions of recent months is Roderick Pipe's London Major with 132 c.r.u.'s. Unfortunately a number of these have to occur at the wrong stroke, and in this and similar compositions there is a strong tendency to part the tenors in every course, often with more bobs than plain leads. With a less experienced band there is a strong case for a simpler and less "musical" composition, with a better chance of good ringing—surely a prime factor in choice of compositions. Two examples of full-course compositions are appended.

(1)

B	H	23456
2	—	35642
5	—	63542
2	—	34256

Repeated twice

(2)

M	B	W	23456
		2	35426
—		—	24653
3	3	—	23564

Repeated twice.

The first of these contains 72 c.r.u.'s, including 15 —6578's and 9 —5678's, but has what some may consider the disadvantages of using a Before in every course and of being 5,184 changes. The other (5,088 changes) avoid these faults, but contains only 63 c.r.u.'s with 16 —5678's and 5 —6578's.

In the case of Superlative the lack of two of the possible —78's has discouraged the production of multi-c.r.u. compositions, and there are two well-established compositions, by Roger Baldwin and Richard Parker, continuing the 36 —5678's and —6578's, although they require singles in 5–6 and half-lead bobs respectively. However, in spite of its unsuitabilty for c.r.u. compositions, Superlative is an extraordinarily musical method as a result of being constructed throughout of blocks of four coursing bells working together. This property can only be fully exploited with the 24 courses with 5–6–7–8 in course, which can be joined in various, including the following:—

B		H	2345678
S2nds	S4ths		2348765
	S3rds	(—)	2345768

Repeated 11 times. (—) in alternate parts, single for bob half-way and end.

B	5	6	H	2345678
S		S		4238765
		S		3427586
S	S			4236857
	S		—	4235678

Repeated five times.
Singles rung in 5–6, except for a single in 3–4 half-way and end.

Both of these are 5,376 but can easily be shortened to 5,152 by the omission of a pair of singles. The six-part keeps the tenors always right way at the back but requires singles in 5–6, with a half-way conventional single, which I am assured is fully legitimate in a normal length peal. The twelve-part, on the other hand, uses conventional singles only, but of the 18 courses with the tenors together 12 are rung with the tenors "wrong way," although it is worth observing that tenors wrong way at the back necessarily means in Superlative, tenors right way on the front, and that for every roll-up which occurs right-way at the back there is another 3½ leads later on the front which is wrong way. Nevertheless, for those who prefer their roll-ups at the back, the twelve-part can be started at backstroke with the final single, so that the first change after rounds is 12346587 at backstroke, after which the peal continues in the normal way and comes round at handstroke. The "wrong way" courses are then reduced to six of the 18 tenors together courses. It is not possible to join the 24 coures without inverting the tenors unless singles in 5–6 are used.

Bristol offers opportunities similar to those of Superlative since it, too, consists of blocks of four coursing bells working together, and this has been featured in the fine composition by Roger Baldwin with the extent 5–6–7–8 behind. There are 36 courses with 5–6–7–8 together, which produce the corresponding music on the front, but they can only be joined with sixths-place bobs or half-lead bobs. and Baldwin's is therefore by far the most satisfactory composition.

Rutland is well known for its peculiarities of falseness, which allow up to 132 c.r.u.'s. and the compositions with 126 c.r.u.'s with Befores in most courses particularly are extremely musical. However, there are some much simpler compositions which make use of other possibilities in the method, such as this three-part with singles 3rds–5ths in every course — a feature much enjoyed by some tenor ringers.

M	3/5	W	H	23456
	x	—		45362
	x		—	56234
	x			34625
	x	—		62453
	x			53246
	x	—	—	32465
	x	—		46253
	x		—	65324
	x			24536
—	x	—		63425
	x	—	—	34256

Repeated twice.

101 c.r.u.'s, including 24 each —5678's and —6578's.

There are several well-known compositions of Yorkshire with 90 to 100 c.r.u.'s, including particularly Christopher Starbuck's and Richard Parker's, but by reducing the number of c.r.u's in favour of the principal roll-ups one can obtain compositions just as musical in a different way but much simpler It must be pointed out, however, that while these more complex productions studiously —82's at backstroke, the following examples naturally produce them, and the latter's usefulness is thus restricted to some extent, depending on the bells and, of course, the conductor.

It is well known that the 24 courses with the 6th right and wrong are true to both Yorkshire and Pudsey, but it is not generally realised that these courses are easily fitted together by the simple expedient of using singles in 5–6.

One possible form of this composition is an adaptation of Humphrey's Lincolnshire, as given here. The courses contain to Yorkshire 88 c.r.u.'s including 21 each —5678's and —6578's, and to Pudsey, 72 c.r.u.'s with 15 each —5678's and —6578's, and in each case three courses of —82's and three each —8765's and —8576's. By sacrificing the symmetry it is possible to reduce from 5,376 to 5,152 without losing any significant music.

M	W	H	23456
	2	S	35462
—		S	45236
	—	S	34265
—		S	24536
	—	S	32564
2		S	42356

Repeated twice.
Singles rung in 5–6.

A 5,088 is available containing similar music, but with a strong bias either towards 56 or 65 roll-ups. Those who prefer 65's can improve the symmetry and invert 5–6 in the roll-ups by moving the final single to the beginning.

B	M	W	H	23456
	—		2	36452
	—	x	—	24653
x			—	24536
		—	2	25346
		—	S	42365
			S	42356

Repeated twice.
Singles rung in 5–6 by 5 and 6 only.

As printed—Yorkshire: 84 c.r.u's including the 24 —5678's and 18 —6578's; Pudsey: 70 c.r.u.'s including the 24 —5678's and six 6578's. Contains three courses of —82's and the six each—8765's and 8756—s.

It is possible to obtain a further six principal roll-ups in Pudsey, as in the two following six-parts, but this involves the loss of all the 8765 roll-ups, although to Yorkshire they contain six each 8765—s and 8756—s but with only 18 each —5678's and —6578's To Yorkshire they include 84 and 88 c.r.u.'s respectively, and to Pudsey, 74 and 80. Both are of course 5,376 changes.

M	W	H	23456
—		—	64352
—	—		53246
S	2		34265

Repeated five times.

M	W	H	23456
2		S	63245
	2		34265

Repeated five times.
Singles rung in 5–6.

It is worth noting that although it is possible by exploiting the incidence of falseness to increase the c.r.u.'s in Pudsey into the 80's this requires the extensive us of bobs Before, which are highly undesirable, as they cut out the central three leads in which the tenors are never out of course and which contain the majority of the internal roll-ups.

We have now considered six of the "Standard Eight" Surprise Major methods. The remaining two do not present much opportunity for choice of composition: in Cambridge the problem is to obtain the length and the only real option is between the traditional compositions and the new short course compositions. Lincolnshire, too, presents problems as a result of its unusual falseness, but in any case the field has been entirely pre-empted by Simon Humphrey's composition, which provides a suitable conclusion to this article:

M	W	H	23456
—		S	46352
	—	S	53462
2		S	25364
	2	S	53624
—		S	64325
	—	S	23645

Repeated twice.

Contains 84 combination roll-ups, including 14 each —5678's and 6578's.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): W. White 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5. Also 1,260 Doubles (12 methods): J. Stott 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas 3, O. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6. Most methods by all, and the local band.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. E. Thorne 1, Miss M. P. Barnard 2, T. J. Thorne (cond.) 3, L. Marker 4, C. Churchill 5, W. E. Broom 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Sage, married at St. Andrew's, Porthill, Staffs, on October 19th.

COMPOSITIONS

DATE TOUCH—1,968 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By A. F. LEWRY

23456	W	B	H
32645	S	2	—
63245			—
26345			—
34265	—		—
23465			—
23546	—	2	—
52346			—
35246			—
24536	S		—
52436			—
43526	—		—
54326			—
32546	—		—
53246			—
25346			—
34256	—		—
23456			—

5,040 BOB ROYAL

By A. F. SCHOLFIELD

W	M	H	23456
S		2	34526
3		—	53426
S		2	34256
S	S		64235
S		3	34265
S	S		54236
S		—	24356

Repeat.

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St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Twickenham

[Photo by Tom Burbey, a ringer at this Church.

OUR COVER PICTURE

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Twickenham, Middlesex

THE beginnings of a Christian community in Twickenham may well go back in time to the early centuries A.D. The first mention made of Twickenham is in the chronicles of King Offa, about 704 A.D., and in a charter dated 790 A.D. it is noted that there are 30 tributaries of land at Tuicanhamme "to clothe the brethren who serve God in that holy place."

Walter of St. Valery gave Twickenham Church to the Prior and Convent of St. Valery in Picardy in 1086, and it remained with that French religious house until the beginning of the Hundred Years War, when all the French possessions were appropriated to the Crown. The parish later became the property of William of Wykeham, as part of the foundation of Winchester College and remained so until the Reformation, when it reverted to Edward VI and Elizabeth I. Following this the patronage became the possession of the Dean and Canons of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, where it has stayed until the present day. The only exceptions to this were the three "intruders" appointed by the House of Commons during the Cromwellian period, and the nomination of George Costard by George III, who exercised the royal prerogative after the elevation of Richard Terrick to the Bishopric of Peterborough. A list of the incumbents of Twickenham may be seen on the wall south of the tower screen.

The existing mediaeval tower and the earlier nave were reputedly built by William of Wykeham at the end of the fourteenth century. In 1713 the nave, "having been allowed to become decayed, actually fell down in the night of Thursday, April 9th." Largely through the insistence of Sir Godfrey Kneller, the churchwarden, twenty trustees were appointed to proceed with its rebuilding. This was completed in 1714, the architect being John James of Greenwich, a pupil of James Gibb, who was in turn a pupil of Sir. Christopher Wren.

Many famous people have worshipped at St. Mary's over the years, among whom are Sir Godfrey Kneller, Alexander Pope (who is buried in a vault in the nave), Thomas Twining, Horace Walpole, Lord Tennyson and Charles Dickens.

The tower clock, which is the oldest timepiece in Twickenham, was erected in 1789, and keeps reasonably accurate time today.

Of the 8 bells, No. 6 is the oldest, being reputed to be 100 years of age at the time of the Spanish Armada.

The youngest bell is the tenor, cast by John Taylor at the time of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The following are the inscriptions on the bells, together with the diameter and weight, etc.

Treble: W. E. Made. Mee. 1695 . . R.PP.R Chvrchwardens. 5 cwt. Diameter 28½in. E flat.

2nd: W. E. Made. Mee. 1695 . . R.PP.R Chvrchwardens. 5 cwt. 29in. D.

3rd: William . Eldridge . Made . Mee . 1669. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 30½in. C.

4th: Richard Phelps made me 1730. Messrs: Wm: Blaklock Francis Vincent Churchwardens. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 33½in. B flat.

5th: R : P Fecit 1703. 9 cwt. 38in. A flat.

6th: In multis annis resonet campana Iohannis. 10 cwt. 3 qr. 39in. G.

7th: R: Phelps Fecit 1722. The Reverend Samuel Pratt D:D Vicar. Richard Silvester Ioseph Fitzwater Ch:wardens. 12 cwt. 1 qr. 43in. F.

Tenor: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. Given by the parishioners 1887. S. R. A. Buller, Curate. J. M. Stedwell, F. Ratcliffe, Churchwardens. 18 cwt. 2 qr. 48½in. E flat.

The following peals are recorded in the tower:

1749 A peal of 6,000 changes of Plain Bob Major rung by the Twickenham Scholars.

1783 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung by the Society of College Youths.

1812 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

1814 Grandsire Triples.

1926 Stedman Triples to celebrate the granting of the Borough Cahrter.

1928 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

1930 A (William) peal of Stedman Triples conducted by William Welling.

1932 Grandsire Triples. Rung to celebrate what was then thought to be the 600th anniversary of the church; it being only discovered later that there was a church on the site in 704 A.D.

At the annual inspection in 1963 it was found that movement of the main frame was causing damage to the fabric. The fact that the tenor and 7 had been added at a later date at the same level as the old frame created a congested pattern which prevented partial restoration. Consequently it proved necessary to carry out a complete removal and rehanging of the bells, on a frame at two levels, thereby giving a better distribution of weight. It became apparent at about this time that extensive renovation of the exterior of the tower (built from soft Kentish rag) would soon be necessary, and it was decided eventually to combine these two operations. The contract for the bells was awarded to Messrs. John Taylor of Loughborough, and the contract for the tower to architect Alan J. Frost, of Donald W. Insoll and Associates, together with the stonemasons New Stone and Restoration Ltd. The whole operation has been undertaken in 10 months.

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THE BRISTOL EXPERIMENT

By PHILIP GRAY

THE City of Bristol is unusually well-endowed with the number of rings of bells in its area. But, like most other places, it is much less well-endowed with the number of competent ringers it has available to ring all these bells at least once on every Sunday.

The collective responsibility for Bristol ringing rests with the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. The Branch has for many years past held monthly Saturday afternoon meetings at each of the towers in its area in rotation. With attendances falling at these meetings—due, it was believed, to increasing competition from other Saturday afternoon activities—a change was made about 1960 to holding the monthly meetings on week-day evenings on whatever night the tower concerned normally practised. Business meetings were held quarterly, also on a week-day evening, but not on the same evening as a ringing meeting. The compactness of the area and the good communications made this possible. However, attendances did not improve and, what was even more important, a lack of purpose in the Branch activities was self-evident.

In July, 1963, a special meeting of Bristol ringers was called to review the situation in open forum. Over 60 ringers turned up, an exceptional attendance for a Branch which usually numbers only about 100. Not being an official meeting of the Branch, it was devoted solely to discussing how to improve Bristol ringing and making recommendations for the Branch officers to act on.

Despite the size of this meeting, it was most productive and positive. Two general desires were evident at the meeting: firstly, that the purpose of a ringing association is to provide ringing and lots of it—the less talk the better; secondly, that everybody would prefer to have ringing practices organised to their own standard rather than general practices which try to cater for a wide range of standards of those who happen to turn up. The ringer who is trying to master Grandsire Doubles will be attracted to a practice devoted to Grandsire Doubles at a six-bell tower, but not to a practice at a ten-bell tower which may fluctuate between Cambridge Royal and rounds on ten. Likewise, the aspirant to Surprise Major will make an effort to be free for a practice advertised specifically for Surprise ringing.

It was indeed obvious at the meeting that the greatest force for spreading and improving practical ringing service is the very technical challenge of ringing itself. The ringing art itself provides pleasure and satisfaction, and the more opportunities exist for them the wider ringing will spread.

THREE COURSES OF ACTION

Arising directly out of this meeting we initiated three courses of action:—

(1) An undertaking to any tower in the Branch to provide instruction for a period of 12 consecutive weeks on their own practice night by arranging for three competent ringers to attend each week. This scheme was, and still is, also part of the policy of the Gloucester and Bristol Association as a whole. It was envisaged that this would apply most to bands who were learning bell-handling, rounds and the first steps in change ringing.

(2) A practice on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at St. John-on-the-Wall (6), specifically for those who wanted to learn Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman. This practice was developed out of the old St. John's Ringing School, ably run by Mr. Bert Bennett for many years. Four competent ringers would always be at the practice, working on a rota basis.

(3) A practice, also on the second and fourth Mondays (but starting after the St. John's practice) at Christ Church (10) for advanced ringing. Grandsire Caters up to Spliced Surprise Royal. The objective here was to set, and insist on, ringing of high quality, whatever the method.

Business meetings were to be held on the first Monday of every third month.

Not long after this programme was initiated we were able to add a 12-bell practice at St. St. Mary Redcliffe every two months and an annual six-bell striking competition. By then the activities of the Branch added up to the staggering total of 59 separate practices or meetings per year.

OMISSIONS

This programme had two obvious omissions. Firstly, it did not cater for eight-bell ringers, but it was considered that with three good quality eight-bell practices already going in the city at the Cathedral, St. Philip's and St. Ambrose's, the Branch did not really need to provide further eight-bell opportunities. Secondly, most of the towers in the Branch could not be visited officially by the Branch from one year's end to the next. This is a defect of the scheme and one for which we have never been able to find a good solution. It must be admitted that some towers are practically never represented at any of the functions and thus the connection between them and the Branch is very tenuous indeed. To rectify this, in 1966 and 1967, "old-style" quarterly meetings on Saturday afternoons were held at groups of two or three adjacent towers, but they were very poorly attended, especially by the members of those towers, and such meetings have again been abandoned.

In practice, some parts of the scheme have worked well, and others less well. Only one 12-week course has been run, and at the same time this seems to have been highly successful in establishing a band in a church where there had been no regular band for years; subsequently local circumstances caused the band to disintegrate and the tower is again silent. Certainly the Branch has never been without the resources to mount another such scheme but it has not been asked to do so. Perhaps it has not sold the idea well enough.

The St. John's practices are invariably well attended in school holidays, but often there are insufficient people to warrant raising the bells in term-time. Sufficient experienced ringers willing to "do their bit" at St. John's have never been lacking at any time. Homework certainly strongly influences this venture. The success of this practice often depends very much on tower captains introducing their shy beginners to it by bringing them along personally for the first few times. This practice has undoubtedly done some useful work, but not as much of it as we hoped.

The Christ Church practices have been an undoubted success. Throughout the period they have been well attended and mostly a high standard of ringing has been maintained. Their success owes much to Jim Taylor, who has been Branch Ringing Master for most of this period. The practices have attracted ringers from a much wider area than the city of Bristol—from North Somerset, from South Gloucestershire and, since the opening of the Severn Bridge, from South Wales. These visitors are most welcome.

The 12-bell practices at Redcliffe have become increasingly successful and this year have become monthly joint practices with the Redcliffe Guild (unlike St. John's and Christ Church, Redcliffe has a flourishing band of its own).

The annual striking competitions, held on a Saturday afternoon in the summer, have also been most successful. This is much the most representative gathering of the Branch in the year.

PRESENT POSITION

How, then, has this experiment as a whole fared in gaining its main objective of extending Sunday ringing in Bristol? It really is not easy to answer this because there have always been other forces at work which can claim some of the credit or share the blame. Certainly the present situation is not ideal and may well never be so. Apart from three churches where the bells are unringable, and two city churches where there are few Sunday services, probably only two churches do not get some sort of Sunday ringing. On the whole the situation in the suburban churches is a little better than it was. The most tangible improvement is in the city centre itself, where the Branch has taken over entire responsibility for Sunday morning ringing at Christ Church: this has encouraged the formation of a peripatetic band who now ring successively at the Cathedral, St. Stephen's and Christ Church and produce a good standard of ringing at all three. There can be no doubt that Sunday morning ringing in the centre of the city is now far better than it has been for years.

The Christ Church and Redcliffe practices have certainly done something to increase the number of ringers in and around Bristol who can ring advanced methods on 10 and 12 bells with confidence. The method ringing capability of Bristol ringers has been rising steadily over the years and has never been higher than it is now. There are probably now about 30 people who attend Christ Church practices from time to time who can ring London Royal quite ably.

Also on the credit side is the establishment of permanent centres to Bristol ringing, and regular and frequent meetings have brought about a corporate cohesion to Bristol ringing that it rather lacked formerly. One would hope to see the standing and respect of Bristol ringers grow further with time and to see them take their place alongside the other highly respected groups of servants of this ancient and beautiful city.

Had the Branch continued with the conventional Saturday afternoon meetings, its influence on Bristol ringing would surely by now have dwindled to nothing. Sunday ringing somewhere in the city would surely have dwindled away to nothing with it. We feel that we have been able to keep the flame burning and even to fan it a little.

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Derelict North Yorkshire Bells Ringing Again

ON November 9th the belfry of St. Mark's Church, Marske-in-Cleveland, Yorks, was opened to visitors, ringers and non-ringers alike. It was the conclusion of several months of renovation work by two local ringers, Bill Getty and Peter Sotheran, helped by members of the church A.Y.P.A.

Last July it was decided that, subject to no major defect being discovered, the bells could be renovated, after lying derelict for almost ten years. According to Len Bowie, one of the remaining ringers of the last local band, regular ringing ceased before World War II.

The renovations included a new stay, rebuilding a wheel and attending to loose clappers. In addition, the chiming apparatus had to be sorted out so that the hammers were clear of the bells. Whilst work was in progress a completely novice band, raised from the A.Y.P.A., started training at Saltburn Parish Church (two miles away). From the original score of learners eight remain and are now tackling Plain Bob Minor.

TELEVISION PUBLICITY

At a fortnight's notice it was suggested that an Open Day be arranged to coincide with the St. Mark's annual bazaar. Closed circuit television was used to show the bells in action. A camera above the bells enabled visitors in the ringing chamber to see what happened when the ropes were pulled. It also proved a good advertising feature—as well as the local Press, the B.B.C. took interest in the event by broadcasting an interview with the tower captain on the evening before the Open Day.

The bells came from two foundries, the treble, 3rd and 5th being Warners, 1763; the 2nd, 4th and 6th (4¼ cwt.) were cast in 1768 in the Whitechapel Foundry. They are amongst the dozen lightest sixes in the country, but being on their original plain bearings their "go" is not exceptionally good.

The local residents who have made their opinions known have all reacted favourably to hearing the bells rung regularly for 30 minutes (for Sunday services) instead of five or ten minutes' erratic chiming.

The Open Day itself was for the benefit of neighbouring residents. When interviewed, the captain, Peter Sotheran, said that they had two objectives in mind for the day. "Firstly, we hope to show the many curious people what is involved in bellringing; secondly, we hope that the close neighbours of the church will appreciate some of the intricacies of bellringing and will realise that there is not a band of youngsters noisily amusing themselves."

Mr. Getty, the vice-captain, added that they hoped to promote goodwill between the ringers and the neighbours. "We want them to realise that ringing in itself is a form of worship."

180 VISITORS

During the afternoon over 180 non-ringers visited the first-floor ringing chamber. About a dozen and a half local Association members called and treated the spectators to an interesting selection of touches from Plain Bob to Cambridge.

Now, with the first all-Marske resident band for 30 years (average age 16, not counting Messrs. Getty and Sotheran), regular practices will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at Marske from 7.15 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. (practices on all other Mondays will be held at Saltburn Parish Church). Sunday service ringing is at 9.20 a.m. for the 10 o'clock service and 5.15 p.m. for the 6 p.m. Evensong. The latter is usually followed by a quick dash to Saltburn to ring from 6 o'clock for their 6.30 p.m. service.

Any visiting ringers and bands will be most welcome and should contact Peter Sotheran, 2, Kirkleatham Lane, Redcar, Teesside. Telephone (office) Redcar 4057.

St. MARY'S CHURCH, TWICKENHAM — continued

members of the congregation and friends from Twickenham and district, who agreed to embark upon this project at a cost of £9,000. The restoration will do much to preserve for future generations a fine example of our national heritage.

St. Mary's band has the proud reputation of ringing twice each Sunday throughout the year to call the faithful to worship.

The bells were blessed by the Vicar at Matins on Sunday, November 3rd. As well as ringing before and after the service, the bells were rung immediately following the Blessing.

"HISTORY AND ART"

An interesting insight into the early ringing at St. Mary's, Twickenham, is provided by the late Ernest Morris in his "History and Art of Change Ringing". Here are the references to Twickenham Scholars:—

As early as 1749 (December 28th) we read that the "Twickenham Schollers" rang a compleat peal of 6,000 Bob Major, viz.:

Wm. Rolls	Treble	John Taylor	5
Thos. Tibbs	2	Henry Cowley	6
Enos Redknap	3	James Webster	7
Robt. Holmes	4	James Hunt	Tenor

In 3 hours 50 minutes.

The next record of this Society is the following:—

"Jany ye 8th 1769 was rung in this steeple a compleat Peal of 6160 changes BOB MAJOR in 4 hours and 20 minutes viz.:

Enos Redknap, Jun.	Treble	Benjn. Barber	5
James Hunt	2	John Cole	6
Enos Redknap, Sen.	3	John Goose	7
Josh Redknap	4	John Taylor	Tenor

Called by John Cole."

Other peals recorded are by the "College Youths":—

"May 26th 1783—5120 Oxford T.B. in 3h. 19 min. J. Worster (conductor).

Mch 22nd 1812—5088 Oxford T.B. in 3h. 8 min. G. Cole (conductor).

Nov 14th 1813—5136 Bob Major in 3h. 12 min. G. Cole (conductor).

Jan 22nd 1814—5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. John New (conductor).

July 17th 1814—5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. G. Cole (conductor)."

John New, of Twickenham, who was born June 14th, 1790, possessed an interesting ringing book. It begins with the date October 27th, 1811, on the flyleaf, and his name boldly lettered. With great pains he gives copies of various methods and compositions, as well as much letterpress appearing in the "Clavis". Further on he gives records—carefully written and ruled round in red—of the peals he rang, special ones being crudely decorated with bells, etc. The writer evidently did most of the first part quickly, for he inserted on the last page:

"Patience is a Virtue, and that you may see;
This Book was begun and Finished by me.
JOHN NEW Feb. 27–1812."

As time went on, he crowded a variety of matters into spare spaces, ranging from figures of handbell tunes to business accounts and recipes for minor ailments. John New rang in many peals at churches in Middlesex and Surrey from 1809 to 1822; at that time there was an enthusiastic band at Twickenham, and early tablets at Isleworth and Richmond record their prowess. Their conductor, Geo. Cole, was a man of ability as, besides others, he called Holt's Original, peals of Oxford T.B. Major and Royal, and Stedman Caters. Their first peal of Stedman Caters was on October 3rd, 1819, at Fulham (5,031 changes in three hours 12 minutes), "composed, call'd and Rung by George Cole, and brought Round at Hand and Finished in Fine Stile". Various bits of doggerel verse intersperse other matters, and one, "A Ringer's Song", extols the virtues of a peal of 5,120 Oxford T.B. at Richmond on February 11th, 1809, evidently New's first peal.

John New made a family register of his ringing book and records there his own birth, marriage, names of his children and dates of their births. He was probably a decorator and sign writer, for from his accounts he provided several peal boards. Mentioning a peal of Grandsire Triples at Twickenham, March 29th, 1812, he states: "Printed the Board for it."

Extract from "History and Art of Change Ringing", by Ernest Morris.

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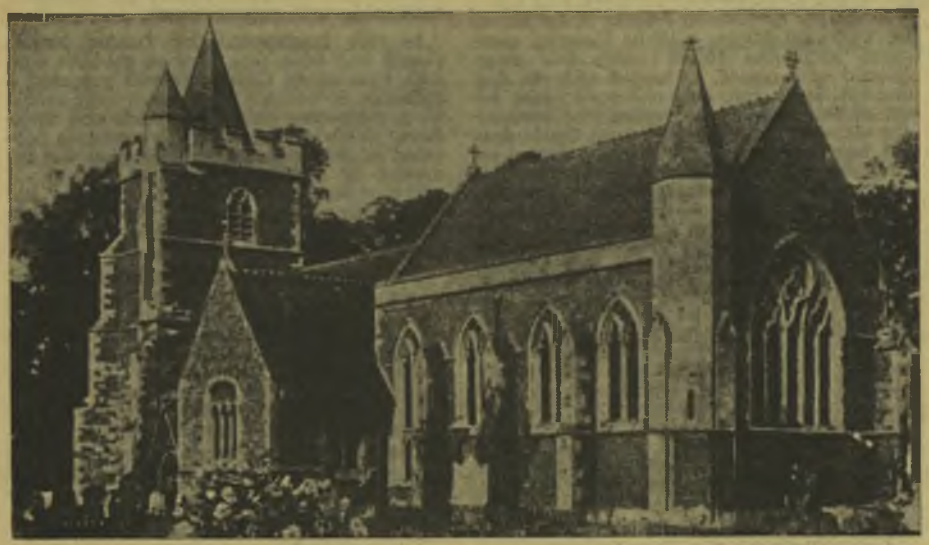
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WARFIELD, Berks — the 199th Ten Bell Tower

"RINGING ATTACKS THE DEVIL" — CANON FELSTEAD



THE Norman Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Warfield, near Bracknell, Berkshire, is probably the 199th ten-bell tower in the world. The dedication of the two new bells to augment the ring of eight took place on November 16th in the presence of a large congregation that was undeterred by the wintry blast.

The ceremony of dedication was performed by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, of St. Michael's, Southampton, the immediate Past Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He took the view that many of those who objected to the sound of bells had no time for religion and did not want to be reminded of spiritual things.

He asked ringers to remember as they rang for service they were attacking the Devil as well as giving a signal to come to church.

The augmentation to ten bells by two new bells came about in a three-fold manner: (1) the presence at Warfield of an enthusiastic band of ringers under the leadership of Mr. Frank Price; (2) the generosity of Mr. Alan H. Long, who donated the treble, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sargeant, whose gift was the second bell; (3) a strong "do-it-yourself" spirit among the ringers that minimised the cost in the provision and fixing the additional frame and fixtures.

The new bells were cast by the Whitechapel Foundry Ltd., and this firm gave advice and help in the erection of the new frame above the old. The new bells are in the main frame of eight, the two previous trebles going in the new frame.

During the service a beautiful handbell cabinet, the gift of Mr. Arthur Chaney, who lives at Wokingham, was dedicated. Now 70, Mr. Chaney joined the choir at the age of eight. In those days he and his father chimed the five bells with others twice on Sundays, and he continued as a ringer when the eight bells were provided.

The Parish Church of Warfield (except for a large house or two almost adjoining) is in an isolated position away from the village, but two miles away is rapidly-expanding Bracknell with its rows of new houses and its growing industrial estate.

A SERVICE OF HAPPINESS

To visitors, the service of dedication was one of pleasurable surprise and happiness. Singing was led by a choir of boys, girls, women and men. After the crucifer, taperers, choir and clergy had taken their places the choir sang as an introit "Lift up your heads O ye gates" (Eric Thiman). Later in the service came the bell anthem—"Rejoice in the Lord alway" (Purcell). The Psalms were "The Old Hundredth" (Vaughan Williams) and 150th to Stanford's setting. The lessons were read by Mr. Frank Price, captain of the ringers, and the Rev. F. Britnall, Rural Dean of Sonning Deanery. Prayers were said by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Harcourt Trevor, who conducted the service.

The dedication took place immediately beneath the tower. Mr. Douglas Hughes formally handed over the new bells to the Vicar, who in turn asked Canon Felstead to offer the dedication prayer. To the singing of the hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" the procession returned to the stalls.

Canon Felstead prefaced his address by bringing greetings from his own church, which is also dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel, is also a beautiful ancient church and also has ten bells. He said it was a pleasure and a great honour to be asked to take part in that very inspiring service, one which he hoped they would all remember. He also congratulated all who had taken part to make that service possible—the donors of the bells and all who by their efforts had done so much work to hang them in the tower.

COURAGEOUS

It was very courageous doing this in the difficult times in which they lived and they were to be admired for doing so. He had just undertaken a tremendous restoration for God in his own church. He was told it was a bad time for appeals; he knew it was hard to raise money, but when was it a good time to raise money? Having done this for God's glory therefore their efforts would be blessed.

The Collect which they had just heard spoke of God as their refuge and strength. It was a very obvious thing to say that the most conspicuous feature of the churches of their land was the tower and spire, as in his own case and theirs. He supposed that in about half the churches in the land there was a ring of bells from three to twelve. "You have now joined the select company of those which have ten bells. A book recently published said there were then 198 rings of ten bells. I am not sure how up to date the book is (it is difficult in these times of a statistical book not to lag behind a little) but it could be we have the 199th ring of ten bells in the world at Warfield.

NOT WITH BELLS

"Of course, where there are bells there is a belfry. Strangely enough the word in origin had nothing to do with bells! The original spelling (it had several forms) was berfrey or berfray. It meant a movable wooden tower used for siege purposes. The French historian Froissart speaks of "2 berfreys of great timber with three stages or storeys on four great wheels." Each stage had 100 archers, so it was an instrument of war and attack.

"Later it came to have another meaning, that of protection—a strong place of refuge—a tower to protect watchmen. It seems very likely that was how the tower of my own church started life. It appears that there was a tower (actually Norman) and that the rest of the church had been built against it all round.

ATTACKING THE ENEMY

"Let us think of those two original meanings of the word as it applied to bells and ringing. First, a way of attack, as when ringers ring their bells they are attacking the enemy—who is the Devil. Why do many people and especially, I believe, those who have no time for religion, protest at the sound of bells when they don't take much notice of the other far worse sounds around. They don't want to be reminded of things spirituaal in any form, and without a doubt bells do bring a reminder of such things. Many a sick person lying in bed has been comforted by the sound of the bells. The Devil doesn't like people to be so reminded of the things of the spirit.

"Sound has always been thought to frighten away evil spirits in primitive religions, and in origin the reason of wedding bells was not joy but to frighten away the Devil. The best form of defence is attack, so, ringers, as you ring for services, remember that you are attacking the Devil as well as giving a signal to come to church, and may it help you to do so regularly.

"Then secondly—a tower for protection. The Belfry is a part of the Church, and so the Church, which is the body of Christ, protects us through life. Here is the reminder to put our trust in Him, for He will never let us down. He accepts us through His Church at baptism: He blesses our adult life in the sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage: He feeds us continually with the bread of life in Holy Communion. He truly is the protector of all who put their trust in Him. And so as your bells ring out Sunday by Sunday and at other times of joy and sorrow, may they ever remind you of these things spiritual, the things eternal, and of the protection which God gives to all who love Him."

The collection hymn was "Thy hand, O God, has guided," and immediately after the Blessing the ten bells rang out in rounds. General ringing followed and at 5 o'clock tea, a delicious and acceptable meal prepared by local ladies, was served in the Village Hall.

There was a good muster of ringers for the evening ringing.

NEXT WEEK'S COVER PICTURE ST. NICOLAS', BRIGHTON

Letters

VARIATIONS IN COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I doubt if anyone would contest the attribution of this peal to Charles Middleton:—

5,600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
23456 M W H

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Four times repeated.

Now if we change "Cambridge" in the title to "London" it is still a perfectly valid composition. However, quite apart from the methods themselves, there are differences in what would be rung; for example, in the Cambridge version there is only one lead from the course 63254, while the London composition contains five. The composition is also suitable for methods with lead-end c, in which case three leads of this course would appear.

Despite these differences, in my opinion these are all one composition; this composition has in fact been rung to a wide variety of methods and the credit given to Charles Middleton (who would be amazed ! !).

Turning now to Mr. Poyner's peal on page 780: if we reverse this we find that the sequence of calls is **identical** to Harold Cashmore's composition (No. 70 in Wratten's Collection) for lead-end f, and also to another of his peals, 5,088 Oxhey Surprise Major (lead-end c).

Mr. Poyner has taken two venerable five-part blocks derived from Middleton's 30 courses and joined them together in a way that was discovered 30 years ago.

Armiger Trollope's booklet "Variation and Transposition" was published over 30 years ago and has been out of print for some time. It would be most useful if this could be brought up to date and reissued.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

Hillmorton, Rugby.

SURPRISE RINGING AT TWERTON-ON-AVON

Dear Sir,—In reply to a letter from Mr. G. J. Hawkins in "The Ringing World" issue of November 8th (page 867) with reference to Surprise ringing at Twerton-on-Avon, I must reiterate that all the ringers who took part in the peal of Superlative mentioned in my previous letter were members of the Twerton band at that time, including the three named by Mr. Hawkins. These were Miss N. G. Williams, who joined the band soon after the first world war, T. Grant, in 1923, and W. H. Crocker, in 1928.—Yours sincerely,

G. H. HARDING.

Trowbridge, Wilts.

PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Jones' letter (p. 887), may I as a member of Mr. Beale's peal band say we each contribute 3/- per head at the conclusion of each successful peal. One shilling goes to peal booking fee, one to the church concerned and one to "The Ringing World".

Regarding "The Ringing World," however, if more peal bands took our attitude perhaps the funds accumulated would permit our Editor to publish a bigger copy each week. Is it that peal ringers are rather tight-fisted and shy away when "a contribution to the 'Ringing World'" is mentioned?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CORNELIUS.

Shepton Beauchamp, Som.

MORE EXPLANATIONS FROM Mr. BLAGROVE

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me to reply to the many half-truths contained in Mr. Smith's concluding remarks?

It was Mr. Smith who dragged in the record for Yorkshire Major, with its incorrect comments about the 14,560, which was never claimed as a record. I replied with the fact that Mr. Smith gave only one day's notice for the 17,248, to which he replied that someone else called it. The 21,363 Stedman Caters does not break the record for Stedman Caters on handbells. The 16,368 Cambridge Maximus does not break the record 15,480 Cambridge Royal.

The paragraph about Kent and Oxford not being spliced was passed at the 1951 Council, but the name of the proposer and seconder and the debate was never published in "The Ringing World." So we do not know which variations were meant and in which spirit. But in 1955 the Council passed the paragraph that methods could be divided into leads at the half-lead. This surely takes precedence over the 1951 paragraph, and means that the Worcester composition is spliced, since no bobs are called at the lead-end and therefore the leads remain intact from half-lead to half-lead. This fact was used by Mr. Smith and Mr. Woodruffe in the last extent of their record peal of Spliced T.B. Minor.

I sincerely hope that Doubles ringers and others will read more than the paragraph taken out of context by Mr. Smith. They will find that the "tidying-up" against which many of us were protesting was the action of finding old Decisions so that peals of Plain Bob Triples and methods without Plain Bob lead-ends, especially Minor, could be excluded from the analysis. We argued that all true peals should be included in the analysis, and the Council accepted this in 1955. Even in recent years I have protested against the committee for wrongly excluding peals from their analysis.

In 1951 I advocated that Doubles ringers should ring what they liked as methods until such time as the Central Council published a collection of methods, after which there should be a distinction between methods and variations. When the collection was eventually published in 1955 it included a suggestion that the naming of variations should be stopped. I said then that the naming should continue, but with a clear distinction from methods. Since 1953 many Doubles ringers have asked for a clear definition of a variation.

The original motion for Worcester this year would have done this, but less than half the variations since published in the Appendix would have conformed to it. For this reason I proposed my amendment and have spent many hours sorting out all the "variations" already published in "The Ringing World." and finding dozens of them false or not extentable. (The floral quarter peal?)

There is a vast difference between "tidying-up" by banning peals continuing irregular methods and "tidying-up" by classifying into methods and variations, all of which are acceptable for peals in any case.

I have not gone over to the other side. I have always maintained that the Central Council should recognise all true peals regardless of the methods, but that the Central Council should clearly classify what is rung—Surprise and Treble Bob, methods and variations, extensions and non-extensions, etc.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

DELAY THROUGH ACCIDENT

Dear Sir,—I would like to reply to the letter from C. I. P. Roberts which appeared in "The Ringing World" of November 1st.

Mr. Roberts and the Harrogate band seem to be nursing a grievance against M. W. and the Chapel Allerton band because they have not received a letter of apology. They seem to think that a public, sarcastic letter is the best way of airing their grievance. I am very sorry that they should allow themselves to feel so strongly.

The root of the trouble was a day outing, an account of which was published in "The Ringing World" of September 13th. We were late in arriving at the last tower of the day due to unforeseen circumstances. When we did arrive we found a curt note fixed to a door of the church which plainly told us that Mr. Roberts could no longer wait and had gone. We were disappointed to have to miss out the tower and tried in vain to contact the captain. However, we had to accept the note as final and regarded this as the end of the matter.

Mr. Roberts says he has seen the account, but I fail to see what he finds so "cool" about my reference to our late arrival. I emphasised the fact that we were held up by an accident and that we hurried through the rest of the programme in an attempt to make up some of the lost time. As explanation I will just say that we were the chief witnesses of an accident in which a motor cycle swerved off the road, fell on its side and immediately went up in flames. We felt ourselves responsible for making the 999 call and for standing by in case there was anything we could do. We were in strange territory, we were shaken, and it all took time.

If Mr. Roberts and the Harrogate band are still dissatisfied they can always contact us privately. I am only sorry they should want to make such a letter public.—Yours sincerely,

MARGARET WARFORD.

Leeds, Yorkshire.

RECORDINGS AT CLEVEDON

Dear Sir,—May I, through your pages, express my views on the recordings at Christ Church, Clevedon.

On entering this church one notices how much work is being done for overseas missions and for repairs and extension. I myself am not in favour of tape-recordings of bells being played, but in this case I think that Mr. Rees is quite justified in using such tapes only as a temporary measure. I think that now the parish has begun work on the church building it should complete this before thinking of installing a new ring of bells.

While on the subject of Clevedon I would like to congratulate Victor James on his success in teaching the enthusiastic band at St. John's. I have seen his work and wish him every success in the future.—Yours faithfully,

PETER HAYWARD.

Woodborough, Nottingham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT
15,160 Oxford Treble Bob Royal

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 15,160 Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells at 6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, on Saturday, December 21st, 1968. Ringing will commence at 9.30 a.m. Anybody who may be interested is welcome to come to listen and to tape-record any ringing. —Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

6, Ashwood Crescent,
Marple, Cheshire

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By Robert B. Smith.

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A BEATITUDE!

Dear Sir. — This month's "The Country Churchman" quotes the Geneva Bible of 1562, in which the Sermon on the Mount proclaims "Blessed are the place-makers." It might seem that the Geneva scholars, having in their First Edition clothed Adam and Eve in breeches, now intend in the Second Edition to reward the bellringers according to their practice.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR SHEPHERD

Warminster, Wilts

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND POLITICS

Dear Sir,—Although I found the Rev. J. G. M. Scott's letter concerning the workings of the Central Council both interesting and well written, I do wish he could refrain from besmirching the pages of "The Ringing World" with his own political opinions. Comparison of the Council with Parliament is perfectly legitimate comment, but we are not interested in his views on the Commonwealth Immigration Act or the popularity of Parliament. — Yours sincerely.

VERNON BEDFORD

Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Dorset Venturers and Culham Campers Invade the Isle of Wight

REVEILLE sounded very early on November 9th, and after a frantic dash across Dorset and Hampshire the Venturers joined the Culham Brigade, plus their allies from London, Abingdon and Holt for a pre-Island ring on the light ten at Fareham. Then, exceeding all speed limits, we arrived at the departure point with only minutes to spare, or so we thought. The assault craft was about to be boarded but, alas, this was not to be for British Rail, having only one craft with radar, had allowed this to fail, and the ferry was cancelled for one hour. Immediately volunteers were called to row the distance to the Island; was it surprising that none came forward?

Unfortunately, Godshill would have to be by-passed, but an hour later than anticipated the ranks formed outside Whitwell Church. The invasion had begun, and for most this was their first taste of fighting on this particular soil. We had two people from the Island to make sure that we behaved ourselves while on their native soil, one of them being the present Master of the Culham Society It has been a Culham custom that tours take place in the home area of the Master, where possible, and this time Kenneth had his way, and we were to spend a very enjoyable time in the home area of the Master for this year

Whitwell provided a pleasant setting for the first battle of the day. On the easy-going six little was done as the General was keen on getting back to time again. Our small sample of these bells made us feel that we would like to come back for more. On to the light five at Niton, where Stedman and St. Simon came round. This mellow old five impressed all the army and we again felt that we would have to return again there. The whole invasion force then descended on Brighstone and, after the organiser had been reprimanded for the spelling of the village name, proceeded to confiscate all the available food in the local hostelry. Being fortified with local brew we sampled the bells at the village church. York and London were among the methods rung, together with plenty of rounds and call changes for the less able.

At Carisbrooke John was sure that he could see the islanders holding barrels of molten tar on the castle ramparts ready to throw at these invaders as they passed below. But we fooled them by occupying their church and ringing on their gorgeous bells. Cambridge Major came round but Wight would not go. The hour spent here was much appreciated

After tea the invasion force trundled into Arreton and it was very nice to hear the bells half-muffled, which showed us they were regularly rung We were met by the Vicar, who watched the ringing and made us very welcome. The next stage of the Island occupation was rather a failure and a hasty retreat had to be called for at Brading, where the local army failed to engage us in battle. Better luck next time!

All day we had looked forward to the last battle ground—at Ryde (the heaviest ring of bells on the Island). They are a really splendid ring and the time there was well spent in ringing Kent, Grandsire and an attempt at Cambridge

With a warm glow of pleasure at having conquered the Island we caught the tube train down the pier at Ryde for the return trip to the mainland. Once on dry land again we boarded our respective troop carriers and headed our various ways to our own barracks.

A large "thank you" is extended to all tower captains and incumbents. Until we return we will leave the Island to recuperate from the attack. Islanders, remember—we'll be back.

M. J. H.

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THE VICAR OF MORWENSTOW

By PETER CAME

ON the west coast of North Cornwall the cliffs rise steeply from the water's edge to several hundred feet above the Atlantic swell. These cliffs are cut with deep combes and it is in one of these that the village of Morwenstow lies.

In the 19th century Morwenstow was the home of the eccentric writer, poet and Vicar, Robert Stephen Hawker, and hanging in the church tower is a bell, one of two added to a Rudhall four in 1902, inscribed:

In Memoriam, Robert Stephen
Hawker, Vicar 1834 to 1875.

Surely few bellringers who have made a pilgrimage to Morwenstow can have failed to be impressed and filled with enthusiasm by the romantic setting of this place. During the 19th century Morwenstow was extremely remote and enshrouded in great mystery. It was this very environment that had an immense influence upon the life and writings of Robert Stephen Hawker, Vicar of Morwenstow. During his forty years as incumbent there, many ballads and poems about the life, legend and lore of this part of Cornwall emanated from his mind.

Morwenstow Church, together with the Vicarage built by Hawker with its chimneys in imitation of the towers of churches with which he had been associated, stands just within the head of the combe and well matches the austere solitude, where it has for so many centuries ". . . kept watch o'er man's immortality." The church, with its lichen-covered granite tower containing a ring of six bells, stands in defiance of the wind and waves of the Atlantic, where:

The storm—the blast—the tempest shock
Have beat upon those walls in vain;
She stands—a daughter of the rock—
The changeless God's eternal fane.

Still points the tower, and pleads the bell;
The solemn arches breathe in stone:
Window and wall have lips to tell
The mighty faith of days unknown.

Outside Cornwall, and even outside Morwenstow, a place from which his reputation is inseparable, Hawker has not found the same fame as either Tennyson or Betjeman, but this does not mean to say that he did not produce any work of outstanding quality. Indeed, "The Quest of the Sangraal," written in 1863, is a poem of high quality and perhaps ranks with Tennyson's "Holy Grail," written in 1870. The subject of this poem, the Sangraal, the holy grail, is about the quest for the true blood of Christ that was gathered in a golden vessel from the side of the Saviour as He hung on the Cross:

Uprose they for the Quest—the bounding men
Of the siege perilous, and the granite ring—
They gathered at the rock, yon ruddy tor;
The stony depth where lurked the demon-god,
Till Christ, the mighty Master, drove him forth.

Hawker, as his "Cornish Ballads and Other Poems" show, has certain rewards for those ringers interested in poetry, for several of his poems are directly connected with ringers and bells. Much of the local lore and legend he put into ballad form. In "The Silent Tower of Bottreaux" (Boscastle), for example, he relates in this form the story of why there is no ring of bells at Boscastle:

Tintadgel bells ring o'er the tide,
The boy leans on his vessel's side;
He hears that sound, and dreams of home
Soothe the wild orphan of the foam.
"Come to thy God in time!"
Thus saith their pealing chime;
"Youth, manhood, old age past,
"Come to thy God at last!"

The ship rode down with courses free,
The daughter of a distant sea;
Her sheet was loose, her anchor stored,
The merry Bottreaux bells on board.
"Come to thy God in time!"
Rung out Tintadgel chime;
"Youth, manhood, old age past,
"Come to thy God at last!"

"The pilot heard his native bells, Hang on the breeze in fitful swells," and naturally thought he would make the shore on the evening's tide. Land was almost reached and the pilot thanked God for a safe voyage. But the captain retorted " . . . thank, at sea, the steersman's hand." At this, the captain's blasphemous remark, the sea rose and the ship, together with Bottreaux's merry bells, descended to the depths of the ocean. It is said that:

Still when the storm of Bottreaux' waves
Is wakening in his weedy caves;
Those bells, that sullen surges hide,
Peal their deep notes beneath the tide.
"Come to thy God in time!"
Thus saith the ocean chime;
"Storm, billow, whirlwind past.
"Come to thy God at last!"

In other poems, too, there is mention of bells. For example in "Pauline" we find:

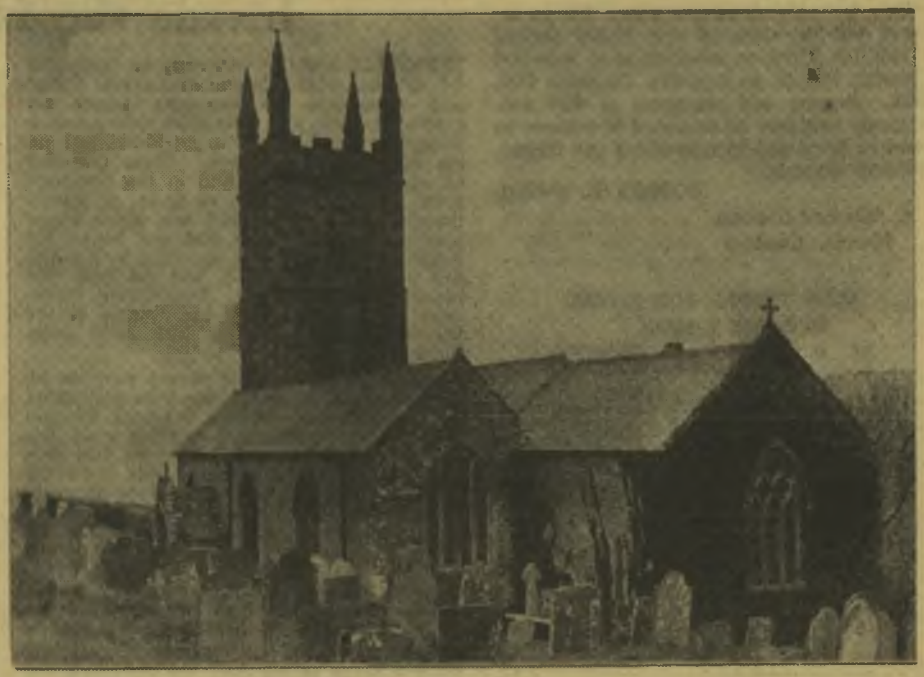
Ah! happy time! Ah! happy time
The days of myth and dream;
When years ring out their merry chime,
And hope and gladness gleam.

In "The Dirge," partly traditional, with verses added by Hawker, we find:

"Sing from the threshold to the porch,
Until you hear the bell;
And sing you loudly in the church
The Psalms I love so well.

And in "The Legend of the Hive" we find an analogous use of bells:

Was it a dream? or did they hear,
Float from those golden cells,
A sound as of some psaltery near
Or soft and silvery bells.



Robert Stephen Hawker, writer and poet, was incumbent of this church (parts of which are Norman) from 1834 to 1875. Beside the church stands the Vicarage, built by Hawker, with its chimney in imitation of the towers of churches with which Hawker had been associated. His stipend at that time was £365 per year and accordingly over the door is inscribed:

A House, a Glebe, a Pound a Day;
A Pleasant place to Watch and Pray.
Be true to Church—Be Kind to Poor,
O Minister! for evermore.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

LIBRARY

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Mr. Frederick Sharpe will act as Librarian in place of Mr. Frank Perrens until the 1969 Council meeting.

The library is now housed in the tower of Caversfield Church and reference facilities are available there for those who arrange with Mr. Sharpe.

The acting-Librarian is preparing a catalogue and he requires all books on loan to be returned to him forthwith to Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. They will be re-issued, if required, within a few days.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax, Yorkshire.

The Vicar of Morwenstow—continued

Perhaps the most rewarding poem of all is "The Ringers of Lancell's Tower." This tells, in a very touching way, how five men had rung at the accession of George III (1760) and all again at his jubilee. Three of them lived on, however, to ring in George IV (1820). Two survived to celebrate, in their native tower, the coronation of King William IV (1830). This poem was, in fact, read by John Betjeman when he visited Launcells in his "A.B.C. of Churches."

They meet once more! that ancient band.
With furrow'd cheek and failing hand;
One peal today they fain would ring,
The jubilee of England's king!

They meet once more! but where are now
The sinewy arm, the laughing brow,
The strength that hailed, in happier times,
King George the Third with lusty chimes?

Yet proudly gaze on that lone tower,
No goodlier sight hath hall or bower;
Meekly they strive—and closing day
Gilds with soft light their locks of grey.

Hark! proudly hark! with that true tone
They welcomed him to land and throne;
So ere they die they fain would ring
The jubilee of England's king.

His last verse lacks confidence; he sees an age fading away:

Hearts of old Cornwall, fare ye well!
Fast fade such scenes from field and dell;
How wilt thou lack, my own dear land,
Those trusty arms, that faithful band!

The local traditions, superstitions and legends to which Hawker clung governed his whole life and writing; and it is appropriate that he who perpetuated them should himself become a legend in North Cornwall.

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CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Mr. John A. Acres now informs us that the date of Mr. Tom Lock's first peal was December 20th, 1927.

The quarter peal at Healey, Rochdale, on October 27th, was in memory of the father of the tenor ringer, and not as printed.

Two quarter peals were recorded under Weybridge instead of Ottershaw in the issue of March 29th (page 245). One was Bob Doubles rung on February 11th (conductor, J. Ladd) and the other Grandsire Doubles on March 3rd (conductor, I. Taylor). Will correspondents kindly endeavour to submit quarter peals in the same style as they appear in the journal.

"TOWARDS FORGETTING THE COMBINATION ROLL-UP"

Through the delay in post of the proof of "Towards Forgetting the Combination Roll-Up" by Christopher I. Rowson a number of mistakes occurred in his article on page 919. Appended are corrections to errors: Col. 1, para. 3, line 6, read **avoids** for avoid; para 4, line 5, read **containing** for continuing; para. 4, line 15, after various insert word **ways**. Col. 2, para. 4, line 9, after studiously insert word **avoid**; four lines from bottom of column, —8576's should read —**8756's**. Col 3, first table, delete x under W; para 4, line 4, read **use** for us.

Essex Association at Dinner

THE "B" MONDAYS AT CHELMSFORD

ONCE again the stately County Room of the Shire Hall at Chelmsford was the scene of the annual dinner of the Essex Association —this time the 15th—held on Saturday, October 19th.

After the Master, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, had welcomed all members and friends and guests, especially one young lady all the way from Australia, 120 people sat down to an excellent meal. On the top table, together with the Master and his wife, were the Bishop of Colchester and his wife, the Provost of Chelmsford (the Very Rev. H. M. Connop-Price), Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs H. Turner and Mrs. Crampion.

After the loyal toast the Bishop of Colchester, in proposing the toast of "The Church," pointed out the number of meanings the word Church had. The Church not only means the building, from the smallest country church to the most magnificent city cathedral, but also the clergy and the parish and the Church of England, the Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church. These together comprise the true meaning of the word church and it was to this that the Bishop proposed the toast.

A break from the speeches followed to allow the company to be entertained by the "Sounding Brass," a very talented band of handbell tune ringers under the leadership of Mr. A. S. Hudson.

Before proposing the toast of "The Essex Association," the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral thanked everyone for the splendid welcome which had been bestowed upon him and apologised for his wife's absence, which was due to illness. In proposing the toast, he congratulated the Master on the excellent way in which the Association had been led over the last 12 months and his activities in visiting all parts of the county during the year. The Provost pointed out Mr. Lufkin's eligibility to carry on the tradition from where Mr. Heazel left off

HEADLINES OVER SATURDAY PEAL

The Provost also said that Mr. Clark, the Master of the Chelmsford Cathedral ringers, often asks him for the bells of the Cathedral in order to ring a peal, recalling one particular Saturday afternoon when it was alleged the Inspector of Police had to go home as he could not stand the noise any longer. The telephonists in the nearby telephone exchange were also very upset, but he was sure all had been forgiven and forgotten, despite the fact that the incident made headlines in the local newspaper. He joked that alternate Mondays are marked in his diary as "B! Mondays" (bellringing) and whenever he has to arrange anything at the Cathedral he always takes into account this date.

Continuing in a serious tone, he expressed his gratitude for what the Association does and hoped that it might continue to thrive under the leadership of the Master, Mr. Lufkin, and it was with great pleasure that he proposed the toast to the Essex Association.

A vote of thanks was then given by the Master to the life members, guests and artistes.

In an endeavour to attract a larger company, it was decided to have a break from the tradition this year by having a dance after the dinner. This proved to be highly successful. After a period of about half an hour, in which the band tuned up and the tables were cleared away, people ventured on to the floor for the first dance of the evening. The floor was soon crowded with dancers, all thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The organising committee are certainly quite entitled to say that this year's Essex Association annual dinner was a great success with the added attraction of the dance, and hope that next year's, under their excellent guidance, will be just as successful.

J. A. Q.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rev. M. C. C. Melville, the hon. secretary of the Universities Association, rang his 100th peal of Surprise on November 12th.

Mr. Ken Lawson is now home at Middlesbrough from hospital following his sudden illness at the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The Derby Diocesan Association has promised £1,000 towards the extension of Derby Cathedral. At a Hallowe'en party organised by the Chesterfield District £12 was raised towards this promise.

At Scorton, Lancs, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on November 6th to congratulate Bob Braithwaite, of this village, on winning a gold medal in the 1968 Olympic Games. With such a marksman we cannot imagine that Scorton has any pigeon trouble in its tower!

The quarter peal of Cambridge Minor at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, was the first quarter since 1965 for Dan Richards, who is on holiday for a few weeks before taking up an appointment in Paris. He is well known to ringers at St. Paul's, London, and his friends there may expect to see a little more of him from Paris than from Singapore.

All the ringers taking part in the quarter at St. Peter's, Droitwich, on November 17th, had been taught to ring by the conductor either at Droitwich or at St. Swithun's Church, Worcester. The tenor ringer, P. R. Twinberrow, who started ringing in July, had only once previously taken part in any sort of change ringing at all—a six-score on the tenor at St. Swithun's on the preceding Sunday!

For the 11th consecutive year a half-muffled peal has been rung at Brant Broughton, Lincs. This year's peal was conducted by Frederick G. Hooper. On this occasion there was a special remembrance for R. Russell, of Corby, who had rung in several peals at Brant Broughton.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

WARFIELD'S OLD BELLS

We are indebted to a correspondent who sends us the following particulars of the old five bells at Warfield, Berks. The Edwardian inventory of 1552 gives Warfield as possessing five bells. Previous to the tower having eight bells the five old bells were:—

Treble: Ellis Knight I, 1629.
Second: John Mitchell of Wokingham, 15th century.
Third: Richard Eldridge of Chertsey, 1597.
Fourth: Ditto.
Tenor Richard Phelps of Whitechapel, 1718.

The old tenor was 4 ft. 2 in. diameter in D, weighing 21 cwt. 11 lb. These were recast for Webb and Bennett of Kidlington by Mears and Stainbank in 1923. Webb and Bennett made all the fittings and did the hanging.

CELEBRATION PEAL AT CROMER

In July, 1942, bombs dropped in the vicinity of Cromer Church, and, as well as causing considerable loss of life and property in the area, badly damaged the church so that for a time it was unusable.

Ever since then restoration work has been going on and to mark the recent completion of this work a Three-Day Thanksgiving was held at the beginning of November. November 2nd was the annual Parish Gift Day, and as part of the celebrations a good peal of Minor in four methods was rung.

This is only the sixth peal since 1874, when five bells from the Whitechapel Foundry were added to the original 15th century bell by Brasyer of Norwich to make the present ring.

A 32-YEAR TASK

By ringing a peal of Lincolnshire at Mersham on November 9th, Philip Corby, general secretary of the Kent County Association, has accomplished the rare feat of ringing a peal on every ringable ring of eight, ten and twelve bells in the county of Kent. This task has taken 32 years to complete since his first peal, at Cudham on May 30th, 1936, and in the band at Mersham was Arthur Richards, who also rang in the peal at Cudham.

It is believed that the late Frank Bennett is the only other ringer to have completed this feat, and it is remarkable that Arthur Richards also took part in the peal at Milton-next-Gravesend, Frank Bennett's last tower in Kent.

THE TWO EXTREMES

It must have been one of our fraternity who put the following advertisement in "The Sunday Times" recently:—

"Minimus and Maximus, super Siamese kittens, looking for tolerant owner they can take over. . . ."

MINI-SKIRTS AGAIN

"The Ideal Home," December issue, has our now well-known quote, but they have added the authority of the Central Council to it.

"Cautionary fashion note from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, published earlier this year but still topical:—

"'All ringers who wear mini-skirts should please have a trial pull in front of the mirror.'"

THE BELLRINGERS' CAROL

Hearken to the news, I pray,
Christus natus hodie!
A tiny Child in stable far
Lit only by a guiding star.

Oh! Surely bells rang out that day:
Christus natus hodie!
And in this Tower your ringers raise
Their bells to join in heavenly praise.

For now, as then, we still may say
Christus natus hodie!
Rejoice that on this Christmas morn
The Saviour of the world's reborn.

So cast your fears and cares away:
Christus natus hodie!
And when you hear the church bells ring
Raise hearts and hopes and with them sing
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO!

N. J. W.

TAUNTON DISTRICT PEAL WEEK

During the week commencing Sunday, October 27th, a peal week was organised for Taunton District by Mr. K. E. Beale with a peal attempt each day. Six of the seven attempts were successful, with 13 ringers taking part in the ringing.

There was a concentration on Multi-Method Doubles and during the week 54 different methods, variations and spliced compositions were rung with five methods (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints and Reverse Canterbury), two variations (Fortune and Marchington) and two spliced compositions (April Day and Clifford's Pleasure) being used in each Doubles peal rung.

Number of peals rung: Keith E. Beale and Rodney A. C. Cross 6, Mervyn A. Arscott 5, Mervyn R. Arscott and John Cornelius 4.

First peals 2: first as conductors 3; first on five 1; first on bells 1; most methods, etc. 3; most methods, etc., "inside" 3; most as conductor 1

It is anticipated that the next Taunton Peal Week will be held at the start of the New Year, so will those interested please keep the first week clear if interested in taking part.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

The band met at Kingswood and Redhill on November 9th, when afternoon ringing was on the six bells at Kingswood, and at 4.30 the Vicar took the service and the local captain read the lesson. After the service, members had tea, prepared by the wives of members of the local band, in the Church Hall, which is built, with a kitchen attached, on the side of the church.

There were 30 members present at the meeting, at which one new member was elected. The December 14th meeting will be held at Horsham, and the annual dinner on January 11th at the Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells (tickets 21s. 6d. from Mr. E. Ladd and the chairman).

Mayfield (with Frant) was proposed for the meeting on February 8th. The annual general meeting will be held on March 8th, and a motion was passed in favour of moving it around the area.

It was suggested by the committee that peal bands should be arranged within the Guild to encourage beginners to try for their first peals. This was discussed and generally approved.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the hall and for taking the service, and to the ladies for preparing the tea.

After another ring for latecomers, members went on to Redhill for evening ringing.

LEWISHAM RINGERS IN LONDON

Bitterly cold weather did not deter a party of Lewisham District ringers from enjoying a day in London on November 16th. An interesting morning was spent at the Science Museum watching a demonstration of the Carter Ringing Machine given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobbie and Alan Bagworth. In his vote of thanks Mr. J. Dafters mentioned that as a young man he had known and rung with John Carter.

The rest of the day was spent ringing at St. George the Martyr's, Southwark, St. Clement Danes' and St. Margaret's, Westminster, where the breaking of the tenor rope brought ringing to a close earlier than anticipated. Thanks are due to Miss M. R. Andrews and Messrs. P. Shonk, E. A. Barnett and J. Euston for making the arrangements for a very successful day.

OVERSEAS NEWS

THE 'QUAKE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Tower bell ringing has been rather limited owing to broken ropes and a major overhaul to the frame, this work being carried out under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Tony Mann, who hopes to secure the frame and make the bells more secure.

There has been a violent earthquake, centred at Mechering which is situated 80 miles east of Perth, with a strength of 6·8 on the Richter needle. Considering that 9 is total devastation, it was a miracle that nobody was killed.

This 'quake occurred at 10.59 a.m. on the Queen's birthday holiday. At Mechering 90 per cent. of the town was devastated. All the buildings in Perth and the suburbs shook violently, the skyscrapers visibly swaying for about 30 seconds. Lots of buildings have large cracks and St. George's Cathedral has two large cracks. A 2 cwt. stone cross fell off the west front: three of the bells, including the tenor, went over off the balance and rang for seven minutes. There is an estimate of 4,000 dollars-worth of damage to the Cathedral, but ringing will be able to continue on the shaky eight.

Wilf Palin, who has returned to Kent from Perth, will be glad to know the 14 storey Legacy look-out building is still standing; although it rocked there was no damage.

Tony and Heather Mann's new house was "dancing a jig" in Dance Drive with all the others. This is no understatement. Luckily the houses escaped damage but a few people had glassware broken.

Jenny Lees and Tim Gregory were staying at Charlie Tower's farm at Corrigen and were having a cup of coffee when the quake occurred. Plaster and dust came down but there was no serious damage. T. M.

THE FIRST TAUNTON PEAL WEEK—1968

ALL RUNG FOR THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

ANGERSLEIGH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 methods/variations/spliced compositions, in 42 extents: Seven methods—Stedman, Plain Bob, Minster Bob, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, six variations—Old, Kennington, Fortune, Marchington, St. Columb, Southrepps, nine spliced compositions—April Day, Seighford, May Day, Dedworth, Northrepps, Rushall, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston.

Tenor 11¾ cwt. in A flat.

Mervyn R. Arscott .. Treble	*John Cornelius 3
Mervyn A. Arscott 2	Rodney A. C. Cross .. 4
Keith E. Beale .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal on five bells. First on the bells.

CORFE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 34 methods/variations/spliced compositions, in 42 extents: 13 methods—Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith's Slow Course, All Saints', Plain Bob, Minster Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 12 variations—St. Ignatius, Churchill, Chilton, Heyford, Fortune, Marchington, Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. John, Lapley, Old, St. Columb, nine spliced compositions—Cassington, St. Peter, St. Luke, St. Thomas, Rushall, May Day, Northrepps, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure.

Tenor 7 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

Keith E. Beale .. .. Treble	John Cornelius 4
*Brenda M. Bindon 2	Raymond F. Arscott .. 5
Rodney A. C. Cross .. 3	Mervyn R. Arscott .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* Most methods "inside." Most methods as conductor.

HALSE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

Being 24 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 44 extents: 12 methods—Stedman, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith's Slow Course, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, six variations—Fortune, Marchington, Lapley, St. Giles, St. John, St. Miles, six spliced compositions—Rushall, Cassington, St. Peter, St. Thomas, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Mervyn R. Arscott .. .. Treble	Rodney A. C. Cross .. 4
John Cornelius 2	Keith E. Beale 5
Mervyn A. Arscott 3	*Frederick H. Mills .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Mervyn A. Arscott.
* First peal, first attempt. First as conductor.
Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn R. Arscott.

ASH PRIORS, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Keith E. Beale .. .. .. Treble	*Anthony Pigott 4
Leslie H. Arscott 2	Mervyn A. Arscott .. 5
Frederick C. Arscott .. 3	Rodney A. C. Cross .. Tenor

Conducted by Rodney A. C. Cross.
* First peal. First as conductor.

FITZHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 50 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 42 extents: 12 methods—Reverse Union, St. Simon, Rev. St. Faith's Slow Course, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Minster Bob, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Grandsire, 25 variations—St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, St. Ignatius, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, Churchill, St. Giles, St. Miles, Lapley, Shareshill, Heyford, St. John, Ryton, Chilton, St. Columb, Southrepps, Cadbury, Old, Norfolk, Kennington, Fortune, Folke, 13 spliced compositions—Cassington, St. Peter, St. Thomas, St. Luke, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston, Dedworth, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Northrepps, Rushall.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*Rodney A. C. Cross .. Treble	Mervyn A. Arscott 4
†Leslie H. Arscott 2	Keith E. Beale 5
*Adrian P. Arscott 3	Frederick H. Mills .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* Most methods to a peal. †Most methods "inside."

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 41 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 42 extents: 12 methods—Stedman, St. Simon, Rev. Union, St. Martin, Rev. St. Faith's Slow Course, Winchendon Place, All Saints', Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, Minster Bob, Plain Bob, 19 variations—Flying Scotsman, Shepton Beauchamp, Eynsham, St. Ignatius, Elford, St. Leonard, Churchill, Austrey, St. John, Chilton, Ryton, Marchington, Fortune, St. Columb, Southrepps, Shardlow, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, 10 spliced compositions—Cassington, St. Peter, St. Luke, Rushall Northrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, May Day, Seighford, April Day.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Mervyn R. Arscott .. .. Treble	*Rodney A. C. Cross .. 4
Mervyn A. Arscott 2	Keith E. Beale 5
John Cornelius 3	†Albert W. Knight .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Cornelius.
* Most methods "inside." † Most methods. First as conductor.

CURRY MALLET, Somerset.—At the Church of All Samts.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: In 32 methods—Rev. Grandsire, Stedman, Union, St. Faith's Slow Course, St. Julian, Grandsire, New Grandsire, New Antelope, Antelope, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, St. Hilary, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Vedast, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Osmund, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, All Saints', Rev. St. Bartholomew, Minster Bob, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith's Slow Course, Rev. St. Julian, 21 variations—Eynsham, St. Ninian, St. Leonard, Elford, St. Felix, Austrey, St. Ignatius, Amersham, Churchill, Lapley, Horsley, St. John, Shareshill, St. Cleer, Ryton, Heyford, Sarratt, Chilton, St. Columb, Marchington, Fortune, 7 spliced compositions—May Day, St. Patrick, Cassington, St. Peter, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Mervyn R. Arscott .. .. Treble	*Raymond F. Arscott .. 4
Arthur H. Reed 2	Keith E. Beale 5
John Cornelius 3	*Leslie H. Arscott .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* Most methods/variations to a peal. Most methods to a peal of Doubles on tower bells for the Association and all the band. 25th as conductor and 25th as conductor for the Association.
Rung as a 33rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Cornelius, parents of the ringer of the third.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version.

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

David C. Brown .. .. Treble	Peter G. Brown 6
David P. Hilling 2	Basil Jones 7
Alan J. Frost 3	Philip J. Rothera 8
David E. Rothera 4	David E. House 9
Kenneth J. Hesketh 5	Michael P. Moreton .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BECKINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's 12-part.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

Paul Wareham .. .. .. Treble	Roger I. Kendrick 5
David T. H. Robertson .. 2	*Ernest E. Bray 6
Douglas G. Brown 3	Alan F. Lee 7
Juilan E. Newman 4	Hugh Vennell .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* 50th peal for the Association.
Rung for Armistice Day.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
ST. EDMUNDSBURY, Suffolk.—At the Norman Tower.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

Merryn Hutchings (Newn.) Treble	D. S. Bishop (Caius) .. 6
A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 2	D. S. Pont (Christ's) .. 7
R. L. Underwood (P'house) 3	E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 8
A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 9
R. S. Bradley (Clare) .. 5	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Alan Scholfield.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Harold Taylor	6
David W. Friend	2	Clive A. Thrower	7
John S. Dean	3	John Murfin	8
Gordon A. Halls	4	Denis R. Carlisle	9
Ian Friend	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composition Traditional. Conducted by David Friend.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

BRIERLEY HILL, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Margaret Swain	Treble	M. Irene Brown	5
Morley P. Tobin	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Robert Edwards	7
Peter J. Brown	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Arranged by Henry Johnson.
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
Quarterly peal for the Guild.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,408 Cambridge, 1,280 Bristol, 1,216 London and 1,120 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Peter G. Brown	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
*Bernard W. Fairhead	3	James L. Towler	7
*†Keith W. Brown	4	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of four-spliced. † 25th peal

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd.
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

Susan Rothera	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Keith W. Brown	3	Peter G. Brown	7
David E. Rothera	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
Rung as a compliment to Sydney Sewel on his retirement as verger.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HERTFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Etheldreda.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Bertram C. Johnson	Treble	Roy K. Williams	6
Eric Edmondson	2	Harold V. Frost	7
Stanley H. Huckle	3	Anthony R. Carter	8
*George H. Austin	4	Robert E. Hardy	9
*Susan J. Farnes	5	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Arranged by H. Poyner. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal on 10 bells.
Rung to mark the birthday of H.R.H. Prince of Wales: also an engagement compliment to Anthony R. Carter and Christine M. Leslie. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

John R. Southey	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
David E. Rothera	2	Martyn L. J Jordan	6
*Barry R. M. Johnson	3	Roger Baldwin	7
†Robert J. Moore	4	Christopher W. Woolley	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise.

ALDENHAM, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition Tenor 15 cwt.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	*Robert J. Moore	5
Frank Reed	2	Leonard J. North	6
David E. Rothera	3	Roger Baldwin	7
*John R. Southey	4	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal in the method
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Gilks, ringer at this church for 55 years.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Colin J. E. Wyld	5
Nicholas J. Chesson	2	Richard Hayes	6
Peter D. J. Beal	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Philip J. Simmonds	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

MERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Lucile M. Corby	3	Richard Hayes	7
Arthur S. Richards	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Philip N. Tubbs	Treble	Michael J. Best	7
Derek Butterworth	2	John Hartless	8
Neil Bennett	3	Gwilym Salmon	9
Richard H. Youdale	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
R. Roger Savory	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Biddleston's 12-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*Gwyneth Pritchard	Treble	Arnold Critchley	5
John Illingworth	2	John Ashcroft	6
*†Ian Eggleton	3	R. Keith Lister	7
Thomas Hobson	4	Graham Wells	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in the method. † First of Triples.

LISCARD, Wallasey, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	†George E. Bonham	6
Elizabeth Timmins	3	†George E. Thoday	7
*John E. Murfitt	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal "inside." † 100th peal together.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

John E. Murfitt	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	George E. Thoday	6
George E. Bonham	3	Philip Mehew	7
William E. Court	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
150th peal of Surprise as conductor

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 XENOPHON SURPRISE MAJOR

Joseph Thornley	Treble	Roy Jolley	5
John Illingworth	2	R. Keith Lister	6
John P. Partington	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Neil T. E. Burnett	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Armistice Day, 1918. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHETSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*F. Watson	Treble	Jane M. Tooby	4
Valerie Watts	2	*G. Pickering	5
C. M. Sturgess	3	J. Morris	Tenor

Conducted by J. Morris.
* 50th peal together.
Rung half-muffled for the 50th anniversary of the Armistice.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods—Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Huntley Bob, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Martin, and ten variations—Southrepps, St. Giles, Church Gresley, Ezneih, St. Miles, St. Albans, St. Ambrose, St. John Evangelist, St. Paul, Kennington. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*Harold J. Radley	Treble	*Gillian Radley	3
*Julie Radley	2	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	Tenor		

Composed by Peter A Slight.
* First peal of Doubles.
Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
COITY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being five 240's and 32 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

Grayson R. Williams	Treble	Nigel V. Hill	4
Derek J. Godfrey	2	Raymond J. Mayle	5
William T. Petty	3	*Peter G. Mayle	Tenor

Conducted by William T Petty.
* First peal.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	*Alan Flood	6
*Peter N. Felton	2	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
†Timothy G. Pett	3	David E. Rothera	8
Harold W. Rogers	4	Alan R. Patterson	9
*Laurence C. Way	5	Christopher H. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by David E. Rothera.
* First peal in the method. † First of Pudsey Surprise Royal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival of All Saints.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

G. William Critchley	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Frank Reed	7
*Joan Hooton	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by W Barton. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes;
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Mary Wells	Treble	William L. Gilks	5
Ronald C. Christopher	2	Harry E. Wells	6
Clifford T. Blundell	3	Robert B. Blond	7
John C. Baldwin	4	Neil Belson	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
Rung half-muffled for the 50th anniversary of the Armistice.

WATLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HIGHER WALTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Alan R. Pink	2	William Birmingham	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Barry J. Davies	4	Victor Griffin	Tenor

Composition—Wratten Collection No. 30. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Mr. Birmingham has now completed the alphabet to Surprise Major methods.
Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

DRAYTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Andrew C. D. Cope	Treble	Clive Holloway	4
Angela M. Ayres	2	Frank Absolom	5
Frank E. Godden	3	P. Gerald McIlhone	Tenor

Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.
First peal on the rehung bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 EVERDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Wratten's No. 154. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Roger W. Smith	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	David J. Marshall	7
Barry E. Saunders	3	Richard F. B. Speed	8
John H. Fielden	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Malcolm J. V. Chown	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by James Wood. Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal in the method.

EVERDON SURPRISE ROYAL
mx 56—50,14—50—36,14—70,58—16—70,16—56,10

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
YARDLEY, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony Ager	Treble	A. Harold Fitter	5
Janet E. Blake	2	Maurice F. Edwards	6
Rev. David Sansum	3	James W. Belshaw	7
David Main	4	Stephen W. Barton	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.
First peal of Bob Triples on the bells and by all except the ringer of the second.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
STONHAM ASPAL, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary & Lambert.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E flat.

*Muriel R. Page	Treble	J Barry Pickup	6
†Leslie G. Brett	2	Michael J. Howes	7
George W. Pipe	3	H. William Barrett	8
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Howard W. Egglestone	9
Andrew T. Beckwith	5	William J. Button	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Stedman † Has now "circled the tower" to peals. The last peal of Stedman Caters on the bells was rung in 1913.
Rung in honour of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Button.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Maurice T. Symonds	Treble	Alan G. Feaver	5
Wilfred Jarvis	2	*Clifford Poulson	6
Frederick O. Hunt	3	Richard Chambers	7
John A. Underwood	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal of Major.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Richard J. Rice	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
C. Jack Gibson	2	Michael J. Parker	5
†A. Stanley Woodard	3	A. Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung for the christening of seven-month-old Fiona Margaret Milligan, who was flown from her home in New Zealand to be christened by her grandfather, the Rev. J. Stanton Jeans, at Walberswick Church on this day.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

MARLESFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
Robert E. Lester	2	Anthony H. Roberts	5
Katharine M. Thorley	3	*Vernon B. Bedford	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 50th peal for the Guild.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Sept. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

Richard Hayes	Treble	John Norris	5
*Ronald Stillwell	2	Ian Wickens	6
James Hills	3	John A. Howard	7
Roger Osbon	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck. Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal of Surprise.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Roger Osbon	Treble	Neil Carter	5
*Janet E. Turner	2	John A. Howard	6
Jennifer A. Smith	3	David D. Smith	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	George Francis	Tenor

Arranged by Christopher C. Oseuton. Conducted by George Francis.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. M. R. Newman, upon his preferment to Rural Dean.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

WENDRON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of the following four methods—Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Antelope and Grandsire; 30 variations—Harbury, Jacobstowe, St. Tydfil, Gresford, St. Cross, Northleigh, St. Swithun, Stanton, Ray, Beckley, Isis, Freeland, St. Valentine, Oxford, St. Margaret, Pink's, Keysoe, Zennor, Ladbroke, St. Frideswide, Allestree, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Middleton Stoney, St. Anne, Bluebell, Daffodil, Longparish, St. Helen and Newborough: eight spliced compositions—Royston, St. David, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, May Day, Litchurch, Seighford and April Day.

Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb. in A.

Denis Stephens	Treble	Timothy J. Bell	4
Robert Peel Pearce	2	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
Anthony J. Davidson	3	J. Charles Wearne	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

Most Doubles methods/variations/spliced compositions to a peal for all the band, for the Guild and in the county.

Rung on the Feast Day of St. Gwendrona to commemorate the centenary of the dedication of the ring of five bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

UPPER CLATFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 720 Rev. Canterbury and Rev. St. Bartholomew, 720 Rev. Canterbury and All Saints, 720 Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, 720 Plain Bob and All Saints, 720 Grandsire and All Saints, 1,440 Plain Bob and Rev. St. Bartholomew.

Tenor 9 cwt. 16 lb. in A.

Frank R. Tonge	Treble	Jack C. Wimlet	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Reginald F. Crook	5
Philip G. Taylor	3	Brian M. Pickford	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal of Spliced Doubles by all the band.

Rung to welcome a son, Simon James (born October 22nd, 1968), to Margaret and Brian Pickford, ringers at this tower.

OWSLEBURY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, (2) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (3) St. Nicholas, Heatherslade and Gower, (4) Plain and Double, (5, 6 and 7) Plain and Rev. Canterbury.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

Derek C. Jackson	Treble	Walter R. Gilks	4
*Anthony A. Nunn	2	Anthony J. Mason	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Trevor Matcham	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.

* First peal on a working bell. First in 12 Minor methods by the band and for the Guild.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society)

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Marie.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

John J. L. Gilbert	Treble	Simon Cole	5
Patricia Rogers	2	Ian L. Dear	6
John S. Seager	3	Richard Farnsworth	7
Clive W. Longden	4	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

Rung as a farewell to the Very Rev. Canon G. Collins, priest of this church, on leaving for a new appointment in Harrogate, and a welcome to his successor, the Rev. S. P. Sullivan.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

David Featherstone	Treble	John J. Durham	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Ronald J. Snack	6
Suzanne J. Withers	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
*Laurence F. Palmer	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. ., 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

David Featherstone	Treble	Suzanne J. Withers	5
*Linda D. Shaw	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
Christopher Forster	3	John Potts	7
C. Barrie Dove	4	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 of Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Lincolnshire and Cambridge and 1,120 of Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Linda D. Shaw	Treble	*Robert A. Beresford	5
Suzanne J. Withers	2	*Christopher Forster	6
*John P. Ottaway	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
*†John J. Durham	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † 25th peal.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat

David Featherstone	Treble	*Ronald J. Snack	5
James S. Webb	2	*Ronald R. Warford	6
*Laurence F. Palmer	3	*John Potts	7
*Suzanne J. Withers	4	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Tues., Nov. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: Two extents of Norwich, three of Ipswich and two of Cambridge

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat

Jane P. Laurence	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
*Ronald J. Snack	2	*Robert A. Beresford	5
†Linda D. Shaw	3	*Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of three Surprise Minor † First of Surprise Minor. 250th peal as conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

*Geraldine L. D. Mitchell (Gloucester)	Treble
†Colin D. Baugh (Birmingham)	2
†Colin H. Cook (Croydon)	3
†David Wight (Chesham)	4
Maurice C. Hughes (Birmingham)	5
Richard J. Danby (Coventry)	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Danby.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First peal to be rung by members of the staff of the Midland Bank Limited.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 10th

RINGERS' HOMAGE ON 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY

DATE TOUCH

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—1,968 Plain Bob Minor: Annette J. List 1, E. D. Patching 2, Hilary Osbourne 3, B Willesden 4, T. G. Holden 5, P. G. Holden (cond.) 6 Half-muffled. First date touch by all.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Penny Cocks 1, Louise Powell 2, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 3, Amanda Powell 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. Half-muffled. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Goss (first quarter) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, N. Bennett 3, Louise Powell 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles: P. Tomsett 1, Mrs. G. Macadam 2, S. Brook 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, E. L. Macadam 5, S. Osborne 6. Half-muffled.

BARROW - ON - SOAR, LEICS. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Christine Younger 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. D. Barsby 3, P. G. Chambers 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, C. L. Younger 6. Half-muffled.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain): R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, L. Foster 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, St. J. Perry 4, E. J. Lockwood 5, J. L. Girt 6. Half-muffled.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: S. Flint 1, Barbara Pates 2, B. Mullins 3, A. S. Smith 4, Sheila I. Smith 5, C. R. Hardy o. A. H. Smith (cond.) cover. Also as birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Gudge 1, I. L. Andrews 2, J. Hartung 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller (cond., 90th quarter) 5, A. D. Case 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM. — 1,260 Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, R. J. Mayle 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, G. McGowan 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, J. Edmunds 8. Half-muffled.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. P. Inskip 1, Linda M. Groves 2, Maureen P. Colley 3, A. R. Groves 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. A. Knights (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Reeve 3, D. J. Reeve 4, J. J. Dingwall 5, J. P. Loveless 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. Half-muffled.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan F. Thomas 1, D. Tovell 2, G. Walker (first as cond.) 3, M. Wareing (first Grandsire) 4, P. Dickinson 5, R. A. Poole 6. Half-muffled.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Purser 1, Miss M. Bowman 2 Miss A. Toomer 3, Miss N. Love 4, F. G. Cook (cond.) 5, C. D. Wilkins 6.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOM. — 1,260 Doubles (14 m./v./s.): Hilary Rose (most methods) 1, Brenda Binden 2, I. Cornelius (cond.) 3, G. Nabb (most methods) 4, M. A. Arscott 5, M. R. Arscott 6. Also on same day 1,260 April Day Doubles: Hilary Rose 1, Brenda Binden 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, M. A. Arscott 4, G. Nabb 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First in method by all.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Birchall 1, R. V. Johnson 2, Miss R. A. Stevens 3, J. Jeffery 4, E. Packham 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, Mrs. P. Walls 8. First quarter 1, 8. Rung prior to Evensong, also to the memory of a friend and colleague, George Packham, who died on November 7th.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. K. Pratley 1, C. C. Clarke 2, W. F. Cowley 3, H. N. Pratley 4, W. Ivings 5, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 6.

DUNSTER, SOM.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Hawkins 1, Mrs. P. Tudball 2, A. Tudball 3, K. Meddick 4, P. Tudball 5, F. Norman 6, E. Tyndale-Biscoe (first as cond.) 7, W. Middleton 8. First quarter 1, 6.

ELMDON, ESSEX. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lilley 1, Monica Coningsby 2, E. Flitton 3, R. Griggs 4, C. Rule 5, G. Lilley (cond.) 6. First "inside" 2 and 5.

HALLING, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): S. R. Osenton 1, G. H. Terris 2, G. K. Terris 3, M. J. Hitchcock 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, P. D. Silver 6. Half-muffled.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Parsons 1, Jacqueline Neal 2, R. W. Hazell 3, Judy Edwards 4, M. A. Jackson 5, S. J. Crawley 6, A. R. Kench (cond.) 7, M. Pipkin (first quarter) 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Pady 1, P. Hartt 2, H. Colcombe 3, Miss D. Colcombe 4, P. Henry 5, J. King 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Bailey 8 First of Triples 1, 2. Half-muffled.

HURST, BERKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Buckle (first quarter) 1, Violet N. Castle (cond.) 2, R. K. Rivers 3, Eva G. Eele 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. A. Eele 6, C. W. Mortimer 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. Half-muffled

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: Julia Sanders 1, F. D. Bishop 2, Olive Rogers 3, H. Blagden 4 A. M. Stacey 5, P. N. Felton 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — 1,320 Spliced Surprise Minor (five methods): Cheryl Chorlton 1, J. Pardoe 2, G. White 3, R. Yeates 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, S. Pardoe 6. First spliced 1, 2, 3 and 6. Half-muffled.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Turner (first Triples as cond.) 1, W. F. Judge 2, F. A. White 3, M. Journeaux 4, P. J. Heritage 5, B. R. White 6, E. J. Smith 7, T. P. Franklin 8. Half-muffled, remembering the 61 men of Kidlington who lost their lives in the two world wars, especially Raymond Judge, a ringer from this tower, killed at Vimy Ridge, April 9th, 1917.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, J. P. Hull 4, C. D. Collin 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, D. C. Johnstone 8. Half-muffled.

LANE END, BUCKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Smith 1, C. Meakes 2, C. Hagger 3, R. G. Hazell 4, Mrs. R. G. Hazell (first as cond.) 5, T. Wright 6. Half-muffled.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—1,320 Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

LUTTON, LINCS.—1,440 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Campling 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 3, P. W. Campling 4, P. G. Butler 5, R. Ragsdell 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (five methods): M. J. Taylor 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, R. A. Birch 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. Half-muffled.

MARCH, CAMBS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Goakes 1, Anne Readshaw (first "inside") 2, D. Feek 3, W. Moore 4, P. H. Langton 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Seal 1, P. D. Bailey 2, K. Burdett 3, R. D. Hughes 4, J. Wardle 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

MILTON - NEXT - GRAVESEND, KENT. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Jarvis (first quarter) 1, G. O. Crane 2, L. Seton 3, T. Barnard (cond.) 4, E. Stuart 5, K. Bartle 6. Half-muffled in memory of the 84 people from this parish who died between 1939–45.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rose Sharpe 1, M. Soper 2, Valerie Maynard 3, A. Price 4, C. Ward 5, C. King 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. Also a compliment to Mr. C. Ward on completing 50 years of ringing.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor, D. Jackson 1, Rosalind Gilbert 2, E. A. Gilbert 3, F. J. Dadson 4, L. Gilbert 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by an all-local band since before the war.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Christine Birks 1, Linda Cozier 2, T. Smith 3, P. Lucas 4, L. Porter (cond.) 5, J. Sear 6. Half-muffled.

OXFORD.—At New College, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Judith H. Harvey 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, Shirley Jones 3, N. C. V. Pollock 4, S. F. Royal 5, L. J. Haines 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, R. H. Johnston 8. By O.U.S.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Walker 1, Carol Stacey 2, K. Sansom 3, Sally Stacey 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Half-muffled.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, Mrs. S. Wills 4, W. Willans 5, P. M. Wills 6, A. F. W. Burbidge 7, W. F. J. Cope 8. Half-muffled.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss J. L. Quaife 1, T. R. Taylor 2, G. J. Gammon 3, W. Willans 4, A. F. Howard (25th quarter of P.B., cond.) 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, A. E. Hoodless 7.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—1,344 Pl. Bob Major: A. King 1, Miss R. Willey 2, Mrs. J. Bull 3, H. Hanson 4, E. Buxton 5, A. Haines 6. B. Bull 7, D. Stainsby (cond.) 8. Half-muffled.

REDHILL, SURREY. — 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mary Dallison (first Major) 1, G. A. West (cond.) 2, M. S Dallison 3, I. Goacher 4, D. Atfield 5, H. Comber 6, K. Dallison 7, A. Streeter 8.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (on front six): J. D. Hibbert 1, Mrs. A. E. Bartholomew (first Doubles "inside") 2, Miss M. A. Sears (first Doubles "inside") 3, R. E. J. Bunker (first in method) 4, D. M. Hibbert (first as cond.) 5, J. R. Lloyd 6. Half-muffled.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At the Church of St. Chad, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: J. Brierley (first in method) 1, Mrs. J. Butterworth 2, J. Meadowcroft 3, Miss G. Broadley 4, C. Thompson (first Major) 5, B. M. Boardman 6 M. D. Fishwick 7, D. Butterworth (cond.) 8. Half-muffled.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK. — 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Adrienne Evans 1, N. Rogers 2, Wendy Ellis 3, A Ellis (cond.) 4, J. Rampley 5, M. Baldry 6 Half-muffled. Also as a tribute to Mr. H. E. Parsley, grandfather of the Ellis children, who died earlier this day.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—1,260 P.B. Minor (on front six): M. F. Stallard 1, I. S. Walker 2, D. Presscot 3, I. P. Sawford 4 C. D. Corby 5, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. B. Dobbie 1, G. Kenward 2, Wendy R. Austin 3, F. J. Dadson (first Triples) 4, J. Clarke 5, L. Mitchell 6, B. Jemmett (cond.) 7, G. Wood 8. Half-muffled

STEVENAGE, HERTS. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, P. Rumley 3, W. Lawrence (cond.) 4, D. Taplin 5, R. Kirkpatrick 6. Half-muffled.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Penny Booth (first quarter) 1, E. Hazel (first quarter) 2, A. E. Mimack 3, S. Harris 4, R. Stillwell 5, C. R. Hitchman 6, M. Haigh (cond.) 7, J. Wood (first quarter) 8.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Ann McFenton 1, Elizabeth A. Way 2, Gillian B. Armstrong (first as cond.) 3, Marilyn E. Evans 4, J. T. Williams 5, Rosemary F. Trew 6, P. F. J. Lewis 7, J. L. Thomas 8. First quarter 1, 2, 6 and 7. Half-muffled.

SYSTON, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Cooper (first quarter) 1, Doreen I. Payne 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, H. M. Payne 4, C. J. Holland (first Triples) 5, H. Poyner 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, J. Rickaby (first Triples) 8. Also in memoriam John A. Payne, a former ringer of this tower and uncle of the ringers of 3, 4 and 7. Half-muffled.

TODMORDEN, W. YORKS. — At Cross Stone, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Boycott (first quarter) 1, P. J. Halstead (first quarter) 2, B. J. Owen 3, G. Cheetham 4, D. C. H. Owen 5, J. Kershaw (cond.) 6.

TRING, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Theresa Wright 1, R. G. Ouston 2, S. J. Crawley 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett (first as cond. in method) 4, H. W. Clark 5, R. M. F. Preston 6, H. Collings 7, F. C. Byrne 8. First in method 1, 3 and 5. Half-muffled.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, SOM.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joanne F. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, Kay Whittaker 3, Shirley A. Cox 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. L. Coles 6, I. P. Cox 7, M. J. Hawkins 8. Also in memoriam Ernest L. Cox, grandfather of the ringers of 4 and 7

UPPER WESTON, Bath, SOM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): M. E. Wiltshire 1, A. Swatton 2, H. J. Coombs 3, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 4, A. J. Coombs 5, N. V. Wiltshire 6, G. Pothecary 7, M. G. Messer 8. Half-muffled

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—1,253 Stedman Caters: Mrs. M. Slater 1, C. G. Wright 2, D. Wright 3, A. Faulkner 4, C. Hughes 5, J. S. N. Porter 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, D. Hewitt 8 J. Slater 9, M. Hollis 10.

WATFORD, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Jill Laud 1, W. J. Arnold 2, W. G. Paul 3, P. E. Pratt 4, S Laud 5, M. Eastman 6, A. R. Ling 7, R. D. Bell 8, R. G. Bell 9, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 10. Half-muffled.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,299 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Murray 1, Christine Baldock 2, J. Bray (first quarter) 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, L. Tapp 6. Half-muffled.

LONG LENGTHS

NORTH FERRIBY, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 30th, 2,160 Surprise Minor: Miss D. Holman 1, Miss E. Foster 2, G. A. Dawson 3, A. Slade 4, A. Bridges 5, M. Maughan (cond.) 6.

WEST MONKTON, SOM.—On Oct. 30th, a long length of 1,680 Doubles (14 meth./var.): M. R. Arscott 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, K. E. Beale (cond.) 4, R. F. Arscott 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

DATE TOUCH

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,968 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Little Bob): Susan E. M. Davis 1, H. J. Payne 2, P. A. Butler 3, D. H. Stone 4, J. D. Cheesman 5, R. Weeks (cond.) 6. First date touch by all the band. Rung for the Southampton University Guild.

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Lucy Smith 1, Penny Sedgwick 2, J. Dolman 3, Margaret Bone 4, F. Bone 5, L. Monk 6, C. T. Collins (first as cond.) 7, J. B. Webb 8. First "inside" 4 and 5.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: A. H. Smith 1, Christine M. Harbott (first Superlative) 2, Felicity S. Hamilton (first Superlative) 3, Jill M. May 4, A. J. Smith 5, T. Skilton (first Superlative) 6, D. A. R. May 7, A. P. Cannon 8. All members of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild.

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, GLOS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cotton 1, R. Perks 2, R. Hickmott 3, R. Harris 4, J. Attwood 5, B. Clements 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ralph Pratt, an old Ashton ringer, who was buried on the same day

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 14th, 1,320 Kent T.B.: R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 2, H. D. Lister (cond.) 3, K. W. Whittell 4, J. J. Prentice 5, E. J Lockwood 6. Half-muffled as a last token of respect to Alfred John Peters, one-time ringer in this tower, interred this day.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. Queen (first quarter) 1, D. Cooper 2, J. Arkwell 3, A. Ashby 4, C. Heeley (first Treble Bob) 5, M. Phipps (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. G. E. Bence.

BATTLE SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion Luckhurst 1, Ann Harris 2, D. J. Winchester 3, B. R. Forster 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, I. S. Holland 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Reginald West Fovargue, former warden of St. Mary's Church, following his funeral earlier in the day.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Lintott 1, Gillian Read 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, G. Nokes 4, D. M. Hughes 5, D. Fox 6. Rung after the marriage of Susanna Barcau to James Swainston.

BRISTOL.—On Oct. 20th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katharina Newman 1, Enid Hammond 2, Lydia M. Barnett 3, Mandi McCallion 4, P. N. Murgatroyd 5, M. G. R. Zobel 6, A. J. Cox (cond.) 7, M. J. Platt 8. By U.B.S.C.R.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob: Romira Worrill 1, Elizabeth Pouncey 2, I. Newell 3, A. N. Brock 4, M. J. Platt (cond.) 5, B. McBurnie 6. By U.B.S.C.R.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Nov. 7th, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jenny Field 1, Merryn Hutchings 2, D. Barton 3, R. Dyckhoff 4, R. A. G. Inglis 5, R. L. Underwood 6, E. N. Thomas 7, R. H. Youdale 8.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Chandler 1, Felicity Mussell (first as cond.) 2, Jane Seaman 3, C. Lane (first quarter) 4, D. C. Manger 5, C. C. Rowe 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to C. Lane who is leaving the district.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Oct. 18th, 1,296 Spliced Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. C. Wadman 1, R. G. Beck 2, G. Salmon 3, A. P. Beck 4, D. Mackay 5, P. H. D. Jones 6, E. Naylor (cond.) 7, E. Chivers 8.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. M. Paternoster 1, Miss A. Bradbury 2, M. L. S. Bullett 3, J. R. Whitham 4, P. Cuckson (cond.) 5, E. J. Paternoster 6. First in more than one method for 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Harvest Festival.

CHIPSTABLE, SOM.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Quicke (cond.) 1, G. Maidment 2, V. Gunter 3, H. Purchase 4, F. Casley 5, H. Young 6. For Confirmation service.

ELING, HANTS.—On Nov 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan J. Hartless 1, Ann Buchanan 2, J. Hartless (cond.) 3, W. Buchanan 4, G. M. Hartless (first "inside") 5, R. Buchanan 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GROTON, MASS., U.S.A.—At Groton School, on Nov. 15th 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. J. S. Cheever 1, A. G. K. Solbert 2, G. M. Johnson 3, S. B. Prudden 4, J. R. Chandler (first Bob Triples) 5, P. L. Chandler (first as cond.) 6, F. E. Ulen 7, R. S. Young 8. Rung in memory of Paul L. Abry, friend and chaplain to the Groton ringers, who died last August

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Gilks 1, Mary Wells 2, R. Blond 3, G. Bishop 4, H. Wells 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. For united service. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Wells 1, Mary Wells 2, D. Jordan 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, H. Wells 5, W. Gilks 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, Mary White 3, K. Sansom 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, A. Betsworth 8. First in method for all the band. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Tipper.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Nov 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Parsons 1, A. R. Kench (cond.) 2, R. W. Hazell 3, Judy Edwards 4, M. A. Jackson 5, S. J. Crawley 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. Hartt (first in five methods) 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, D. Miseldine 6. For evening service.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Horton (cond.) 1, G. P. Horton 2, G. F. Gardiner 3, K. Gatman 4, R. H. Sharp 5, R. H. Jordan 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Fulwell 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, Mrs. H. W. Rogers 4, J. Walters 5, C. J. Venn 6, A. M. Stacey 7, C. H. Rogers 8, H. W. Rogers 9, P. S. Venn 10. Rung before the Uxbridge Deanery Choir Festival, at which 200 choristers sang.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. K. A. Cook 1, J. R. Hough 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, R. Redwood 4, T. R. Garrett 5, H. S Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers after the funeral of Mr. W. H. Clayton, churchwarden for 48 years.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Oct. 20th, 1,325 Stedman Cinques: Joyce A. Parsons 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, Jill R. Parsons 3, R. F. Overington 4, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 5, W. T. Cook 6, D. E. Parsons 7, J. W. Stephenson 8, M. V. Chilcott 9, Js. Phillips 10, A. R. Patterson 11, Jn. Phillips 12. For Evensong.

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MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Barbara Beeson 1, Margaret Aslett 2, M. Lawrence 3, R. Turner (cond.) 4, M. Scowen 5, D. Roaf 6, A. Bolton 7, H. Rossell 8. All the ringers except the tenor man learned to ring in England, and he spent two years there polishing up his ringing.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Caroline Embleton (first quarter) 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford 3, Joan Exeter 4, P. D. J Beal (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. Rung on Bellringers' Sunday for the christening of Miss Mira Ford (third ringer) Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Joan Exeter 6.

MUCH WOOLTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. Hatfield 1, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 2, Miss P. A. Jenkins 3, H. L. Hatfield 4, J. H Wilton 5, D. Bennett 6, G. K. Austin 7. A. J. Macefield 8.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. Willis 1, W. Neath 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, C. Kortwright 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On July 15th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Pashley 1, Mrs. A. Smart 2, R. Pashley 3, A. Flood 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, P. Smart 6. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Holmes (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Anthoney 2, R. Pashley 3, I. Taylor 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, P. Feast 6. First in method 2 and 6. For Confirmation service.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. F. Griffiths 1, Gillian M. Griffiths 2, M. G. Williamson (first quarter) 3, M. Gaskell (first of Minor) 4, J. A. Roden 5, C. Griffiths (first as cond. in the method) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagemem between Mr. G. F. Griffiths (ringer of 1) and Miss Patricia M. Cartwright, of Wollaston, nr. Stourbridge.

POTTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Down (first treble) 1, Alison Mager 2, Karen Baker 3, D. Brain 4, D. Carr 5, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 6

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. Whiting 1, A. Armstrong 2, W. Mawby 3, R. G. Warren (first as cond.) 4, O. G. Warren 5, E. Edmunds 6. By the Sunday service band to celebrate the conductor's 21st birthday.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): Miss M. Garden (first quarter) 1, I. Whorlow 2, Miss J. Whorlew 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, G. Firman 5, R. Holebrook 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. For Evensong.

TRING, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Theresa Wright (first Minor) 1, C. J. Badrick 2, Elizabeth M. Emmett 3, R. G. Ouston 4, R. E. Gerhardi 5, H. Collings (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita B. Preston (first quarter) 1, H. W. Clark 2, Elizabeth M. Emmett 3, R. M. F. Preston (first "inside") 4, R. G. Ouston 5, H. Collings (cond.) 6.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. F. Packham 1, J. R. Norris 2, H. W. Brown 3, C. R. Longhurst 4, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of George A. Packham, who died on November 7th, 1968, and in thanksgiving for his faithful service as a ringer at this church for 53 years.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, Glynis Perry 2, R. J. Chapman 3, M. C. Austin 4, E. T. Lee 5, D. Hawkins 6, R. Durrant 7, J. E. Murfitt 8, D. G. Yeo 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, J. Brain 11, H. L. F. Derrick 12. First Stedman Cinques 2, 8 and 10. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Gamble 1, T. Coles 2, D. Wright 3, E. Holman 4, K. Warner 5, C. Wright (cond.) 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,380 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss S. Lane (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. D. Smith 2, N. Carter 3, D. D. Smith 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. For Evensong.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 April Day Bob Doubles: Gillian Eldridge 1, Jane Mason 2, J. M. Swift 3, Susan Harrison 4, A. Baldock (cond., 25th on this bell) 5, Jane Woodward 6. First in method by all except conductor, Rung prior to musical recital.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Rutland, Yorkshire and Cambridge): S. A. Reed 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, A. D. Flood 3, A. D. Elsmore 4, R. S. Bradley 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, T. Page 7, M. J. Church (first spliced as cond.) 8. First spliced 3, 4 and 5.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

CRIBLEY.—To Jacqui and Ted, a daughter, Clare Siobhan, born November 17th, 1968. 6071

ENGAGEMENT

ROBINSON—ROPER. — The engagement is announced between Michael Robinson, of Worcester, and Leona Roper, of Goostrey, Cheshire. 6061

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HAWKINS.—Margaret has now moved to 6, Cotham Park, Bristol, BS6 6BU. Telephone Bristol 48628. 6074

KIPPIN.—Chris and Heather now live at 23, West Shrubbery, Redland, Bristol, BS6 6TA. 6048

LAKIN.—The address of J. M. Lakin is now 19, Lon Werdd, St. Fagan's Court, Cardiff, CF5 4SS. Tel. Wenvoe 873. 6054

PERSONAL

"He that loveth silver shall not be satisfield with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity." — Ecclesiastes v, 10.

ALLIANCE MAJOR METHODS. — Information wanted regarding Alliance Major methods. Can anyone supply me with names and place notations or details of peals rung? Are there any publications covering this field.—D. G. Lawton, 44, Crawford Avenue, Leyland, Lancs. 6050

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of change ringing handbells. —Mrs. M. K. Anderson, High School for Boys, Kingsham Road, Chichester, Sussex. 6076

PUBLICATIONS

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OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE WILL BE ON DECEMBER 13th

Christmas and New Year Greetings to be included in this issue should be received not later than Friday, Dec. 6th.

PUBLICATION DATES

Issue of December 20th: Last time for Notices, Friday, December 13th.

Issue of December 27th: Last time for Notices: Thursday, December 19th.

Advance Notice.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

41st annual dinner on Friday, February 28th, 1969, at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford. Full details later. 6058

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

AMERSHAM, BUCKS. — Until further notice, practice nights will be on Wednesdays, 8–9. All ringers will be welcome. Any correspondence to be sent to the tower secretary, Mr. D. K. Whitlock, 18, Valley View, Chesham, Bucks. 6051

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. —Annual Dinner. December 7th. Tickets (21s.) and ringing arrangements from S. J. Gullick, Lake Hall, The Vale, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15. Last date for tickets December 3rd. 6001

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS

The Annual Dinner will be held on January 25th, 1969, at the Amos Court Hotel, Brislington. Please note change of venue. 6082

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual general meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after meeting until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, Warrington, Lancs (Tel. No. WA 61793). No name, no tea.—M. Thomson, Branch Sec. 6055

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at Cranford (6), November 30th, 3.30–5 p.m. Bedfont (6) available 6.30–8 p.m. Cups of tea available at 5.30 at Bedfont at a nominal charge but please bring own food. Short business meeting to follow tea. 6059

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (8) at 3.30. 6052

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, November 30th, 6.30 to 9. **This is instead of the proposed District meeting.** — I. R. Panton, Dis Sec. 6013

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Hertford (8), Saturday, November 30th, 3 to 4.30 p.m.; All Saints', 10, 6 to 8.30 p.m. Regret tea under own arrangements.—Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 5999

ST. ANDREW'S. STRATTON, CORNWALL. —Annual Ringing Festival on Saturday, November 30th. All local towers open. Everyone welcome. Numbers for tea to H. Stacey, Stratton. Phone: Bude 2911. 6012

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Annual meeting, Beaminster, Saturday, November 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 6027

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting at Derby, Saturday, November 30th, St. Peter's, 3–4.30; The Cathedral 6–8.30. Tea and business meeting 4.45 at St. Peter's Parochial Room. Names for tea to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. (Tel. 233506.) 6026

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Debenham (8), November 30th, 5.30–8 p.m. 6024

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon on Monday, December 2nd, at 7.45 p.m. —M. J. Palmer. 5982

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, December 2nd, at 7 p.m. 6081

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on December 3rd, at 8.15 p.m. (Election of officers.) Practices: Dec. 3rd, St. Michael's, Cornhill; Dec. 10th, St. Paul's Cathedral; Dec. 17th, St. Lawrence Jewry; Dec. 24th, NO PRACTICE.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 6066

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting, Eynsham (6), Wednesday, December 4th. — E. P. Venn, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch. — Annual general meeting at Wrington (10), Saturday, December 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. W. Kingcott, The Garage, Wrington, by December 5th.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5985

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual general meeting at Dunster (8 bells) on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea for those notifying Secretary by December 3rd. and business meeting to follow.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 6016

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual general meeting, St. Michael's, East Coker (8, 12 cwt.), December 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr. F. Foot, Verandah Cottage, East Coker (Tel. West Coker 295) by Monday previous.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 5993

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Odell, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 8.30. Committee meeting 7.30.—C. M. Payne. 6047

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting. Cleator Moor, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by Dec. 3rd. 6072

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Fenham on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Harrison, 18, Hartburn Place, Newcastle 4. 6075

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in evening until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Minor and Wilburton Alliance. 5972

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual General Meeting, St. Ambrose's (8), December 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. Further ringing afterwards. Names for tea to F R. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol. 5, by November 30th. 6067

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual General Meeting, Bibury (6), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Day, 33, The Square, Bibury, by Dec. 5th.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec. 6068

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Annual general meeting at Mangotsfield (8), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. C. Beakes, 2, South View, Staple Hill, Bristol, by Wednesday, December 4th, **most essential please.**—R. H. D. 6046

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Evening meeting, St. Ippolyts (6) on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Eastchurch (6), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to N. Chesson. 19, Church Road, Eastchurch, Sheppey, by previous Wednesday. Special method: London.—T. Barton. 6032

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn and Rossendale Branches.—Joint meeting at Haslingden (8) on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea in School 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. — Brian Tomlinson and Harold Parkinson, Hon. Secs. 6023

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Standish, Saturday, December 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Grounds, 25, Bradley Lane, Standish.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 6025

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Meeting at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on December 7th. Bells (12) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Names, please, to Mrs. J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby, Leicester (Tel. Narborough 3732) by Wednesday, December 4th. — Ron. Hughes. 6020

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Leverton (6) on December 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Lakin, 10, Lacey Lane, Leverton, Boston, Lincs, by December 2nd 6022

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Gt. Yarmouth on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea/business meeting in St. James' Hall at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Spandler, 10, Seafield Close, Great Yarmouth (Tel. 2925) by previous Wednesday certain, please.—N. C., Branch Sec. 5997

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — Practice meeting, Canford Magna, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) available 7–9 p.m.—J. A. Robertson, Hon. Sec. 6049

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Anston (8) on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing 3 p.m.–5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Cups of tea only: please bring own sandwiches.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Bulwell on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Naylor, 105, Cantrell Road, Bulwell, Nottingham, NG6 9HJ. by the previous Wednesday. 6042

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral and St. George-in-the-Borough 3–4.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth 6.30–8; St. Margaret's, Westminster 6.30–8.30. Tea in the Chapter House, St. Thomas Street, 5 p.m. — D. E. Sibson, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 6080

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts. — Meeting on December 7th. North Wheatley 3 to 4.30; Sturton-le-Steeple 6.45 onwards. Names for tea to The Plough, North Wheatley, Retford, by Wednesday, 4th. 6093

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Tooting Graveney on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) 3.30. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6, followed by evening ringing. Names for tea to Kenneth Black, 88, Topsham Road, Tooting, S.W.17, or telephoned to me 01-654 4915 by previous Wednesday.—E. Godfrey,. Hon. Sec. 6060

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, Slaugham (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5. Carol Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. H. Burton, 16, Horsham Road, Pease Pottage, Crawley, Sussex, by Dec. 4th. —Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 6068

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Sketty, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, SA5 8 EL, by November 30th. 6017

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow in Parish Room, Blakefield Walk, St. John's, at 5.30 p.m. Bells also available in the evening from 7 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Tuesday, December 3rd.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 6063

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, December 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent, by December 12th. 6053

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting at Chesterfield (10), Saturday, December 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea to Miss M. Yarnold, Dale Bank, 56, Cobden Road, Chesterfield (Tel. Chest. 3918) without fail, please. —Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 6062

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Dorking, Saturday, December 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by Wednesday, 11th. 6065

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting, Selling, on December 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Epps, Downwell House, Selling, Kent, not later than December 11th.—J. B. K. 5995

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Wymondham Abbey, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham, Norfolk, by the 11th, please.—C. B.. Hon. Sec. 5976

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, on December 14th. Bells (8) 3–5 p.m. Halifax Parish Church (12) after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Fielden, 18, Chester Road, Ackroyden, Halifax, by previous Thursday.— A. B. Sullivan, Dis. Sec. 6079

LATE NOTICES

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Kineton on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Radway 2–2.45 and Burton Dassett 3–3.45 will also be open. Business includes election of new District secretary.—R. W. S. 6091

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Birmingham, Dec. 7, 9.45–10.45, All Saints', West Bromwich: 11–12, St. Mary's, Handsworth: 12.30–1.30, SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston: 2.15–3.15, St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston: 3.30–4.30, St. Mary's, Selly Oak; 4.30–5.30, St. Peter's, Harborne. 6088

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Burton, Barn Cottage, Bagnall Road, Light Oaks, Stoke-on-Trent ST2 7LW, by Wednesday, December 4th.—R. J. Barnard, Hon. Sec. 6089

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Stony Stratford, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30. Names for tea to B. R. Eglesfield, Hon. Sec., 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks, by Wednesday previous. 6090

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at St. Edmund's, Northampton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Giles' bells 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 6084

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Breamore, Saturday, December 7th. Bells (4) from 3 p.m. Tea in Hulse Hall, Breamore, 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Fordingbridge bells (8) 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. N. Dymott, Round Hill Farm Cottages, Whitsbury, Fordingbridge, Hants (Tel. Breamore 343) by Thursday, December 5th.—Gilian W. Davis, Acting Hon. Sec. 6092

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Brighouse (8) on Saturday, December 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Plain Bob and D.N.C.B. All welcome, especially learners. — Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6085

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—**Members remember** the date for the annual District meeting at Henley (8), Saturday, December 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Village Hall. Ringing in the evening 7.30–8.30. All welcome. All wishing for tea, please book.—Mrs. H. Egglestone, Eggles Place, 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Suffolk, **by Wednesday, December 11th.**—W. L., Dis. Sec. 6087

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and dinner will be held on Saturday, January 4th, at the Windsor Hotel, Lancaster Gate, W.2. Tickets at 31s. 6d. reduced to 27s. 6d for undergraduates, now available. Ringing arrangements will be sent to those attending the dinner. Nominations for officers of the Association, to be elected at the meeting, may now be sent to the secretary, M. Melville, Rushmoor School, Shakespeare Road, Bedford 5066

QUARTER PEALS

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND. — At the Cathedral, on Nov. 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. T. Bennett 1, C. H. Ward 2, P. J. Perry 3, D. Richards 4, N. F. E. Reeve (first Surprise) 5, R. J. Johnston 6. Rung for "Show Day".

DOWNE, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. C. Kift 1, Val Hayward 2, Julia Collinge 3, K. Burgess 4, A. H. Long 5, R. A. Grant (cond.) 6. Rung following the wedding of Louise Rosemary Bennett and Russell Hone.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS. — On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, A. W Davis 2, L. F. Cox 3, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 4, B. M. Wheeler 5, J. W. T. Hibbert 6, J. H. Napper 7, H. R. Wells 8.

THE MIDLAND – FIRST BANK TO RING A PEAL



Two of the Big Five Banks have made ringing news by having gatherings of bellringers on their staff. Barclays set the example and then the Midland rang in six towers in London on June 14th. Now the Midland have secured the palm by ringing the first peal by a Bank staff.

This took place at St. Andrew's Church, Shilton, Warwickshire, when a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor was scored on October 27th on the light six which has a tenor of nearly 7 cwt. The day was wet and miserable, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the band. After a slow start they settled down to a good rhythm and the seventh extent was completed in two hours and 20 minntes.

It was a good peal bearing in mind the length of the experience of some of the band. Geraldine Mitchell had a long journey from Gloucester before the attempt but rang very well for her first peal and deserves special praise. There were also three firsts of Minor in the band.

Above we give a picture of Midland Bank ringers in London, taken last June. Those taking part in the peal are marked by an asterisk :—

Miss G. Armstrong (Swansea), F. C. A. Bennett (Managerial Relief Staff), *Miss G. Mitchell (Gloucester), C. F. Loke (Leighton Buzzard), *Colin H. Cook (Croydon), Mrs. S. Cook, *Richard J. Danby, the conductor (Coventry), Miss A. Lawrenson (Newbury), *David Wight (Chesham), *Maurice C. Hughes (Birmingham), *Colin D. Baugh (Birmingham).

OBITUARY

MR. D. W. C. CHANT

It was with great regret that I learned of the sudden death on November 7th of my old friend Charlie Chant, of Sturminster Marshall. With myself he was one of the founder members of the new band formed at Buckland Newton in 1931; during the vicariate of my father he remained a loyal member until the band disintegrated in 1936 following the death of my father.

Although of recent years ill-health had greatly restricted his ringing, in his younger days Charlie had a fine physique and he could usually be found on the "back" end. Charlie always believed in punctuality and loyalty and he would never intentionally let down his fellow ringers. When he knew that he would be away on a Sunday he would scour the district to find an outsider who would take his place in the tower. Charlie also had a keen sense of humour and was always ready for a bit of clean fun, and in all the years that I knew him he was never bad-tempered.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the wife, son and daughter whom he leaves behind. May he rest in peace.

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

MR. JAMES MUSTOE

Northleach Parish Church, Glos, has lost a loyal tower member by the death of Mr. James Mustoe on October 5th. Although not a great peal ringer, he was a faithful Sunday service ringer when health allowed.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On a cold but fine day the monthly meeting of the Chesterfield District, held at Clowne on November 9th, attracted visitors from Loughborough and Warsop in addition to representatives of no fewer than ten of the District's 16 affiliated towers.

Under the supervision of the District Ringing Master, Mr. G. Newman, the very pleasant 7 cwt. six were put to good use during the afternoon to a wide variety of methods until 5 p.m., when a break was made for tea in the welcome warmth of the Church Hall.

After tea, excellently prepared by the wives and friends of the local ringers, the company of some 30 members and friends were welcomed to Clowne by the District chairman, Mr. J. Arkwell, who in his opening remarks particularly mentioned the large number of young ringers present.

Following the election of David Charlesworth and Christopher Edge (North Wingfield) and Barbara Jenkinson (Clowne) as new members, a short report was given of the recent District Hallowe'en party, which was attended by almost 80 ringers and friends and raised a further £12 towards the £1,000 the Association has promised for the extensions to Derby Cathedral.

At the end of a somewhat lengthy discussion on the merits of some proposed special practices in both advanced and elementary methods, the meeting was concluded by Mr. H. T. Rooke (Warsop) proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, the Rev. W. S. Willcox, the local company and ladies, after which further ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m.

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36th Snowdon Dinner at Bradford

THE annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association was held on October 19th at the Victoria Hotel, Bradford, where the excellent meal was enjoyed by 93 members, their guests and friends. Mr. Vernon Bottomley, president of the Association was in the chair and, after the loyal toast, the cigars, cigarettes and pipes were lit and the company settled down to the speeches, which this year were notable for their brevity.

"The Church and State" was proposed by Dr. T. David Spencer, the Association's peal secretary. He based his words on the first chapter of Wilfrid G. Wilson's book "Change Ringing" and spoke of the uses to which bells had been put through the ages. It had always been customary for the bells to ring out at times of national rejoicing, on great State occasions and to commemorate famous victories but, he said, they had not always been instruments of the Church, although housed in the churches. At one time their use as a means of calling the faithful to worship was forbidden and they were only rung by the ringers as a sporting pursuit. Happily, those days were past and the bells now rang out proclaiming the message of the Church.

The reply was given by the Provost of Bradford, the Very Rev. W. H. Alan Cooper, who said how honoured he felt at being invited to the Association's dinner and pleased to have the opportunity of replying to the toast. He thanked Dr. Spencer for proposing the toast and the company present for the way they had received it. He did not feel adequate to reply for the State, his only connection being that he had been appointed to his present office by it and, like everyone else, he had to buy an insurance stamp each week, but he could reply for the Church, and he thanked the ringers for the work they did. Next year would see the beginning of the golden jubilee year of the Bradford Diocese and he wanted the Association to take part in the celebrations by holding a meeting and ringing peals at the Cathedral.

The main toast of the evening, that to "The Late Jasper Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association," was proposed by the president of the Central Council, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, in his usual inimitable style, which will be well known to many members. He referred to the work of Jasper Snowdon and his brother, William, and the traditions which succeeding generations of officers had maintained. The Exercise owed much to Jasper Snowdon for his text books and, in particular, "Ropesight" was a lasting memorial to his name.

As is the custom, the toast was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, rung by J. H. Fielden 1–2, M. J. Thurmott 3–4, W. F. Moreton 5–6, W. Barton 7–8, F. A. Munday 9–10.

Mr. Maurice J. Thurmott, who proposed the toast of "The Guests and Visitors," welcomed the Provost and Canon Thurlow, together with the visitors, and said how pleased the members were to have them at the dinner. This was the 36th Snowdon Dinner, which throughout the years had been held in eight different counties and this was the fourth occasion at which the president of the Central Council had been the principal guest.

Before the reply, the handbells were again brought into use and three courses of Grandsire Surprise—or was it Spliced Grandsire, Grandsire and Grandsire!—was rung to the amusement of the company.

The Rev. Frazer Williams, curate at St. James', Bradford (Bolton), replied to Mr. Thurmott's toast, thanked him for his welcome and said how much he had enjoyed the evening. He referred to the bells as the messengers of the Church and concluded appropriately by quoting from John Betjeman's Poems in the Porch: "Those Blasted Bells."

The formal proceedings were over, but two hours later small groups of ringers and their friends were still to be seen in the hotel and, as is usually the case, talking shop. It was generally agreed that the dinner had been a most happy and successful occasion.

During the day the bells at ten churches in the district had been available for ringing, the final tower before the dinner being Bradford Cathedral, where the excellent ten were put to good use.

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MIDDLEWICH TO LLANGOLLEN BY NARROW BOAT

ON Saturday, September 28th, eight ringers from Nottinghamshire set out to spend one week on a narrow boat on the canals and inland waterways of England and Wales.

The party was made up as follows: Iris (Warsop), Jane (Laxton), Linda (Worksop). Thelma (Kirkby-in-Ashfield), Brian (Sutton-cum-Lound), David and John (Laxton) and "Nobby" John (Retford).

On arrival at the British Waterways Board Middlewich Depot—no boat! It had been abandoned the previous night about two miles up the cut and the staff were unable to locate and retrieve it until after we arrived. Despite a very delayed start we were able to make up for lost time and spent Saturday night moored at Barbridge Junction.

On Sunday afternoon we arrived at Whitchurch, where "Nobby" John, dressed in a pakamac (ballerina-length), Wellingtons and shorts, inquired of a cleric walking along the towpath with his wife, daughter and dog, "Are you the Vicar of Whitchurch? What time is the service, and could we please ring on your bells?" We are not quite sure whether he was relieved or not that we were not "of his flock," as he was the Methodist minister.

After something which, to the girls, resembled a route march we arrived at St. Alkmund's, Whitchurch, in time to hear the bells being lowered, but the local ringers very kindly gave their permission for us to ring after the service. After ringing we retired to the Vic, where we were joined by local non-ringing friends, who kindly took us back to the boat.

On Monday afternoon, Linda, a ringer from Retford, and Helen, her friend, who are studying to become physiotherapists, joined us at Newmarton Locks and remained with us until Tuesday morning. We arrived at Llangollen that evening and by the time we had all washed and changed the bells were ringing. The local ringers made us most welcome and concluded the practice by inviting "the visitors" to lower the bells in peal.

On Tuesday evening we travelled by more conventional means and Brian astonished the bus conductor by asking for "Eight to Ruabon, please"—the ticket would have made a good streamer for any party! Unfortunately, we were too late to take part in the normal ringing but the captain allowed us to ring afterwards. On the return journey we were classed at "Nutcases"—Brian was practising his Welsh and others were ringing Plain Bob thumbs on knees, so this was not really surprising. Apologies to the Llangollen lady ringer who happened to be travelling on the bus.

On Wednesday afternoon we arrived at Trevor and moored near the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, which was first opened to traffic in 1805. Shortly after our arrival we were taken on a conducted tour of the Aqueduct by an elderly gentleman who informed us that his great-grandfather had worked on its construction for wages of a penny an hour.

On Thursday we moored at Whitchurch and on Friday arrived back at the base in Middlewich. Fortunately no one had a ducking during the holiday, although John wet his shoes and Iris received a prize set of bruises.

Very grateful thanks are expressed to all clergy who kindly let us ring their bells and to the local ringers for making us so welcome. We will reciprocate given the opportunity.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Nicolas of Myra, Brighton

By A. VICTOR SHEPPARD

IN the absence of any vestry minutes prior to 1790 we are at a loss for knowledge of our earliest bells. Although the historian Erredge records that Joshua Kipling recast the great bell, at parish expense, in 1736, we do not know how many bells there were in the tower at that time. When Thomas Rudhall cast a ring of eight for us in 1777 it is very likely that he used the metal of the earlier bells. These were the years when Charles Rudhall, brother of the founder, was in business in Brighton as an ironmonger and brazier; doubtless he was also acting as the foundry's agent in Sussex and soon he was to become a churchwarden of St. Nicolas'. So it is not surprising that some later writers were confused into thinking that these bells were cast by Rudhall in Brighton.

They were of course the first ring in the town, owing their existence not only to the booming prosperity of the fashionable holiday resort, but also to the spread of ringing knowledge and the presence of able practitioners. The first peal, rung on the last day of 1777, was Grandsire Triples, and the fourth, a couple of years later, was a notable 11,088 of Bob Major; the peal board for which is now our most prized possession. These first four peals were, in fact, all rung by the Cumberland Youths.

VESTRIES IN PUBS

Writing from "The New Ship Inn" in 1790, Churchwarden Rudhall resolved "that Mr. Palmer do repair the treble," and it is through this custom of holding vestry meetings at a different pub each month that we have learned the names of no less than forty-six of the taverns in late eighteenth century Brighton. One of these, The Hen and Chickens, was owned by John Pocock in 1797. He was a bellringer and for forty years parish clerk, so understandably his upper room came to be the headquarters of the Brighton Society of Change Ringers. The walls were hung with peal boards brought down from the belfry and added to over the years. On one of them, dated 1816, one man is simply named "Gentleman Volunteer"; he was in fact a well-known Quaker who did not like his name to appear publicly in this connection. This man, Edward Martin, a tailor, was passionately fond of ringing and regularly attended practice with his workman Jones. On these evenings, as soon as the worthy Quaker heard the first bell, he would call up to the workshop, "The child's a crying, Jones," and master and man at once set off for the belfry. The Hen and Chickens, no longer a pub, still stands in King Street.

In 1815 the troublesome treble was recast at Whitechapel and three years later the churchwardens note "the present ringers have two bells in their possession purchased at sixpence halfpenny per pound, which they now offer at cost price . . . resolved to recast and rehang them at the expense of the parish." Thus through the efforts of its own ringers St. Nicolas' became the first ten bell tower in Sussex and later that year (1819) rang the first peal on them (Grandsire Caters).

No account of Brighton can neglect the story of the Prince Regent and the exotic home he built in the Royal Pavilion. His eventual accession to the throne in 1820, and his coronation as King George IV in 1821, were both marked by peals in the parish church. However, the addition of those two trebles by T. Mears had not been a happy splice, only two peals had been rung on them, and with the opening of St. Peter's in 1828 they were removed thither to chime the clock quarters. From 1833 a silence of fifty years descended on the old mediaeval church.

The great restoration of 1853 did not extend as far as the bells although the blocked up tower arch into the nave was re-opened. This gave the congregation an excellent view of the ringing chamber on the ground floor and was probably intentionally done in the movement towards belfry reform. For two or three decades after the rebuilding new St. Nicolas' must have been a strangely modern, austere and quiet church for the parishioners; not only were no peals being rung, but due to the architects' mistake there was no space for an organ for twenty years. It was during this quiescent period that Tyssen published "The Church Bells of Sussex," 1864, in which the eight bells are noted as: Treble, T. Mears, 1815; 2, Fear God honour the King, 1777; 3, Peace and good neighbourhood, 1777; 4 and 5, Thos. Rudhall, Gloucester, 1777; 6, 1777; 7, Recast T. Mears, 1812; tenor, 1 to church the living call and to the grave do summon all, 1777.

NEW GENERATION OF RINGERS

Brighton was now growing fast; in 1873 St. Peter's became the parish church, albeit without bells, and St. Nicolas' was designated the mother church of the town. The foundation of the Sussex Association in 1875, by a new generation of ringers, brought a great enthusiasm for peal ringing that broke the half century of silence. It had taken 120 years to reach 50 peals; the next 50 took but 13 years. The enthusiasm of these determined and loyal Victorians was such that they greeted Her Majesty's golden jubilee in 1887 with a peal at 4.37 a.m.! An important result of all this activity was the resolve to reaugment the old eight once more into a 10.

In 1892, with the Shelley legacy, two trebles were added from Whitechapel, and later that year was rung the first peal of Stedman Caters in Sussex, followed three years later by Kent Royal, another first. By now Double Norwich was in the repertoire and before the end of the century Cambridge, London and Superlative were being pealed. As may be expected with ringing of this standard, some renowned names were making their debut in the peal book: Frank Bennett, Keith Hart, George Williams and Harry Stalham to mention but a few.

By the end of the first world war it was obvious that the old bells were no longer pleasant to the ear. Not one was in tune, and all were out of tune with each other. The seventh was heavier than the eighth; all were encrusted with the sea atmosphere and much worn with the 119 peals rung on them. The wooden frame was judged beyond repair and the belfry walls and roof needed attention.

BIG RESTORATIONS

It says a great deal for the spirit of the parish and the ringers, in those lean years of 1921-22, that they resolved to go the whole hog with a decision to recast all ten and hang them in an iron frame on ball bearings, at the same time constructing a louvred lantern in the tower roof. At this stage two men, Henry Wagner and Somers Clarke, who had long family connections with St. Nicolas', offered to contribute half the cost of the work which had been estimated at £1,050. And so the order went out to Gillett and Johnston, who cast and installed a ring of ten Simpson tuned bells with an 18 cwt. tenor in E. It was with some sense of occasion that the first peal was arranged, like the first peal on the old eight back in 1777, for the last night of the year and this time Stedman Caters ushered in the new year on splendid new bells; it was 1923.

To-day, December 6th, the mother church of Brighton celebrates the festival of St. Nicolas of Myra, patron of Seamen and of Children. The old church still sits snugly on the hill, encompassed now by the fishing village that raised up these walls six centuries ago. The ancient tower, no longer a landmark and lighthouse for sailors, still looks out to the unchanging sea witnessing in its bells, and the service of its ringers, the enduring faith of the Church of God on earth.

CHESTER GUILD'S HANDBELL DAY

Members of the Chester Diocesan Guild interested in handbell ringing met at Marple on November 16th. Sixteen ringers from four Branches took part in the peals.

Two attempts for Plain Bob Maximus were scheduled for 9 a.m., one at the belfry and the other at Ashwood Crescent. Both got off to a prompt start and both were successful. Lunch of fish and chips followed, and there was time to relax a little at either Ashwood Crescent or Ridge Crescent.

Ringers were then transported to the three centres arranged for the afternoon attempts. All three attempts were under way shortly after 2 p.m. but the attempt of Plain Bob Royal at Ashwood Crescent came to grief after 1½ hours' good ringing. The other attempts, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, were both completed in the same time of 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Tea for members of the three bands was provided by Valerie Groves and May Smith before the early evening attempts took place. Three peals—Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal—were successful, giving a total of seven peals from eight attempts in the day.

At 8.30 p.m. ringers' wives and friends made for the Ring o' Bells, where a room had been reserved, together with an adequate supply of sandwiches and drinks. So ended an enjoyable but tiring day of handbell ringing which may turn out to be the forerunner of others.

R. B. S.

NEXT WEEK'S COVER PICTURE CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

COMPETITIONS WITH DEVON ASSOCIATION

By EDGAR J. COLE,
Hon. Secretary, Devon Association of Bell Ringers

THE comment by D. A. R. May in the issue of July 12th made interesting reading and I would be grateful for a little space to add the method of judging employed by our Association, many of whose hours of relaxation are taken up with competitive call-change ringing.

In the first place, a peal of eight bells has to be rung for at least 20 minutes, and one of six bells has to be rung for at least 15 minutes, including the rise and fall. To encourage novice ringers, the same eight- and six-bell peals or "sequence of changes" are used in all competitions, and are most commonly used as soon as learners are competent enough to ring in a team, so that they become conversant with the competition peal at an early stage in their training.

As to the judging itself, during the rise and fall of a peal **one** fault is given to each bell striking in its incorrect position, e.g. the Second speaking **after** the Third in round ringing would warrant **one** fault. If, in the same round, the Fourth was speaking **after** the Fifth, then the marking would be **two** faults per round. This is also the basis used for the remainder of the peal for bells striking out of order

Should any bell miss striking one round—**one** fault is given.

Should one bell strike another to almost coincide—**one** fault is given.

Should the cycle of any round be "out of rhythm"—**one-quarter** fault per bell is given.

At the end of the lowering of a peal, any part of an uncompleted round would receive **one** fault for each bell striking **or** failing to strike, whichever is the least:

e.g.: In a peal of Six bells, if four bells speak in order—**two** faults. In a peal of Eight bells—

if Five bells speak in order—give **three** faults;
if Six bells speak in order—give **two** faults;
if Seven bells speak in order—give **one** fault.

Obviously, faults are accumulated rather faster in the rise and fall of a peal, where a considerable amount of skill is required to keep the bells in correct order, and where most errors have to be penalised with a full fault, but once the rise is completed many teams only gather one-quarter faults at a time, and then often only in occasional rounds.

The team with the least number of faults is the winner of the competition, and therefore the captain has to keep one eye on the clock and endeavour to complete his fifteen or twenty minutes' ringing as near as possible but **not under** the stipulated time, as it will be appreciated that too much "excess" ringing only results in additional faults.

Many Saturday afternoons from April to October are occupied with ringing competitions throughout Devon—page 543 of the above edition of "The Ringing World" had a very good diary of the July festivals by J. G. M. S.—not everyone has the chance to take part in the ringing, but all can and do enjoy some of the finest music possible to come from our towers, especially when the more experienced teams are "on the end of the ropes." At the same time, quite a few of "would-be" judges amongst the listening audience indulge in marking a peal to see if they are as good as the experts!

What of the prizes! For the winning team, the glory of having its tower's name engraved on a shield or cup and holding it in safe keeping for twelve months, and for the first six or eight teams a certificate, numbered in order of merit, to decorate the home belfry.

ANDOVER DISTRICT COMPETES FOR TWO CUPS

FOR the eighth consecutive year the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild held its annual striking contest on November 16th, when the teams competed for two challenge cups.

A change of venue is a good thing, and this year it was held on the light six at St. Thomas', Woolton Hill, this being the fifth change of tower since the cup was handed over to the District in 1960 to be competed for by local Sunday service bands, who must be members of the Guild.

The judge, Mr. R. W. Rex, a well-known ringer and a past Ringing Master of the District, was positioned in Mr. Green's pantechnicon parked outside the church, with an oilstove to keep him warm. Ringing commenced at 2.30 under the watchful eye of Mr. G. Bevis, belfry marshal, whilst Mr. E. Dance shepherded the teams into place after they had drawn numbers for position in ringing.

Five of the teams were competing for the Andover Challenge Cup, for rounds ringers only, and these teams rang in the following order—Kingsclere B, Woolton Hill B, Upper Clatford, Highclere B and Woolton Hill A.

The other five teams followed, ringing changes, and competing for the Malcolm Aird Challenge Cup. These were Andover, Burghclere, St. Mary Bourne, Kingsclere A and Highclere A.

A good standard of striking was maintained by all the bands. A service followed immediately after the ringing, and then to tea and the eagerly-awaited verdict.

Mr. Rex was introduced by the chairman, Mr. G. Dodd, and he summed up each team in the order in which they rang, giving the individual faults and dealing with the rounds ringers first.

Some of these had had very little experience on bells other than their own and in most cases were very young, but all agreed they had done well, the Woolton Hill B team consisting entirely of ladies. The results were: Upper Clatford 23 faults, Woolton Hill B 28, Kingsclere B 55, Woolton Hill A 65, Highclere B 88.

After the cheering for the winning team had subsided, the judge summed up the change ringing bands, the results being: Highclere A 8½ faults, Kingsclere A 14, Andover 15, Burghclere 19, St. Mary Bourne 40.

This seemed a popular win and the chairman then presented the Andover Challenge Cup to Mr. Pickford, captain of Upper Clatford, congratulating him on his band's progress, the bells having been dedicated only a year ago.

As he was also captain of the Highclere team, Mr. Murduck, leader of the runners-up, presented the Aird Challenge Cup to Highclere, saying that the positions were now reversed, as a few weeks back, at Fordingbridge, Kingsclere had beaten Highclere for the Guild Challenge Cup by three points, there having been close rivalry between the two teams for the last few years.

Mr. Dodd, replying, said all his team were thrilled again to win the trophy after being a close second so many times.

A further adjournment was made to the belfry until 8.30, where ringing up to London Minor was enjoyed.

A successful day and again a good number of entrants was the general opinion. We look forward to the competition next year.

G. D.

MEDICAL GUILD ELECT FIRST AUSTRALIAN MEMBER

THE fourteenth annual meeting of the Guild took place in London on November 16th. Ringing was due to begin on the ten at All Saints', West Ham, at 2 p.m., but it was not really until 2.30 that a full company of members had assembled to put a stop to the expedient of Minor with the tenor covering. Between 3.30 and 4.30 we did our best ringing on the ten at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, which were a real cause for satisfaction. Both Bob Royal and Stedman Caters were well struck on the excellent bells. Our last call once again was at Cripplegate, where a paucity of ringers really accustomed to ringing on 12 caused a lowering of performance standards.

Dinner, as usual, was taken at the George, in the Borough, and was, as usual, excellent. The company was rather smaller than in recent years but this did not prevent several touches "in hand," after dinner and the business meeting.

The annual general meeting began at approximately 9.30 p.m. with the president, Mr. J. B. Williamson, in the chair. After the minutes of the 1967 annual general meeting had been read and approved, the secretary read a letter from the secretary of the Central Council in reply to a point about broadcasting raised in the minutes.

The secretary's report on the year was adopted with the addition of a vote of thanks to the president, moved by D. J. Neal Smith, for arranging the May meeting in the Isle of Wight.

The three officers were then re-elected unopposed, viz.: President, J. B. Williamson; Master, P. A. F. Chalk; secretary/treasurer, D. L. Gullick.

An unprecedented number of associate members were then elected, having been duly proposed and seconded—Jonathan Hollis, Pamela Gough, Marilyn Chambers, Lois Bown and Robert Gillies. Of these, Jonathan Hollis will be by far the youngest active member, and Miss Gough was especially welcomed as the Guild's first native Australian member.

For the future it was decided to accept the invitation of Lewis Castleden to hold the May meeting of next year in his territory, Essex, and tentative plans were made for the next annual general meeting in London—the third Saturdays in May and November, 1969, respectively. The secretary also undertook to canvass a peal attempt early in 1969.

The proceedings closed with expressions of thanks to the officers and to the honorary members, and the incumbents for the excellent meeting arrangements.

D. L. G.

JUBILEE ISSUES NOW AVAILABLE

Another package of Jubilee Issues of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) has been found. This number, which gives an historical survey of the journal, is obtainable, price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

Peal Ringing in Queen Victoria's Reign

SYMONDS, George E., of Ipswich. — "I might say I was a ringer at Queen Victoria's first jubilee, in 1887, making me a bellringer of over 80 years. Last century I rang 27 peals and conducted 15, not including Holt's Original (silent) on June 4th, 1898, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E. I conducted six peals "First in method."

"On Bank Holiday, August 1st, 1898, after calling a peal at Christ Church, Epsom, I walked across the Downs and conducted Bob Major at Ashtead, in eight hours. I am very thankful that I can look back on these performances of so long ago; they are not all my own doing, others arranged some and asked me to call the peals.

"The peal of Bob Major I achieved at Vassal Road, S.E., was the first to be rung on the then new maiden ring of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank, who fitted handbells in the ringing chamber operated by the headstock. Here the Waterloo Society practised Superlative Surprise Major silently. Unfortunately the whole was destroyed by enemy action.

P.S.—Does last century finish at the end of 1900? At this time my total was 31 (conducted 18).

Note.—We asked for peals rung in Queen Victoria's reign, so Mr. Symonds' total would be 31. What a magnificent record!——Ed.

STANFORD, William, of Slinfold, Sussex, has just celebrated the 65th anniversary of his wedding. "Barge" Stanford, as he is widely known, rang his first peal at Warnham (Union Triples) on Christmas Day, 1895. He has rung 115 peals, nearly all for the Sussex County Association, but is no longer able to ring.

SHEPHERD, William.—"My first peal was on August 7th, 1900, at Exmouth, Devon, my second on August 11th, 1900, my third on October 25th, 1900, and my fourth on November, 1900, the last three at Heavitree, Devon. On January 12th, 1901, I rang my first peal in London, at Walworth, and my sixth peal was on January 25th, 1901, a muffled peal on the same bells for the passing of Queen Victoria. Prior to my first peal two unrecorded quarter peals (one a 1,900-odd) but my test length of 2,520 Grandsire Triples was rung without a bad blow. In 1897, diamond jubilee year, Exeter had six rings of bells available for ringing, but change ringers were few in number."

MILES, Harry, of Carbis Bay, Cornwall, writes "I rang three peals in Queen Victoria's reign, all in Oxfordshire. The first one was noteworthy for the fact that the peal (Stedman Triples) was the first peal of Stedman for all the band except the conductor (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) and four of the ringers were teenagers, most unusual in those days. I also have read "The Ringing World" since the first number and "The Bell News" for the previous 15 or 16 years."

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION MEET IN THE CITY

WITH the exception of the tower and walls, the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry in Gresham Street, City, was destroyed by enemy action in December, 1940, but a beautiful new church, completed in 1957, has risen from the ashes, the only change being that it is no longer a parish, but a Guild church, ministering to the working week-day population of the City, and is the official church of the City Corporation.

An attendance of just over 50 enjoyed an afternoon's ringing on this City "eight" on November 16th, visitors being welcomed from Bexhill, Northampton, Luton and Beaconsfield.

The diary of Samuel Pepys for February 12th, 1664, refers to an item "up and to church at St. Lawrence Jewry" and mentions that the singing was "most excellent." If he had been present at the service conducted by the Rev. C. S. Day, chaplain to the Central Middlesex and Neasden Hospitals, he would be of the same opinion. Mr. Douglas Birkinshaw accompanied at the organ.

After tea in the Guildhall staff luncheon room a short business meeting was presided over by Mr. H. G. Hart, who gave a special welcome to Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. A tribute was paid to Mr. D. C. Birkinshaw, who is shortly leaving London to take up residence in Sussex, for the sterling work he has put in for over 20 years to ensure continuity of Sunday service ringing, and as an instructor, at St. Augustine's, Kilburn. A member since 1947. Douglas leaves with the best wishes of the district for a long and happy retirement.

Diaries out, please! It was announced that the Association's fourth triennial dinner would be held on October 25th, 1969.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. J. F. D. Trimingham, Vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry., the Rev. C. S. Day, the Rev. C. G. How, Rector of St. Vedast's. Foster Lane, and to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Smith, Mrs. E. H. Kilby and other helpers for providing tea E. H. K.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Towcester Branch held its annual dinner on November 9th in Towcester Racecourse Pavilion, by kind permission of the Racecourse Committee. Sixty-four members sat down to a first-class meal, those present including the Branch president (Rev. G. Hales), the Guild president (Rev. E. G. Orland) and his wife, also clergy from Branch towers.

A most enjoyable entertainment followed the dinner, presented by Mr. Vic Russell with his humorous songs and ukelele. Mr. Chris Clarke and his friends from Deddington with their handbells, and Mr. Eyden with his coloured slides showing places of local interest.

Our thanks are extended to these people, also the caterers and the Branch entertainment committee, for a most enjoyable evening.

W. A. Y.

OBITUARY

MR. LEONARD SMITH

An Appreciation

I would like to express sorrow on learning of the death at the age of 67 of Mr. Leonard Smith, head verger at Lichfield Cathedral, Staffordshire, who for 23 years was captain of the ringers at the Church of St. Michael in that city.

In the past I admired his person and example. Not only was he a zealous and faithful ringer, but a quiet, modest and somewhat uncommon pattern of broad Christian service. Ringing was only one department of his usefulness. To mention only two, he for long sang in the choir and also gave over 30 years to altar serving. He also aspired to become second verger at this Cathedral, was encouraged this way, but, even so, was rather surprised to get the post

When the head verger resigned Mr. Smith was picked as his successor. I believe it has been said he lived for the Cathedral in his latter years and would " . . have taken it home with him in the evenings if he could have." Earlier, he for many years was a very busy bread roundsman—a roundsman with a difference, which was his marked devotion and loyalty to church life, and (especially) his view of church work as a thing of many compartments, as shown by the way he successfully and selflessly spread his Christian love and effort during his life sooner than centre it in any one direction. He was a man hard of replacement.—Evelyn Mason (Mrs.).

Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warks.

MR. A. J. PETERS

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Alfred J. Peters, of Barking, Suffolk, who passed peacefully away at his home on November 8th in his 74th year.

He rang his first peal at Barking in 1922 but was unable to stand in many peals owing to abdominal wounds, sustained in the 1914–18 war, which greatly curtailed his ringing activities. Nevertheless he was instrumental in raising a band at Barking and kept the bells going for several years.

The funeral service was at Barking on November 14th, and a half-muffled quarter peal of Kent T.B. Minor was rung in the evening by local ringers.—R.I.P. H. D. F.

EWELL RINGERS VISIT FORMER PARSON

The Ewell ringers were augmented from neighbouring towers on their 22nd annual outing under the same management: they called at five churches in Essex and Suffolk and rang at four of them.

The chief objective this year was Leiston (tenor 20¼ cwt.), which was reached in the afternoon, where the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Bryant, and his wife, who left Ewell last year, greeted their friends. After an hour's ringing, Evensong was sung attended by the 80 people in the party, for the Ewell outing has over the years developed into a parish affair, and everybody knows about it. This is not a bad thing, for there is quite a feeling for tradition at Ewell and the bells are part of this tradition.

Leiston Church is not very old, being mostly rebuilt in 1854, but it has a 13th century font and other interesting features. A sumptuous tea had been prepared by the ladies of Leiston and was enjoyed in the Church Hall.

Earlier in the day ringing had taken place at Great Baddow, Essex (featured some time ago on the front page of "The Ringing World"), where Mr. Ainger welcomed the ringers, and at St. Margaret's, Ipswich. Arrangements for ringing at Ufford had to be cancelled owing to long-due building work on the tower, but a short time was spent looking over the church, which dates from the 14th century, and is richly decorated. Old stocks stand at the churchyard gate; there is an hour-glass on the pulpit; the bench-ends were carved in the 15th century and the font cover is 18 feet tall, its pinnacles elaborately carved 500 years ago.

Back in Essex the invasion of quiet Boreham was left until dark. Once the village church had been found the bells were soon set going, while down below all was harmony and light the organ was being played in the church, ready decorated for Harvest Festival on the morrow.

The ringing at all towers was under the direction of Mr. Peter Munday and included, appropriately enough, Ipswich Surprise, while the last touch of Spliced Surprise Major (five methods), at Boreham, was possibly the best of the day. Thanks are due to all who helped in the arrangements and particularly to Mr. Bill Slocombe, whose driving skill and enthusiasm as a ringer are a tremendous asset; he postponed his holiday in Ireland to drive the leading coach.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 1, Miss J. M. Millbank 2, Miss J. A. Quilter 3, A. Wiffen 4, C. H. Gillingham 5, H. G. Felton 6, C. J. Barker 7, A. R. Syder 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert A. Richardson, former churchwarden and faithful friend of the Guild, interred this day.

Letters to the Editor

DIFFICULT INCUMBENTS

Dear Sir,—As another Guild officer of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, I can sympathise with Mr. C. Bassett, secretary of the Alton and Petersfield District of that Guild.

Mr. Uphill asks: "Is this the general attitude of the Guild?" Mr. Bassett, in his District, seems to have had more than his fair share of difficult incumbents. For many years one of his District towers was not available for any ringing and I, as an outsider, was granted permission on a "be it on your own head" basis. Fortunately I was wise enough to invite members of the District, and now regular quarter peals are recorded there.

Another case was at Chawton, where persistent efforts by Mr. Bassett finally reopened the tower. Here the Bishop was an interested party, but happily, through Mr. Bassett's efforts, he did not have to intervene.

However, Mr. Bassett's latest incumbent is even more difficult. The Rev. Mr. Ellis (priest-in-charge at Privett) is completely unyielding and on his own admission has no intention of allowing the eight bells there to be rung, although he agrees there is nothing wrong with the bells. His reason: "The church is closed and no services will be held there in the future. I intend to go on with my policy of refusing everybody. Thank you for your interest."

Can the Bishop interevene when the church is closed? Perhaps one of our ringing clergy can give advice. I know Mr. Bassett will be pleased to accept advice and am sure the two Notices in "The Ringing World" under his name regarding Privett—and the later one on West Meon and Warnford—were not his own views but done at the express wish of the incumbents of these towers.

So Mr. Uphill, you may rest assured you are welcome in our territory. I myself have arranged ringing at many towers at a minute's notice for visiting ringers. As chairman of the Andover District and, I am sure, with the backing of my District, I can say that we have very friendly relations with all our clergy and tower captains and there is not a tower in the District that would not give a welcome at very short notice.

I hope that I am expressing the sentiments of the Guild as a whole when I make this statement.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

DOUBLES: PLEA FOR STATUS QUO

Dear Sir, — Regarding the Doubles controversy. I have been wanting to write on this for some time, but I still feel that a gradual return to **status quo** without any fuss is the best way out.

It has certainly done us a disservice and a drop in peals of Doubles round this area, and with that a general reduction in interest. One sometimes wonders whether the **genuine** Doubles ringer is still ringing peals and not bothering to publish them, or whether he is too bewildered to know what to do. Once you start publishing Doubles methods in place notation then you move out of the sphere of the **genuine** Doubles ringer. I should know: see peal totals of previous years for leading Doubles ringers.—Yours sincerely,

W. L. EXTON,
Sec., Southwell Diocesan Guild.

SEEKING MORE VARIED QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—As a mere six-, eight- and ten-bell ringer I enter the multi-Doubles field with trepidation. "I. R." in his letter (page 908) talks about a Reverse Canterbury bob as distinct from a Plain Bob bob. What is the difference? If a Reverse Canterbury bob is called at the end of a course of Reverse Canterbury Plain Bob Doubles the course-end 14235 comes up. If a Plain Bob bob is called at the end of a course of Plain Bob Doubles the course-end 14235 comes up. Fourths place is made as the treble leads. The only difference is in the change previous to the treble's first lead: Reverse Canterbury: 21435; Plain Bob: 21345. The first change after the treble's lead is different also—Reverse Canterbury: 41325; Plain Bob: 41235. This, in "I. R's" eyes, is presumably the difference between the two bobs.

Surely, though, the bob is the 4ths place instead of 2nds as the treble leads, in which case there is no real difference at all. The 3rds and 4ths place before and after the treble leads in Reverse Canterbury are part of the method, not part of the bob. Therefore it seems to me that "I. R." cannot talk about calling a Reverse Canterbuy bob instead of a Plain Bob bob to make another variation. I grant him that the bob in Reverse Canterbury **seems** different from that in Plain Bob— the bell making 4ths goes out in Reverse Canterbury afterwards, and in in Plain Bob, but this happens in London Surprise also and no one would suggest that there is a fundamental difference between a London Surprise bob and a Cambridge Surprise bob. I submit that the "multi-Doubles whiz-kids'" attempt to glamorise petty differences.—Yours sincerely,

Wisbech. R. I. WEST.

LONG SUTTON OUTING

Dear Sir,—The report relating to the above appears to have got out of course between leaving my typewriter and publication in "The Ringing World."

As several cars were used for the outing it was "one" car which broke down and not "the" car as published. Also the fact that the Churches of Holy Trinity and SS. Philip and James are situated in Ilfracombe was omitted.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Som.

VICTORIAN RINGERS

Dear Sir,—What a splendid article was that by J. H. Lenton in "The Ringing World" of November 8th—"Victorian Ringers at St. Giles', Pontefract." Its crisp simplicity and clarity of style and its carefully judged length compelled reading. Any more, Mr. Lenton?—Yours faithfully,

W. H. JACKSON.

Maidenhead, Berks.

Note.—The Editor would welcome other similar articles introducing ringers of bygone days.—Ed.

KING CHARLES SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—Re the attempted peal of King Charles Surprise Minor at Holy Trinity Church, Wonston, Hants (page 710, September 13th), as G. K. D. has neither confirmed nor denied the report being true (which is contrary to the Rector's or local account), are we to take all his reports to "The Ringing World" with a pinch of salt?—Yours faithfully,

Sutton Scotney, Winchester. R. SMITH.

METRIC SYSTEM AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—In the issue of November 22nd there appears a most misleading item of Belfry Gossip under the above heading. I would be grateful for an opportunity to set the record straight.

On October 18th this year I called a peal of Cambridge Minor at Harston. When I submitted this peal for publication I gave the weight of the tenor in kg. You, sir, decided—quite justifiably within your editorial prerogative—that this was unacceptable, and printed the peal with the tenor weight in the traditional style. Unfortunately you misread your "Dove" and got it wrong; but this could happen to anyone.

When submitting this peal I had hoped you would be sufficiently progressive to allow of the tenor weight appearing in kg: I was disappointed when I saw that you had edited my copy but naturally accepted your decision—after all, you are the Editor.

You will recall that no correspondence, apart from the peal copy, passed between us on this matter, in either direction; that the peal was rung for the Ely Diocesan Association, not the Cambridge University Guild; and that I submitted it on my own headed notepaper.

It may be of interest to those who are not already aware of the facts to know that the country has embarked on a comprehensive programme of metrication, to apply to all walks of life. Decimal currency is already partly with us; and the building industry, the first complete industry scheduled to make the change, is already beginning to use metric (or more precisely, Systeme Internationale) units.—Yours faithfully,

B. D. THRELFALL.

Harston, Cambs.

TENORS IN METRIC WEIGHTS

Dear Sir,—I note with regret your refusal to publish the weights of tenor bells in the metric system, but would respectfully suggest that you could offer this paper for sale at five new pence.—Yours faithfully,

GORDON H. BALDAM.

St. Luke's College, Exeter.

Note.—Alan F. Scholfield also wrote regretting that the copy was altered from metric to weights in current use. He points out that the Cambridge University Guild did not attempt to introduce metric units, although it came from a member of the Guild.—Ed.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL—PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of our Cathedral Ringers' Guild, express sincere appreciation of the kind comments made by visiting bands upon the tone and "go" of the ten bells and upon the furnishing appointments of the belfry, and the comfort and convenience of the ringing arrangements.

These conditions have been made possible by the kind co-operation of the Provist and the Cathedral Council, and by the "labour of love" participation of our Guild members.

The ensuing popularity of the tower, however, means, we regret to say, some measure of disappointment to intending visiting peal bands, since the "bookings" extend through next year (1969) and as far as and including the month of December.

It is hoped that this letter may help to avoid further disappointments arising from ineffectual applications within that period.—Yours very truly, A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Delving into Early Issues of "THE BELL NEWS"

SUCH was the demand for the first number of "The Bell News" that a second edition had to be printed to satisfy a clamouring Exercise. The paper was born in an auspicious moment. Change ringing, which appears to have been in the doldrums for over half a century, was beginning to stir again in many parts of the country; the territorial Associations were then being formed with the twin objects of belfry reform and encouragement of the art of ringing; the Essex Association, the Bristol and Gloucester Diocesan Association, the Yorkshire Association, the Lancashire Association and the Norwich Diocesan Association were all in their infancy whilst the Durham Diocesan Association and the Oxford Diocesan Association along with others had just been born; and Jasper Snowdon had begun to publish his well-known books, which immediately became popular. "The Bell News" added to this resurgence by publishing reports of Guild meetings, peals, date touches and a column headed "Miscellaneous," which included anything down to and including plain courses of Grandsire Doubles.

Until April of the next year, the paper was issued monthly, and during that time the first 720 of Treble Bob by a band consisting entirely of clergymen was rung; the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers rang "three six-scores of Bob Doubles, being the first performance on the tower bells by the society, unassisted." These young men have progressed since then. At Lavenham, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hours and 30 minutes. "It was upwards of twenty-eight years since a peal had been rung on those fine bells, and the performers were complimented by the inhabitants for the good striking and its accomplishment." What do you think of that? The Holt Society rang a date touch of 1,881 changes, the longest touch by that Society, which had been formed 18 months before. The first peal on the bells, Stedman Cinques, was rung at St. Paul's. The Oxford Diocesan Guild rang its first peal, as also did the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Mourning touches were rung for the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Duchess of Westminster and President General Garfield. To keep political balance, a 720 was rung (not muffled) when Mr. Gladstone went to church.

WHOLE PULL AND STAND

At Cheltenham "On . . the day of the funeral of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, the local branch rang, as a mark of respect on the parish church bells, deeply muffled, a mourning touch of 504 Stedman Triples, and afterwards rang out the age of the deceased nobleman. The ringing out of the age is a system not generally understood. It is, however, when well done, very effective and solemn in sound. The execution is by ringing all the bells round, back stroke and hand stroke, then all the bells stand while the tenor strikes twice, counting the two strokes for one year. The touch was conducted by J. Belcher." There would, I imagine (this is me, not the Cheltenham people) be some dirty looks if you failed to set your bell. At Cheltenham they have lots and lots of bells and were quite courteous to a poor Minor ringer who rang Plain Bob dodges to Grandsire Cinques. Only once have I heard the age rung out in this manner. It was at the funeral of the late John Worth, when, one assumes, the Chester Guild had put on one of their top bands, who gave John everything that they had. It was superb.

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The Daresbury (Cheshire) band rang seven 720's of Minor in seven methods, believed to be the first on their bells, and asked if the same had ever been rung before in Cheshire. Mr. Hardman, of Radcliffe, near Manchester, wrote: "In answer to the Daresbury ringers, we do not know of any accomplishing a similar performance in Cheshire, but W. Walker, of Radcliffe, was one of six who rang 14 different 360's, viz: Oxford, Violet, New London Pleasure, College Pleasure, Radcliffe's Delight, College Treble, Morning Star, Evening Star, Coventry, Currant-Roll, Jack Tar, Tulip, Royal Bob and College Bob. The same band could ring seven other six-bell methods, making twenty-one in all." Can anyone please, please, supply the notation of Currant-Roll? Have the Radcliffe ringers any ancient papyrii? Will they look through that old bunch of recipes that Grandma left behind?

The gentle reader will no doubt be agog to learn the result of the long peal attempt by the St. Martin's Company. Well, they got it. "The Bell News" gives the tidings a little more elegantly:—

"EXTRAORDINARY LONG PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM
COMMEMORATION OF THE 72nd BIRTHDAY OF THE COMPOSER
THE ST. MARTIN'S COMPANY

Yesterday, February 28th, 1881, the longest peal of Stedman Cinques on record was performed at the metropolis of the Midlands—Birmingham. The Bull-Ring, the thoroughfare in which St. Martin's is situate, was thronged with attentive listeners. We are unable, on the eve of going to press, to do more than merely record the grand performance, which the competent judges outside the steeple state to have been struck well."

This stop-press announcement concludes with the information that the peal contained 9,238 changes and took six hours and 48 minutes, together with a list of "Performers."

In the April issue, the performance was dealt with a little more fully, so I quote: "This performance, information of which we received at the moment of going to press with our last number, was, we hear, most satisfactorily and creditably executed. Several who have sent us notices for our current number of our journal have alluded to it in terms of unequivocal commendation, and we take this opportunity of complimenting the whole band upon their success. Whatever we might say as regards the abilities of Mr. H. Johnson could not add one iota to his great reputation among his compeers in the art. As a talented ringer expressed himself the other night in our hearing, 'He is indeed a wonder,' and we echo the observation. The taking part in a peal of 9,000 Stedman Cinques on one's 72nd birthday is an event indeed to be proud of, and in the spirit we shake hands with the hardy veteran, and wish him in all sincerity 'Many happy returns of the day.'" Then follow the composition with comments thereon. The gentle reader will be pleased to learn that the composition was neither lost nor mislaid and that the peal was not followed by any acrimonious correspondence. It is not always thus.

The band was as follows: A. Cresser 1, J. Joynes 2, H. Johnson jun. 3, C. H. Hattersley 4, S. Reeves 5, H. Johnson sen. (composer) 6, J. Dunn 7, J. Buffery 8, J. James 9, F. H. James 10, W. Hallsworth (conductor) 11, T. Reynolds 12. Tenor 36 cwt.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. David Cubitt for his informative letter on the old and new calendar.

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A RINGERS' STORY

"On the End of a Rope"

By JOHN HOLLOWAY

GEORGE BURTON was hot, tired and "fed-up"! The day had been full of minor mishaps. His shoe lace had broken, he had got a piece of grit in his eye and a car had scattered tar grit over his new suit!

He would have gone straight on home, but he had left a parcel at the office which his wife had asked him to bring home—there would only be more trouble if he didn't take it!

He turned down a street of old Georgian houses, most of which were now used as offices, and entered one which had a brass plate on the door inscribed "Morton and Clarke—Solicitors."

He entered an office on the first floor and sat down thankfully at his desk. On the desk stood a calendar of the "tear-off" type, which had a slip for each day, and, under the date, a text. George glared at it! And it seemed to glare back at him! "Friday, June 13th," it read.

George reached for it and was just going to tear the day's slip off when he remembered that someone had once told him that it was very unlucky to do this before the day had actually ended. Well, he didn't want any more bad luck today, so he put the calendar back in its place. As he did so, he read the text on the slip:

"And even things without life, giving sound, except they give a distinctive sound, how shall their meaning be understood?" "There are many voices and none of them is without its significance!"

A sharp ring on the telephone at his desk made him jump! He lifted the receiver, and a voice said: "Come into my office, George. I have been waiting to have a word with you."

It was the voice of Mr. Morton, the principal of the firm. "Very good," answered George, thinking "that voice has significance all right." He went across to Mr. Morton's private office and tapped on the door.

"Come in," said Mr. Morton. "Sit down. Have a cigarette?" George accepted the cigarette and sat down, wondering what was coming.

"I hope, George, you will not mind doing a little job for the firm during the week-end?"

"Not at all, sir," replied George, but to himself he said "What a day!"

"Now, George, I want some information about the late Mr. Sproson's will, and I want it for Monday morning. I have here a letter of introduction to the Rev. James Woodrow, the Rector of Roxton. Roxton is a small village about three miles from Dentworth, where you live. Take this letter to him and ask him to let you see the Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths. I want you to verify certain dates. The Rector has agreed to help us, and I have made an appointment for you to see him at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Here's the letter, and I hope that this arrangement will not upset any plans you may have made for the week-end."

"Very good," said George, putting the letter in his pocket. "Anything else, sir?"

"No, that's all, George. I'll see you on Monday as soon as you get here."

George returned to his own office, picked up the parcel for his wife and hurried to catch his train home. As the train passed Roxton he caught a glimpse of the village. It lay close to the line but had no station, the nearest being Dentworth. The village looked very pretty: he had never been there, so tomorrow's visit should be interesting.

The train rumbled over the bridge that spanned the river and drew into Dentworth Station. George soon covered the half-mile to his house and was pleased to see his wife, Dorothy, and his small son, Jim, in the garden. He kissed his wife and had a short romp with Jim, then they went in to tea.

"Dorothy," he said, "I have to go over to Roxton tomorrow afternoon on the firm's business; I hope you won't mind, dear." "No," replied Dorothy, "it will be all right; Mother is coming to tea, so Jim and I will have company. Shall you be long at Roxton, George?" "I don't know," said George, "I have to see the Rector about some B.M.D.'s." "What on earth are B.M.D.'s?" asked Dorothy, "they sound awful." "B.M.D.'s," said George, "are old and musty, dirty and dusty; they are the Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths. I expect the Rector will be old, too, if not dusty and dirty. What a way to spend a fine Saturday afternoon!"

On Saturday morning George found time to mow his lawn, and after lunch he set out by bus for Roxton. The day was warm and sunny and he quite enjoyed the trip. It seemed no time at all before he reached his destination.

As he made his way to the Rectory he could hear the church bells ringing. "That's a distinctive sound," he thought to himself.

He walked up a short drive to the front door and rang the bell. A very pleasant lady answered his ring. He introduced himself and started his business. "Oh, yes," the lady replied, "you have; an appointment with my husband—please come in."

She showed him into a very pleasant room and said: "Do make yourself comfortable, and smoke if you want to. You must excuse me for not stopping but it is five minutes to three, and I have a meeting in the village at three o'clock. Goodbye, Mr. Burton, my husband will not keep you waiting, I'm sure."

George settled himself in a comfortable chair near the window and glanced round the room. It was tastefully furnished and the view from the window was very lovely. He could see the tower of the church, although the building itself was partly hidden by some fine old trees.

He glanced again around the room. There were only two pictures on the walls, one was a devotional subject and the other was a good copy of a painting by Constable called "The Boat Builder." It depicted a barge in the course of construction, but only one man appeared to be working on it. George liked the colouring and the calm beauty of the picture.

He heard footsteps in the hall and rose to his feet as the door opened. The newcomer was the gentleman he had come to see, for he wore a clerical collar, but he was dressed in a rather dirty pair of grey flannels and an old green pullover. The Rector (for it was the Rector in person) advanced into the room and held out his hand to George, smiled in a friendly way and said: "You are Mr. Burton from Morton and Clarke, I believe?

"Yes, sir," answered George, "here is a letter from Mr. Morton."

"Excuse me, Mr. Burton, while I glance through it," said the Rector. "Yes, yes, I think I can assist you in this matter. I am sorry to have kept you waiting, Mr. Burton, and I must also ask you to excuse my rather untidy attire. I have been helping old Tom, our tower-keeper, to get everything ready for our annual bellringers' meeting this afternoon. We will go down to the church as soon as you like and get our business done."

As they walked to the church George said: "I did enjoy my short rest in your lovely room, and I particularly admired that picture of the boat."

"Ah, I like it, too," said the Rector. "You know, I sometimes think it could have been the very barge that brought our church bells here in 1742. They came by barge from Gloucester and were landed at a wharf about two miles from here. Our six bells are the original castings, as the inscriptions on them show. Some churches have eight, ten or even twelve bells, but we must be content with our six. Anyhow, I doubt if we could find twelve ringers in this small community. By the way, do you ring, Mr. Burton?" "I'm afraid not, sir," said George, "in fact I haven't any idea of what church bellringing is like. I've heard them many a time, of course, but I have always thought that bellringers were big, brawny men who sweated as they pulled on thick ropes."

The Rector smiled. "You have a lot to learn, Mr. Burton. Look, here come some of our visiting ringers." George saw, coming down the road, a group of about fifteen people. They were talking to each other in a very animated way. What surprised him was their diversity. Three schoolboys came first, and they were looking up at the church tower as if they would like to climb to the top!

Then followed four teenage girls, two in jeans and pullovers, one in cycling shorts and the other wearing a very smart mini-skirt. Behind these youngsters came some older folk—both men and women— and, bringing up the rear, three elderly men, who looked to be about 60 to 70 years old. He found out later that one was over 80!

"There! You see, Mr. Burton, quite a mixed bag! Ringers come from all walks of life, and a ringers' meeting reminds me of the Psalm which runs: 'Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord.'"

When they reached the church the Rector took George into the vestry and, unlocking a safe, brought out the registers. Putting them on a table and drawing up a chair for George, he said: "I have marked the dates you require. Make any copies you may need." George thanked him and when he had finished his notes the Rector locked the registers in the safe again, and they both went outside into the churchyard.

"Hello, Tom!" called the Rector to a tall, clean-shaven man who was walking towards the belfry door. "Come here and let me introduce you to Mr. Burton. Mr. Burton, this is Tom Sands, our tower-keeper. He will be pleased to tell you all about bells and bellringers." "Glad to meet you, sir," said Tom, shaking hands, "but call me Tom—everyone does, you know." "Thanks, Tom, I will," said George.

The Rector said: "If you will excuse me, I'll leave you two together while I get into more formal dress, I want to fix up the ringers' service and I must also go and see how our lady helpers are getting on with arrangements for tea. I hope, Mr. Burton, to see you at both."

Up in the ringing chamber George was fascinated by the way the bell ropes rose up and down. The coloured "sallies" (as the woollen grips on the ropes are called) were caught deftly by the ringers' hands, and then quickly released, to disappear through holes in the ceiling.

"What do you call a lot of ringers?" George asked Tom. He replied: "When they are ringing together like this they are called a band, but if they are ringing badly" (and he winked at George) "they may be called other things!"

Someone called "Stand" and all the bells stopped ringing.

"How do they do that, Tom?" asked George. "I always thought a bell went on swinging for a long time after one stopped pulling the rope." Tom showed him a small

model of a church bell and explained how it was done. Presently Tom called out: "One more 'touch,' and then will you all please come into church for the service."

They all went down the narrow, spiral, stone stairway and into the church. The Rector met them in the porch and said to George: "We shall have a proper ringers' service today, Mr. Burton. I have got a clergyman ringer to conduct the service, a policeman ringer to read the lesson, and Miss Warren, who is also a ringer, to play the organ.

George quite enjoyed the service. The policeman read the lesson clearly and with dignity, and Miss Warren proved to be a very capable organist. The short address was based on a passage from an epistle to the Corinthians, which George recognised as the one he had read on his calendar yesterday.

After the service everybody went across to the Parish Hall, where they sat down to a substantial tea which had been given by an anonymous "well-wisher." George was delighted at the friendliness shown to him by everyone present, although, as he pointed out, he was not a ringer. "You must learn to ring," they said. "I think I will," said George.

After thanking the Rector and Tom for their hospitality, George went to get his bus home. Most of the younger ringers, too, went off home as well, but quite a number of the more experienced ringers returned to the tower to practise some of the more complicated methods of change ringing.

"Well, George," said his wife, when he reached home, "How did you get on at Roxton? Have you had any tea?" "Yes dear, I had a lovely tea," replied George, "and what I thought would be a boring afternoon turned out to be very enjoyable indeed," and he told her all about the meeting. Little Jim said: "Daddy, I want to go with you and ring a great big bell. Can I, please, Daddy?"

"So you shall, Jim lad, when you are a great big boy," said his father.

On Monday morning George went straight to Mr. Morton's office to report the result of his interview with the Rector of Roxton.

"Nice work, George," said Mr. Morton, "and thank you."

Then George told him about the bellringers' meeting and said how he had enjoyed it.

"It's funny you should mention that," said Mr. Morton, "I have never thought to tell you that I am a campanologist (that's a long name for a bellringer, you know). I am also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which was founded in 1637. I must take you along to one of our meetings sometime. It would be nice to see you on the end of a rope!"

Note.—Names of people and places mentioned in this story are fictitious, and no reference to any living person is intended.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The peal rung at Helmingham (reported on page 695) was resubmitted and appeared again on page 753

On page 894 the peals for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild were rung at Dalston and Heston, and not as published.

M. Cecilia Evans, who has rung in four peals, is given as a first pealer in the peal at Shrewsbury. Eric S. White, who took part in the same peal, has rung a previous peal.

The handbell peal of Cambridge University Guild (page 914) was Richard Underwood's 25th peal as conductor and his first "in hand" as conductor, and not as printed. He has rung over 50 peals.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Smith 1, C. M. Davies 2, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 3, D. Everett 4, M. Larcher 5, P. Fenton 6. To herald an Evensong visit of the Archbishop of Wales.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY QUARTER PEALS

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jennifer Millbank 1, Josephine Quilter 2, C. H. Gillingham 3, Mrs. Jennifer Syder 4, C. Barker 5, H. G. Felton 6, A. R. Syder 7, P. G. Brown (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the afternoon parade service attended by the Lord Lieutenant of the County.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Dove 1, W. Noon 2, I. S. Merry 3, K. P. Gilliver 4, R. A. Gilliver (first as cond.) 5, Half-muffled

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Ballam 1, J. Underwood 2, J. Stannard 3, R. Stannard 4, D. Rowlands 5, W. Goodship 6, C. Stannard (cond.) 7, A. Feaver 8. For Evensong.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—1,320 Grandsire Cinques: R. Newman 1, Margery A. Wratten 2, F. G. Nurden 3, W. Newman 4, I. Goulter 5, C. T. Burridge 6, Valerie Willard 7, Frances Fairbank 8, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 9, P. Baker 10, W. A. Farmer 11, J. Tyler 12. Half-muffled; also in memory of Charles Martin, a former member of the band and a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who died in New Zealand on November 1st, aged 81.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): M. L. Cooper 1, T. J. Wellen 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, R. Cooper 4, P. Payne 5, C. Herrington 6, M. D. Fuller 7, G. Coleman 8. Half-muffled

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Sippitt (first Major) 1, S. Penfold 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, C. C. M. Pain 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Porter 1, Merrilyn Chambers 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, Grace Taylor 4, Philip Bedford (cond.) 5. Half-muffled

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. A. Banner 1, R. V. Johnson 2, R. Verrall 3, G. Rix 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. Half-muffled; also to mark the 50th anniversary (November 11th) of the re-opening of the bells after 25 years' silence. The grandfather of the conductor arranged and took part in that ringing.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (ten methods): J. Foster 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6. Half-muffled. Also 1,260 Huntley Bob Doubles: J. Stott 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, W. White 6. Half-muffled.

LAXTON, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Chambers 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, B. Birkett 3, Christine M. Wright 4, J. A. Coates 5, D. R. Chambers (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Valerie Watts 1, J. W. Lawrence 2, T. K. Deacon 3, C. M. Sturgess 4, N. W. Price 5, A. H. Hough 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, W. R. Proudman 8. Half-muffled

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Lawrence 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, J. Millhouse (cond.) 4, A. Hopkins 5, M. Sinden 6.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Garland 1, Sara Cornock 2, P. Barton 3, R. Watts 4, T. Pritchard (cond.) 5, R. Cornock 6. Rung by the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.—1,320 St. Anne Doubles: Anne Pearce 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson 3, R. P. Pearce 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, T. N. Hitchens (first quarter) 6. A welcome home to Anne Pearce.

PEMBROKE.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. C. Rogers 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, S. P. Rogers 3, P. C. Rogers 4, J. Prytherch 5, P. F. Kraus 6. Jointly conducted by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: Linda Frankland 1, R. Carter 2, P. Carter 3, D. A. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. 25th quarter together 5 and 6. Half-muffled.

WHICKHAM, DURHAM.—1,296 Minor (Plain Bob and Cambridge): Brenda Cooke 1, J. Yates 2, M. Popplestone 3, C. D. Davis 4, J. Crowther 5, W. Davidson (cond.) 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—1,050 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Gerrard 1, Mrs. E. Jordan 2, D. Jordan 3, Miss C. J. Turner 4, T. Marson 5, M. G. Turner (cond.) 6, H. Howell 7, J. Cranmer 8.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: M. Rawlings 1, L. Harvey (cond.) 2, T. Rawlings 3, G. Sharpe 4, E. Shippey 5, N. Green 6. Also for the passing of the wife of a former ringer. Half-muffled

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth West 1, F. W. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, G. T. West 4, W. J. Harvey 5, H. L. Crisp 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Half-muffled for Evensong.

YAXLEY, HUNTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Dolby (first on "working" bell) 1, A. Whiteside 2, R. Charlton 3, J. Riley 4, J. M. Tyler (first as cond.) 5, R. H. Daw 6. Half-muffled.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By taking part in the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Christchurch Priory, Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell has now completed the Plain Bob family from Minimus to Maximus.

Eight members of the local band at Nettleham, Lincs, were confirmed on November 15th. A quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung for the service.

Cupid has been busy in Chipping Barnet, Herts, tower. A quarter peal was rung on November 3rd to celebrate the engagements of four ringers.

There were seven "first of Royal" in a peal at Accrington on November 16th. It was hoped that this would be the first local peal on ten bells, as Royal is rung on most Sundays. This, however, was impracticable and a Blackburn Branch peal was rung.

The first quarter peal by the Barstable School Society of Change Ringers (Basildon, Essex)—the first length "in hand" for all the ringers—was rung on small bells from a child's musical toy fitted with makeshift clappers, the tenor being only two inches in diameter.

After a gap of 41 years a peal has been rung at Brinklow, Warwickshire, the second on the bells. It was Plain Bob Doubles, and Alan Boyd was calling his first peal. It was particularly meritorious as the remainder of the band were all first-pealers. Congratulations to all concerned.

The redundant bells of St. Margaret's Church, Canterbury, have been rehoused at three separate churches, each one needing another bell for augmentation. We hope to publish the story next week.

November 19th was the centenary of the birth of Gabriel Lindoff at Leiston, Suffolk. In honour of the centenary a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Major, one of his compositions, was rung that day on Leiston bells, conducted by J. Martin Thorley

Mr. G. Dodd writes: "My apologies to Northamptonshire ringers for incorrect information and congratulations on getting Everdon bells going. To Mr. Spraggett: You must have had supermen up there when you wrote 'They are not too bad.'"

Inspired by Mr. W. T. Cook's excellent article "Property of the College Youths," a correspondent writes: "The two ringing cups are obviously historical. A—what is the oldest ringing cup in existence? and B—what is the oldest ringing cup still being competed for annually; we know of the Aird Challenge Cup, which was first competed for in 1923.

Two good 12-bell peals have just reached us, both rung on November 23rd: Londinium Surprise Maximus for the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Michael's, Cornhill (conducted by Wilfred Williams), and Stedman Cinques at Winchester Cathedral (conducted by Thomas H. Francis).

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BELFRY GOSSIP

CUMBERLANDS HONOUR SHOREDITCH VICAR

The marriage of the Vicar of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the Rev. Richard I. Thomson, to Miss Ann Shippam, took place at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham, Sussex, on Saturday, November 9th. With the kind agreement of the Vicar and ringers at Bosham the bells of this fine old church were rung before and after the service by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who are, of course, so closely associated with Shoreditch.

It had been decided to attempt a peal at St. Mary's, Portsea, but a car breakdown prevented the band meeting in sufficient time to complete the peal before the prescribed hour of the evening service. A quarter peal consisting of 1,376 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative) was, however, rung at Portsea by M. Louise Slater 1, Jane Foster 2, Joan Beresford 3, P. M. Wilkinson 4, P. Beresford 5, D. E. Sibson (conductor) 6, T. H. Francis 7, D. Beresford 8.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on the following Saturday, November 16th. It was fitting that this should have been the first peal on the bells since their restoration, towards which Mr. Thomson has displayed great enthusiasm and given every encouragement.

HALF-CENTURY IN SOMERSET TOWER

Not even a broken stay could deter the enthusiasm with which some of his fellow ringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, after Evensong on November 17th, to congratulate Mr. Percy Eades, who has been a ringer at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Charlton Mackrell, for 50 years. Mr. Eades has seen many ringers come and go at Charlton and has always been a tower of strength to the many "strugglers" who have learned to ring there.

After the quarter peal a number of his ringing friends together with churchwardens enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Rex, where Mr. Eades was presented with a scroll, and cut an iced cake to mark the occasion.

In his speech of thanks Mr. Eades said he had always hoped to fulfil two ambitions in his lifetime—to complete 50 years of ringing in his home tower and to ring the tenor at Queen Camel, where hangs the heaviest ring of six in the world. Both these ambitions had been achieved in the last fortnight.

Well done, "Perce," long may you ring.

C. G.

NOW ON THE RETIRED LIST

Mr. C. E. J. Norris, who for 46 years has been a member of the band at Rochester Cathedral, is retiring from his office as steeplekeeper, an appointment he has held for 25 years. He was captain of the Cathedral band from 1958 to 1965, and has served under seven Deans. He was successful in 1959 in urging the installation of a new bell frame.

A retired boilermaker, Charles learned to ring at St. Mary's, Chatham, in 1903 and joined the Kent County Association in 1908. He is also among the senior members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

RESTORATION OF EWELL BELLS

The Ewell (Surrey) bells have for the past year or so been the cause of concern, due chiefly to movement in the old oak frame, which was adapted to its present use 120 years ago, when with the six heavier bells of the present ring it was transferred from the old tower still standing at the other end of St. Mary's churchyard

The eight bells (tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.) were cast at various dates at the Whitechapel Foundry and have not received any major attention for over 30 years, when they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. An estimate for rehanging in a new metal frame was provisionally accepted about two years ago, since which time the ringers have been running a campaign to raise the amount required—over £2,000. The people of the parish are giving the effort their enthusiastic support, while the local newspapers have been most helpful with favourable publicity whenever possible, with the result that the fund now stands at £800.

Contributions, large or small, to the restoration fund would be welcomed and may be sent to the treasurer of the Parochial Church Council (Church Bells Account), Mr. J. H. Pycraft, 14, Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, or to Mr. J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. J. E. B.

AN AUSTRALIAN VISIT

In the second half of October I was fortunate enough to get a return visit to Sydney, Australia. I was last there nine years ago and it was good to meet the ringers again, including some with whom I rang a peal on my last visit.

The visit was an extremely pleasant one, with plenty of ringing during practices at St. Mary's, St. Jude's, Randwick, and Turramurra, also on the bells at St. Andrew's Cathedral and Burwood, which had been opened since my previous visit. On the second Sunday we rang an enjoyable 720 of Single Oxford Bob Minor at St. Mary's.

The activities were not restricted entirely to ringing. We had a jolly barbecue in the Blue Mountains during the first week-end and a trip to the Reptile Park at Gosford the second week-end.

The enthusiasm of the ringers is infectious, and despite my having been at sea and away from ringing for six months and wondering if perhaps I was not a bit rusty, I was extremely keen to take hold and join in. With the ringing and get-togethers in various places it was a truly memorable visit. I left hoping that in my remaining years in the Royal Navy I may get another chance to visit Sydney.

M. J. BRAY.

WANTAGE'S NEW CAPTAIN

At the annual meeting of the Wantage ringers on November 17th Mr. A. Roy Wood was elected as tower captain in succession to Dr. John C. Baldwin, and Mr. Peter G. Davies was appointed deputy captain. Tribute was paid to Dr. Baldwin's work during the three years he has been the tower captain, and in particular to the patience he has shown in the training of new ringers.

BELLRINGERS' EVENING AT HORSHAM

The bellringers of St. Mary's, Horsham, Sussex, were invited by Mr. J. Fielder, secretary of Horsham Parish Church Social Committee, to tell something of their art at one of the meetings organised by the committee on November 12th. Accordingly the ringers met between 60 and 70 members of the congregation at the Parish Hall. After an introduction by Mr. J. Fielder a talk was given by Mr. T. Fox, illustrated by diagrams and demonstrations of handbell ringing by Messrs. E. R. Rapley, M. Reed and J. Smith. Some very interesting questions were put by people in the hall.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. L. Gillingham, asked the ringers in the audience to stand up, state their names and say how long they had been ringing. The loudest applause went to Mr. L. Bourne, who first started to ring at Woodchurch, in Kent, 51 years ago. After more handbell ringing the company went up to the belfry, where the ringers demonstrated tower bell ringing with touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. People who wished to see the bells while being rung were carefully escorted upstairs and down again by ringers.

The four-in-hand handbell ringing of Eddie Rapley amazed everybody, but few people realised the calm confidence of Jim Smith, who, ringing the tenor near the door, carefully kept clear of the visitors and also called the touch of Bob Major. After more questions were answered, the evening ended with a short prayer by the Vicar.

SWAYING TOWERS

Can anyone in authority give information on how much tower sway there can be before an element of danger is introduced? Older ringers may remember the eight at Macclesfield, where until the bells were lowered there was an alarming tower movement, although several peals were scored; the trebles of the 12 at Oldham are said to be affected by high wind; at Gosport it was said to be impossible to ring the back six and leave the two trebles up; at Andover the handbells on the wall go with the tower; and the brand new eight at Thorpe, Norfolk, were said to have been rung only once and hurriedly lowered at the rededication ceremony (given in "Dove's" as "tower unsafe")—this could well be correct. Can any Norfolk ringer shed any light on this? Perhaps other readers can give us incidents of towers with an alarming amount of sway.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The choice of Potton bells and the promise of an excellent tea proved a good draw for the October meeting of the Biggleswade District. A wide variety of ringing was enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening, even though the bells presented some handling difficulties to the less experienced.

The business meeting, held after an excellent tea, was executed in record time, at which decisions were made allocating a small sum of money to the District practices in order to carry out running repairs and that the committee and District practice organisers meet to formulate future policy. L. E.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAWLETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 REV. CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Brian J. Wylde .. .. Treble	Cecil T. Clarke 3
*Alan G. Kent 2	*†Edwin Dibble 4
Michael J. Stone .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Cecil T. Clarke.

* First peal in the method. † First of Doubles "inside." First in the method as conductor. First on the bells.

Rung to welcome the arrival of Julian Michael, son of Valerie and Michael Stone

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Alan J. Brown .. .. Treble	Dennis Latham 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Charles A. S. Webb 6
T. Felicity Ashford .. 3	Walter Sherratt 7
Gerald Parsons 4	Roy Worrall .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

William H. Dowse .. .. Treble	Paul J. Atkins 5
Derek F. Yates 2	John Hall 6
T. Felicity Ashford 3	Raymond J. Ballard 7
Gerald Parsons 4	Roy Worrall .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

ASTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Bourne, Ipswich, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

T. Felicity Ashford .. Treble	Reginald Challinor 4
Norman Sherratt 2	Walter Sherratt 5
*Gerald Parsons 3	Roy Worrall .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roy Worrall.

* First peal of seven Surprise.

BARLASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of five methods—Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob; two extents of the variations—Northrepps, Fortune, Rushall, Marchington, St. Columb, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Old, Kennington, April Day and Seighford; two extents of the spliced variations—Marston, Broadwas, Tichborne and Norfolk. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in C.

William H. Watkin .. .. Treble	Frederick S. Sutton 3
Roland W. Morant 2	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
Frank R. Morton .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Believed to be the first peal of 21 Doubles methods/variations on the bells.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Gordon K. Green .. Treble	John R. Scott 4
*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	Stephen P. Newton 5
*†Frank R. Morton 3	James S. Baker .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 175th peal together. † 250th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUTLERS MARSTON, Warks.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Surfleet Surprise, (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 20 lb.

Anthony D. Jones .. .. Treble	Peter C. Randall 4
David P. Crawley 2	John K. Foot 5
Brian R. Danby 3	John F. Thorne .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEANOR, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Frank Rogers .. .. .. Treble	David W. Friend 5
*David W. Camm 2	Gordon A. Halls 6
Clive Thrower 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 7
Peter Blight 4	Michael J. Fellows .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by David W. Friend.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to mark the centenary of the present church building.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Christopher D. Corby .. Treble	†Phillip S. George 4
Robert D. Bellamy .. 2	George E. Thoday 5
*Ian P. Sanford 3	George E. Bonham .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in more than one method.

COPLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

W. A. R. Chamberlain .. Treble	Robert D. Bellamy 4
*Michael F. Stallard .. 2	George E. Bonham 5
Timothy W. Griffiths .. 3	George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal "inside." The conductor has now rung peals with 600 different ringers.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DOWNHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

Anne Edwards .. .. Treble	Keith W. Brown 4
*Gary A. Bainbridge .. 2	Peter M. Wilkinson 5
Jane Foster 3	James L. Towler .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

* First peal "inside."

Rung after the wedding of Miss Penelope Keddie (granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Keddie, who gave these bells) and Mr. Robin Farquhar Oliver.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

S. Barnaby Bell .. .. Treble	*Peter Clarkson 5
*Margery A. Wratten .. 2	Valerie Willard 6
Ivor Goulter 3	Leonard C. Edwards .. 7
Frances Fairbank 4	Cyril A. Wratten .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

KEMERTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
In 18 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, and Ockley T.B., (2) Cambridge and Beverley Surprise, (3) Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob, with 73 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

Harold Schofield .. .. Treble	*Arthur C. Berry 4
Valerie Willard 2	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Hugh N. Evans 3	Geoffrey R. Drew .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* Most methods to a peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung earlier this year.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARKWAY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Roy K. Williams .. .. Treble	*Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	George E. Bonham .. 6
Peter T. Dale 3	Philip Mehew 7
Robert D. Bellamy 4	George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 25th peal of Surprise.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick, Terling, Bourne and Caithness Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Wells Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Beverley Surprise, (6) Surfleet Surpise, (7) Nowich Surprise.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Delphine E. L. Holman ..	Treble	*Andrew J. Slade	4
Ian G. Campbell	2	Michael Maughan	5
Alan R. Bridges	3	†George A. Dawson ..	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal of Minor. † Most Minor methods to a peal.
Rung as a compliment to Robert W. Sherriff and Delphine E. L. Holman upon their engagement

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	Tony Lewis	5
Richard Hayes	2	John W. Smith	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
D. Paul Smith	4	Christopher T. Osenton ..	Tenor

Composed by James W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
The ringer of the second has now "completed the circle."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt.

*John Nelson	Treble	*John Nixon	5
Lawrence Walmsley ..	2	Alan Gardner	6
Margaret Crossthwaite ..	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Donald G. Lawson	4	Stanley Anderton	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to congratulate Bob Braithwaite, of this village, on winning a gold medal in the 1968 Olympic Games.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Thomas Hobson	Treble	Albert Greenhalgh	5
*James Cunliffe	2	*David Makin-Taylor ..	6
*Neil T. E. Burnett	3	John Ashcroft	7
*John A. Illingworth ..	4	*R. Keith Lister	Tenor

Conducted by R. Keith Lister.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar and Rural Dean, Canon P. A. Wrigley, in appreciation of his generosity to all ringers.

BOWNESS-ON-WINDERMERE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Alan Capstick	Treble	Stanley Anderton	5
*Joseph Whalley	2	Frank Birkett	6
John Bagnall	3	Lawrence D. Clement ..	7
Nicholas M. Newby ..	4	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds. Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Major. First on eight bells as conductor. First on the bells for 18 years. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Frank Wilson (Bowness tower captain), James Tebay (Bowness bellkeeper) and Alan Capstick (Ambleside tower captain), who have been ringing for 40 years.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Nov 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Patricia A. Etchells ..	Treble	*Richard C. L. Brown ..	5
*Michael J. Platt	2	*Roland W. Morant	6
Christine Andrew	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
*John P. Partington	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

NEWHEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., Nov. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Christine Andrew	5
Michael D. Fishwick ..	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
J. Colin Ashworth	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Jeffrey Kershaw	4	Richard S. Starkie	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOUNTSORREL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

John M. Jelley	Treble	David F. Moore	5
Monica M. Jelley	2	David G. Massey	6
Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung on Armistice Day to the memory of those who gave their lives in two world wars. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

LEICESTER.—At the Royal Foundation and Collegiate Church of St. Mary-de-Castro.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	Martin Green	5
R. Brian Mills	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	David G. Massey	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Denis Knox. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Evesham Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPALDING, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Frank Taylor	Treble	*Maurice E. Hare	5
Mrs. A. J. Payne	2	Bernard B. Tyrrell	6
Miss J. Kendrick	3	Ronald C. Noon	7
Miss J. Hubbard	4	Alan J. Payne	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to Miss Julie Kendrick on joining Her Majesty's Forces. (W.R.A.F.)

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F.

*Robert T. Cummings ..	Treble	†Peter G. Mayle	4
Nigel V. Hill	2	Raymond J. Mayle ..	5
William T. Petty	3	*Robert W. Procter	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* First peal. † First "inside."
Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bells being recast.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 MORTLOCK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Walter G. Knight	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke ..	5
D. Kay Adkins	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Barry J. Davies	7
John R. Ketteringham ..	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method.

MORTLAKE SURPRISE MAJOR
B —38—14—1258—1236—12—1458—16—78. E. C. H. b. d. e.
Note.—Corrigan No. 230 will need renaming when rung to a peal.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Victor H. Nash	Treble	†Colin D. Baugh	5
Derek H. Walters	2	Edward T. Lloyd	6
Roger J. Amos	3	Michael J. Hedley	7
*William L. Gates	4	Leonard G. Gates ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leonard G. Gates.
* First peal. † First in method.
Rung on the eve of the wedding of the conductor, to Miss Margaret Joy Geater at the Church of St. Margaret, Olton, Solihull.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	E Frederick Gobey	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Frank Chambers	6
*Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

Susan Rothera	Treble	Martin L. Howe	7
George E. Thoday	2	Philip J. Rothera	8
David Heighton	3	J. Barry Pickup	9
David E. Rothera	4	John H. Fielden	10
Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	5	David E. House	11
Martin Cubitt	6	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David E. House.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	John W. Blackwood ..	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	†George E. Bonham	6
George P. Adams	3	Alan M. Barber	7
*Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	4	George E. Thoday ..	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 50th peal. † 200th peal. 200th even-bell peal as conductor.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Arthur C. W. Roope ..	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Owen P. Claxton	2	Thomas E. Spight	6
*Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	Andrew Salisbury	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal in the method

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	5
Janet House	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Martin L. Howe	3	David E. Rothera	7
David Cubitt	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Conducted by David E. Rothera.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
COGENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Mintues.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, being: (1) Oswald Delight, (2) Kent and Oxford, (3) Cambridge, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

David J. Morgan	Treble	Barry R. Care	4
*Raymond Henman	2	Stephen B. Bell	5
J. Malcolm Tyler ..	3	Allan R. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.
* 25th peal. 25th peal as conductor. First peal in ten methods by all the band.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Frederick G. Hooper ..	Treble	Frederick Derry	4
Philip C. Pitchford	2	J. Edward Brown	5
Derick E. Kirton	3	Derek J. Tysoe	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
Rung half-muffled for Armistice which was signed 50 years ago. Also a tribute to R. Russell, of Corby.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Gilbert R. Goodship ..	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
*William Pye	3	*Ernest G. Pearce	7
*Ernest W. Pye	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

BREDFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	Leslie G. Brett	4
Katharine M. Thorley ..	2	*Michael J. Parker	5
J. Martin Thorley	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.
Rung for Remembrance Day.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
STREATHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Michael J. Uphill	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
Peter N. Felton	2	John Pladdys	6
Richard L. Jones	3	Michael J. Palmer	7
Laurence C. Way	4	Christopher H. Rogers ..	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
The conductor's 75th peal with the Association.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

Maurice J. Butler	Treble	Thomas A. Francis	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	David J. Forder	7
*John R. Southey	3	Roger Baldwin	8
†Christopher W. Woolley	4	John H. Hunt	9
Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	5	R. Roger Savory	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of London Surprise Royal on tower bells

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Christopher Hims	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	5
R George Morris	2	Leslie Evens	6
Harold B. Scholfield ..	3	Arthur C. Berry	7
John Clements	4	Robert Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
First peal of Quedgeley by all except the tenor ringer First of Surprise Major as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt

Alan Sheppard	Treble	Christopher Forster	5
John Potts	2	Ronald J. Snack	6
Frederick J. Jackson ..	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Roger A. Smith	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 17 methods, viz.: (1) Trinity Sunday T.B., (2) Felkirk, Havercroft, Barnsley and South Kirby T.B., (3) Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise T.B., (4) Kingston, Oxford, Capel, Sandal and London Scholars T.B., (5) Killamarsh T.B., (6) Kent T.B.,((7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Christopher N. Grandidge	Treble	Alan Clifton	4
Ronald R. Warford	2	Patricia Lockwood	5
David S. Lockwood ..	3	Ian North	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

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HANDBELL DAY

(November 16th, 1968.)

All peals rung at Marple, Cheshire.

No. 1. At All Saints' Bell Tower.
In 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 17 in A.

Eric F. Gilbert 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7-8
J David Atkinson 3-4	Robert Peers 9-10
Neil Bennett 5-6	F. Leslie Coventry 11-12

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

No. 2. At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
In 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Keith J. Walpole 1-2	N. David Lane 7-8
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
Robert B. Smith 5-6	*William H. Dowse .. 11-12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal on 12 handbells., completing peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus on handbells.

No. 3. At 40, Ridge Crescent.
In 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*Eric J. Gilbert 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
*Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3-4	†Ernest Bennett 7-8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells. † First handbell peal for 36 years. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Bennett.

No. 4. At. All Saints' Bell Tower.
In 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards 1-2	Robert B. Smith 5-6
J. David Atkinson 3-4	Frank R. Morton 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

No. 5. At 6. Ashwood Crescent.
In 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*N. David Lane 1-2	‡Robert B. Smith 5-6
†Eric J. Gilbert 3-4	Ernest Bennett 7-8

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells. † First of Treble Bob on an "inside pair." ‡ 450th peal for the Guild.

No. 6. At All Saints' Bell Tower.
In 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards 1-2	Gerald Moorhouse 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	Frank R. Morton 7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

No. 7. At 40, Ridge Crescent.
In 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

*Keith J. Walpole 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
†Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3-4	*Robert Peers 7-8

*F. Leslie Coventry 9-10

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells. † First of Treble Bob Royal on handbells.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—In the Union, Discussion Room 2.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1968, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In eight methods: (1) Rosehill, Childwall, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Pinehurst, (2) St. Clement's, Buxton, (3-7) Plain Bob.
Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in G.

J. S. Hopwood 1-2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3-4
Robert M. Chambers 5-6	

Most Minor methods to a handbell peal by all the band except the conductor.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At Selwyn College.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 16 in B.

F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 1-2	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. 7-8
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 3-4	V. Nutton (Selwyn) 9-10
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) .. 5-6	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 11-12

Arranged and Conducted by J. M. H. Hunter.
700th peal by the Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.—At 10, St. Regis.
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

A. F. Winter (Christ's) .. 1-2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 5-6
A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 3-4	D. S. Bishop (Caius) 7-8

R. L. Underwood (P'house) 9-10
Composed and Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At 10, Eden Drive.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Robert B. Smith 1-2	*J. David Atkinson 7-8
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6	*John W. Gander 11-12

Composed by J. David Atkinson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. Tenor size 15 in C.

(Wirral Branch.)
BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.
On Fri., Oct. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A

Keith J. Walpole 1-2	N. David Lane 5-6
Eric J. Gilbert 3-4	Robert Peers 7-8

*Kenneth R. Davenport .. 9-10

Composed by R. B. Smith. Conducted by Eric J. Gilbert.
* Completes Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus "in hand."

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COVENTRY, Warwickshire.—At 67, Warwick Avenue.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank W. Perrens 1-2	Frederick Shallcross 5-6
Geoffrey Pratt 3-4	Hubert Summers 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 51, Church Street.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*†Peter Blight 1-2	Gordon A. Halls 5-6
†John S. Harrison 3-4	David W. Friend 7-8

David J. Marshall 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First handbell peal. † First peal of Royal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—In the belfry at the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Nov. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Peter S. Muchlinski 1-2	†Thomas Cullingworth .. 3-4

Alastair D. Macfadyen (cond.) 5-6
* First peal "in hand." † First on six handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1968, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D

Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary W. Whalley 3-4

Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6
First peal in the method by all the band

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Spliced College and St. Clement's College, one of St. Clement's, two of Plain Bob and one of Single Court
Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary W. Whalley 3-4

Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—In the belfry of the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

*David Phillipson 1-2	*Christopher J. Sharp .. 3-4

Jack L. Millhouse (cond.) .. 5-6
* First handbell peal.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
CAMBRIDGE.—In R1, Tree Court, Gonville and Caius College.
On Sun., Nov. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A

Michael J. Pickup 1-2	Alan T. Winter 5-6
David S. Bishop 3-4	Richard L. Underwood .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.

BASILDON, ESSEX. — At Barstable School, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles "in hand": G. Gray (aged 13) 1–2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3–4, P. Burton (aged 13, first quarter attempt) 5–6. First "in hand" for all the band and first length by the Barstable School Society of Change Ringers.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Kay Le Marechal (first quarter) 1, J. C. Hallett 2, J. P. Colliss 3, J. C. Howell (first "inside") 4, R. Le Marechal (aged 15, first as cond.) 5, Philippa Evelyn Menniss 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Roy Le Marechal.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, S. Upton 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, S. Allen 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Packham 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, J. Nulty 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Packham, much-respected friend and colleague of the above band and brother of ringer of 6.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, H. E. G. Jeanes 2, F. Priddle 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, G. W. Rendell, jun. 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. D. W. C. Chant, whose funeral took place at Sturminster Marshall two days previously.

CHARLTON MACKRELL, SOM.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: E. C. Eades (captain) 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, C. Gratton 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Callow 6. A compliment to Mr. Percy Eades, who has completed 50 years' ringing at Charlton Mackrell.

DEVIZES, WILTS. — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bailey (cond., has now "circled the tower") 1, Janet Pink 2, R. Fisher 3, B. Osborne 4, G. Beavan 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Alice Jamieson (first quarter) 1, Helen Hubert 2, J. P. O. Barry (cond.) 3, C. J. Reede 4, M. R. Owen (first "inside") 5, J. K. Stark (first quarter) 6. Rung by Dublin University Guild to congratulate Miss Alice Jamieson on her coming-of-age.

EAST TYTHERLY, HANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. S. Hopwood 1, Anna Sadowska 2, M. G. Ingram 3, M. J. Hiller 4, A. Bridges 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,280 Kent Major: C. Chapman 1, B. Porter 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Sally Forbes-Harper 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, Jill Oakshott 6, J. Munton 7, J. Davidge 8. First of Kent 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Rung at the request of Brian Porter, who is about to emigrate to Bermuda. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Elliot 1, P. Munday 2, S. Mortimore 3, Jill Oakshott 4, M. Harbott 5, J. Helder 6, C. Chapman 7, K. Burgess 8, J. Davidge (cond., 50th quarter) 9, J. Aronson 10. Rung for the wedding of Brian Porter and Alyson Dyer, both members of the local band; also as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon W. Purcell, leaving to become Archdeacon of Dorking.

GLASGOW. — At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss F. Winderam 1, T. J. Winderam 2, J. Preston 3, R. M. Preston 4, Miss J. Cleeve 5, R. L. Preston 6, T. C. Winderam 7, D. M. Graham-Service 8, P. T. Fisher 9, M. J. Pink (cond.) 10. First of Royal for all except 3, 4, 5 and 7. Rung for dedication festival Evensong.

GODSTONE, SURREY. — On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Foster 1, Carol Martin 2, Dianne Hatfield (first in method) 3, Juliet Stoy 4, Elizabeth Timmins 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, M. Foster 7, H. L. Hatfield 8.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. F. Warnes (Vicar) 1, Kathleen Marriott 2, Charlotte Harris 3, C. M. Orme 4, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 5.

GULVAL, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. G. Wood 1, G. W. Taysom 2, Miss M. Christopher (first as cond.) 3, J. Harris (first "inside") 4, R. Wooldridge 5, J. Williams 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 12th, 1,272 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford Bob, Plain): W. Cousins 1, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 2, R. Newson 3, L. Houghton 4, C. Cousins 5, N. Harding 6. Rung on the back six.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor: D. E. B. Reed 1, A. C. Walker 2, W. Tyson 3, I. Wintrip 4, K. Arthur 5, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. W. E. Wright, Vicar of Lanchester, who died on November 18th, 1963.

QUARTER PEALS

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. White 1, K. Lucas (first as cond. in more than one method) 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney 5. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (13 methods): J. Stott 1, K. Lucas 2, D. Stott 3, G. Lucas 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6.

LAXTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Chambers 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, Christine M. Wright 3, P. Rogers 4, B. Birkett 5, D. R. Chambers (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Sayer, a ringer at this church, prior to the christening of her nephew, Mark Richard Sayer.

LINCOLN. — At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Sept. 2nd, 1,277 Bob Minimus: Dianne Davis (first quarter) 1, I. M. Minns 2, A. W. Froggatt 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Nov. 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss D. E. Colgate 1, E. J. Ladd 2, K. J. Rider 3, Mrs. L. Warner (first Caters) 4, P. Simmonds 5, J. E. Warner 6, M. H. O'Callaghan 7, D. P. Smith 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, T. Lewis 10. For Evensong.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Thorne 1, Miss M. P. Barnard 2, J. Sage 3, A. W. Sage 4, Miss F. M. Sage (cond.) 5, W. Broom 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to our captain, Mr. T. J. Thorne, married at Luppitt on November 2nd.

MARTOCK, SOM.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Mayell 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first Triples "inside") 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, J. Kingsnorth 4, A. Dyer 5, F. J. White 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, A. J. Callow (first Triples) 8. Rung to honour the 21st wedding anniversary of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Minor (four methods): Susan Aveyard 1, G. Davis 2, B. Branston 3, R. Spencer 4, A. Waller 5, F. Sismey (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to John Cooper, of Castor.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Yvonne B. Lewin 1, Hazel J. Glue (first as cond.) 2, M. A. Cattell 3, R. A. K. Glue 4, F. Lewin 5, M. Edwards 6. First in method 1, 5. Rung in memory of Mr. G. Bryant, organist at Merrow, who died recently.

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NEW ROMNEY, KENT. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Barber 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, G. C. Webb 3, R. Birch 4, Miss P. Court 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelps 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Mayor of New Romney, who died on November 20th.

NORTON, HERTS. — On Nov. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. R. Agg 1, Josephine Trigg 2, Margaret Roden (first in method) 3, I. R. Panton 4, C. M. Orme 5, G. T. Horritt (first in method) 6, J. S. Dear 7, J. R. Leeming (cond.) 8.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Bridget M. Sleath (first quarter) 1, Frances E. Miller 2, Rachel E. D. Kistruck 3, Judith H. Harvey 4, Susan M. Heyworth 5, Shirley E. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung for St. Hugh's Day.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On Nov. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Sally Stacey (first T.B. Major) 1, R. Tipper (first in method) 2, Mary White 3, D. Hatherly (first in method) 4, K. Sansom 5, K. Tipper (150th quarter, first in method) 6, K. Waller 7, B. Walton (first in method as cond.) 8.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Isaacs 1, Miss V. Williams 2, P. Clewett 3, J. A. Wright (first quarter) 4, E. Frost (cond.) 5, J. Payne 6. Rung to the glory of God, for the patronal festival, and as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Leathersich.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,265 Stedman Caters: Penny Halliwell 1, P. Bedford 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, M. Hallett 4, A. Cansdale 5, B. Sadler 6, H. Furminger 7, G. Bacon 8, D. Sloman (first in method as cond.) 9, G. Eve 10. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, S.W. — On Nov. 10th, 1,264 Original Major: Rev. M. Hart 1, N. R. Waite 2, M. J. Bangham 3, Julie S. Armtrong 4, B. Downie 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6, K. J. Rider 7, A. R. Patterson 8. First in the principle for all the band.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Croall 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, W. Wood 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, S. Rayfield 5, Miss S. M. Kimmings 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, who celebrate their birthdays in November.

STEEP, HANTS. — On Nov. 16th, 1,380 Doubles (four methods): Cecily Roberts 1, Ann Hall 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, O. Dyson 6.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 17th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): T. N. Hitchens (first Minimus) 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. J. Bell 3, A. J. Davidson 4.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: N. W. Harvey 1, R. W. Smith 2, Rita M. Stratford 3, Mrs. M. E. Brown 4, L. Watkins 5, B. L. Burrows 6, J. Watkins 7, M. E. Brown (cond.) 8. First quarter by a complete Sapcote (six bells) band on eight bells. Rung for morning service by Sapcote Sunday service band.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): P. Lankester 1, J. Thorogood 2, W. Lanyon 3, R. W. Yates 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. W. Yates 1, W. Lanyon 2, J. Thorogood (cond.) 3, W. A. Yates 4, G. Shellard 5. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Shellard 1, W. A. Yates 2, R. W. Yates (cond.) 3, P. Lankester 4, B. Egglesfield 5.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,272 P.B. Minimus: F. W. Sherfield 1, J. D. Flook (first quarter "inside") 2, Janet Yeates (first quarter "inside") 3, R. A. Stone (first as cond.) 4, R. L. Ventham 5, S. Ventham 6.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOM. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Lee (first quarter, aged 11) 1, H. Young 2, G. Maidment 3, V. Gunter 4, G. Sparks 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. Rung after the wedding of the grand-daughter of Lady Baden-Powell and the late Lord Baden-Powell.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS. — On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Ayris 1, J. Ewers 2, C. East 3, L. Busby 4, L. J. Gregory (cond.) 5, H. G. Rand 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Baroness Pirquet, cremated this day at Oxford.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie C. Allen 1, R. P. Pearce 2, F. M. Bowers 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, A. J. Davidson 6.

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CHAPMAN.—Tom and Margaret, of Plot 1, Stonevell Lane, Congresbury, Bristol, now have a telephone—YATTON 8837. 6096

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WILL Mr. J. G. Hobson, of 6, Ashwood Place, Bean, Dartford, Kent, please contact this office, as his copy of the "R.W." has been returned marked "Gone Away"

All ringing friends who know Harry Cook send most sincerely their best wishes for a speedy recovery in his recent illness. Harry was taken ill at a ringing meeting at Gaddesby on November 16th.—D. A. D. 6125

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MISCELLANEOUS

CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH.—No practice December 7th. Monthly practices will be resumed January 4th. All enquiries re Cirencester and Watermoor bells to Mr. H. Cooke, 65, Watermoor Road, Cirencester. 6095

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations and notices of motions for the A.G.M., 1969, must reach me by February 1st (Rules VI and IX). —P. W. Saltmarsh. 6073

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — A committee meeting will be held at Church House, Salisbury, on February 1st at 2.30 p.m. Members with items to be placed on the agenda please forward by December 21st. Any members wishing to stand for office in the Guild during 1969 please forward their name. —F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge. 6086

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FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS
December 21st–29th, 1968

Saturday, December 21st:
Concert, Music and Voice, 7.30 p.m.
Ringing, 6.30–7.30 p.m.
Sunday, December 22nd:
Carols by Candlelight, **6.00** p.m., with Barrow-on-Soar Handbell Ringers.
Ringing, 5.00–6.00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24th:
Holy Communion, 11.30 p.m.
Christmas Day:
Family Service, 11.00 a.m.
Friday, December 27th:
Great Dalby Brass Band, 7.30 p.m.
Ringing, 6.30–7.30 p.m.
Sunday, December 29th:
Nativity Play by Children, 6.30 p.m.
Carols round Christmas Tree.
Ringing, 5.30–6.30 p.m.
The church open to view decorations by candlelight after dark.

21st: 2.30-9 p.m. 26th: 2.30-6 p.m.
22nd: 10.30 a.m.–9 p.m 27th: 2.30-9 p.m.
23rd: 6–9 p.m. 28th: 2.30-9 p.m.
24th: 6–9 p.m. 29th: 2.30-9 p.m.

Light Refreshments Saturdays and Friday.

PENN, STAFFS.

Ringers please note:—

There will be no practice on Tuesday evening, December 10th, 1968.

C. F. W. E.
6083

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

1969 Annual Dinner

A Guild Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 1969, at the Royal Hotel, Southampton. All members and friends are welcome. Southampton towers will be open during the day. Tickets, as 27s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. D. C. Jackson, 13, Testbourne Road, Totton, Southampton. Please enclose s.a.e. — D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5031

WYMONDHAM ABBEY

Norwich Diocesan Association
Northern Branch A.G.M.
Saturday, December 14th

Permission is given for visitors from other Branches or Guilds not wishing to attend business meeting to ring at the conclusion of tea. Names to T. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham. 6119

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Prices. — Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d for each additional card. — "The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford.

PRACTICE NIGHT

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—Practice night has been changed to Thursday, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 6132

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will members please note that the Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 8th, 1969. 6094

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual tour, April 5th–12th, 1969. Boating on the Thames downstream from Oxford. Will non-resident members who wish to participate write immediately to R. Shea, 19, Maryport Street, Usk, Mon. NP5 1AE. 6097

POSTPONED

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Please note that the December meeting has been cancelled. The next Manchester Branch meeting will be the A.G.M. at the Town Hall on January 18th: details later. —A. Ward, Branch Sec. 6110

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Yorktown (8) on Friday, December 6th, 7.30–9 p.m. 6057

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Kineton on Saturday, December 7th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Radway 2–2.45 and Burton Dassett 3–3.45 will also be open. Business includes election of new District secretary.—R. W. S. 6091

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in evening until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Minor and Wilburton Alliance. 5972

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Evening meeting, St. Ippolyts (6) on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 6078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Eastchurch (6), Saturday, December 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to N. Chesson, 19, Church Road, Eastchurch, Sheppey. Special method: London. — T. Barton. 6032

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Birmingham, Dec. 7, 9.45–10.45, All Saints', West Bromwich; 11–12, St. Mary's, Handsworth; 12.30–1.30, SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston; 2.15–3.15, St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston; 3.30–4.30, St. Mary's, Selly Oak; 4.30–5.30, St. Peter's, Harborne. 6088

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Anston (8) on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing 3 p.m.–5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Cups of tea only; please bring own sandwiches.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral and St. George-in-the-Borough 3–4.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth 6.30–8; St. Margaret's, Westminster 6.30–8.30. Tea in the Chapter House, St. Thomas Street, 5 p.m. — D. E. Sibson, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 6080

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Tooting Graveney on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) 3.30. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6, followed by evening ringing. Names for tea to Kenneth Black, 88, Topsham Road, Tooting, S.W. 17, or telephoned to me 01–654 4915. — E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 6060

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, Slaugham (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5. Carol Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. H. Burton, 16, Horsham Road, Pease Cottage, Crawley, Sussex.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 0668

OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE WILL BE ON DECEMBER 13th

Christmas and New Year Greetings to be included in this issue should be received not later than Friday, Dec. 6th.

PUBLICATION DATES

Issue of December 20th: Last time for Notices, Friday, December 13th.

Issue of December 27th: Last time for Notices: Thursday, December 19th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow in Parish Room, Blakefield Walk, St. John's, at 5.30 p.m. Bells also available in the evening from 7 p.m. Names for tea to me, please.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 6063

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Brighouse (8) on Saturday, December 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Plain Bob and D.N.C.B. All welcome, especially learners. — Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 6085

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Monthly Branch practice at St. Helen's, Abington, Wed., Dec. 11th, 7.30 p.m.—C. Corderoy. 6108

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice at Batheaston (8), Thursday, December 12th, 7.30 p.m.—B. Johnson. 6130

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Practice meeting, Ingham (5), Friday evening, Dec. 13th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. 6112

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Nomination Meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on December 14th. Retiring office—president, Mr. Chant. All nominations to be handed to the secretary in writing, complete with proposer's and seconder's signatures.

Ringing arrangements: Bells available 1500 hours to 2030 hours. Cups of tea will be provided. All ringers and friends welcome. 6134

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Meeting on Saturday, December 14th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. at Blunham (6), followed by tea and business meeting at Northill 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 8.30. 6130

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hessle (6), December 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Sharp, 7, Kirkham Close, Hessle, by previous Wednesday. Don't forget the open practice at Holy Trinity, Hull, on Monday, December 9th. 6127

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, December 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, by December 11th. 6135

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting at Chesterfield (10), Saturday, December 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea to Miss M Yarnold, Dale Bank, 56, Cobden Road, Chesterfield (Tel. Chest. 3918) without fail, please. —Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 6062

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, December 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent, by December 12th. 6053

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles', Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis Sec. 6111

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting at Wotton-under-Edge (8), Saturday, December 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, GL2 7AU, by Wednesday, December 11th. 6131

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Dorking, Saturday, December 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by Wednesday, 11th. 6065

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, Milnthorpe. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.—T. F. Metcalfe. 6106

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Simpson, 1, Meadow Lane, Liverpool, 12, by Wednesday.—G. K. A. 6116

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, Adlington, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, Chorley, by Wednesday, 11th.—L. Walmsley. 6037

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing at Oldham Parish Church (12) in the afternoon from 3 p.m., and at St. Mark's, Glodwick (8), in the evening from 6.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 6104

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Thurcaston (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. T. Bindley, 10, Mill Road, Thurcaston, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 11th. 6070

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (10) available 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 6118

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Quainton (5), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bucks, by Thursday, Dec. 12th. 6115

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral Church of Christ, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Aldate's Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Walker, 152, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford. 6099

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at St. John the Baptist's, Windsor, on December 14th. Bells available at 6 p.m.—J. R. A. Muller. 6124

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Nether Heyford (6) on Saturday, December 14th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, by Monday previous. 6126

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanstephan, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Prytherch, 33, Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest. 6129

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A.G.M., December 14th, at Mere. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Evening ringing. Gillingham. Names for tea by Dec. 10th.—M. M. Godley, St. Francis' Cottage, Yetminster, Sherborne. Phone: Yetminster 332. 6107

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Newport, Salop (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4, Abbots Place, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — South Eastern District.—**Please note change of times.**—Meeting, Henley, December 14th. Ringing commences 3.30, Service 5. Tea 5.15. Ringing after business meeting until 9 o'clock. All wishing for tea please book: Mrs. H. Egglestone, Eggles Place, 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Suffolk, **by Wednesday, December 11th.** — W. L., Dis. Sec. 6087

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Findon (not Washington), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 and tea at Findon Tea House 5.30. As accommodation is limited it will be essential to notify for tea. to Div. Sec. by Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 6109

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, on December 14th. Bells (8) 3–5 p.m. Halifax Parish Church (12) after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Fielden, 18, Chester Road, Ackroyden, Halifax, by previous Thursday.—A. B. Sullivan, Dis. Sec. 6079

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Chalford (6), Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, GL26 PX, by Dec. 17th. 6103

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Dec. 21st, St. Stephen's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss A. Macfarlane, 15, Folly Avenue, St. Albans (Tel. 52111).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec 6101

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Christmas Social at Victory Hall, Bramford, on Saturday, December 21st, at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments, entertainments and lots of fun, all for 5s. (schoolchildren 2s. 6d.). Come and meet your friends.

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 1st, 1969

At Church House, Westminster.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

May 27th, 1969, at ST. ALBANS

Preliminary Announcement

Headquarters will be at the Peahen Hotel, London Road, where the terms for bed and breakfast are: Single 39/6, double let as single 52/6 and double 74/-.

Other hotels:—

Noke, Watford Road.—Single 55/- (with bath, 65/-), double 90/- (with bath, 110/-).

Great Red Lion, High Street.—Single 45/- (with bath, 55/-), twin/double 90/- (with bath, 110/-).

St Michael's Manor, Fishpool Street.—Single 45/- or 50/-, double per person 40/-.

White Hart, Holywell Hill.—Single 35/-, twin per person 35/-, double let as single 40/-.

Important.—Under present conditions there is a possibility that these prices may have increased by the time of reservation, and confirmation should therefore be sought.

Details of other hotel and guest house accommodation are available from the assistant hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, Mrs. Mary A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden, who **must** be supplied with a stamped and addressed envelope.

Accommodation is limited (there are only 69 rooms in the five hotels listed above) and members are strongly advised to make their reservations as soon as possible.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Secretary.
45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax, Yorkshire.

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PRIME. — The temporary address of Pat, Dick and family is now 36, The Avenue, Halesworth, Suffolk. Friends, old and new, welcome. 6136

MEETINGS

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Goole, Saturday, December 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Buffet tea 5. Names to F. Kitwood and Sons, 30, Jackson Street, Goole, before 6th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6143

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on December 14th at 3 o'clock. (Nuneaton not available.) Names for tea to L. Trevor, 61, Watling Street, Nuneaton. Please look up your ten-bell methods, then come and ring them.—L. Trevor, Dis. Sec. 6147

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Chesterton, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. — B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 6142

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — A.G.M., Barnwood (8), December 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Upton St. Leonards (8) available after business. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0DT, by December 12th. 6137

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Annual general meeting at Christ Church, Swindon (10) on Saturday, December 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday, please. 6140

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 6145

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, December 14th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. 6139

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch A.G.M.

There was a good attendance at the annual general meeting of the Marlborough Branch held at Marlborough on November 16th. The high proportion of younger members present must surely hold great promise for the future.

Owing to the augmentation of St. Mary's six bells to eight, now in progress, the scope of ringing was extremely limited, being confined to the front five, and ringing during the evening was transferred to nearby Mildenhall.

The Guild service at 4.15 p.m. was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Walsh), who gave a short but appropriate address on "Trust, Fellowship and Dedication." Mr. Pomfret kindly played the organ.

Tea was enjoyed in the nearby Church Hall, prepared and served by ladies of the church, and this was followed by the business meeting. The chairman (Mr. G. Newman) presided and the previous minutes were read by the hon. secretary (Miss H. Jones), who also presented the year's statement of accounts, which showed a slight reduction in both the balance at the bank and in hand. This was due to two items which it was hoped would be non-recurring, and in any case a healthy credit sum still remained. Ten meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 18. Peals and quarter peals had been rung at six different churches, the highlight being the peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Michael's, Aldbourne, conducted by Mr. F. Read. This was rung by an entirely Aldbourne band and was the first achieved by such a band since 1837. Chisledon ringers were also commended for their handbell performances at local functions.

The six-bell ring at St. Mary's, Marlborough, was being augmented to eight and this would give a second octave in good order to the Branch.

All were sorry to lose the Rev. R. Keeley, now Vicar of Whiteparish. During his five years as curate at Marlborough Mr. Keeley had given unstinted service to the Branch as Ringing Master, Branch representative and in training new recruits. Others who had left were Karl Harvey and John Mitchell, both of Aldbourne, and the good wishes of the Branch were extended to them all. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted. Before the election of officers for the coming year, the Rev. R. Keeley was presented with a travelling clock and a book token as a mark of esteem and appreciation from the Branch. The presentation was made by Mr. W. A. Edwards, one of the oldest members of the Branch, who wished Mr. Keeley every success and happiness now and in the future. Mr. Keeley suitably replied.

In the election of officers which followed, Mr. G. Newman was again confirmed as chairman, Miss H. Jones as hon. secretary and Mr. F. Read as vice-chairman. Mr. A. Keen was elected Ringing Master with Mr. F. Cook as his deputy, and Mr. Keen also undertook the duties of Branch representative on the Guild Committee. Dr. Craig and Mr. C. Wilkins agreed to serve on the Branch Committee.

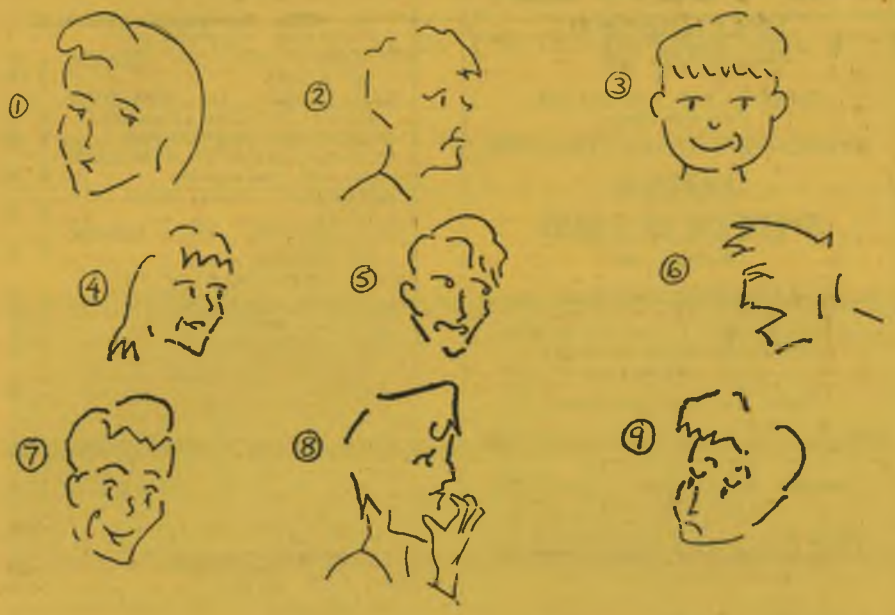
A list of monthly meetings with suggested towers for 1969 was approved, and it was agreed that at least two meetings would be held jointly with the Calne Branch, one in each area.

A record number of new members were nominated and all were unanimously elected.

In his concluding address the chairman thanked all who had helped in any way throughout the year. He made a special appeal to all towers to make every effort to attend the monthly meetings. Although the past year had been a useful one in this respect, he felt that the attendances had been provided by only a few towers and he would like to see the representation more widely distributed.

Ringing was afterwards resumed on the light six at nearby Mildenhall. W. A. E.

As Seen at a District Meeting!



Facial contortions are to be met at most District meetings. In this competition readers are asked to fit each caption to its appropriate number.

A. Less noise, please.
B. Tea in half-an-hour—yum, yum.
C. I do know a little touch—let me see.
D. Double Norwich? But I don't know the starts.
E. Who said I couldn't ring Cambridge for toffee?
F. No, Geraldine—not until you can hunt properly.
G. I had hoped to be allowed to conduct.
H. Bristol? Not likely with this band.
I. Guess what? I followed that all the way through!

Entries to "District Meeting Competition," "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford. First correct opened on December 31st, prize of 10s.

Answers (fill in numbers)

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4 ..... **5** ..... **6** .....

7 ..... **8** ..... **9** .....

Name .....

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QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Percy 1, R. Johnson 2, Betty Percy 3, A. Bond 4, T. Barlow 5, V. Sheppard 6, D. Smith 7, G. Francis 8, A. Baldock (cond.) 9, G. FitzHugh 10. First on ten 5, 9, 10. Rung by officers of the Association as a welcome to Bernard John Minton, son of the deputy captain of this tower, born November 5th.

BRINKLOW, WARKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Susan Painter (first quarter) 1, Stephanie Cox (first "inside") 2, D. W. Mountford 3, B. Elliott 4, Susan Bagshaw 5.

BROADCHALKE, WILTS. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Mitchell 1, Susan M. Corry 2, W. C. Shute 3, A. Nunn (cond.) 4, J. D. Willcock 5, C. F. Longridge 6.

BUCKINGHAM. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Yates 1, Mrs. G. Shelard 2, F. Vickers 3, R. A. Vickers 4, G. W. Holland 5, F. Pateman 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Shelard 8.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: A. P. Beck 1, R. E. Beck (first Bristol) 2, E. Naylor 3, P. H. Jones 4, G. G. Salmon 5, H. D. Mackay 6, R. G. Beck 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (tenor covering): C. Herrington 1, P. Payne (first as cond.) 2, T. J. Wellen 3, J. F. Payne 4, G. Coleman tenor. First quarter of Minimus for all the band.

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BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: Rev. L. R. Pizzey 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, M. H. Whittell 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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Bells—the Messengers of Christmas

By the Rev. NICHOLAS F. D. COLERIDGE

THROUGHOUT the land countless sermons will be preached in our churches at Christmas, as indeed they are every Sunday, but they will be heard by only a limited number of people—people who want to hear the message of Christmas. The majority of people never hear that message in church but it is taken to them by the sound of the bells. Not all who hear the bells at Christmas will understand their message, for many who enjoy the festivities of Christmas do not associate it with God at all. Some will curse the bells for waking them up and others will merely think how lovely it is to hear them, but there must still be many to whom the bells will speak of God.

It may be that the sound of the bells will remind them of a far greater gift than any they have given or received, for it is the gift of God's only begotten Son Jesus Christ. That gift is the greatest expression and proof of God's love. The bells will remind them that God is concerned with their daily lives as they recall the fact that he became man. The bells will bring those who suffer and those who are bereaved a message of comfort and the assurance of God's love, for He whose birth we celebrate entered fully into human suffering. Many who are cast down will lift up their hearts and rejoice at the sound of the bells including those who feel the burden of their sins. The bells will call them to repentance with the assurance that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. One has even heard of criminals being restrained by the sound of the bells from the evil they had planned.

There are, however, a growing number of people who do not believe the message we proclaim and have become cynical as they see the world in a mess despite the birth of Christ. They do not realise that it is the world's failure to respond to the message of Christmas which is basically responsible for the world's unrest. We can only hope and pray that the sound of the bells will at least bring about within them what Samuel Taylor Coleridge called a **"willing suspension of disbelief for the moment"** that they may give glory to God.

If we ourselves really believe the message our bells proclaim we can see how very important is our work as ringers. We shall enjoy and perhaps improve our ringing if we realise how valuable is our contribution to the work of the Church in proclaiming the Gospel. We do not draw attention to ourselves in our ringing for we cannot be seen, but we try to draw people's attention to Jesus Christ. It is for that reason that we give of our best and offer our ringing to him for his greater glory.

There are some who would say that we do not ring primarily for God's Glory but for our own enjoyment. Most ringers would admit that they ring because it is a hobby which they enjoy and while they ring they cannot give any thought to God because they have to concentrate on their striking. That need not, however, prevent our hobby from being used as an act of worship for God's Glory. The same is equally true of those who enjoy singing in the choir or playing the organ. The fact that we enjoy our ringing does not invalidate it as an act of worship or prevent it bringing tidings of great joy to countless people. On the contrary we are privileged to have a hobby which we can use for so high a purpose. Those whose ringing is no more than a hobby can still be led by their art to worship the Lord Jesus as the Wise Men were led by their art to make a very costly offering to Him. Our ringing can be a costly offering and God is able to use what we offer Him in our belfries in ways beyond our knowing. We should pray as we go to church that our ringing will be effective in bringing a message from Him to all his people on His birthday.

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CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

By N. J. DAVIES, F.S.A., Scot.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL, the glory of Kent and cradle of Christianity in England, dominates the city and countryside as proudly today as it did in 960 when the Saxon church, rebuilt by Archbishop Odo, was consecrated. Ill-fortune dogged this early church; it was pillaged by the Danes in 1011, later repaired by Canute, and then rased to the ground by fire in 1067. The new Norman building, erected on the exact site of the present Cathedral, was completed by Archbishop Lanfranc and dedicated in 1077. Within twenty years the eastern arm of this church, having proved inadequate, was widened and extensively lengthened by Priors Ernulph and Conrad.

A further fire in 1174 caused a rebuilding of the East end, largely still intact today. In 1378–1410 Lanfranc's Norman nave, western transepts and south-west tower were rebuilt by Prior Thomas Chillenden, the latter, however, not being completed until 1459. In 1433 work commenced under Prior Molash on recasing the central tower; by 1496 the "Angel Steeple," still the crowning glory of Canterbury, was completed, and for poetry of design and beauty of proportion it is still in a class of its own.

BELL TOWER

Of the bells in the Saxon Cathedral nothing definite is known, although it is recorded that St. Dunstan, Archbishop, not only cast bells but gave instructions for their use. Lanfranc's Norman church, however, included a large detached "clocarium" or bell-tower which stood on a mound to the south-east of the main building, and records show that c. 1098 a large bell was placed herein by Prior Ernuph. This bell was recast by his successor, Conrad, who added four smaller bells, and it is recorded that the smallest required 10 ringers, while the largest required 24 ringers to sound it.

Fifty years later (c. 1160) Prior Wybert added a sixth that required the services of no less than 32 ringers—indicative, probably, of the fact that these bells were swung by treading beams fastened horizontally to the headstock. Following the assassination of Archbishop Becket in 1170, it was recorded by contemporary writers that these bells remained silent for a year along with the general desecration of the church prior to its reconciliation by Pope Alexander III.

In 1316 Prior Henry of Eastry, probably the Cathedral's greatest single benefactor, gave a large bell dedicated to St. Thomas, which weighed 71¼ cwt. Later, in 1343, Prior Hathbrand gave bells dedicated to Jesus and St. Dunstan. At this time the bells in the campanile were rehung, and their names recorded as "Jesus," "Dunstan," "Mary," "Crundale," "Elphy" (Alphege), and "Thomas."

In 1382, following an earthquake, the campanile fell, destroying the first three named bells. Following its reconstruction, the other three bells were rehung together with two others of whose casting no record remains. These five bells were sold at the suppression of the Priory in 1540, and totalled over 11 tons in weight, confirming their magnitude of size. The campanile was supposedly demolished at the turn of the seventeenth century.

CENTRAL TOWER

The first donor of bells to the central tower appears to have been Henry of Eastry in 1317; he gave six bells, the largest weighing 13 cwt., and the whole ring totalling 58½ cwt.

Whether these survived until 1408 is unknown, but in that year a new ring of five bells was installed by Archbishop Arundel and Prior Chillenden; the great tenor, dedicated to the Trinity, weighed 64½ cwt. Work commenced on the reconstruction of this tower in 1433 and, some years later, the "Arundel ring" was removed to the N.W. tower, thenceforth known as the "Arundel steeple."

After completion of the central tower, a subsidence of the S.W. pillar precluded the hanging of a new ring, but a small bell, previously hung in the N.W. tower and called "Bell Harry," after its donor, Henry of Eastry, was hung on the roof of the central tower, thenceforth known as "Bell Harry Tower." Preserved to this day inside the tower is a gigantic mediaeval treadmill, still in working order, used to haul up the stone for the reconstruction.

COCK STEEPLE

Lanfranc's Norman N.W. tower appears to have remained vacant until 1316, when the illustrious Prior Henry rebuilt the upper story, adding a lead spire and weather vane, the tower then being known as "Cock Steeple." In that year also three bells, largest 21½ cwt., were installed and a small bell of 6¾ cwt. to summon the Chapter (later removed to the central tower, as noted above). In c. 1440 Arundel's five bells were installed, and then history is nearly blank until 1585, when one of the bells was recast by Robert Mot of Whitechapel.

Two other bells were recast in 1606 and 1624 by Joseph Hatch, and in 1635/6 a major reconstruction took place. The remaining bells were augmented to six, and there is evidence that this was achieved by recasting Arundel's tenor into two trebles. The poor structural condition of the tower was evident when one reads that Hatch's hanger. Thomas Crust, had to contract to make the frame for the bells "rest upon the ground." In 1705 the leaden spire was taken down after storm damage, and by 1718 four of the bells were reported cracked. In 1726 they were removed altogether, recast into eight by Samuel Knight of Holborn, and rehung in the S.W. tower.

IN S.W. TOWER

Taking up the story of the S.W. tower, this does not seem to have housed bells before its rebuilding in 1430–59. In 1430 Prior Molash gave a large bell, cast in London, dedicated to St. Dunstan, and evidently meant to replace Hathbrand's "Dunstan" destroyed with the campanile. The bell, weighing 72½ cwt., had to wait nearly 30 years in the nave of the Cathedral for its dedication in June, 1459. Earlier, in March, 1451, a new ring of five bells had been hallowed and hung in the tower, then known as St. George's tower. In 1499 Dunstan was new cast by John Bale, Bellfounder, and then weighed 64¾ cwt., being rehung on the roof of the tower as at present. The five other bells (tenor 19½ cwt.) were also rehung, and there were three other bells in the tower known as the "Quarres"—possibly the quarter bells of the clock, mentioned in 1551. In 1663 Dunstan was recast by Michael Darby of Stepney; this bell, weighing 53 cwt., was not a success, and it was again recast in 1684 by Christopher Hodson, who brought its weight up to 69¾ cwt.

In 1726 the bells, now six in number and described as "deep and melodious," were sold, thereby ending a period of 90 years when the Cathedral (like Lincoln) possessed two separate rings of six bells. The old bells are believed to have gone to St. Peter's, Sandwich, and money received for them spent on repairing windows on the South side of the nave.

The old six (tenor approx. 32 cwt.) from the N.W. tower having been removed, the treble (cast by Hatch in 1635) was hung on the central tower in place of the old "Bell Harry," which was given in to the new ring of eight, tenor 30 cwt. The new eight were not entirely satisfactory, as the 5th was recast in 1727, and the 6th in 1728. The bells were opened by the College Youths, who, in May, 1732, rang a maiden peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by B. Annable, one of the very earliest peals in Kent. The first peal by a local band, also Grandsire, was not until 1751.

In 1758 Dunstan was again cracked by tolling with a hammer. A futile attempt to mend the crack with solder was made, to no avail, and the bell was eventually recast by Lester and Pack in 1762. The recasting was done within the precincts by William Chapman, then foreman, one of the onlookers being young William Mears, who, after serving an apprenticeship, took over the foundry in 1784. The exact weight of the new bell is unknown, but it was recorded that 10 cwt. of new metal was needed, of which 5 cwt. was waste, so the present bell probably weighs 74 cwt.—rather more than was generally thought.

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AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF LANFRANC'S NORMAN CHURCH



The old Campanile was situated just to the left of the picture

TWO TIER FRAME

In 1778 Samuel Knights's tenor was recast by Pack and Chapman, who placed upon it a rhyming inscritpion, typical of this era of bellfounding. In 1802 two new trebles, cast by Thomas Mears and reputedly given to celebrate the short-lived restoration of peace in Amiens, were added to make a ring of ten. A two tier bellframe, with five above and five below, was installed, and the ringing chamber elevated twenty feet in the tower to its present level. The first peal on the augmented ring, Grandsire Caters in 1824, was rung by a joint band from the Cathedral and Quex Park, conducted by William Shipway.

In 1832 the Norman North-West tower again gave cause for alarm; it was surveyed by the Cathedral architect who thought it both worthy and capable of restoration, but an ill-advised love of uniformity led to its destruction and replacement by the present tower, the work being completed in 1853. During this period ringing was prohibited for fear of damage to the unsupported West front, and the bells were only sounded for occasional services by light ropes attached to the clappers. This reprehensible practice resulted in the 3rd and 6th bells becoming cracked, and they were recast by C. & G. Mears in 1854 when ringing recommenced. The new bells were, unfortunately, unsatisfactory, and they were recast anew the following year by the same founders.

By 1897 the "go" of the bells was very poor, two men invariably being required for both 9th and tenor. In that year they were rehung on one level in a cast-iron frame by Blackbourne of Salisbury; at the same time new quarter-chimes were added to the clock, being founded on the 8th Gregorian tone to mark the thirteenth centenary of St. Augustine's landing in Kent.

In a routine maintenance report in 1906 it was reported that the tenor was cracked in the crown, but the warning appears to have gone unheeded for 45 years.

WAR MEMORIAL

In 1923, as a memorial to those members of the K.C.A. who gave their lives in the war, two further trebles to make 12 were added, cast by Mears and Stainbank, and additional framework was constructed above the main foundation; finally, in 1951, the whole ring was rehung on ball-bearings by the same foundry. At this time the cracked tenor was rediscovered and recasting put into hand. The old bell, always reputed to weigh 34 cwt., was found to weigh 28¼ cwt., and was recast with 4 cwt. of fresh metal.

The most recent campanological applications took place in 1959 when the ringing of Bell Harry was converted to an electric solenoid system. Originally the bell was rung from All Saints' Chapel in the triforium at the West end of the South choir aisle. More recently the rope fall was diverted to a small covered passage above the East walk of the cloister, but the complicated geometry of the steel hawser rope required both skill and energy for success.

THE CATHEDRAL RINGERS

The ringers have always been an active and integral part of the community. In 1271 it was noted that there were four bell-ringers, the principal ringer also being keeper of the Wax house. Their annual stipend was £1, and they were expected to ring for over 80 festivals in the year, this being regulated in accordance with the relative dignity of the feast; on nine "greater doubles" the sacrist paid 3s. 6½d. to the ringers, but on twenty-six lesser feast days no more than 3d. They also received other benefits (mainly food and drink) for other more menial tasks such as ringing to school and curfew, making the Paschal candle, carrying books and preparing altars, etc. One cannot help but feel that a certain amount of extra-monastic help must have been employed, especially for ringing heavy bells such as "Thomas" and "Dunstan."

After the Reformation, the incorporation charter of the new foundation dated 1541 mentions six ringers at a salary of £6 per year, whose duties, together with sub-sacrists, vergers and potters, included the prevention of dogs and rude boys entering church during service. One wonders whether William Oldfield, the city bell-founder, volunteered his services; certainly he was well known to the new authorities, for, in 1538, he is paid for "putting owte Thomas Bekket from the Commen Seale, and gravying agayn of the same." In 1542/3 he is also mentioned as "graving of the scochon for beggars."

In 1633 the ringers were paid 8s. 9d. at the enthronement of Archbishop Laud, and in 1642 they were granted an additional stipend to keep the church windows from defacing. During the Commonwealth, no ringing appears to have been done, apart from the sounding of Bell Harry every Saturday morning when the market was opened by the Mayor and aldermen.

"RINGING CLUB"

After the installation of the new ring of eight, a new company of change ringers was formed, whose activities are well documented in the Cathedral belfry archives. By 1795 they had changed their name to the "Ringing Club," and they were obviously a good team, for they won first prize of eight crown pieces at the opening of Faversham bells in 1798. In 1826 a separate young company of change ringers was formed. Their annual outings, regularly held until 1832, seem to have been energetic affairs; seldom were touches of less than 720 changes rung, and they usually rang at their first tower at 7 a.m. before breakfast!

In 1829 they received from Lord Fordwich 12s.: "To ringing for the canvass and election." This sparked off a storm of protest from the Dean and Chapter, who later capitulated and ruled that ringers should only ring for "The High Church and Tory Party"! Later, in 1840, when the bells were only being chimed for services, the authorities decided to halve the ringers' allowances. This met with unanimous disapproval, and the entire band migrated to St. Stephen's Church on the city outskirts. This tower had six bells, which were augmented to eight in 1844, largely through their efforts. The opening ceremony was a grand occasion, with teams from the neighbourhood competing for an inaugural trophy, which was won by the adept band from Hythe.

After reinstatement at the Cathedral in 1855, relations improved, the Dean actually having to settle a quarrel between the ringers and the architect, the latter, usurping his authority, having confiscated the belfry keys! Links between the authorities and ringers have since been most amicable; the late Canon Helmore, Precentor of the Cathedral, a fine ringer, being President of the Cathedral Company and Secretary of the K.C.A. for many years. With the advent of the University and other training colleges, Canterbury has seen a recent influx of young blood in the belfry to carry on the tradition.

Many criticisms have been levelled that the present bells are not really worthy of the fine building. Using the yardstick of a first-class modern ring, it would be hard to disagree, but the writer would be sorry to see the old bells go. The old back eight in particular are a fine ring, and they seem

Canterbury Cathedral—continued

to have inherited some of the grandeur of their forbears, "Trinity," and her four saintly companions "Mary," "Gabriel," "Blaise" and "John."

Dimensions, weights, notes and founders of the bells.

Treble: 28½in. 6 cwt. 16 lb. G. Mears and Stainbank 1923.

2nd: 30in. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. F. Mears and Stainbank 1923.

3rd: 31½in. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. E. Thomas Mears I 1802.

4th: 32in. 7 cwt. 2 qr. D. Thomas Mears I 1802.

5th: 34in. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 17lb. C. C. & G. Mears 1855.

6th: 36in. Approx. 8 cwt. 1 qr. B. Samuel Knight 1726.

7th: 38in. Approx. 9 cwt. 3 qr. A. Samuel Knight 1726.

8th: 40in. 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. G. C. & G. Mears 1855.

9th: 43½in. Approx. 13 cwt. 2 qr. F. Samuel Knight 1727.

10th: 46½in. Approx. 16 cwt. 2 qr. E. Samuel Knight 1728.

11th: 51½in. Approx. 22 cwt. D. Samuel Knight 1726.

Tenor: 57in. 32 cwt. 6 lb. C. Mears & Stainbank 1951.

"Great Dunstan": 69in. Approx. 74 cwt. Slightly sharp of C. Lester and Pack 1726.

"Bell Harry": 36in. Approx. 8 cwt. B flat. Joseph Hatch 1635.

The old 5th bell, by Samuel Knight, 1726, weighed 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

The old 8th Bell, by Samuel Knight, 1726, weighed 11 cwt. 24 lb.

The old tenor, by Pack and Chapman, 1778, weighed 28 cwt. 1 qr.

VICTORIAN PEAL RINGER

LEWIS, F. J. sen., of Cirencester, writes: "I rang in a peal of Grandsire Caters on June 30th, 1898, and also a peal of Grandsire Triples on April 16th, 1900. I have taken 'The Ringing World' since the first number and also 'The Bell News' and 'Campanology,' and I am in my 88th year. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Barnett's father in 1924 when he rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques with the St. Martin's Guild at Cirencester."

NEXT WEEK'S COVER PICTURE
ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT, SOUTHBROOM, WILTS

Retirement of John P. Fidler

Outstanding Service in Providing the Country's Bells

ONE of the best-known personalities in the Ringing Exercise, Mr. John P. Fidler, has retired from Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and he is now living in Crediton, Devon. He started with Taylor's in June, 1926, and while with them inspected well over 3,000 rings of bells and measured up the same number of towers.



"Fid," as he is familiarly known to his friends, learned to ring at St. Thomas's, Norbury, Cheshire, in the spring of 1914. The following November saw him in khaki, having enlisted in the 9th Royal Scots and was stationed in Edinburgh. Whilst in Edinburgh he teamed up with the ringers at St. Mary's and St. Cuthbert's.

He served with the 9th Royal Scots in France, mostly on the Somme, and was transferred to the Scottish Rifles in 1916, being invalided home the following year. Transferred to the King's African Rifles in 1917, his next sphere of active service was in British East Africa, where he remained until the summer of 1919.

On demobilisation he rejoined the Norbury band and started ringing in earnest. For a time he was secretary of the Stockport Branch and peal recorder for the Chester Guild. "Fid" made a detailed study of method splicing and on December 4th, 1923, rang the famous 35-method Treble Bob Minor peal. He then wrote a series of articles on "Method Splicing," which later appeared in book form.

Upon accepting an appointment with John Taylor and Co. in 1926 he took a keen interest in the affairs of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and from 1946 to 1950 he represented the Guild on the Central Council. He was elected an honorary member of the Council in 1951.

The following appreciation of his services is written by Mr. Paul L. Taylor:—

"FID"

At the end of November this year I said goodbye to an old friend whom I had known since my schooldays. For over 40 years "Fid" has been with us in Loughborough and I shall now miss him very much. Poor "Fid" was saddled with me to be looked after when I was a schoolboy of 12 and my uncle sent me out with him inspecting bells. We used to travel together all over the West Country and I can still see myself sitting at an evening meeting of a parochial church council while "Fid" held forth about their bell scheme. This culminated in a resolution to order the restoration of their bells from us, and I remember him with great delight sending off the telegram "Morval ordered," and signing it "Paul."

I think there is hardly anywhere in the British Isles that "Fid" has not travelled through and he has regaled me with tales about such and such a place and such and such bells as we went by in the car. Also the tales, some of them extraordinary, or even more than extraordinary, about the various people he met on these travels.

Over all these years he has acquired great knowledge of the problems presented by bells and bell frames, and many's the time when he has patiently explained to the good folk of the church why they should do this and not that which they had suggested. During all these long talks and discussions he was never at a loss for the apt word, a little story or coming out with a downright blunt remark if he felt this was called for.

He saw no reason to limit his labours merely to inspecting and reporting on bells, and if when he got home there was an urgent need for work in the drawing office to get a drawing out, well "Fid" got down to it. And not only that, if when he had made the drawing he did not like it he would set out and make another and better one.

He did not mind getting himself dirty doing a bit of bellhanging if he thought it was called for. He would get up, without being asked, early in the morning and set off on a long drive. Once he heard through the grape vine that a church had been set on fire and he set off in the car and was there before the fire was out to tell the powers that be what they should do with the bells!

As he grew older his experience grew greater and he rarely forgot what he had seen and what he had advised in the various churches.

He loves working with bells and talking bells, but now the time has come when Mother Nature has let him know gently but firmly that he is no longer as young as he used to be and the other day he came to me and said that he must retire. Not to a life of gentlemanly ease. Oh no! He is retiring to Devonshire, where he hopes he can put his knowledge of bells to still further use. Our family gave him a quiet send-off and he has left us with our good wishes for his future life in Devonshire to be both long and happy.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: R. Offen 1, Jane Hough 2, Violet Ring 3, O. Webster 4, W. P. Tickner 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6, E. Clifton 7, P. Relf 8. A farewell to Rev. John Elson, who is leaving to take up an appointment as priest-in-charge at Chart Sutton. A 72nd birthday compliment to W. P. Tickner.

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Letters to the Editor

RINGING IN BERKSHIRE IN 1921-22

Dear Sir,—The letter in the issue ot November 22nd from Michael Bishop recalling peals in which I rang at East Hagbourne during 1921-22 revives many happy memories of ringing in Berkshire, when, during the period from early August, 1921, to late March, 1922, for business reasons I was staying in the vicinity of Harwell (how different now).

I was soon to make the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, and with them spent many hours ringing at various towers in the district, and I still retain vivid memories of the various ringers I met during that time. I paid several visits to Oxford, ringing at the various churches, including quarter peals of Stedman Caters at Magdalen and New College. Peals in which I took part were rung at Southleigh and Kidlington (Oxon) and in Berkshire, East Hagbourne, Blewbury, Watlington, Drayton, St. Helen's Abingdon (for the wedding of the Princess Royal) and Appleton.

My first peal at Appleton (November 19th, 1921) was 10,043 of Grandsire Caters in 6 hours and 6 minutes and was my first on ten bells. The band included the five brothers White and was conducted by George Holifield sen.; also ringing was his son, George, and brother, Harry Holifield (father of Mrs. A. E. Lock). A few weeks later an attempt was made for what would have been a record length at that time—19,000-plus of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing almost 10,000 it unfortunately came to grief. I rang the 7th on both occasions.

I made a brief return to Berkshire in October, 1923, when I rang in my fourth peal at East Hagbourne, also again in November, 1928, when I took part in a peal of Steuman Triples at Drayton conducted by Tom Hibbert. Included in the band was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Miss Vera Robinson, daughter of the famous ringing clergyman of that parish.—Yours sincerely.

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

NO POLITICS, PLEASE

Dear Sir,—I should like to support Mr. Bedford in his protest about political opinions being expressed in your columns ("Ringing World," November 29th). I, too, was offended by the utterances of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott in his otherwise admirable apologia on the Central Council and I regret that you, sir, did not see fit to wield your proverbial blue pencil in this instance.

Unfortunately, this has not been the only occasion of late that I have noticed remarks of an unseemly political slant appearing in "The Ringing World" and I trust that the trend will not be permitted to develop any further. The Exercise cannot be allowed to be besmirched by political feeling and any ringer who is compelled to give vent to his or her political opinions of the body politic should have recourse to the correspondence pages of our national dailies or weeklies, where they can find plenty of worthies to take up the challenge. Unless statutory legislation impinges or threatens to impinge on bells or bell-ringing, the columns of our paper should remain closed to political commentators.—Yours sincerely,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle upon Tyne

MYTHICAL PEAL IN ST. GILES' CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—It appears from the interesting article in last week's "Ringing World" that an historical inaccuracy is perpetuated in St. Giles', Wrexham. It is not possible that a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, in 1886. The mediæval St. Giles' certainly had some bells—the number is not specified, but there are casual references to the Great Bell, the Lady Bell, the Moaning Bell and the Vesper Bell. But in 1560 these bells were dispersed, and some at least were demolished—the Lady Bell was melted down to make artillery for "The Towne's Army."

In 1681 the Town Records report that "The Town offers to buy a peal of bells to hang in St. Giles' steeple, to ring musically and warn us to church." But the money earmarked for this purpose lay around for a while and was eventually used to build a church in the Canongate. Another effort to recover the bells was made shortly after the rededication of the restored St. Giles'. In Dr. Cameron Lees' "History of St. Giles'" he writes that in 1883 "it is contemplated to place a chime of bells in the steeple." However money or interest, or both, was apparently lacking, and no bells materialised. In the crown steeple today hang three bells only, chiming the hours and quarters of St. Giles' Cathedral's faceless clock.

If a peal was rung on ten bells in Edinburgh in 1886 it must have been rung in St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. These bells were dedicated in 1879, and the first peal may well have been rung there in 1886.—Yours faithfully,

JEAN C. SMITH.

Edinburgh.

Note.—There was a correction on page 917. The first peal was at St. Mary's Cathedral.—Ed.

SURPRISE MINOR INQUIRY

Dear Sir,—Can anyone supply the names of the following Surprise Minor methods?

-34—14—12—36—14—16.	l.e.14.	154263.
—34—14—12—36.12—14.56.	l.e.14.	164235.
—34—14—12—36.14—14.36	l.e.14.	135642.
—34—14—12—36.14—34.16	l.e.14.	135642.
—36—14—12—36—14—16.	l.e.14.	164235.
—36—14—12—36.14—12.56.	l.e.14.	135642.
34—36.14—12—36—12—36.	l.e.16.	134625.
34—36.14—12—36.12—12.36.	l.e.16.	134625.
34—36.14—12—36.12—14.36	l.e.16.	165243.
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36—36.14—12—36—14—16.	l.e.14.	136524.
36—36.14—12—36.12—34.16.	l.e.14.	146325.
36—36.14—12—36.14—14.36.	l.e.14.	164235.
36—36.14—12—36.14—34.16.	l.e.14.	164235.

Yours faithfully.

London, S.W. A. BISHOP.

UNPUBLISHED PEAL

Dear Sir,—May I, through your paper, ask the organisers of the peal of Rutland Surprise rung at Hughenden, Bucks, on **August 7th** when they are going to publish the peal in "The Ringing World"? We keep a record of all the peals rung at our tower and we are unable to get our peal book made up to date until this peal has been published. —Yours sincerely,

ROLAND BIGGS.

Hughenden.

COMMENTS ON BOOKS

Dear Sir,—I do not know whether "The First Book of Bells" by Helen Fletcher (published by Edmund Ward Ltd., 1965) was reviewed in "The Ringing World"; I have not been able to find one. This book, which acknowledges help given by yourself and "The Ringing World," would make an admirable Christmas present for a boy or girl who is learning to ring or whom it is hoped to interest in ringing. I would like to commend this book to ringers in search of a Christmas present for a youngster.

May I also add a few comments about "Discovering Bells and Bellringing" by John Camp, reviewed in "The Ringing World" of September 13th? The author says that the most drastic means of bringing ringing back into the ambit of church activity in the 19th century is to lengthen the bell ropes and to take out the floor of the ringing chamber. I have not heard of this being done before and I wonder if it is at all widely done.

On page 35 the author says: "The majority of fatal accidents occur when a keen but misguided non-ringer, perhaps a new curate, decides to explore the belfry." How many new curates are known to have had fatal accidents in belfries?

The book contains one or two inaccuracies, such as "Southwell Cathedral, Derbyshire." Is there a ring of ten at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, as stated under the photographs (page 21)?

In the chapter entitled "Ringers v. Clergy" it is a pity that no reference is made to the Rev. F. E. Robinson. It may not be realised by those who have not read "Among the Bells" that besides ringing 1,261 peals, he visited many towers to give advice and attended many openings.—Yours faithfully,

ERIC WOOD (Rev.).

Drayton, Abingdon, Berks.

Note.—Despite the errors pointed out by the librarian to the Oxford Diocesan Guild we found "Discovering Bells and Bellringing" very enjoyable.—Ed.

DOVE'S "GUIDE" QUERIES

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Fitzgerald's query of October 4th concerning Old Newton, Suffolk, I was one of the band which rang here some five or six years ago by invitation of Mr. R Clauston, diocesan adviser on bells. I understood that the bells had not been rung since before the 1914-18 war; the treble was badly cracked, but otherwise the fittings and "go" were fair considering the long "rest." No doubt Mr. Clauston would give more details if referred to.—Yours faithfully,

U. W. WILDNEY.

Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

APPRECIATION FROM "DOWN UNDER"

Mr. Tom Roache, of 27, Hall Avenue, Brisbane, Australia, writes:—

"'The Ringing World' is really a wonderful paper, with no commercial advertisements. I have had it for several years, regularly, and cannot imagine anyone being dissatisfied at its price, as some of your readers seem to be. Why, the front page pictures of churches are worth the 1s., and I know of no other magazine anywhere at such a small price.

"If only the dissatisfied readers could come and spend a few years in Queensland, where there are no bells at all, they would then realise how blessed they are to be able to hear and see bells in Old England. No other land in this world has such a marvellous heritage."

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

A NEW venture was organised by the Council and took place on Saturday, November 23rd. This was a striking contest and it was held at St. Peter's Church, Felkirk. It is believed to be the first time that teams from all parts of the county have taken part in such a contest, although some individual Societies have had their own contests for many years.

The aim of the contest was to bring together teams representing all the ten Societies which comprise the Joint Council. Unfortunately both the Cleveland and North Yorkshire and the Selby and District Society were unable to send teams, so finally there were eight entries.

The judge was Mr. Harold Chant and his marker was Mrs. Christine Moxon. After all the teams had rung, Mr. Chant announced his decision. The test piece was 360 changes of Minor and the result was as follows:—

Beverley and District, Norwich Surprise, 12¼ minutes, 73 faults.

Sheffield and District, Oxford Treble Bob, 12 minutes, 94 faults.

Doncaster and District, Plain Bob, 12¼ minutes, 102 faults.

Leeds and District, Oxford Treble Bob, 12 minutes, 80 faults.

Yorkshire Association, Cambridge Surprise, 12¼ minutes, 55 faults.

Halifax Association, Oxford Treble Bob, 12¼ minutes, 75 faults.

Archdeaconry of Halifax, Oxford Treble Bob, 13¼ minutes, 77 faults.

Barnsley and District, Oxford Treble Bob, 11¼ minutes, 90 faults.

Mr. Edward Hudson (chairman) then presented the certificate to Mr. Fred Hodgson (Richmond), the conductor of the Yorkshire Association team. The other members were: Stuart Armeson (Rotherham P.C.) 2, Ron Ducker (Sutton-on-Hull) 3, Jack Roach (Ormesby) 4, Fred Munday (Bradford Cathedral) 5, Wilfrid Moreton (Wakefield Cathedral) 6.

An excellent tea had been prepared by the local ladies, and 80 people partook in two sittings. The Rev. T. Boyd Webster, Vicar of Felkirk, welcomed those present and said how proud they at Felkirk were to be hosts to the first Joint Council contest.

The bells at Crofton, Hemsworth, Royston and Wragby were also available during the day, and a number of teams visited these towers. After the presentation, Felkirk bells were put to good use until late evening by many ringers. Numerous methods were rung, with both open leads and "cartwheel," to suit every taste.

The event gave the opportunity for ringers from all over the county to meet, renew acquaintances, chat and listen to some good ringing. For these reasons it may be considered to have been a success, and praise must go to Mr. Harold Chant, not only for his judging but for the hard work he put in to make the local arrangements.

ANON.

OBITUARY

MR. NORMAN V. ANDREWS

Originally from the Trowbridge area, Norman Andrews came to Andover in 1947, where he became an asset to the local band, who were at that time struggling with Grandsire Triples under the captaincy of Archie Mitchell

With Norman's help they progressed to Plain Bob Major and in 1948 and early 1950 peals of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung in the Andover tower. Peal boards were erected for both peals, as most of the ringers were from Andover, and Norman conducted the peal of Major.

He was also proficient on higher numbers, taking part in the Coronation peal of Grandsire Cinques at Winchester Cathedral and Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Christchurch Priory in November, 1953.

In 1952 he was elected as Joint Ringing Master with Archie Mitchell, who was captain of the Andover team, but ill-health prevented Norman taking an active part and he retired from the scene. He died on August 12th this year.

A memorial peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the Andover tower on November 21st to replace one that was lost there on October 19th. It was regretted that Archie Mitchell was not fit enough to stand in, as he was Norman's closest ringing friend while at Andover.

May he rest in peace. G. D.

MR. G. W. MARTIN

An old Gloucestershire ringer, Mr. G. W. Martin, passed peacefully away on November 15th at his son's home in Auckland, N.Z. He formerly rang at St. Mary the Virgin's, Cheltenham.

Since coming to New Zealand he had rung at Christchurch and Hamilton Cathedrals, though not recently. Possibly his last visit to the Hamilton tower was when he went to meet the Great Adventure II team.

Mr. Martin regularly supported the meetings of our handbell group in Auckland until just a few weeks ago. The Auckland bells are still unringable so no muffled ringing was possible.

As a mark of respect the next handbell meeting after his death was opened by observing a brief period of silence. W. T. L.

MR. RUSSELL WARD

The Central District of the Suffolk Guild sustained a sad loss on October 28th when Russell Ward, of Cotton, passed away at the age of 84.

Russell was essentially a six-bell man but one of the old school—loyal, keen and a lover of good striking. He was a man of the soil—his whole working life spent on the rich, heavy land of mid-Suffolk as a horseman.

Starting his ringing on the old five at Mendlesham when he was 20, he joined the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1906. Most of his ringing took place at Mendlesham and Cotton and on the famous sixes at Thornham Magna and Wickham Skeith. Here he came under the influence of two fine ringers, George Cattermole and Ernest F. Poppy, and rang several peals with them

Two quarter peals were rung to his memory, at Cotton and Mendlesham, on October 29th and November 3rd, by A. Lockwood 1, F. Sterry 2, L. Forster 3, A. Cook 4, T. Lockwood 5, S. Arbon 6, Tom Lockwood and Sidney Arbon sharing the conducting.

Russell Ward will be missed by all those who knew him. May he rest in peace. G. W. P.

URANGWOT 7

After bumping into various odd characters and running up against some queer ways of describing who had taken part in quarter peals and queer ways of making arrangements for outings, I suppose I ought not to have been surprised when competitions were mentioned.

It was the usual sort of opening—"What do you think about competitions?" George buttonholed me at the College Youths' Dinner. Most anxious not to start anything when I was looking forward to an enjoyable evening. I tried to sidestep by saying that I seldom took any interest in them as when I had scientifically worked out exactly where the ball must be from the angles of the various footballers' eyes I found that it was among the racing results, two columns outside the picture! "Not that sort of thing. I mean striking competitions in bellringing." "Oh." I sighed, still just as anxious not to start anything. "I don't think they do any harm." "Of course they don't do any harm. They're one of the finest things for raising standards and there should be more of them." For a moment I thought he was priming me for a speech and I grabbed the toast list, but all was well and I thought he must just want a good-natured fellow like myself to listen to his views.

"You know," he went on, "most bands who enter competitions do not know how you can often improve your performance if you get your band placed properly." "Here it comes." I thought, "what ridiculous formula are we going to have trotted out this time?" "Most important." I agreed, but then unwittingly dropped my guard and added "But how to achieve it?" Like lightning George was in. "Simple if you adopt my plan. Take your six ringers, where you have six bells, and send them up the tower to ring six touches, instructing them each to ring a different bell for each touch, and see which arrangement produces the best striking."

There was rather more to it than just this for his lads—Alan, Bill, Charlie, Derek, Edward and Frank—had presented him with a problem. They had carried out his instruction, together with an additional one that Bill should ring a lighter bell than Alan in as many touches as possible. George had listened outside, judged that the third touch was the best and now wanted to enter that band for the competition on Boxing Day, but they would not tell him directly who had rung which bell in that touch. They had given him these statements: Edward rang a lighter bell than Bill in the last touch; Charlie rang a lighter bell than Alan in only two touches—the first and the fourth; Derek rang a lighter bell than Charlie in the last three touches; Derek rang progressively lighter bells in each touch; Bill, Edward and Frank rang the treble in successive touches; Frank rang a lighter bell than Bill in four of the touches.

I hope that I scribbled these statements down correctly on my menu. Somebody fell off a chair while I was busy and that did not help. I am afraid that the problem is a bit beyond old George and I feel sure that he would be prepared to offer a small reward through the Editor if someone can send in a solution in time for Boxing Day.

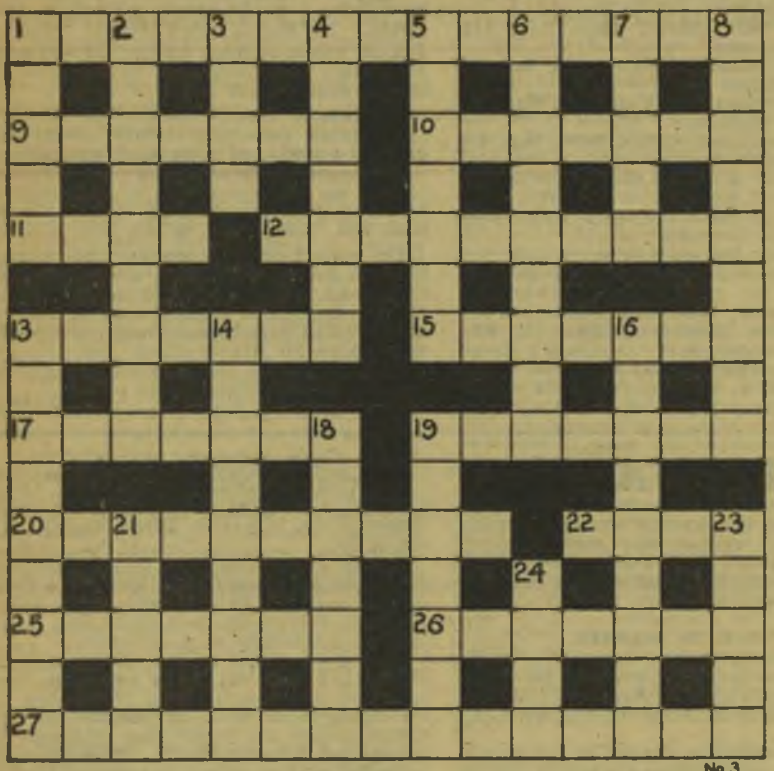
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T. SURR.

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Commemorated on August 6th (15).
9. A sub-division of a lead in treble bob (7).
10. Change or one who has been changed (7).
11. Ringer or rope may do this (4).
12. Vat is great (anag.) (10).
13. Descriptive of a slow bell. (7)
15. Do this with your steps and you'll not advance (7).
17. What the conductor does at the bob (5, 2)
19. Number denoting order (7).
20. Tar boilers who give freedom (10).
22. If Ian follows this ringer the result will be foreign (4).
25. Produces two rounds for Major band on half pints (1, 6).
26. There's a complaint here. Sound control required? (7).
27. Sir Walter Scott's "half Church of God" (6, 9).

DOWN

1. Some cricket matches are; some are not (5).
2. Russian port (9).
3. Vessel (4).
4. Nothing ringed—no notice taken (7).
5. Take the tenor away from Triples? (7).
6. When Anna goes to Ted the notes are made (9).
7. Five in this could make it turn upside down (5).
8. N.B. is being obeyed (5, 4).
13. There are no visitors in this collection of ringers (5, 4).
14. Represented by Philip Gray on the Central Council (9).
16. He provides the news for many people (9).
18. Gigantic (7).
19. We ringers are on these before the conductor calls "Stand" (3,4).
21. This castle is the seat of the Duke of Atholl (5).
23. Expand part of the organ (5).
24. Ring out the false; ring in the _ . (Tennyson) (4).

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Saturday, November 16th, saw a joint meeting between North Mymms (8) in the afternoon and Monken Hadley (8) in the evening. At both towers methods up to Spliced Surprise were rung.

As the Vicar of North Mymms was away on a course there was no service. Tea and the business meeting were held in the Vicarage. Mr. T. J. Lock was elected to the chair at the business meeting and proceedings began with welcoming the Rev. Talbot-Ponsonby and his wife as District members on moving to Radlett.

The secretary then spoke about the forthcoming events. Tickets for the dinner on December 7th are still available from the secretary. South Mimms asked for a District practice on December 19th—the Ringing Master pointed out that the numbers supporting these various practices seemed to be diminishing Please note the date. The next District meeting will be at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on December 21st. The secretary reminded members that the A.D.M. is on January 18th at St. Peter's, St. Albans, so please will everyone make the effort to attend the December meeting as there is plenty to discuss and think about before the A.D.M

Before the meeting closed congratulations were passed from the District to Anthony Carter and Christine Lesley on their engagement. The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lock and the North Mymms girls for the arrangements and the tea, and to the Vicars of North Mymms and Monken Hadley for the use of the bells.

J. A. F.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): G. Newsome (aged 11) 1, H. W. Easey 2, D. Newsome 3, R. Fuller 4, M. Seuneke (first "inside") 5, G. A. Kindred 6, P. Kindred (cond.) 7, J. White (aged 11) 8. First quarter 1, 3, 4, 8. For Evensong.

LADIES' GUILD IN BRECON

Although November 23rd proved a wet, miserable day, the Ladies' Guild meeting held at Talgarth was well attended and enjoyed by all.

A very warm welcome was extended to the visitors by Mr. B. Davies, tower captain at Talgarth, and a similar welcome was given by Mr. E. J. Smith, tower captain at Glasbury-on-Wye, where ringing was enjoyed during the evening.

Bronllys bells were available during the afternoon, and here Miss Linda Jacob welcomed the visitors.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Talgarth, the Rev. T. James, who expressed great pleasure in having the Guild meeting at his church. Mr. E. J. Smith was the organist, and Miss Jennifer Lawrence, a Talgarth ringer, read the lesson.

A fine tea was waiting in the Church Hall and Mr. Alan Paton thanked the kind ladies who had prepared this.

Yet again more new members were elected. These were: the Misses Linda Jacob (Bronllys), Eira Banks (Ebbw Vale), Janette Sutton, Judy Fawke, Jennifer Lawrence, Gillian James, Catherine Gwillam and Gillian Davies (all of Talgarth and all members of the choir).

It was decided to try to hold the next meeting at Llanelli with Gorseinon in February, and to join the Western District at Bristol on March 1st next.

J. S. K.

RAIDER CUTS BELL ROPES

The ringing chamber of the ancient parish church at Middleham, North Riding of Yorkshire, has been broken into. Four of the eight ropes were cut off. The Rev. D. M. Collins (Rector) said to "The Yorkshire Post": "Our bells, often described as the finest set in Wensleydale, are the only ones rung regularly in the neighbourhood."

BARKINGSIDE RINGERS AT "DEAR OLD SUSSEX-BY-THE-SEA

Sussex-by-the-Sea was the venue for Barkingside ringers' third annual outing, which turned out to be even better than the previous two. This year we tried a coach for transport and in spite of it being half empty a very enjoyable day was had by the members and several friends.

East Grinstead, reached ten minutes early, provided a good coffee stop and a good ring of bells, and for some of the younger members their first taste of heavy bells and a long draught.

Ringing at St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, was curtailed at the former due to a wedding, and at the latter due to possible complaints from the neighbours, but we all had a ring and managed a good half-course of Yorkshire at St. Mary's—it just would not come round on the much heavier eight at St. Saviour's.

Heavy waves and the red danger flag thwarted the few ambitious swimmers amongst us, but they did not deter us from a paddle and splash—quite a large crowd preferred this entertainment to that provided by the band a few yards away.

Alfriston was our tea stop, and after a rushed cream tea we all descended on the church, only to commit one of the cardinal sins of ringing by not checking that a bell alleged to be down was down. In fact they were all up, as events soon proved, but no damage was done and we were soon able to enjoy the pleasant ring of six. Rotherfield was our last call and we were pleased to meet several local ringers and to ring with them.

Ringing during the day was up to quite a good standard, and our thanks are extended to those who met us and to the incumbents for allowing us to ring.

CHIP.

RESTORATION SCHEME FOR STURRY, KENT

Since late September the residents of Sturry, Kent, have not heard the bells of St. Nicholas' ringing out across the Stour Valley, for it was then the church architect, after inspecting the tower, had decided that any further ringing would be detrimental to the structure.

The bells are still on plain bearings and until recently went very well, but in the final weeks before ringing stopped they were becoming increasingly more difficult to strike as the frame moved around the toweer. Indeed, if the tenors ever became separated the tower could be felt to tremble, and the cracks widened.

The keen young band of ringers, to whom the news was not entirely unexpected, have since then been practising and Sunday service ringing at the neighboring tower of St. Martin's, Herne, and more recently attending the practice at St. Mary's, Chartham, and they are very grateful for the welcome extended to them at all local towers.

A Tower Restoration Fund has been started and many donations have already been received. Well known trading stamp companies have been approached and have agreed to redeem their stamps at a generous price, and so any further donations, either of money or stamps, would be greatly appreciated.

The address for donations can be found elsewhere in this issue under "Miscellaneous Notices."

A LAY OF ANCIENT ROME

A Fragment

With apologies to all lovers of Thomas Babington Macaulay.

"The author seems to have been an honest citizen . . . sick of the disputes of factions and much given to pining after good old times which had never really existed."

. . . For ringers at their meetings
Were ready to catch hold
For rounds with the beginners
In the brave days of old.

Then none was for a District;
Then all were for the Guild;
The meetings were less frequent,
But the halls were always filled:
Then practices were friendly;
Then standards high would hold;
The ringers were like brothers
In the brave days of old.

Now ringer is to ringer
More hateful than a foe,
In towers there's often squabbling,
And the striking standard's low.
As we wax hot in faction,
In ringing we wax cold;
Wherefore men ring not as they rang
In the brave days of old.

DRUID.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The peal on page 932 shown as Hertford should be Hatfield.

The correct notation for Welford Surprise Major is: —38—14—1258—16—34—3458—16—78. Group B.

The constitution of London University has been amended to include members of Brunel University. (Correction to report on page 890.)

After ringing in a peal of Triples at South Petherton on November 23rd as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Chant, Mr. Gilbert W. Rendell discovered that it was 30 years to the day that he rang his first peal of Triples there. The bell on that occasion was the sixth, which his son was ringing.

The first peal on the new ten at Edington, Wiltshire, was rung on November 30th. It was Stedman Caters and Mr. E. C. Shepherd's 200th peal of Stedman.

REVIEW

Minimising a Church's Depreciation

WE are living in a "Do it Yourself" age, and this spirit of tackling things yourself exists not merely in the home but very much in church activities. Almost weekly we hear of bands of ringers endeavouring to bring their belfries and bell chambers to an efficient state. And a gratifying feature is that the leading bellfoundries of John Taylor and Co. and the Whitechapel Foundry are ready with advice to help those with the experience to tackle such jobs.

This spirit of the age is not confined to bells and belfries; it is finding its way into many church activities relating to repairs and enriching the beauty of buildings and surrounds. Indeed, it is a prominent part of Christian Stewardship, which is not confined to money, but an equally important section is time and talent. Timely and fully in keeping with this spirit is "Church Maintenance" by Major the Rev. Vivian Symons (Marshall, Morgan and Scott, 35s. net.). The author is an M.A. (Oxon) and a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers. After 13 years in the Army he entered upon theological training and in 1951 became Vicar and officiating chaplain to the R.A.F., Biggin Hill. His work included the dismantling of a London church and rebuilding, refurnishing and equipping it in his parish. It is the practical experience of these 15 years that forms the foundation of "Church Maintenance."

The great value of this book is not merely its comprehensive character, supported by diagrams and illustrations, but the admirable way it is indexed and the concise style in which the information is imparted. In the 18 chapters such matters as roof covering, rainwater disposal, roof timbers, stone decay, external walls and woodwork, windows, floors, vestries, vessels and ornaments, furniture and fittings, interior stonework and monuments, bell towers and churchyards are dealt with.

Above all, the author is a practical man courageously tackling the dismantling of All Saints', North Peckham, and reassembling it, and also a craftsman in gold and silver, making many of the ornaments of his church. With slender resources, parishioners and others were persuaded to donate precious metals and stones. Over 70 wedding rings were received from the relatives of deceased parents, and ornaments and trophies were donated. These were melted down and ornaments made.

The chapter on bell towers will be of particular interest to our readers. So much of it wanted saying to the non-ringing section of the church. "Bell towers are places for the hanging and ringing of bells, and are not glory-holes for harbouring and storing anything else. The ringing room should be pleasantly decorated, taking care that wall records are not damaged. There is no reason why this chamber should not be as habitable as regards lighting, cleanliness, ventilation and warmth as the living room of a dwelling."

Work for the steeplekeeper is set out in detail. Emphasis is given to frames, fittings and girders being scraped and repainted every five years; appropriate warning is given on the danger of clocking; and that the old type of plain bearings should not be allowed to become too worn. Another point is that a maintenance chart for bells should be obtained from the bellfoundry and this should be displayed in the tower.

To those of our readers who serve as churchwardens or on the P.C.C.'s this book is invaluable. How many of us "have eyes and they see not" when it comes to spotting defects in old buildings, and hundreds of pounds could be saved if such things were tackled early. Another point stressed is the importance of records and their safe keeping. With Mr. Symons' book ever available, even archdeacons' visitations would be encountered with a clear conscience and the quinquennial inspection not a thing to disturb the parish budget.

21 UNRINGABLE RINGS IN ONE DISTRICT

At the annual general meeting of the S.W. District of the Suffolk Guild, held at Clare, all the retiring officers were re-elected; about 60 members were present.

The chairman extended a welcome to the large number of members from other Districts and asked Mr. S. Twitchett to accept this attendance as an appreciation of his successful efforts in raising yet another local band. (No mean achievement with Clare bells.)

Six new members were elected—five from Clare and one from Bures. The news that ringing is now banned at All Saints', Sudbury, means that 21 towers in the District are now unringable. In some cases the bells have been blamed for tower damage, and the Exercise cannot afford this adverse publicity.

To counteract this, an attempt is being made to stage an exhibition of ringing as an art and prove to the public that very little (if any) damage is caused by properly-hung bells. If this proposal is accepted, the demonstrations will be held in Long Melford Hall Park on June 28th and 29th next year. Details are advertised in this issue on Page 978. L. D. M.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Helen J. Wright is the first lady to ring a quarter peal of Major "inside" in Whitwick, Leicestershire, tower.

Congratulations to Mr. T. F. East, of Sandown, Isle of Wight, who has completed 60 years as a ringer. A complimentary peal was rung at Brading on November 24th.

Canon C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was inducted on November 26th to the living of St. Peter's, Hook Norton, Oxfordshire. Hook Norton has a ring of eight with a tenor of 20½ cwt.

The band who rang the peal on the back eight at Chelmsford Cathedral on November 11th are grateful to Sue Rothera for standing in at short notice in place of her husband, Phil, who was to have rung the tenor but was struck down by a sudden stomach upset. Thanks are also due to Phil for checking the ropes, etc., before the attempt.

The peal at Chalford, Glos, was the first on the bells for 34 years and the first of Minor for 54 years.

Four people rang their first quarter at Ringmer, Sussex, on November 23rd. It was Grandsire Doubles called by W. Merritt, who was ringing his first as conductor.

Two 11-year-olds—G. Newsome and J. White—rang their first quarter at Pakefield, Suffolk, on November 24th. There were four first quarters and one first "inside" in this quarter conducted by Mr. P. Kindred. Congratulations!

Among our Methodist ringers is Mr. H. W. Dunsden. He was more than pleased to take part in an Ecumenical Evensong at Blewbury, Berks, attended by Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Methodists. The preacher was Monsignor Canon F. Bartlett, the Administrator of Westminster Cathedral.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ROPE TROUBLE UPSETS JASPER SNOWDON MEMORIAL PEAL

Saturday, November 16th, saw the 83rd anniversary of the death of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, founder-president of the Yorkshire Association, who died at Ilkley. To commemorate the occasion a peal attempt was arranged at Ilkley. After one or two last-minute changes in the band the method was changed to Plain Bob and, on a rather dismal afternoon, the band assembled. The glorious ring of eight bells was raised, ropes adjusted and the bells tried in rounds. At this point disaster struck, for the sixth rope broke on the wheel. After a delay of some 20 or more minutes a new rope was fixed and the attempt was recommenced.

All went well for a while, and as everyone settled down to a reasonable rhythm some enjoyable ringing ensued. The first quarter-end came up in 45 minutes and everything seemed set for a successful conclusion of the peal. Alas, after about ten minutes' further ringing, a splice beneath the sally on the third rope began to come undone Within a very short time it became evident that the rope would not even last to the half-way, and so the decision to bring the bells round as soon as possible was taken.

The following few minutes had many anxious moments but the bells were duly brought round after 1,824 changes without the rope parting. As the bells set up, however, the tail-end dropped to the floor, thus confirming that it would not have been possible to ring any more. The band were naturally disappointed, but at least we had something to record for our efforts, especially Ann Waldron and Janet Walker, whose first peal it would have been. Our thanks go to the local company and the Vicar for allowing the attempt, and perhaps we can go again on another November 16th, when we shall have more luck, we hope!

BELLRINGERS' FESTIVAL, HIGHCLERE

For the eighth year in succession the annual bellringing festival was held at St. Michael's Church, Highclere, on November 24th Ringing started at 7.30 a.m by the local band, all of whom attended the Holy Communion service for which they rang.

The team were again well represented at the 10.30 Matins, and in the afternoon a peal of Plain Bob Major was successfully rung with 16-year-old Philip Taylor conducting his first peal on eight bells; 12-year-old David Goss was also ringing in his first peal on eight bells.

This was the fifth time a peal had been rung for the Festival; on three occasions a last-minute illness or an afternoon service prevented an attempt being made.

The evening service ringing was attended by many ringers from neighbouring churches and four pews were filled by them for the service. Members of the local band read the lessons and acted as sidesmen.

A feature of the service was solos sung by four members of the Royal College of Music, whilst the choir sang a special anthem as their offering to the service

Further ringing followed after the service, an attempt to ring a quarter peal of London Surprise Minor coming to grief after ringing 500 changes. We look forward to doing something special for next year's service. G. K. D.

DINNER-DANCE AT BEACONSFIELD

Some 80 ringers and friends gathered at the Beech Tree Hotel, Beaconsfield, on November 16th for the seventh dinner and dance of the East Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Proceedings were delayed for a short while due to the unfortunate failure to start the chairman's car, but the wait served to sharpen everyone's appetite.

Presenting certificates to representatives of Hughenden and Lane End, who were first and second in the Branch striking competition last April, the Master of the Guild (Canon C. E. Wigg) complimented Mr. Ernest Gosling on his calligraphy. The Master went on to say that striking competitions seemed to be on the increase and that he hoped all Branches would maintain or improve their support for the Guild competition. He also extended an invitation to the tower of Hook Norton, whither he would shortly be moving.

Mr. Giles Shedden (Branch Ringing Master) replied, hoping that no one in his audience would associate the rise in price of tickets with the fact that he was a member of the legal profession, and assured everyone that none of the increase was destined for his pocket! After welcoming the guests on behalf of the Branch, he proceeded to a series of racy anecdotes of a mixed clerical and legal flavour.

Tables were then cleared, lights were lowered and the company enjoyed dancing until midnight and "Auld Lang Syne."

RIDING RECTOR WELCOMED HOME

While he was taking part in the "Deben Ride" in October the Rector of Worlingworth and Tannington fell from his horse and injured his back. A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major to welcome him home was rung on November 16th by Mrs. M. R. Page (Pettaugh), Messrs. W. W. Miller (Earl Soham), C. W. Pipe (Grundisburgh), L. E. Last (Hoxne), E. W. Pye and W. Pye (Sawston), H. Leather (Monk Soham) and L. G. Brett (Framsden).

CLOCKWINDERS BECOME RINGERS

From Brampton, Cumberland, comes a good story. A group of village lads volunteered to wind the clock of St. Martin's Church. As they climbed the spire to wind the clock they saw the bells and interest was stirred.

That was 18 months ago and now the boys ring every Sunday, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Arthur Armstrong (churchwarden), who started them off, and, later, Mr. Eric Hotine, who took over in January as head ringer.

The bells were rehung in 1956 and then rung for 18 months. From then until the boys came forward St. Martin's was a silent tower. November 23rd was a red-letter day for the boys when the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association held a meeting at Brampton, the first there for 12 years. Twenty-eight members from all over the two counties attended. There was plenty of ringing—in the afternoon and well into the evening—a shortened Evensong conducted by the Vicar, and a good tea provided by two mums of the boys.

THREE GENERATIONS IN A PEAL

Four Barnsley ringers who participated in a quarter peal of Minor at All Saints' Church, Silkstone, on November 24th, were from three generations of one family. They were Michael (11) and David Carbutt (12), ringing their first quarter, their father, Peter (the conductor), and L. W. Carbutt, their grandfather.

FIRST HANDBELL PEAL IN CANADA

The first handbell peal for the North American Guild of Ringers is recorded this week. It comes after many weeks' practice, the conductor travelling 80 miles round trip to Hamilton from Toronto each time.

Before John Owen joined us from Elliot Lake (writes Derek M. Sawyer) we practised for a peal of Plain Bob Minor. Starting from scratch this proved to be a difficult task and I still maintain that a peal of Yorkshire Maximus is probably easier mentally and physically than a peal of Grandsire Doubles!

At the end of September we were able to increase to Major and slowly but surely we progressed to ring the quarter peal which we recently reported, and now a full peal. I would personally like to associate the peal with John Acres, who spent many patient sessions with me in my teenage days drilling this particular composition of E. M. Atkins into me and teaching me how to conduct it. It has not been forgotten!

Finally the peal is a farewell to Ruth Gay on her return to England with her handbells. We wish her a safe journey and good ringing in the "Old Country." To Fred Andrews and the ringers of Hinton Blewitt, Somerset, we send our sincere thanks for letting Ruth bring their handbells with her. They have been well used and very much appreciated. D. M. S.

PHILIP GRAY RINGS WITH "CONSTITUENTS"

Mr. Philip Gray, on a visit to his "constituents," was unsuccessful in the attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on November 23rd. The following morning, however, he called a service quarter of Grandsire Triples on the heavy eight at the Cathedral. Afterwards the company made their way to the home of the tower captain, Andrew Bolton, where a most enjoyable Bar-B-Q was held.

ST. JUDE'S THEIR MOTHER TOWER

St. Jude's, Randwick, N.S.W., ringers (captain, Mr. John Fryer) were upset by a comment made in "The Ringing World" a few months ago stating that their bells were only kept going with the help of St. Mary's Cathedral ringers. Our correspondent writes: "We do have a lot of people who are members of both towers, but in all cases except one they learned to ring at St. Jude's, and that is where their first loyalty lies."

10-YEAR-OLD HAS RUNG IN 80 TOWERS

Richard Barker, aged 10 years and 3 months, rang his first quarter peal at King's Langley on November 24th. A regular ringer in the King's Langley band, Richard started to learn shortly before his ninth birthday. His parents were in the quarter peal, although his 13-year-old sister, who is also a ringer, was unable to take part. Richard has already rung in over 80 towers and is keenly interested in bell-hanging and maintenance.

A DISS CELEBRATION

To celebrate "Bert" Harrison's 25 years as verger, a quarter peal had been arranged at Diss Parish Church on All Saints' Day. Owing to repairs to the tower it could not take place, but six members of the Norwich Association rang a quarter peal at Redgrave instead. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison later joined the ringers at Diss for a convivial evening at the home of their daughter, Kathleen, who is also a ringer at Diss.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 WORTHINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

A. T. Winter (Christ's) ..	Treble	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	5
Merryn Hutchings (Newn.)	2	†E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	6
*R. L. Underwood (P'house)	3	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) ..	7
D. Barton (Selwyn)	4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* 25th peal with the Guild. † 100th tower bell peal. First peal in the method

WORTHINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
b. —38—14—56—16—12—38—14—38. (H. & M. 369.)

THETFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

Jenny Field (Newnham)	Treble	D. S. Bishop (Caius) ..	5
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) ..	6
A. T. Winter (Christ's) ..	3	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) ..	7
E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	4	B D. Threlfall (Trinity) ..	Tenor

Composed by W. Willson. Conducted by B. D. Threlfall.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Joyce Gardner	Treble	Geoffrey Gardner	5
F. John Nelson	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
*G. Richard King	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung to mark the ordination (Michaelmas) as Deacon of Michael Nelson at Derby Cathedral.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRINKLOW, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb

*Betsy A. Mountford ..	Treble	*Barry Elliott	4
*Dorothy Boyd	2	*David W. Mountford ..	5
Alan Boyd	3	*Susan Bagshaw	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Boyd.
* First peal. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells. First peal on the bells for 41 years. Second recorded peal on the bells and the first by a local band at the first attempt.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C.

George L. Roobottom ..	Treble	David J. Marshall	6
John K. Smith	2	*†Gordon A. Halls	7
Malcolm P. Phipps	3	Denis A. Frith	8
*David W. Parkin	4	†David W. Friend	9
Clive Thrower	5	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* 50th peal together. † 100th peal together.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Westminster, Bourne, Ipswich, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

Keith W. Brown	Treble	Peter G. Brown	4
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	James L. Towler	5
Yvonne A. Murray ..	3	George E. Thoday ..	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) York, (3) Beverley, (4) Surfleet, (5) Cambridge, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

Ian V. Foster	Treble	Keith W. Brown	4
Patrick A. Cross	2	George E. Thoday	5
James L. Towler ..	3	Yvonne A. Murray	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

TERLING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Chester, (2) Carlisle, (3) Netherseale, (4) Allendale, (5) Wells, (6) Durham, (7) Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Peter G. Brown	4
Josephine A. Quilter	2	James L. Towler	5
Keith W. Brown	3	*George E. Thoday ..	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday
* 475th peal of Surprise.
Rung within the octave of All Saints'.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Carol Kemp, of Danbury.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 15 methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle and Chester, (2) Bourne and Netherseale, (3) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (4) York and Durham, (5) London and Wells, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

Josephine A. Quilter ..	Treble	*Peter G. Brown	4
*Yvonne A. Murray ..	2	†James L. Towler	5
†Keith W. Brown	3	George E. Thoday ..	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together. First in 15 methods as conductor.

SHENFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Arthur J. Bryant ..	Treble	David C. Isgrove	4
*Patricia M. Harpole ..	2	Michael A. Houghton ..	5
Laurence H Turner ..	3	Harry Turner	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.
BURSTWICK, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 26 methods, viz.: (1) Luton, Rhyll, Ripley, Thorne, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (2) Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick, Terling, Bourne and Caithness, (3) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, (4) Primrose, Hexham and Berwick, (5) London, (6) Wells, (7) Norwich.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G

Delphine E. Holman ..	Treble	Ian Slade	4
Ian G. Campbell	2	Michael Maughan	5
Alan Bridges	3	George A. Dawson ..	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Most methods to a peal of Surprise Minor by all.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. T. Gill, and his wife upon their silver wedding anniversary.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
ARKLOW, Co. Wicklow.—At the Church of St. Saviour.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods—Stedman, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Spliced Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Rev. St. Bartholomew. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

George MacGregor ..	Treble	Colin A. Lewis	4
*Derek A. McEndoo ..	2	Peter W. Brown	5
*Leslie R. Taylor	3	Harold H. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
* First peal of Doubles.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	7
Judith M. Corby	2	†Tony Lewis	8
Robert W. Hinde	3	†John A. Howard	9
*Simon A. B. Wigg	4	‡Brian D. Threlfall	10
Robert E. J. Dennis ..	5	D. Paul Smith	11
Peter S. Muchlinski ..	6	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus. ‡ 50th peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 ACTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

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

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 250th peal † 100th tower in Kent for a peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Roger Leigh	Treble	*Ian Smith	6
John Parsons	2	*Brian Hill	7
*Philip Woods	3	*Frank West	8
*David Haworth	4	*Raymond Helliwell	9
*Douglas Deakin	5	Richard Parker	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor. First peal on the ten bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Malcolm D. Barsby	Treble	Maurice R. A. Kirk	5
*Hazel I. Nichols	2	E Guy Slater	6
Clive J. Mobbs	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
Julian M. Morley	4	Roger I. Kendrick	Tenor

Arranged by H. Poyner. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Major.

HATHERN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

David Swift	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Tom H. Harris	2	John Tickle	6
*Arthur Fletcher	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Mrs. Celia Harris	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Major. A Loughborough District peal.

(Hinckley District.)

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

John J. Morris	Treble	Michael Vernon	5
Leonard Towers	2	Alfred Ballard	6
*George E. Vernon	3	John Vernon	7
*Christopher Sturgess	4	†Michael Angrave	Tenor

Conducted by John Vernon.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the restored octave.
Rung with the gratitude of the local ringers to all those who helped to make the restoration possible.

WHITWICK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	†John W. Rawson	5
Joseph W. Cotton	2	Ronald D. Hughes	6
E. Frederick Gobey	3	Frank Chambers	7
*E. Guy Slater	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by E. F. Gobey. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † Has now rung every bell to a peal.

MARKFIELD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different extents, being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Chester, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	4
*Kenneth Burdett	2	Frank Chambers	5
*Alec R. Jones	3	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*Neil W. Harvey	Treble	†Laurence Watkins	4
†Robert W. Smith	2	‡John Watkins	5
‡Brian L. Burrows	3	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal. † First of London. ‡ First of London Surprise Minor. First peal of London Surprise Minor to be rung by a Sunday service band in Leicestershire.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

UPHOLLAND, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 15 methods—Grandsire, New Bob, St. Nicholas, Huntspill, Winchendon Place, St. Vedast, St. Remigius, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Osmund, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury; and 32 variations—Newborough, Longparish, Daffodil, Bluebell, Middleton Stoney, Lapley, St. Giles, Shareshill, Heyford, St. John, St. Miles, Ryton, Chilton, Horsley, Church Greasley, St. Cleer, Southrepps, St. Columb, Campion, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, St. Ignatius, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, Churchill, St. Ambrose, St. Ninian, St. Felix, Amersham, Kennington.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

*Patricia A. Jenkins	Treble	*†A. John Macefield	4
*Susan D. Cowan	2	Bruce Wakefield	5
H. Lyndon Hatfield	3	*Martin J. Corry	Tenor

Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.
* First peal of Doubles. † First "inside."
Rung to congratulate Society members Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Veitch and Mr. and Mrs. David Jenner on the birth of sons.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BASSALEG, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Basil.
On Fri. Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

Gill J. Colleypriest	Treble	Stephen Fenwick	4
David L. Phillips	2	Paul A. Williams	5
*John W. Bull	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Minor.

ST. HILARY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Hilary.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 20 methods/variations, being two extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. John, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Dedworth and four extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*Felicity Cooke	Treble	Christopher Ricketts	3
*Ruth E. Havard	2	*John Bull	4
*Stephen Fenwick	Tenor		

Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.
* First peal of Doubles.
Rung for the 10th wedding anniversary of Nevil A. James, tower captain at Llandaff Cathedral.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	G. William Critchley	6
Alick Cutler	3	Frank Reed	7
Joan Hooton	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method by all the band.

HARROW, Middx.—At the Church of St. Mary, Harrow-on-the-Hill.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Clive W. Simpson	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	John R. Southey	6
*Barry R. M. Johnson	3	*Leonard J. North	7
*Thomas H. Norris	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Thomas R. Roast	Treble	David Cubitt	5
Janet House	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	6
Desmond P. Mortlock	3	Martin Cubitt	7
Thomas E. Spight	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David E. House.
Rung with the compliments of the band to Mrs. T. E. Spight on her birthday. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb in E flat.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Carole A. H. Patey	Treble	Martin L. Howe	5
*Desmond P. Mortlock	2	*David Heighton	6
*David Cubitt	3	Geoffrey H. Pullin	7
Janet House	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Maurice G. Ingram	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	5
Anna K. Sadowska	2	Christopher I. Rowson	6
Anne M. Carpenter	3	John R. Leary	7
Laura M. Grindrod	4	Graham J. R. Colbourne	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by John R. Leary.

ADDERBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Diana Reeves	Treble	Robert A. Reeves	5
Jean Marlow	2	Mark W. Sayers	6
Phillip J. Davis	3	*Barry J. Davis	7
John F. Carter	4	Paul R. Davis	Tenor

Composed by J. Holt. Conducted by Barry J. Davis.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A flat.

*Patrick E. A. Brentnall	Treble	D Joseph Goodman	4
Brian M. Barker	2	Keith D. Waples	5
Walter Ayre	3	Peter W. Harper	Tenor

Conducted by Peter W. Harper.
* First peal

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 GRESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Raymond A. Vickers	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Christopher C. Stokes	6
David J. Marshall	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung in memory of Ronald Russell.

CASTOR, Northants.—At the Church of St. Kyneburgha.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 St. Clement's, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 1,440 Oxford Bob, 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

*Margaret Hill	Treble	†Graham Oliver	4
John H. Bluff	2	Geoffrey Davis	5
John Cooper	3	Frank Sismey	Tenor

Conducted by John H Bluff
* First peal. † First in four methods.
Rung as a 21st birthday greeting to the ringer of the third. Also birthday compliments to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to Maureen. Simon, Wendy Daw and Clive Banks, whose birthdays fall within seven days of this date.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BICTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

M. Cecilia Evans	Treble	Eric S. White	4
*Patricia C. Stocken	2	Reginald H. Newton	5
Michael J. A. Orman	3	Philip J. Evans	Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Evans.
* First peal The conductor's 50th peal for the Association.
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LONDON, N.—At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*M. Louise Slater	Treble	George A. Dawson	7
Joan Beresford	2	Norman Summerhayes	8
Adrienne Gibson	3	John S. Barnes	9
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Walter H. Dobbie	5	Dennis Beresford	11
*Michael H. D. O'Callaghan	6	Peter Beresford	Tenor

Composed by D. E. Parsons. (No. 5.) Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal on the bells since being rehung.
Arranged and rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Richard I. Thomson, Vicar of this parish, to Miss Ann Shippam, which took place at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham, Sussex, on November 9th, 1968.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs. Nov. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	John A. Anderson	7
Susan E. Smith	2	*Terry R. Hampton	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Clifford A. Barron	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	10
John R. Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
James W. Belshaw	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Londinium. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James W. Belshaw	6
Vernon Green	2	Ronald Ducker	7
*Janet E Blake	3	George E. Fearn	8
Ian G Campbell	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Stephen W Barton	5	John A Anderson	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Surprise and of Royal

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
George A. Fearn	2	James W. Belshaw	6
B. Gillian Pipe	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
20-course block reduced. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*Paul N. Mounsey	Treble	David C. Massey	6
†Christine L. J. Mills	2	†David W. Jack	7
Peter Humphrey	3	R. Brian Mills	8
Harry Poyner	4	B. Stedman Payne	9
Simon Humphrey	5	William L Exton	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First of Surprise Royal First of Surprise Royal as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells since recasting.
Rung to welcome James William Jack, son of David and Hilary Jack, born September 29th, 1968.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
LEISTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C. Jack Gibson	Treble	Rev. Peter N. Bond	5
H. William Barrett	2	Adrian Knights	6
Peter S. Bedford	3	Stephen J. Bedford	7
Vernon B. Bedford	4	J Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung to commemorate the centenary of the birth of the composer—at Leiston on November 19th, 1868. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
MADRON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Maddern.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*John J. George	Treble	Timothy J. Bell	5
F. Malcolm Bowers ..	2	Anthony Locke	6
Anthony J. Davidson ..	3	†W. Reginald Curtis	7
Geoffrey W. Taysom ..	4	Clive G. Bryant	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Clive G. Bryant.
* First peal on eight bells. † First on eight "inside."

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

*Elizabeth A. Webb	Treble	Robert M. Ashman	5
Laura M. Grindrod ..	2	Maurice G. Ingram	6
Anna K. Sadowska ..	3	John R. Leary	7
†Graham J. N. Colbourne	4	P. Gerald McIlhone ..	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by John R. Leary.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Michael J. Uphill	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	7
*Robin J. Collis	2	*Alan A. J. Buswell ..	8
*Derek C. Jackson	3	†Philip Murduck	9
*Laurence C. Way	4	*Andrew Howard	10
†Peter N. Felton	5	‡Geoffrey K. Dodd	11
†Denby P. Murduck	6	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Maximus. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First of Plain Bob Maximus and of Maximus as conductor.

CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*Marilyn Heath	Treble	Alan A. J. Buswell	4
William Willans	2	Edward W. Colley	5
Jennifer L. Quaife	3	Andrew Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew Howard.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
FECKENHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Leonard Mills	Treble	†Angela Styler	5
Arthur C. Berry	2	John W. Perkins	6
*Elizabeth M. G. Pouncey	3	Peter D. Warren	7
Eric Styler	4	David G'. Franklin	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to David Draper, of Feckenham.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WOODLESFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Nov. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 18 methods: (1) Woodbine D., (2) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston and Capel T.B., (3) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge S., (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Christopher A. Moxon ..	Treble	*Robert Cater	4
*Gail Cater	2	Trevor Tarbatt	5
Alan Clifton	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in 18 methods.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
GREASLEY, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon. Oct. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

F. John Nelson	Treble	Denis A. Frith	5
David Vincent	2	†Timothy Wylie	6
*Richard Harris	3	R. Brian Mills	7
William L. Exton	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by C. J Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal. † First in the method. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall	1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5-6
Neil Bennett	3-4	Robert B. Smith	7-8

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
First peal of London Surprise on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of five methods—Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob; two extents of the variations—Northrepps, Fortune, Rushall, Marchington, St. Columb, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Old, Kennington, April Day and Seighford; two extents of the spliced variations—Marston, Broadwas, Tichborne and Norfolk. Tenor size 18 in G.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2 John R. Scott 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5-6

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1968, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Hereward and Double Court, (2) Double Oxford, (3) College, (4) St. Clement's College, (5) Single Court, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1-2 | Mary W. Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon	1-2	Alfred Ballard	5-6
John J. Morris	3-4	Michael Vernon	7-8

Composed by J. Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Terence A. Thornber	1-2	Alfred Ballard	5-6
David F. Moore	3-4	Peter J. Staniforth	7-8

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Alfred Ballard.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1968, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*David F. Moore	1-2	Alfred Ballard	5-6
*Peter J. Staniforth	3-4	Michael Vernon	7-8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.
* First peal in the method "in hand."

(Hinckley District.)
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 36, Long Street.
On Tues., Nov. 12, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
Alfred Ballard .. .. .. 1-2 | John J. Morris 3-4
John Vernon (cond.) 5-6

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD.
HAMILTON, Ontario, Canada.—At 16, Gary Avenue.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Ruth E. Gay	1-2	Derek M. Sawyer	5-6
*David R. Ingram	3-4	*John Owen	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Derek M. Sawyer.
* First peal "in hand." First peal "in hand" for the Guild and in Canada.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Ruth Gay, who is returning to England.

EIGHT QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY
On Saturday, November 23rd

HARTLIP, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss M. J. Chidwick 1, G. H. Terris 2, Miss P. R. Chidwick 3, G. K. Terris 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, P. D. J. Beal 6.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. H. Terris 1, Miss P. R. Chidwick 2, G. K. Terris 3, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 4, P. D. J. Beal 5, Miss M. J. Chidwick 6

BREDGAR, KENT.—1,260 Minor (Double Oxford Plain Bob): Miss M. J. Chidwick 1, G. H. Terris 2, Miss P. R. Chidwick 3, G. K. Terris 4 P. D. J. Beal 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Miss P. R. Chidwick 1, Miss M. J. Chidwick 2, G. H. Terris 3, G. K. Terris 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, P. D. J. Beal 6.

BOBBING, KENT.—1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Miss M. J. Chidwick 1, G. H. Terris 2, Miss P. R. Chidwick 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, G. K. Terris 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—1,260 St. Clement's Minor: Miss M. J. Chidwick 1, G. H. Terris 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, Miss P. R. Chidwick 4, C. T Osenton (cond.) 5, G. K. Terris 6.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. R. Chidwick 1, Miss M. J. Chidwick 2, G. K. Terris 3, G. H. Terris 4, P. D. J. Beal 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): Miss M. J. Chidwick 1, Miss P. R. Chidwick 2, G. H. Terris 3, G. K. Terris 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, P. D. J. Beal 6.

The band wish to thank all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells.

DATE TOUCH

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael-with-Paul, on Nov. 24th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: B. Sarll 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, G. J. Hawkins (comp. and cond.) 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, A. Swatton 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, R. I. Kendrick 8.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOM. — On Nov. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. J. England 1, Helen Kirkpatrick (first Minor) 2; R. W. Rice 3, G. Hebden 4, G. Prescot (cond.) 5, W. S. Rice 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rae Hammond 1, N. White 2, I Humphreys 3, R. Riley (first "inside") 4, J. P. Burton (first as cond.) 5, Daphne Appleby 6. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Appleby (1st away from cover) 1, J. P. Burton 2, N. White 3, M. Allery 4, I. Humphreys 5, R. Riley 6. For Evensong and the visit of the Archdeacon of Stafford.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Martin 1, Miss S. Staines (first "inside") 2, Miss J. Frith 3, Miss J. Daughtry 4, Mrs. A. Daughtry (cond.) 5, M. Bostock (first quarter) 6. Rung for Confirmation by the Bishop of Horsham, the Rt. Rev. Simon Phipps.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stone (first quarter) 1, F. Pike 2, T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. Cross (first as cond.) 5, A. R. Cross (first Grandsire) 6.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—At Barstable School, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles "in hand": G. Gray (aged 13) 1–2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3–4, P. Burton (aged 13, first quarter attempt) 5–6. First "in hand" for all the band and first length by Barstable School Society of Change Ringers.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. E. Wells 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy 8. For Ecumenical Evensong, attended by Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Methodists, at which the preacher was Monsignor Canon Francis Bartlett, the Administrator of Westminster Cathedral.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): D. Hill 1, J. Lane 2, C. W. Nutt 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Gwyne 6. Rung with bells half-muffled before Remembrance service.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): Janice Squibb 1, L. Bailey (cond.) 2, T. F. East 3, A. Russell 4, K. Squibb 5, S. Duff 6, E. Duff 8. First quarter 1, 4, 5, 6, 8. Rung for Evensong and as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. M. J. M. Denington, on the fifth anniversary of his institution and induction; also to mark the completion of 60 years' ringing by the ringer of 3.

QUARTER PEALS

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Sept. 21st 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Mitchell 1, D. Livsey 2, J. Muller 3, Miss D. Hague 4, D. T. Young 5, A. L. Pearson 6, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 7, D. Fowles 8. Rung to celebrate 50 years in Holy Orders by Canon H. H. Nash, chaplain to Jesus Hospital, Bray. Also on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1–2 leading): Susan Rance (first quarter) 1, R. Rance (first quarter) 2, Wenda Fowles 3, E. Gosling (first Grandsire Doubles) 4, D. Livsey 5, R. E. Dean (first Grandsire Doubles) 6, D. Fowles 7, J. Norsworthy 8. Rung half-muffled on the funeral day of the Rt. Rev. Harold Beardmore, resident of Bray.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hull 1, R. E. Purkess 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, M. E. Cass (first "inside") 4, W. Willans (25th this year and 25th Doubles as cond.) 5, B. J. Fry (first quarter) 6. Rung on St. Andrew's Day, the 39th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire on the bells, in which J. Hull rang tenor; also an engagement compliment to Miss Jean Sutcliffe, of Blackmoor.

BUNNEY, NOTTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Simpson 1, A. Newell 2, R. Stretton (cond.) 3, G. Fisher 4, D. Oliver 5, D. Beecroft (first quarter) 6.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 16th, 1,344 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. J. Marks 1, B. R. Care 2, M. J. Tyler 3, N. F. Pearson 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, T. G. Smith 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, E. C. Buckby 8.

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Childs (50th quarter) 1, L. Derrick 2, J. Pople 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. Derrick.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Clarke (first quarter) 1, I. A. A. Hodgson 2, M. A. C. Frewer 3, J. D. Willcock 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5, W. Beckman (first quarter) 6. Rung by the Canford School Campanology Society.

CHALGROVE, OXON. — On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): L. Cooper 1, A. Nixey 2, C. Woodward 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, T. Hurst 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Mrs. C. Eldridge 1, M. Kennedy (first quarter) 2, D. Rimmell (first of hunting) 3, E. Eldridge 4, T. Tocock 5, D. Hartley (first "inside") 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, K. Tuck 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

DERBY. — On Nov. 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bartlett 1, J. Bailey 2, K. Betesta (cond.) 3, A. Mould 4, R. Wallis 5, M. Willis 6, D. Walklate 7, W. Steen 8.

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ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. F. Shelton 1, D. Reeves 2, R. C. Ingram 3, D. Finnemore 4, D. Collins 5, W. J. V. Conduct (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Rev. and Mrs. J. Bacon who are leaving the parish church for Sedbergh, Yorkshire.

GRANTHAM, LINCS. — On Nov. 24th, 1,159 Grandsire Caters: D. A. Frith 1, Miss P. M. Cheesewright (first Caters) 2, V. P. Evans 3, B. Buttery 4, C. Baxter 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6, J. W. Watson 7, H. R. Woods 8, P. A. Slight (cond.) 9, A. Crawford 10.

ILKLEY, W. YORKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,824 Plain Bob Major: Ann Waldron (longest length) 1, S. R. Cole 2, P. Norman 3, Janet Walker (longest Major) 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, D. Featherstone 6, C. J. Groome 7, A. C. Banton (cond.) 8. Rung on the 83rd anniversary of the death of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, founder president of the Yorkshire Association. A peal attempt brought round due to a fraying rope.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Barker (first quarter, aged 10) 1, Mrs. D. W. Barker 2, P. W. Harper 3, B. M. Barker (cond.) 4, G. Spratt 5, P. Brentnall 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles: R. G. Powell 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, P. J. Wycherley (cond.) 3, M. V. Powell 4, T. H. Young 5, A. J. Williams 6.

LANCASTER. — At the Priory Church, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Stokes 1, K. R. Lloyd 2, P. Coddington 3, K. J. Foster 4, A. J. White (cond.) 5, T. Glen 6. For Evensong.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Baker (first quarter) 1, D. J. Attley 2, A. Marks 3, L. Hallifax (first "inside") 4, M. Hawkins 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS. — On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth 1, Miss S. M. Paton 2, Mrs. B. M. Paton 3, R. Davies 4, A. A. Paton (cond.) 5, G. Davies (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Cooper (first on eight) 1, C. Woodward 2, R. Jones 3, C. Coles 4, V. Fox 5, B. Gray 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, M. Journeaux 8. For Evensong.

PEMBROKE.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (ten meth./var.): A. Lingard 1, A. R. Trickett 2, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 3, J. Prytherch 4, P. C. Rogers 5, P. F. Kraus 6. For Evensong.

RANDWICK, N.S.W. — On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Margaret Watson 1, E. Blanch 2, Carol Adams 3, J. Fryer 4, W. Watson (cond.) 5, P. Doyle 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hughes 1, L. Tucker 2, C. Mayell 3, S. Cottle (cond.) 4, W. Mortimer 5, J. Abbott 6. Rung half-muffled immediately after the funeral and interment of Miss C. I. Usher.

SILKSTONE, YORKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Carbutt (aged 11) 1, D. Carbutt (12) 2, L. W. Carbutt (grandfather) 3, G. Scourfield 4, P. Carbutt (father, cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. First attempt 1, 2. Rung by four members of the Carbutt family and two ringers from Silkstone. For Evensong.

STAFFORD. — On Oct. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Wiggin 1, N. Holland 2, F. Wiggin 3, Ruth Fairbrother 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, Jennifer Beech 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. R. Fairbrother 9, C. J. Evans 10. For Matins. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,280 Oxford T.B. Major: K. Daniels 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, F. Wiggin 3, F. Beech 4, Jennifer Beech 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, N. Holland (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. Wiggin 1, F. Beech 2, R. K. Mowforth 3, R. A. Partridge 4, C. S. Hone 5, Jennifer Beech 6, R. J. Warrilow 7, A. E. Garbett 8, N. Holland (cond.) 9, C. J. Evans 10. For Matins.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS. — On Oct. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: I. Danby 1, J. Gibson 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, C. R. Robinson 4, L. Sherwood 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Evensong, the 89th birthday of Henry (Harry) Rodmell and 13th birthday of John Gibson.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 27th, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Sutton 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, R. Hulme 3, L. Cobb 4, M. Stanley 5, M. New 6, A. Peake (cond.) 7, B. Bladon 8.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Warboys (cond.) 1, K. Westwood 2, F. Bird 3, T. Camp 4, A. Richardson 5. For morning service.

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"RINGING WORLDS" 1958–1965, for sale. Any offer to collect from London, S.E.6, considered. Ring 01-690 3516 between 6–7 p.m. 6155

HOLY TRINITY, ECKINGTON, WORCS. —The bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Dec. 22nd Ringing after service. All welcome. 6177

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Dec. 14th, at 6.30 p.m. 6174

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice, Heston, Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 6175

STURRY, KENT.—Will all tower secretaries please note that the bells are now unringable due to the weakened tower structure. A tower restoration fund has been started and any donations, either as money or trading stamps, would be welcomed by the treasurer, Diana Grayling, Bel-Mar, Mill Road, Sturry. 6148

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Issue of December 20th: Last time for Notices, Friday, December 13th.

Issue of December 27th: Last time for Notices: Thursday, December 19th.

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Nomination Meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on December 14th. Retiring office—president, Mr. Chant. All nominations to be handed to the secretary in writing, complete with proposer's and seconder's signatures.

Ringing arrangements: Bells available 1500 hours to 2030 hours. Cups of tea will be provided. All ringers and friends welcome. 6134

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Winscombe (8), Dec. 14th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 6149

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Ilton (6), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing 7–9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 6153

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Chesterton, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. — B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 6142

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles', Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis Sec. 6111

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 6145

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, December 14th, at 3 p.m. All welcome 6139

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Hoby, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing from 7 p.m.—J. H. Cook, Sec. 6161

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (10) available 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 6118

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral Church of Christ, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Aldate's Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Walker, 152, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford. 6099

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at St. John the Baptist's, Windsor, on December 14th. Bells available at 6 p.m.—J. R. A. Muller. 6124

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanstephan, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Prytherch, 33, Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest. 6129

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—**Please note change of times.**—Meeting, Henley, December 14th. Ringing commences 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.15. Ringing after business meeting until 9 o'clock. All wishing for tea please book: Mrs. H. Egglestone, Egeles Place, 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Suffolk.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 6087

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Findon (not Washington), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 and tea at Findon Tea House 5.30. As accommodation is limited it will be essential to notify for tea to Div. Sec.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Tidenham (6), Dec. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. A.G.M. Names for tea to M. Walker, 10, Victoria Road, Lydney. 6167

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Dec. 21st, St. Stephen's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss A. Macfarlane, 15, Folly Avenue, St. Albans (Tel. 52111).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec 6101

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Christmas Social at Victory Hall, Bramford, on Saturday, December 21st, at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments, entertainments and lots of fun, all for 5s. (schoolchildren 2s. 6d.). Come and meet your friends.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Dec. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Church Hall. Names for tea to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham (Tel.: 233506), by Saturday, Dec. 21st. 6176

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 1st, 1969

At Church House, Westminster.

Tickets (price 30s.) are now available from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 6144

Christmas Greetings

May the happiness of peace and goodwill be in the hearts of all ringers and readers this Christmas and throughout 1969.—The Editor and Staff of "The Ringing World"

Australian and New Zealand Bellringers Association send their best wishes for Christmas and 1969. May the bells of peace resound from all towers.

MARGARET and KENNETH ARTHUR, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, wish all their ringing friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. 6117

PHIL and Mrs. AVEY, 28, Windsor Avenue, Clacton (phone: Clacton 21600).—A happy Christmas and a joyous New Year to all. 6162

A. H. BEAMISH (president) and Mrs. BEAMISH, Nuneaton.—Every good wish for Christmas and the New Year to all our ringing friends, particularly those in the Coventry Diocese 6172

The Rev. PETER N. BOND sends all good wishes for a happy and holy Christmas to all ringing friends everywhere, especially to fellow Cumberlands 6154

GRACE and KATHARINE BURCHNALL, Sutton-on-Trent, wish all their ringing friends a very happy Christmas and New Year. 6172

ROSE COLES, 41, Holloways Lane, North Mimms.—Christmas greetings and best wishes for a happy New Year to all friends. 6150

E. T. PAUL FIELD, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset.—Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be. 6185

GEORGE R. FINCH, Marlesford, Suffolk.—Kind greetings and best wishes to all my ringing friends old and new for Christmas and the New Year. 6138

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all members from the Master and all the officers of the Railwaymen's Guild.—J. A. H. 6173

HERBERT W. KNIGHT, 6, Church Road, Redhill, Wrington.—All best wishes to all my ringing friends for Christmas and the New Year. 6163

KEN and STELLA KNIGHT, PAULA and ROGER take this opportunity of wishing all ringing friends a very happy Christmas, as they are sending no cards this year. 6187

BRYONY MOORBY and RICHARD DORRINGTON wish all ringing friends (especially those in Surrey and Staffordshire, and all Rambling Ringers) a merry Christmas and many more towers in the New Year. 6168

PETER J. PERRY, on behalf of the Christchurch Society, New Zealand, sends best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey.—To our esteemed Editor and all connected with our paper my best wishes for Christmas and 1969. To all ringers and friends near and far, old or young, my deep appreciation and sincere wishes for the New Year.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD extends best wishes for a happy Christmas and bright New Year to all old and new friends: with good ringing, good health and good fellowship.—15, Morden College, Blackheath, S.E.3. 6186

FRANK and ADA STENSON, Crewe.—To "ALL" our ringing friends "EVERYWHERE": especially Ernest (97) and Mrs. Weatherby (CALIFORNIA): Doctors Harry and Margery Whipple (NEW MEXICO); Canon Ward (100) (COPENHAGEN); Sister Edith Lucas (NEW ZEALAND); Jack and Mary Armstrong, and Company (RHODESIA); Cclr. Mrs. I. E. Stephens (NEWPORT); Joe and Jean Yearsley (VANCOUVER); Nancy, Sheila, Dorothy—not forgetting Mum and M. A. Susie (called Home); "OUR" "RINGING WORLD"—read it well and don't criticise it; the Editor (Tom W. White) and Staff—heartiest Christmas greetings and best wishes for the new and succeeding years, and God's richest blessing, good health, to enjoy them. 6133

ST. JAMES' GUILD, Silsoe, Beds.—Good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our friends. 6184

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. STOTE and BRIAN would like to wish all their many ringing friends a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. 6169

The WEATHERBYS (Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weatherby, P.O. Box 2085, Plumb Hall 16, Alhambra, California 91803).—A small remembrance of old ringers and our best wishes to them for Christmas and the New Year. 6045

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. WEST, Melksham.—Sincere Christmas and New Year's greetings to all members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. 6164

RUSSELL S. YOUNG and the ringers at Groton School, Massachusetts, send their Christmas greetings to all their friends.

A CONTRIBUTION TO "MEIN KAMPFANOLOGY"

Hurstpierpoint ringers, for their outing on St. Peter's Day, journeyed into Dorset, starting at 7.45 a.m. and reaching home at 11.30 p.m. Towers visited were at Hampreston, Corfe-Mullen, Wool, Wareham and Cranborne.

The non-ringing curate, the Rev. Eric Craig, accompanied the party and he describes the outing in graphic terms.

"The officer commanding the invasion is usually B. J. Harfield, whose rise to power relies upon his connections with the Press. It is he who arranges the printing of all pamphlets, and his book, 'Mein Kampfanology' will be published . . .

"On the actual day any bystander seeing the gang set off would think that it was a junior Darby and Joan Club off on their annual outing to the seaside, and this image is kept up by stopping every so often on the route to drink coffee or tea. It should be mentioned here that the gang is composed of two types of troops, the stormtroopers who actually carry out the invasions, and decoy troops, who fan out around the scene of the invasion and thereby divert attention all over the place.

"Thus when the battle waggon arrives at a place to be assaulted, the first two or three troops out of the bus are decoys to spy out the land. As soon as they give the all-clear the first wave of stormtroopers runs to the scene of action—always a church tower. They ascend the tower and overpower any guards, and then prepare to fire their first salvo. Firing positions are thus—one foot slightly in front of the other, arms upraised grasping the firing rope, and eyes sometimes fixed on the firing order.

"By now it must be obvious that the invasion is one of bellringers who are actively combating all noise abatement societies and the Lord's Day Observance Society."

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual general meeting of the N. and N.W. Branch, held at Shebbear, was a great success, about 50 ringers attending from various parts of Devon and Cornwall. Ringing started at 3 p.m. with various methods, call changes and rounds. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Robins), who preached, and a collection was taken for the bell restoration fund.

At the meeting after tea two certificates were presented by the president (Preb. J. H. B. Andrews) to two young ringers from Westleigh. All the Branch officers were re-elected and thanks were expressed to the Vicar, those who supplied tea and the organist.

Evening ringing was at Sheepwash. R.P.

A PROBLEM SOLVED

The captain sat by the belfry door.
He had almost given up hope;
Twenty minutes, no less, he'd been waiting there,
His hand on the tenor rope.

Then over the brow of the distant hill
Appeared a familiar car.
It belonged to one of his erring band,
And the captain knew he'd come far.

The car arrived, and the driver got out,
"Sorry I'm late," he said.
Then, "Are you alone—is no one about?
Has everyone stayed in their bed?"

"That's it," said the captain, " and I'm going home,
It's twenty to ten, and I'm through.
Would you be so kind as to give me a lift?"
The ringer said, "Yes—as it's you."

The captain took note of that final remark,
And thought, as they drove down the hill,
"I know very well why he said 'As it's you'—
So the feeling lies in him still."

Not far from the village lay a bustling town
With five churches and bells of its own.
The bells, there were eight, belonged to St. John's,
A building of twelfth century stone.

The six in the village had been regularly rung.
And so had the eight in the town.
One band for both had been quite all right,
And the bells were a well-known sound.

But all was disrupted—a quarrel arose;
The big band was split into two.
The villagers no longer rang at St. John's,
And their own bells no longer rang true.

Without support by the ringers from town,
The band in the village grew small.
While the rest at St. John's could only raise five,
But more often raise none at all.

In thinking this over, the captain grew wise,
He said to his driver, "Turn right.
We must get the rest of our band out of bed—
They must have been drinking last night."

That morning at ten, he had six from their beds,
Himself and his friend making eight.
He said, "We are needed to ring at St. John's,
Hurry, or we shall be late."

Mass at St. John's was then at eleven.
They rang from a quarter past ten.
The quarrel was ended, ill feeling gone by,
And twelve ringers friendly again.

So all that was needed was a little less pride,
And concern for the matter in hand.
Bells can be heard there both morning and night,
Rung well by a steadfast band.

BY ONE OF THE BAND.

OBITUARY

CAPT. A. POYNTZ

We regret to report the death on December 1st of Capt. Alban Poyntz, D.S.C., R.I.N. (retd.), of Riverside, Shaldon, South Devon, after a long illness borne with great fortitude. He was 82.

Captain Poyntz was still captain of St. Michael's, Teignmouth, at the time of his death, and was a former Master of the Reading Branch and deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

He had a distinguished naval career and had rounded Cape Horn in sail in his young days. He saw active service in both world wars.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of the Vicar of Bowdon and the tower captain, Mr. Alan J. Brown, I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 16,128 Superlative Surprise Major at Bowdon on Saturday, January 4th, 1969. Ringing will commence at 8 a.m.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

LATE NOTICES

ENGAGEMENT

HOUGH—COOK.—The engagement is announced between Richard Hough, of Huntingdon, and Jane Cook, of St. Ives, Hunts. 6178

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SMITH.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smith, formerly of Little Aston, is now The Rock, Huntington, near Kington, Herefordshire. Any ringers welcome to call. 6183

MISCELLANEOUS

CARILLON RECITALS

The 23-bell G. & J. Carillon of James J. Fox & Co., Ltd., at 24, Old Bond Street, London, W.1, can be heard on

Wednesday, December 18th
12.45 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.
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Thursday, December 19th
Times as above.

All played by Mrs. Eva Garner, Carillonneure to Lowe House, St. Helens, Lancs.

Friday, December 20th
12.45 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.
4.45 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Played by Peter J. Harrod, Honorary Assistent Carillonneur at Loughborough.

Monday, December 23rd
12.45 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.
4.45 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Played by Clive M. Smith.

Programmes will include Christmas music, folk tunes, suitable classics and change-ringing.

Anyone interested very welcome.

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MEETINGS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, Great Amwell (6), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Broxbourne (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. Regret tea under own arrangements. —Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 6190

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Cambridge Surprise Major practice, North Wingfield, Wednesday, Dec. 18th, 7.30 p.m.—M. P. Phipps. 6189

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Neston, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 6191

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Trysull, near Wolverhampton, Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (6) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. latest. (Visitors are requested to park cars at The Bell.) All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6180

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 5.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, by previous Wednesday, please. 6179

QUARTER PEALS

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Y. Mansfield 1, R. W Yates (first Major) 2, R. A. Vickers 3, W. Denny 4, W. F. Eyden 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. W. Holland 7, F. Vickers (cond.) 8.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Anne Duffell (first Major) 1, F. Whitby 2, C. Moore 3, E. Elliott 4, M. Creed (first in method and of Major) 5, J. Smith 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, R. Walker 8. For Evensong.

GOTHAM, NOTTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. Edwards 1, A. Newell 2, S. Adams 3, T. Kirkman 4, D. Oliver (cond.) 5.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gazeley 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, A. Warren 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, B. Watson 6. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Pauline Gearing, a loyal Hendon ringer, who died on November 20th.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Gazeley (first on eight) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Sue Taylor (first "inside") 3, Dorothea Robotham 4, Liz Pearce (first Grandsire Triples) 5, Ruth Foreman 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, A. Warren 8. For Parish Communion on Christian Stewardship Sunday.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Powell 1, Ann Sisley 2, M. Mothershaw 3, M. Gee 4, R. E. Morris (first as cond.) 5, G. Mothershaw 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor. Rung for Confirmation service.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,272 St. Clement's Bob Minor: S. Smith 1, T. Wright 2, W. Avery 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, C. Meakes (first "inside" in method) 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2. Rung for Evensong and to celebrate St. Clement's Day. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bailey (first Minor) 1, S. Smith 2, C. Hagger 3, C. Meakes 4, T. Wright 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to Canon C. E. Wigg at the time of his induction at St. Peter's, Hook Norton, Oxon.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds 1, R. Chambers 2, F. O. Hunt 3, E. W. Pye 4, E. Cracknell 5, C. Curtis 6, C. Poulson 7, W. Pye (cond.) 8. For evening service.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Nov. 13th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Aslett 1, D. Roaf 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, R. Jolly (first on ten) 5, R. Turner (cond.) 6, M. Scowen 7, H. Rossell 8, A. Bolton 9, J. Roper 10. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. English 1, H. Rossell (cond.) 2, M. Lawrence 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, R. Turner 5, G. Heyes 6, M. Scowen 7, Margaret Aslett 8. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, Helen Henderson 3, D. Heyes 4, G. Heyes 5, A. Bolton 6, P. Gray (cond.) 7, J. Roper 8.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Annette Fry (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R Short 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, C. Kortwright 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Pl Bob Minor: A. G. Driver 1, T. G. Boast 2, J. Mowle 3, A. Cook 4, O. P. Claxton 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. A compliment to Albert G. Harrison on completion of 25 years as verger at Diss Parish Church.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Simons (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Russell (first quarter) 2, R. Towler 3, T. Russell (first quarter) 4, W. Merritt (first as cond.) 5, M. Jones (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Rev. D. C. Puleston, Vicar of this parish for 12½ years.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. Tranter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Poolman 2, Miss A. Pullen 3, Miss A. Rowland 4, A. Weall 5, D. Heath (first as cond.) 6, W. Poolman 7, G. Beadle 8.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Pursey (first Triples) 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, I. Whorlow 4, Miss J. Whorlow 5, G. Firman 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, R. Holebrook 8. For Evensong.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Young 1, W. Perrins 2, D. Wilson 3, N. Skelton 4, R. N. Marlow 5, R. Jones 6, W. E. Cheater 7, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Wheeler 1, T. P. Harris 2, Susan Catlin 3, M. F. Mitchell 4, P. A. Keene (first as cond.) 5, D. T. Andrews (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Chambers, secretary of the P.C.C., to Mr. James Russell.

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DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. Webb (first on a working bell) 1, J. R. Sach 2, P. C. Hassan 3, C. J. Pickford 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, P. K. Twinberrow (first attempt, aged 12) 6. Rung for Evensong by two local ringers and four boys from The King's School, Worcester.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Nov. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: P. Gagen 1, W. W. Cousins 2, D. Gagen 3, R. Newson 4, J. Fox 5, L. W. Houghton 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the 20th birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's Church, Foster Lane, on Nov. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Audrey R. Alexander (cond.) 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, J. P. Hill (first Surprise Minor) 3, J. V. P. Lochner 4, R. C. Woodward 5, P. Bosworth 6. By U.L.S.C.R. for morning service.

LONDON, E.C. — At St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Audrey R. Alexander 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, R. D. Mills 3, D. A. R. May 4, P. G. Holden 5, P. Bosworth 6, T. G. Pett (cono.) 7, R. D. Bailey 8. Rung by U.L.S.C.R. prior to the induction of the new Rector, Rev. L. E. M. Claxton.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Morning Star Treble Bob Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Rung before Sung Eucharist for the dedication festival.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP. — On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. Beech 1, P. Evans 2, J. Beech 3, H. White 4, W. Tyler 5, N. Holland 6, R. Newton 7, E. Willcox (first Surprise Major as cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Morris, of Hodnet.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Miss H. Carter 2, N. Jackson (first "inside") 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, N. Humphries 5, K. Williamson 6. Rung to welcome Ven. E. E. Marples Earle, M.A., Archdeacon of Tonbridge, a former Vicar of Rainham.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Minor (two methods, tenor covering): Miss V. Nash 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, F. May 3, A. House 4, T. Sharpe 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6, W. Ward 7. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss V. Nash 1, J. Warboys 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. May 4, T. Sharp 5, J. Laker 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Valerie Nash (first Major) 1, W. Ward 2, Penny Halliwell 3, F. May 4, M. Carter 5, J. Worboys 6, T. Sharp 7, D. Sloman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kenward 1, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 2, P. R. Chidwick 3, C. D. Linnington 4, A. D. Macfadyen 5, B. Baker 6, L. Crouch 7, G. Philpott 8. Rung half-muffled after the memorial service to H.R.H. Princess Marina.

QUARTER PEALS

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Anne Barber 1, J. Hemsley 2, B. Johnson (first as cond.) 3, R. Lebon 4, H. Deacon 5, A. Berry 6, B. Butler 7, R. Weeks 8. First Kent T.B. Major 2, 4, 5, 7, 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thomas 1, Jane Hough 2, Marion Kemp 3, Jane Osenton 4, O. Webster 5, J. Hemsley (cond.) 6. Rung with the compliments of the band to Diana Ray and Lewis Wood on their wedding day.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Martin's Church, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. I. Brown (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams (cond.) 2, H. Rumens 3, E. H. J. Mussell 4, R. N. Marlow 5, J. E. Dowdeswell (first quarter) 6.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Ball 1, V. I. Blackaby 2, A. F. Birch 3, V. E. T. Holland 4, D. R. Starkey (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 17th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: D. M. Boniface 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. S. Bishop 5, P. N. Felton 6, K. J. Rider 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith (cond.) 10, H. W. Rogers 11, C. T. Richards 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

STAPLEGROVE, SOM. — On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (12 methods): M. R. Arscott 1, A. H. Reed 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Oakshott 1, P. J. Munday (cond.) 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, T. Skilton 4, R. D. Mills 5, A. Flood 6.

STOKE-next-GUILDFORD, SURREY. — On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): W. Savill 1, Molly Lodge 2, Pat Saunkey 3, D. J. Debenham (cond.) 4, D. Lodge 5, J. Stacey 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Pat Saunkey and to congratulate her on her engagement.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARKS. — On Nov. 16th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: S. K. Thompson 1, R. A. Yeates 2, Susan M. Heyworth 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, Shirley E. Jones 5, R. H. Johnston 6, J. P. Coad 7, S. F. Royal (cond.) 8, J. R. Pratt 9, L. J. Haines 10.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): A. K. Whatmore 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. R. L. Lewis, on the 30th anniversary of his first celebration of the Holy Communion.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. G. Sears (first Minor) 1, D. Harris 2, D. Digby (first Surprise) 3, Miss G. M. James 4, P. Owen (first Surprise) 5, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the birth of a second son (William James) to Alan and Marion Sears.

UPHAM, HANTS. — On Nov. 21st, 1,320 P.B. Doubles: W. J. Stubbington 1, Janet Yeates (first of Doubles "inside") 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. L. Ventham 6.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 16th, 1,344 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Royal: Susan M. Heyworth 1, Caroline Mackie 2, L. J. Haines (cond. Royal) 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, S. K. Thompson 5, P. H. Mackie 6, J. P. Coad 7, A. P. Foster 8, J. R. Pratt (cond. Caters) 9, S. F. Royal 10.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Adams 1, C. A. Tester (cond.) 2, J. A. Lambert 3, G. Cook 4, D. Skinner 5, O. D. Tester 6. First quarter for all except 2 and 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Boorman (first quarter) 1, C. A. Tester (cond.) 2, J. A. Lambert 3, G. Cook 4, D. Skinner 5, R. Adams 6. Half-muffled for Evensong.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: R. Myhill 1, M. Cosgrove 2, J. Taylor 3, J. Wardle 4, J. Igglesden 5, R. Waterhouse 6, R. Lee (cond.) 7, P. Townsend 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, Jacqueline Allen 2, W. A. Hughes 3, P. R. Butler 4, S. Gay 5, M. Gay 6. First Treble Bob "inside" for 2 and 4.

WHITWICK, LEICS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Chambers 1, Helen J. Wright (first Major "inside") 2, J. A. Lord 3, D. Waldram 4, C. Lord 5, J. Hawtin 6, J. Rawson 7, R. Benniston (cond.) 8. For Choir Sunday.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Patterson 1, Julie Armstrong 2, M. Bangham 3, Caroline Madge 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Bangham 6, A. Bagworth 7, D. Budd 8. A farewell to Mr. S. White, verger and parish clerk, on his departure to Chelmsford Cathedral.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Barr (first in method) 1, D. A. Wills 2, H. L. Crisp 3, F. W. Williams 4, G. T. West 5, M. S. Turner 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong.

WITTERSHAM, KENT. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Yvonne Antwis (first quarter) 1, R. Birch 2, Pamela Court 3, J. Hemsley 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6. For Evensong.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS. — On Oct. 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Howell 1, Mrs. E. Jordan 2, Miss M. Gerrard 3, Miss C. J. Turner 4, D. Jordon 5, R. G. Howell 6, M. G. Turner (cond.) 7, H. Howell 8. For morning service; also birthday compliments to ringers of 7 and 8.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. W. Miller 1, C. W. Pipe 2, M. R. Page 3, L. E. Last 4, E. W. Pye 5, H. W. M. Leather 6, W. Pye 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. A welcome home to Rev. W. H. Donner, Rector, who had a nasty tumble from his horse in the Deben Ride. His hospitality was much appreciated.

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The Church of St. James, Southbroom, Devizes

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OUR PICTURE COVER

St. James' Church, Southbroom

THE graceful, slender 15th century tower is the only part which remains of the original church of St. James, Southbroom. The remainder was rebuilt in 1832, the year following the separation of the parish from Bishops Cannings. Previously it had been a chapel-of-ease, but it always had its own Churchwardens and Registers.

Lying outside the ancient borough of Devizes, it is difficult to discover why the church was originally built, as the population around it at the time would have been negligible. One theory is that it belonged to a nearby Leper Hospital, served by monks whose "Friday fish" may have been provided by the pond shown in the foreground of the cover picture, and known locally as the Crammer. This stretch of water makes the setting of the church, with its trees and roses, one of the most beautiful and frequently photographed corners of Devizes. Crammer is possibly a corruption of Cranemere; for where there are fish there are often cranes. Nowadays swans add their graceful form to the scene.

The tower bears scars of the Civil War of the 17th century in which Devizes played so stirring a part. In 1643 the Parliamentarian troops mounted a battery of guns on the rising ground to the east of the church and bombarded the town. To this day there can be seen in the east face of the tower two holes made by the cannon fire on that occasion.

The church originally had four bells. In 1909 the old treble was recast and a new treble and second were added, and the six bells hung in a cast iron frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Part of the old wooden frame was made into a cover for the font.

The weights and inscriptions are as follows:

Treble: Deum Timete Regem Honorate. In Mem: John Glyde Rose. OB. A.D. III ID: Dec. A.D. 1900. D.D. Fil: William Rose et Walter Rose. A.D. 1909, Ed. VII Rege. J. Taylor, Fecit, Loughborough. Note F. 3 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Second: G audete in Domino Hora Fugit. The Gift of Sarah, Wife of Henry Brownlee West 1909. J. Taylor, Founders, Loughborough. E flat. 4 cwt. 19 lb.

Third: Oremus. Robert Brothers and Thomas Adlen, Churchwardens 1663. Recast 1909. William Gardiner, Vicar. John G. Williams, Cyril G. S. Pugh, Churchwardens. J. Taylor, Founder, Loughborough (originally cast by W. R. Purdue). D flat. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Fourth: Peace and Good Neighbourhood. A.R. 1742 (Abraham Rudhall, Gloucester). C. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Fifth: Searve God. I.W. 1612. (James Wallis, Salisbury). B flat. 6 cwt. 11 lb.

Tenor: Prayese the Lord. I.W. 1612. A flat. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Two of the present team of eleven ringers are the brothers Alexander and Joseph Weeks, who between them have completed 93 years as ringers of the church. Mr. Alex Weeks is the Captain, following in the footsteps of his father, Thomas Weeks (Captain 1932-1940), and his grandfather, Henry Brownlee West (Captain 1908-1932). Indeed, for four years (1928-1932) there were four members of this family who were ringers of the tower. The new second bell, added in 1909, was the gift of Mr. West's wife, Sarah.

Until 1960 Devizes was the home of the Wiltshire Regiment, the Depot Barracks being within the parish and St. James' the Garrison Church. There are other Army Camps nearby occupied successively by the Royal Artillery and the Pay Corps, and a considerable number of ringers from among the troops stationed here have visited the church and rung in the tower.

Since 1909 many peals and quarter peals have been rung on the bells, some of them recorded on peal boards in the ringing chamber.

One of these peals, Bob Minor of 5040 changes, was rung in 1959 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the rehanging of the bells and their augmentation to a ring of six. The occasion was also marked by a special service at which the preacher was the Archdeacon of Wilts, the Ven. C. A. Plaxton, himself a ringer and a former Vicar of St. James' (1932-1937).

St. James' has a long tradition of friendliness and lively worship which is continued in the thriving Family Service every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. There is a strong emphasis on music with a choir of some 45 voices. It is in this worship that the bells play their part.

A. T. W.

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A CENTENARY

GABRIEL LINDOFF — 1868 - 1941

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

A HUNDRED years ago there came into the world five persons who grew up to attain positions of eminence in the ringing Exercise and were destined to exert influence extending far beyond their own times and possibly exceeding their own imaginings. These men were James E. Groves, William Willson, Henry Law James, Charles Howard and Gabriel Lindoff. The first two became distinguished as notable conductors and leaders of men whose work has left an unmistakable mark on the Societies they served so well. The second was an important pioneer in the scientific investigation of composition and method construction, and an inveterate controversialist whose polemics stimulated and animated his contemporaries. The work of Howard as an administrator and innovator brought expansion and enterprise to Essex, and with it a succession of fine ringers. Gabriel Lindoff combined within him the qualities of each of the above in such measure that any one attribute would have been sufficient to raise him to a high position in the hierarchy of change ringing. For we find in him a highly competent ringer and conductor, an able administrator and a brilliant composer.

Gabriel Lindoff was born at Leiston in Suffolk on November 19th, 1868, and very early in life he became interested in bells through watching the rehanging of the local ring. The attraction must have been very great, for he determined to teach himself to handle a bell. This feat he accomplished unaided, to the great astonishment of the local ringers. Very soon he was ringing with them, and at the age of eighteen he rang his first peal. Shortly afterwards he joined The Royal Engineers, and in this Corps he served for ten years. Wherever he was stationed he devoted much time to instruction, to the encouragement of local ringing, and to the development of his natural gifts for exploration and experiment in the field of composition.

His army service ending in 1896 Lindoff resided for a time at Lincoln, but in 1897 he left East Anglia to take up residence in Ireland, a move that had far-reaching effects on Irish ringing. There was now little scope for peal ringing but far more time for research, and the fruits of his work were to provide the ringing Exercise with a precious inheritance. Visits to England were marked by some notable events. In 1901 he took part in the (then) record peal of Stedman Cinques, the famous "Five Ones" at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, and two years later he was a member of Pye's band that rang the (then) record length of 14,112 of London at King's Norton. (It is said that after this great performance William Pye succeeded in reaching his home in Essex the same night, in time to post the account of the peal to "The Bell News." A remarkable feat of railway travel!) Both these peals were compositions by Lindoff. No one knew Gabriel and his capabilities better than that great judge of ringers, William Pye, and Pye assiduously sought out his old friend from Ireland for two more strenuous pieces of work, 18,027 of Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909 and the spendid 15,312 of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1929. The latter was Gabriel's first peal of Cambridge Twelve.

But it is as a composer that Gabriel Lindoff is for the most part familiar to ringers and conductors, and to many there is magic in the very name. As the writer of the obituary notice in 1941 aptly put it: "His very name itself had an appeal in it seldom found in English nomenclature. It was a unique and striking combination which created a fascinating impression, whether spoken or written—Gabriel Lindoff."

He composed the 11,111 of Stedman Cinques rung at Birmingham, the 18,027 of Stedman Caters scored at Loughborough, and the 22,222 in the same method, of which Pulling called 19,738 at Guildford in 1912. But his chief work was as a pioneer in the scientific investigation of the principles of composition, bringing to the major methods the precise mathematical approach that Heywood and Earle Bulwer had made to Stedman Triples and which Davies had found with Grandsire. He expanded very considerably the scope of Treble Bob, and taking full advantage of the In and Fifths plan he produced a vast collection of peals of London. There was very little, from Grandsire Triples to the Surprise methods, that he did not touch and enrich, and the sureness of his touch was matched only, perhaps, by that of his great contemporary John Carter. It is indeed difficult to find where he put a figure wrong. He was firm of opinion and stout to defend what he considered correct, but in controversy he was moderate and restrained. He had nothing of the cocksureness of Law James and none of the bludgeoning of William Willson. His voice was less impulsive, less assertive, but no less compelling.

In 1897 Lord Iveagh presented a ring of ten bells to the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin, and shortly afterwards Gabriel Lindoff went to reside in that city. The two events combined to bring about a momentous happening, and the Irish Association of Change Ringers came into being. It was Lindoff who circularised the five local societies and brought them together for a meeting in Dublin. A national Association was formed with Mr. R. R. Cherry (afterwards Lord Chief Justice Cherry) as President and Lindoff as Secretary. There was no other secretary until Lindoff's death in 1941. The vitalising effect of the Association on Irish ringing and the great spread of the art in the whole of the island are well known; but what is more radiantly apparent is the bond of Christian unity that has brought together all the ringers of Ireland in a brotherhood that transcends the differences and difficulties presented by political boundaries. In this alone there is a memorial to Lindoff that might of itself suffice.

This then is the man whose birthday we remember and whose memory we honour at this time; ringer, composer, teacher, administrator, a good companion and a gentleman of modest pretensions. On his work as composer the succeeding generation of theorists has been nourished and has thrived; on his memory those who knew him dwell with affection and a remembrance of pleasant and precious relationships. He died at a time when the bells of Britain were silenced, and of him Mr. C. T. Coles wrote: "When our bells are rung once more, the sound of them will always bring back pleasant memories of a great and true English gentleman." It was a simple and sincere tribute.

RINGING IN YORKSHIRE

The Joint Council of Yorkshire Associations has just issued its annual report for 1967. One of the aims of the Joint Council is to present a unified annual report, and some nine Societies have co-operated in this object. There are also reports from the Joint Council and the parent body, the Yorkshire Association.

"To paint a picture of the state of ringing in the vast area covered by the Yorkshire Association is a formidable task," states the annual report. "There are over 250 towers with ringable bells in the county; it is quite certain that we have not the 2,000 ringers that would be required if all these towers were to be effectively manned. Much solid work is being done by a number of dedicated ringers in all four Districts, and the number of inquiries from silent towers where there is a desire to resume ringing is encouraging. It is pleasing to observe the high proportion of teenage ringers present at any District or general meeting.

In the Northern District an average attendance of about 30 members can be secured at most meetings: those who attend are mainly the enthusiasts, but they are also the people who are doing much sound work between meetings, and there is no lack of encouragement for those who would seek to progress. It is pleasing to note that outstanding progress has been made at Northallerton, the county town of the North Riding.

In the Southern District the standard of ringing is good and there is a goodly number of very competent and active instructors. The Eastern District is prospering under the guidance of a very enthusiastic District Committee; very few towers in the District are completely silent. It is in the Western District that it is most difficult to obtain a complete picture. Perhaps the brightest feature is the success of the evening practice meetings, inspired by the Ringing Master, Maurice Thurmott. These meetings have met a long-felt need in the Craven area and are undoubtedly bearing fruit.

On the administrative side, it is good to realise that we now have a set of rules and standing orders which is much more comprehensible than the former rules, which were unknown to most ringers and understood by very few. We have welcomed Chris Moxon as our new and energetic treasurer, and by reapportioning the work of preparing the annual report have, we hope, lightened the heavy burden borne long and willingly by our peal secretary, Eric Critchley.

The General Committee is already considering plans for the Association's Centenary in 1975. It may be stated with full justification that the year 1967 can be recorded as one of steady progress in the long period which has elapsed since Jasper Snowdon first conceived the idea of uniting Yorkshire ringers into a fellowship of service to and in the Church."

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss W. Burkey (first quarter) 1, K. Goddard 2, Mrs. C. M. Clarke 3, Miss S. Cameron 4, J. A. Harrison 5, W. Burkey 6, R. Begrie (cond.) 7, F. Begrie 8. First in method for 3, 4, 5. Rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. K. Goddard; also on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Oxford.

JOHN BUNYAN AND ELSTOW ABBEY

By the late ERNEST MORRIS



JOHN BUNYAN
From a drawing by Robert White

The Church of SS. Mary and Helena, Elstow, Beds, has a noble detached tower on the north-west, with low spire, containing a clock and **six bells**, five ancient ones rehung in 1909 and a new treble added.

It was here that **John Bunyan** used to ring originally the fourth, but now fifth, and the bell still exists to this day. It is unusual in its inscription, being what is described as an "alphabet" bell, and was cast in Leicester but is undated. Here it is:

"+ABCDEFG ‡ ABCDE ‡ RSTVM ‡"
(Some letters are upside down.)

It weighs 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Among the noted bellringers of England perhaps there is none so "picturesque" as John Bunyan, the author of "Pilgrim's Progress" and other works. He was born at Elstow in 1628 and, like his father, followed the trade of a tinker and brazier. He was a lad of spirit and imagination, but not—he solemnly assures us—ever drunken or unchaste, although given to swearing.

At the age of 20 he found a respectable young lady willing to marry him, and although neither his prospects nor hers were brilliant, they duly married. Bunyan tells us that all she brought him were two books which belonged to her father, and these were "The Plane Mans Pathway to Heaven, wherein every Man may clearly see whether he shall be saved or damned," by Alfred Dent, a Puritan minister, and "The Practice of Piety," by Lewis Bayle, Bishop of Bangor.

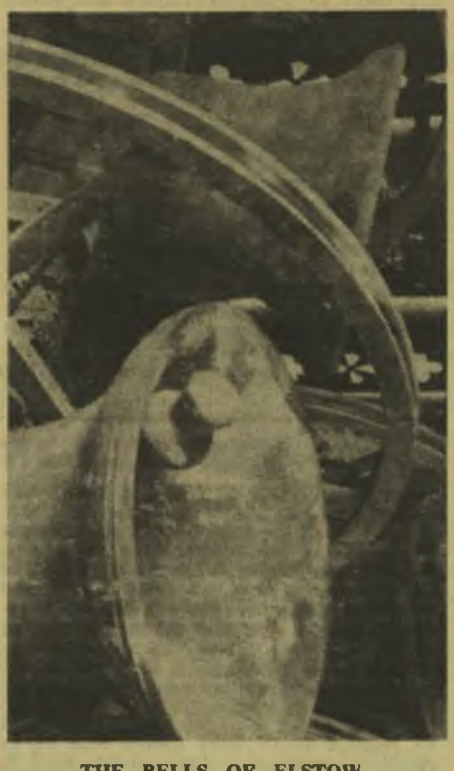
Bunyan settled down with his wife at Elstow. They read these books together, and she would often be telling him "what a Godly man her father was, and how he would reprove and correct vice, both in his house and amongst his neighbours; what a strict and holy life he lived in his days, both in word and deed". For a long time Bunyan's mind and conscience were bewildered among his puritanical books and conversations. The aspect of religion thus presented to him tended to make his conscience "tender" about what he should or should not do, without giving him an insight into the principles or power of Christianity.

The Rev. Dr. Brown, in his "Life of Bunyan", thus describes this period of religious perplexities: "When a man comes under the dominion of conscience and is a stranger to love, conscience is apt to become somewhat of a tyrant; a false standard is set up, and things right enough in themselves seem to become wrong to the man. Bunyan had hitherto taken pleasure in the somewhat laborious diversion of ringing the bells in the tower of Elstow church. He began to think this was wrong, one does not quite see why; still, having this misgiving about it, he gave up his bellringing, but not the love of it."

BUNYAN'S DILEMMA

Bunyan's own words, from "Grace Abounding", say—:

"Now you must know that before this, I had taken much delight in ringing, but my conscience beginning to be tender, I thought such practice was but vain, and therefore forced myself to leave it, yet my mind hankered. Wherefore I should go to the steeple house and look on though I durst not ring. But I thought this did not become religion either, yet I forced myself and would look on still. But quickly after I began to think, how if one of the bells should fall? Then I chose to stand under a main beam that lay overthwart the steeple, from side to side, thinking there I might stand sure. But then I should think again, should the bell fall with a swing



THE BELLS OF ELSTOW
The Fifth is known as Bunyan's Bell
[Photo by M. J. Marriott.

it might first hit the wall and then rebounding upon me, might kill me for all this beam. This made me stand in the steeple door; and now, thought I, I am safe enough for if a bell should fall then I can slip out behind these thick walls, and so be preserved notwithstanding.

"So after this, I would yet go to see them ring but would not go further than the steeple door, but then it came into my head, how if the steeple itself should fall? and this thought, it may fall for ought I know, when I stood and looked on did continually so shake my mind that I durst not stand at the steeple door any longer, but was forced to flee for fear the steeple should fall on my head.

Another thing was my dancing. I was a full year before I could quite leave that. But



SS. MARY AND HELENA, ELSTOW
(A detached tower)
[Photo by M. J. Marriott.

all this while, when I thought I kept this or that commandment, or did, by word or deed, anything that I thought was good, I had great peace in my conscience; and should think with myself, God cannot choose but be now pleased with me, yea, to relate it in mine own way, I thought no man in England could please God better than I. But poor wretch as I was, I was all this while ignorant of Jesus Christ, and going about to establishing own righteousness; and had perished therein, had not God in mercy, showed me more of my state by nature."

IN PRISON

Bunyan afterwards joined a Baptist congregation at Bedford, of which he was called to be the minister in 1655. After the Restoration he got into trouble for offences against the law relating to religious conformity by preaching, and was imprisoned from 1660, with one brief interval, till 1672. During this enforced seclusion from his usual work he wrote several books, including the biographical "Grace Abounding", and in a subsequent short imprisonment in 1675 he wrote the immortal "Pilgrim's Progress", which has made his name known throughout the world wherever the English tongue is spoken. In this allegory he speaks of bells being in the Heavenly City. He says of the two pilgrims approaching it:—

"They had the City itself in view, and they thought they heard all the bells therein to ring to welcome them thereto."
And a few lines later:—

"Now I saw in my dream, that these two men went in at the gate, and lo! as they entered, they were transfigured; and they had raiment put on that shone like gold. There

PRICE INCREASE

Since the price increases came into force in July, no fewer than 430 subscribers have made a voluntary contribution amounting to £225 7s. 1d. to bring their last payments into line with the new rates. We offer them our sincere thanks for their helpful support and invite all those who have not yet done so to join their number.

John Bunyan—continued

were also that met them with harps and crowns, and gave them to them; the harps to praise withal, the crowns in token of honour. Then I heard in my dream that all the bells in the City rang again for joy, and that it was said unto them 'Enter ye into the joy of your Lord'."

Bunyan died of a fever consequent on a cold while on a visit to London on August 3rd, 1688, and was buried in Bunhill Fields.

THE BELLS

Mr. Martin Marriott has provided us with the following details of the bells:—

The original five bells in the tower were taken down in 1908 and rehung by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, in a new low-sided iron frame. He provided all new fittings and cast a treble bell to make a ring of six. The bells are on plain bearings and go quite well, with a draught of rope 55 feet. The ringing chamber was restored and a new floor added in 1964, to make a ceiling of about 12 feet.

The clappers are Bowell's own type, being of wood and metal. The wooden part hinges on the crown staple and to this is bolted a clapper flight. I understand this was Bowell's usual method.

Three years ago, during restoration work on the tower (which is detached), the supporting beams of the frame were themselves supported by four rolled-steel joists to make everything secure.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—Height 21½". Dia. 24". 3 cwt. in E. Inscription: Alfred Bowell made me 1908. VOCO BENEDICAT. S. Whitbread, Patron. C. F. B. Hawkins, Vicar. A.D. CMCViiJ.

Second.—Height 22". Dia. 27". 4 cwt. 1 qr. in D. Inscription: Christopher Graie Made Me 1655. Founder: Christopher Graie, Ampthill. Beds.

Note.—Christopher Graie was one of the itinerant bellfounders who travelled around and dug pits in fields near the churches where bells were to be hung. The lettering on his bell is of the crudest type. He was probably a son of Miles Graye, the Colchester founder.

Third.—Height 23". Dia. 30". 5 cwt. 1 qr. in C. Inscription: Praise the Lord 1602. Founder: Hugh Watts, of Leicester. (Letters very beautiful large ornate Gothic capitals.)

Fourth.—Height 26". Dia. 33". 6 cwt. 3 qr. in B. Inscription: God Save Our King 1631. Founder: James Keene, of Woodstock.

Fifth (Bunyan's bell).—Height 28". Dia. 35". 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A. Inscription: See above. Founder: Newcombe, of Leicester, about 1600. (So-called "Alphabet Bell".)

Tenor.—Height 28". Dia. 36". 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G. Inscription: BE · YT · KNOWNE · TO · ALL · THAT · DOTH · ME · SEE · THAT · NEWCOMBE · OF · LEICESTER · MADE · MEE · 1604. Founder: Newcombe, of Leicester, 1604

REV. WALTER NICHOLSON

A peal was rung at Epworth, Lincs, in thanksgiving for the life of Rev. Walter Nicholson, former Rector of Sturton-by-Stow. Mr. Nicholson served in the West Riding Police Force, becoming detective chief superintendent and later commandant of the Police Training School at Bennels Ash, near Harrogate. He resigned from the Force in 1950 and trained for the ministry.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 21st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 1, G. W. Smith 2, D. Hunting 3, F. Price (Bournemouth) 4, W. A. Skinner 5, D. J. Tranter 6, S. Burton 7, D. G. Masecy 8, W. J. Root 9, H. B. Bowley 10. Rung to the memory of Lay Canon S. Everett.

OBITUARY

Mr. RONALD RUSSELL



An Appreciation by Percy Amos.

We first met each other in 1927 in an unsuccessful peal attempt at Lilbourne—a village with five bells in the extreme north-west corner of Northamptonshire, near Rugby.

In the late 1920's and 1930's we would frequently meet for peals with the band shown in this picture, mainly in an attempt to help the late Mr. Ernest Morris ring a peal in every tower in Leicestershire, which he did in all but two (Shawell and Skeffington); but Skeffington's, unringable during Ernest's lifetime, have since been rehung, although Shawell's are still deplorable. Others (such as Theddingworth) are now on the unringable list. Towers in Northamptonshire and in Rutland were among others visited.

In those days Ron with his P. & M. Panther, Geoff and Norman with their old Clyno car and myself with an old flat-tank Douglas would find our way to in all some 50 or more places for peals and unsuccessful attempts which were not without incidents.

One such was in 1934, when a violent thunderstorm broke over the Midlands; it started as we raised the bells (at Cottesmore, in Rutland), went unabated through the whole of the peal of 3 hours and 2 minutes, ending as we lowered the bells.

Then in 1933, at Harringworth, a rope broke on the stroke of rounds at the conclusion of a 5,040, just as John H. Bluff called "This is all"; Norman Geary was ringing the bell concerned.

On another occasion, at Hallaton, a bell was found to have no stay, so one of us volunteered to ring in the peal without it and the peal was successfully accomplished.

"You'll never ring those bells to a peal" was the verdict in 1950 of the late Mr. William Rose, referring to the bells at Thornhaugh. But after a morning spent on tightening the fittings, cleaning and greasing the bearings by myself, a peal was rung to prove W. R. wrong—Thornhaugh's five bells have never been deemed unringable since.

These are but a few of the occasions Ron and I met.

It seems unbelievable to hear that the name Ronald Russell has been lost to ringing.

NOTE.—The above picture was taken on the roof of the Parish Church at Rothley, Leics, after a peal in 1935. Seen standing (left to right): Ronald Russell, Percy Amos, George T. H. Walker, A. Norman Geary, Ernest Morris, J. Geoffrey Geary.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. R Bould 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, S. G. Peirce 3, A. Frost 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, E. J. Cann 6.

Another Appreciation

The "R.W." recently announced the death at the beginning of October of Ron Russell, aged 65, a very well known and respected ringer, who latterly lived in Corby, Northants, but started ringing at Hallaton, Leics.

Most of his ringing was in Northants, Rutland, Leics and Lincs, and I learn from his records that he rang 478 peals, the first at Hallaton in August, 1926, and the last at Cranford on September 26th, 1968. On December 6th, 1952, he rang a peal of 7,008 Plain Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

In his latter years Ron was most remembered for his interest in and the pleasant manner in which he helped young ringers just breaking through into changes and peals. He is already being very much missed in the practices, peals and quarters by all his friends of all ages in the area round Corby where he lived.

A. C. S.

MR. GODFREY G. WALPOLE

An Appreciation

The death of Mr. Godfrey G. Walpole on November 29th came as a great shock to his many friends throughout Norfolk and Suffolk. "Smoker" as he was always affectionately known, was a man who endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. Equally at home whether on the bowling green, supporting Norwich City, in the belfry, or the Queen's Head, his innate sense of humour, combined with that subtle degree of dignity and reserve which characterises the true East Anglian, earned him the popularity he so richly deserved.

Like his father before him, he was for many years Ringing Master at Norton Subcourse, and many a young ringer, particularly the writer, can testify to his seemingly infinite patience and encouragement while attempting to master the rudiments of ringing. The complete restoration of Norton Subcourse bells was brought about, in the face of virtually insurmountable odds, chiefly by "Smoker's" drive and determination, and when this project came to fruition the day of the dedication was, in his own words, "the proudest moment of my life".

To those of us who knew and loved him the memory of "Smoker" and his never-failing cheerfulness will always remain, and our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and family. May he rest in peace.

T. N. J. B.

MONTACUTE, SOM.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Leggett 1, G. W. Parkin 2, I. J. Read 3, D. L. Irwin 4, G. W. Rendell (cond.) 5, A. G. Woodhouse 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Robert A. Starling, sidesman, on the day of his funeral.

Letters to the Editor

METRIC SYSTEM AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read with some concern the letter from Mr. Threlfall ("R.W.", Dec. 6th) and his attempt to publish the weight of a tenor in Kg. instead of British units.

May I put in a plea for sanity? In recent years this country has shown almost indecent haste to adopt standards from overseas, e.g., road signs, decimal currency and metric engineering standards. In some of these cases the changeover is very costly and inconvenient and is done with scant apparent regard for the pay-off or even to the demands of logic.

In the case of tenor weights we have a long tradition of ringing and British engineering where there is certainly no pay-off for changing lbs. of bell metal into Kg. of bell metal.

Please, Mr. Threlfall, leave our towers (and Dove) to easily understood and perfectly adequate hundredweights. Otherwise I have a fear of the "R.W." following the lead of the Met. Office and publishing peals showing the weight of a tenor as 1,000 Kg. (19 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.). —Yours faithfully,

M. H. SINDEN.

Nettleham, Lincoln.

Dear Sir,—The supposed advantage of the metric system is that it is easier to calculate with. (I say "supposed" because this is not always the case.) But who, except a bell-founder, wants to calculate with the weight of a tenor? It is a purely descriptive piece of information, like the note, or the date of casting, and there is no point whatsoever in departing from the traditional usage with which we are familiar. One might as well give the note in terms of its frequency. Besides, which, the hundredweight is a very convenient unit for the purpose—the kilogram is much too small. "Logical" and "scientific" units are all right in their place, but they are not always the best for every purpose. The 24-hour clock may eliminate ambiguity from timetables, but I've yet to hear a friend say to me: "Come and have tea with me at half-past-sixteen". So let us stick to our umpteen cwt. tenors, and be blowed to metrication.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. PARGETER.

Sampford Peverell, Devon.

METRICATION

Dear Sir,—I suppose that it is inevitable that our tenor bells will fall victims to the innovators; but, whatever you print, sir, Grandison will always be 72¼ cwt. to me.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Northowram, Halifax.

HARROGATE RINGERS ACCEPT

Dear Sir,—We thank Margaret Warford for her belated explanation, which was all we ever wanted from Chapel Allerton. We realise perfectly well that lateness is sometimes unavoidable. At the same time we would have liked some recognition on their part that no one can reasonably be expected to wait around indefinitely, and that it is usual, if late, to offer an explanation.

Since their only reference to the affair was in "The Ringing World," it was proper and appropriate for our protest to be made there.—Yours faithfully,

C. I. P. ROBERTS.

Harrogate.

KING CHARLES DELIGHT AT WONSTON

Dear Sir,—To put the mind of Mr. Smith, of Sutton Scotney, at rest, the account of Wonston bells sent in by me along with a quarter peal of King Charles Delight Minor was correct in every detail. Ringers from Winchester College and Southampton University can vouch for the accuracy, as both bands had had difficulty with peals due to bells drying up, and this was the reason for our attempt coming to grief.

The Rector must have been aware of this as he met me leaving the tower with the empty oil can. Mr. Smith can now rest easy in his bed as with lubrication the bells go as well as ever and are a joy to ring. We hope that the treble stay is now repaired so that no unwary visitors can come to grief, and that the local band may flourish again.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill.

IN HANDBELL BOOK

Dear Sir,—The 12-part composition of Plain Bob Major published on page 960 of "The Ringing World" (Dec. 6th, 1968) is the same as the peal on page 60 of "Change Ringing on Handbells", by C. W. Woolley.

As the Central Council only publishes one book on handbell ringing it seems almost inconceivable that Mr. Rowson did not check this work for possible duplication.

Mr. Woolley has informed me that the arrangement should be attributed to John Carter or himself.—Yours faithfully,

A. G. CRADDOCK.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

INVESTIGATING TWERTON RINGING

Dear Sir,—As I originated the discussion on local and resident bands, may I answer John Brain's letter (page 906) relating to the quarter of Duffield recently rung at Twerton-on-Avon? We now know that the footnote should have read "First in the method by all the band" and apologise for not investigating thoroughly any previous ringing of the method within the Association. The band, however, was neither local nor resident as it consisted of only two Twerton ringers, the remainder being from other towers in North Somerset plus one Leicestershire ringer at present attending Bath University.

In reply to Mr. G. H. Harding's letter (page 926), in which he insists all in the band which rang the peal of Superlative in 1930 at Twerton were members of the Twerton band, I can only point out that the Bath and Wells Association report for that year lists W. Crocker and Miss N. G. Williams as members of Weston, Bath, and T. Grant as a member of Bath Abbey. After discussing the matter with Miss Williams and confirming the facts, I still maintain that there is a difference between the Twerton Surprise band of 1930, which included ringers attached to other towers, and the one of today, the ringers of which are all attached to Twerton and incidentally all learnt to handle a bell there.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. HAWKINS.

Oldfield Park, Bath.

COAT CAUGHT IN A CRACK

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query in Belfry Gossip on page 950, "Swaying Towers". I am no authority on this but would like to make this comment. My father as a lad was a ringer at Northwood, Norfolk, about 1880, and used to tell us of an experience in a cracked tower. An onlooker was leaning against the crack; when ringing ceased his coat was caught in it and they had to start ringing again to release him!

By the way, the ringers there were a closed shop and it was only when they were one short my father was accepted. He begged to fill the gap: there was much demur, but one of the old hands said: "Let the boy have a go."

I gather he sucked them in and surpassed them. An experience of mine was just after the war at a ringing meeting at Marham, Norfolk. Some American airmen with myself went to the top of the tower while ringing was in progress. The door at the top opened and shut! Their remarks at once were: "Buddy, we're baling out of here."

We had to wait till the ringing ceased, and were they not glad to get outside! I must confess the sway alarmed me.—Yours sincerely,

GERALD MILLER.

Lakenheath, Suffolk.

UPSET THE CALENDAR

Dear Sir,—I happened to be looking through some 1950 "Ringing Worlds" when I noticed that the issue dated October 27th was No. 2064 and the following week's copy was 2066.

This means, of course, that on pages 804 and 805 of this year the heading should read "They took Issue No. 1—Now they take Issue 2,999." I am sorry, sir—you are one out.—Yours faithfully,

N. G. T. STEERE.

Sutton, Surrey.

ADVERTISING 1969

A firm of distillers are tying up their product with the year 1969 by the offer of awards to sportsmen linked with 69, i.e., 69 winners.

The list of sports includes cricket, golf, tennis, show jumping, rugby league, horse, motor and speedway racing.

A correspondent suggests that the campanological fraternity should somehow get in on this offer. Say, the first person to ring 69 peals in 1969.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES AYLWARD

Charlie Aylward, who died on November 9th, a few weeks before his 84th birthday, was the last active survivor of the band who kept ringing going in Chiddingstone, Kent, between the wars. He was brought up in the local tradition of Grandsire Triples, ringing peals of it with the local band at Chiddingstone in 1920, 1924 and 1932, and was never really happy in any other method. A quarter peal of Grandsire was rung to his memory by some of his friends on November 13th.

Although his ringing repertoire was limited, Charlie Aylward was never happier than when ringing or listening to or discussing ringing. On the revival of the band some five years ago he took up ringing where he had left off and continued to ring until well over 80.

We shall miss his cheerful presence after practice and the long technical discussions. The whole village, too, will miss one of its oldest and most natural and straightforward members.

R. W. H. H.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Gloucester & Bristol Ringing Competition

"Most Worthwhile Event"

IT was appropriate that the Gloucester and Bristol Association should hold the first competition for the Croome Trophy at North Cerney, the church which W. I. Croome had loved and worshipped in for so many years.

Preliminary competitions for Sunday Service bands had taken place in nine of the Association's twelve branches, the trophy had been presented to the Association by the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance, and, during the week preceding November 9th, the whole of Cirencester seemed to be ringing conscious, for not only had bell-ringing received a place on the agenda of the Deanery Conference and one of the town's leading jewellers given the trophy a place in his window for a week, but the local newspaper had devoted a whole column to the forthcoming event—on the Sports Page!

November 9th dawned frosty and foggy, not the best weather for those travelling from distant parts of the Association territory. However, by early afternoon the sun had broken through and the scene upon which the judge, the Rev. Roger O. Fry, gazed from a bedroom in the Rectory was nothing short of idyllic—a peaceful village with the delightful Cotswold stone church bathed in autumnal sunshine and the first of the many ringers beginning to arrive.

THE TEAMS

At half-past two the first draw was made on the table tomb outside the south door. Cirencester, the home team, were the first to ring, and their Grandsire Doubles, though not as good as we expected from Cirencester, enabled those listening to hear the bells properly for the first time. They were followed into the tower by Haresfield, representing the Stroud Branch, a young band who have striven magnificently over the past two years to achieve a worthwhile standard. Cheltenham Parish Church "B" (for Bill Farmer) team were next, and it was obvious from the outset that here were strong contenders for the trophy. Their Kent Treble Bob Minor was a joy to listen to, though the really critical found a fault or two. Thornbury's ringing concluded the first half, a good effort, but not up to the standard which had gained them first place in the Bristol Rural Branch competition.

Stone, representing the Wotton-under-Edge Branch, opened the second half. Here was a band of young people, all but one under fifteen years of age, ringing call changes, and it was very apparent that they had really practised since their branch competition. St. Mary de Crypt (Gloucester Branch) rang next, followed by Lydney (Forest Branch), whose St. Martin's had the judge puzzled for a moment. Both were good attempts, but the Plain Bob Minor rung by Bristol Cathedral made the Cheltenham Branch wonder whether, in fact, the trophy was really theirs, for this ringing was excellent. Malmesbury (Chippenham Branch), ringing last, surprised a great many listeners with the standard of their Grandsire Doubles.

The competition ringing was over, an excellent buffet tea had been served in the Village Hall throughout the afternoon by the North Cerney Women's Institute, and the fog had again closed in. "Who has won?" was the question on all lips, although most of us felt sure that it must be either Bristol Cathedral or Cheltenham.

TROPHY DEDICATED

The church was packed for the service at which the Croome Trophy, which had been placed in the chancel early in the afternoon to be admired by all, was to be dedicated. The service was conducted by Canon A. J. C. Turner, Rector of North Cerney, and the lesson was read by Miss E. M. Bliss, Association Chairman. Before the actual dedication, Canon Turner spoke of the life of W. I. Croome, his great love of churches, especially North Cerney, his work as Chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, and Chairman of the Cathedrals' Advisory Committee, but above all of his humility and faithfulness in little things which could provide an example for all of us. (See page 988.)

The company then proceeded to the Village Hall to hear the results. Miss Bliss presented the apologies of Mr. F. Sharpe, who but for his recent illness would have been judging. Major P. D. Birchall of Gloucestershire County Council, and Mr. W. H. Warmington, who had designed and made the trophy. The Association Ringing Master, Mr. W. F. Scudamore, spoke of the preliminary stages of the competition, and then there was a tense hush as the Rev. Roger O. Fry rose to announce the results. He began at the bottom of the list and one by one the Branches knew their places—Stone, Haresfield, Cirencester, Lydney, Thornbury, St. Mary de Crypt. Malmesbury had been placed third and the only two teams as yet unmentioned were Bristol Cathedral and Cheltenham. Which was it to be? The judge paused—eventually Cheltenham second and Bristol the winners. The presentation was made by the Ringing Master and it was difficult to say which man was the more proud at that moment—Pat Bird who was receiving the valuable miniature silver bell hung for ringing on behalf of his team, or Fred Scudamore who was seeing the realisation of a bright idea he had had just over a year ago.

Miss Bliss said that unfortunately she could not make the second presentation, the Ringing Master's Clapper for "A Good Attempt," which Mr. Scudamore had given to the Association that day, as the young ringers from Stone had already left for home owing to the dense fog.

Mr. Scudamore expressed the thanks of the Association to the Rev. Roger O. Fry, who had readily undertaken to judge at short notice, to Canon Turner, who had so readily agreed for the competition to be held at his church, to North Cerney W.I. for their excellent catering, and to all who had contributed to the success of the event. He was in turn thanked by Miss Bliss who wondered what his next bright idea would be.

And so the day ended and well over a hundred and twenty ringers left North Cerney to go their various ways, some to ring at Cirencester and some at Rendcomb, and all to grope their way home through the fog, feeling that this had been a most worthwhile event in the G. and B. calendar.

E. M. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Southern Branch

The A.G.M. of the Southern Branch was held on November 16th at Quidenham. A dull, cold day was probably the cause of the attendance being lower than usual for the annual meeting, but good use was made of the eight bells

The Rev. I. Davies conducted the service, which was delayed for a short time while an organist was fetched, the arranged one having failed to turn up. Tea was provided by Mrs. Davies and her helpers, who were warmly thanked for their efforts.

This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Dr. J. Jonason, the Branch chairman. All the officers were re-elected to serve for another year. A letter was received from Rev. C. Beevers thanking the ringers for the presentation made to him on his retirement, and wishing the Branch every success in the future

Ringing, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. C. Arnold, continued till 9 p.m.

Next meeting: February 1st at Pulham Market (provisional).

SHERWOOD YOUTHS AT DERBY

There was a good attendance at the Sherwood Youths' meeting at Derby on November 30th. The light eight at St. Peter's was rung in the afternoon and methods included Grandsire Major. Tea was followed by a business meeting, at which the Rev. David Sansum, from Birmingham, kindly took the chair.

The secretary reported that the Crofts manuscripts were now deposited in the Nottingham records office and a copy had been sent to the Central Council Library. He also reported that Crofts' gravestone had been restored and thanked Messrs. J. and G. Dawson and helpers for their work. Members were asked to consider a change in Society rules which would be discussed at the A.G.M.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for a splendid tea, to Mr. A. Mould for arranging the ringing at St. Peter's, and to Mr. G. Clift for acting as Ringing Master. Ringing then took place at the Cathedral and methods up to Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung

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WANT YORKSHIRE RINGING REORGANISED

"The Leeds and District Society recognises with regret the extent of disunity in Yorkshire ringing circles. It believes, nevertheless, that there is great potential for fuller co-operation and pooling of resources. It urges both the Yorkshire Association and the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies to give priority to reorganisation for the whole county, aimed at eventually bringing all ringers under the auspices of the Yorkshire Association. As a first positive step towards the achievement of such unity, the Leeds and District Society acknowledges its willingness to disband upon satisfactory terms for reorganisation being reached."

The above resolution was passed by a large majority at the Society's last meeting for 1968, which was held in the crypt of Wakefield Cathedral on November 30th.

Over 45 members and friends partook of the excellent buffet tea liberally provided by the Cathedral ringers, and lengthy discussion of the resolution, which was proposed by the Society's president, Mr. Robin Brown, took up most of the business meeting afterwards.

Earlier in the afternoon ringing had taken place at Wragby, the church being delightfully situated in the grounds of Nostell Priory, Wakefield's local "stately home". This tower holds an easily-going and pleasant-sounding ring of six and, after being silent for many years, has recently been revitalised by ringers from the local congregation, learning under the auspices of Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton and some of the Wakefield band. Despite a broken rope at one stage and the coldness of the church, numerous methods were rung by the large number of ringers present

The warmth of Wakefield crypt at tea was particularly welcome, and in the evening ringing on the larger number of bells up to the standard of Stedman Cinques was enjoyed. Numerous sessions of rounds and plain hunting were appreciated by the lesser-experienced ringers present.

Next meeting: January 25th at Birstall (provisional). R. C.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

Importance of Simple Duties

[Sermon preached by Canon A. J. C. Turner, Rural Dean of Cirencester and Rector of North Cerney, at the Gloucester and Bristol Ringing Competition, 9.11.68.]

IT is fitting that the first contest and service should be held here, for this was William Croome's parish church, a church that he knew and loved all his life. He was born in this parish 77 years ago and he was baptised in the font that you see in this church.

It is a long story, but as he grew up he came in contact here with a distinguished ecclesiastical architect, F. C. Eden, a man who was given a fairly free hand in this church and who, we can say, completely transformed it to make it the beautiful place it is today. A close friendship developed between the two men and over the years William Croome was to acquire from Eden a profound knowledge of the proper care and treatment of a mediaeval church.

This was fortunate, for what he learned here was to be of inestimable value to the Diocese and indeed far beyond. In turn he was to become Chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, Chairman of the Cathedrals' Advisory Committee and a Trustee of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. But although it is true to say that there is scarcely a church in the country that does not owe something to William Croome, this was the church that he loved best and where he found his inspiration.

He was an extremely able man and over the years his mind became a vast storehouse of knowledge. Those of us who knew him turned to him with our queries and problems assured of a wise and understanding answer.

But with all his many gifts he was a man of simple faith and his life for a great many years centred round the worship in this parish church. He held a number of parochial offices, but during the last years of his life these were given up and he was content to worship as an ordinary member of the congregation. During this period he made himself responsible for some quite small and simple duties—the changing of the altar frontals, the renewing of candles, serving at week-day services. To him these small jobs were important and they were carried out with as great care as if he were presiding on the Cirencester Bench or chairing a committee at national level. When you got to know him you realised that these small tasks were important to him because they contributed to the beauty and dignity of the worship which he felt was due to Almighty God.

This trophy which we are to dedicate today will help to perpetuate the name of one who strove to worship God in the beauty of holiness.

If there is a message that I would give you this afternoon it is perhaps this—the importance of simple duties, duties that are within the reach of quite ordinary people, duties which if performed faithfully, though they may appear unspectacular, are nevertheless of first rate importance.

In the Old Testament, in the Book of Numbers, we read of a family whose allotted task was to take care of the pegs and cords belonging to the Tabernacle of God. It may have seemed to them a very insignificant job with little glory about it. Yet, of course, without those pegs and cords the Tabernacle could not have stood up for two minutes. Actually the unspectacular service rendered by this family was highly important.

We learn from this the importance of service—of doing our ordinary simple jobs, whatever they might be, as well as we can. Nothing is too small not to take trouble over, and this is particularly so in all that is connected with the worship of our parish churches. I know that I am constantly sustained by the willing help of a band of people, organist, bell-ringers, choirmen and so on.

The people who get the applause and the headlines in the newspapers are the people who have great responsibilities or who hold high office or who do spectacular things. But in the end it is the simple virtues, the smaller forms of service, the faithful performance of humdrum duties, the little acts of unselfishness, and, above all, personal example by which the community's life is enriched.

Sometimes it may seem to you that what you are doing is of no particular importance—of no more importance than looking after the pegs and cords belonging to the Tabernacle. If you are ever tempted to think like that then remember that your simple duties, if performed faithfully, though they may appear unspectacular in the eyes of man are nevertheless of first rate importance in the eyes of God.

GREATER CONTROL IN YOUNGER HANDS

District Master's Plea

In his annual report as Ringing Master of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association Mr. E. Cribley writes:—

This is not so much a report as a speech on retirement, being a firm believer in jobs of this nature being passed around, and having seen so many disasters in ringing circles caused by people holding on to office, not knowing when to give up. This one fact, probably more than any other, accounts for the many hundreds of unmanned towers throughout the country today.

It has been a delight, and I have felt honoured, to have been secretary and then Ringing Master during what I have considered to be a transitional period in Branch history. I remember meetings as very dull affairs and came to believe them to be a Saturday club for good ringers, but with very little point to them.

Mr. Price struggled and struggled to keep enthusiasm alive with very little support. He did a king-sized job and we still owe him a tremendous debt.

Things are much easier for us now; we have the motor car to thank for this and whatever other reasons may also be found for it, the whole approach to a meeting—or practice, as I like to insist—has been seen to change over the last few years. We now have a regular, fast-moving practice directed towards training, with young enthusiasts who see the wider world of ringing, all prepared to pool their talents "rise to fall" and, what is more, all in good humour.

I want to see this trend continue. I want to see far more trust and responsibility for ringing placed in younger hands. The remnants of the illusion that it is an arduous task and the preserve of ageing males must be dispersed. Teenagers have the agility of mind and body and the time; theirs should be the job of ringing. I for one would like to listen more often!

There is, I think, more vitality in Stroud Branch than in most. I thought to say that we needed more, but this would bring about its own destruction

When I became Ringing Master I could not call a bob—I still cannot. From this I conclude that a Ringing Master does not necessarily have to be a conductor; and would probably argue that it is better if he is not. However, there is much emerging talent in the Branch and it will be my pleasure to nominate one such ringer who, if elected, will I hope prove to be a rallying point for many more young ringers of the District.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

York Minster, Saturday, December 28th, start approximately 11.15 a.m., Cambridge S. Maximus, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
Mansfield District

The most gratifying thing about the Mansfield District meeting, held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield on November 23rd, was the number of very young ringers in attendance. The fact of there being only five bells possibly inspired confidence, but whatever the reason it is hoped that some good came of it.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Young, assisted by the Rev. H. Pickles at the organ, and later both joined the company for tea.

The business meeting followed, at which Miss J. Smith, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, was elected a Guild member and Miss M. Yarnold, of Chesterfield a non-resident life member. Attention was drawn to the conducting during recent months of quarter peals by Miss Helen Simpson and Miss Barbara Hooks, of Greasley. Being only 15 years old at the time, the girls were congratulated by members at the meeting.

Thanks were then accorded to the Vicar and the local company for all arrangements, and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: District annual, Mansfield, January 25th. 1969. D. J. B.

Bingham District

The last meeting of the Bingham District for 1968 was held at Colston Bassett on November 9th, when over 50 ringers from 11 towers had an enjoyable gathering. The Rev. G. P. Davidson conducted the service and gave an address. Tea was provided in the Village Hall and the collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £1 14s. 8d.

The following announcements were made at the business meeting: Dinner and social at Whatton on December 13th; annual District meeting at Bingham; February meeting at Cotgrave. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Hanson and ringing continued until 8.15.

R. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The last meeting of the year for the Ashford District was held on November 16th at Willesborough. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. G. Williams, and Mr. W. P. Garner, of the local band, was at the organ. The collection, amounting to £2 2s. 6d., was donated to "The Ringing World".

Over 50 people enjoyed the tea prepared by the local band in the village hall. In the absence (through illness) of the regular chairman, Mr. D. C. Manger was elected to the office for the short business meeting. Ringing continued until 9 p.m., under the guidance of the Ringing Master, and ranged from rounds to Surprise. A. P. S. B.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The method rung in the peal at Chiswick (page 952) was Mortlake Surprise Major, E.C.H. should be F.C.H.

The Editor is now compiling dates of cover issues for 1969. Applications for specific dates should be forwarded without delay.

Mr. Michael J. Fellows, who is only 21, rang his 500th peal on December 7th at Bewdley, Worcestershire.

Highclere, Hants, Sunday service band rang a quarter of London Surprise Minor on December 9th. This was the first rung on the bells and by Andover District members.

On Christmas Eve at 23.30 the bells of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Wells, Somerset, will be heard prior to a programme from the Cathedral on Harlech Television.

Congratulations to David Pope, ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Minor at Bredwardine, Herefords, on November 30th. After losing the use of his right arm he has remastered the art to score his first peal one-handed.

Only the front eight bells of Manchester Town Hall were available when a 12-bell band arrived on November 23rd. Repairs were being carried out to the clock which made it impracticable to ring bells 8, 10 and 11. Those of the band who stood down—Messrs. Jelley, Massey, Moore and Mason—are thanked.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

The dinner this year took place on November 30th. During the day the Guild's first peal on ten bells, of Grandsire Caters, was rung at North Stoneham, and ringing took place at five local towers, including St. Michael's, Southampton, which had been put back into ringing order, largely by the hard work of several members of the Guild.

The dinner was well cooked and served at the Berkeley House Hotel, Southampton. After the meal Canon K. W. H. Felstead, the president, introduced the toasts. The "Master of Vice", David H. Stone, proposed the toast of "The Church", which was replied to by the Rev. Colin Rudd, who is a good friend of the Guild, being in charge of North Stoneham. The secretary then proposed the toast of "The Visitors", which was replied to by Ron E. Stillwell, immediate past Master of Reading University Guild. He gave a brilliant, unusual speech on the outmoded nature of the speech—apparently interviews are the "in" thing!

In his report the Master, Howard J. Payne, noted with regret the sudden death of a former Master, Michael D. Trigg, in May. Since the last dinner the Guild had rung two peals, three quarters (including one on handbells) and one date touch. They had also lost two peals on two founders days! Perhaps they would have three founders days in the next year to give yet more chances of success!

The remainder of the evening was "interesting socially", and handbells were rung until the bar closed at 11.30 p.m. and we started dispersing to our many beds and floors!

S. E. M. D.

TAUNTON BRANCH QUARTER PEAL TOUR

Thirteen ringers in the Taunton area broke new ground on November 30th when they held a quarter peal tour. Eight quarters were arranged at towers in the Taunton and Dunster Branches. All were successful and a high standard of striking maintained.

This new style tour was much enjoyed by all partaking, and from opinions expressed it shouldn't be long before the organiser, John Cornelius, is pressed into arranging another.

Sincere thanks are extended to the tower captains and incumbents who readily made their bells available for the new venture.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Some 50 ringers met at Bishop's Cleeve on November 23rd for the A.G.M. of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Ringing began shortly after 3 p.m. and a variety of methods was rung, including Yorkshire and Cambridge Major. A shortened form of Evensong was conducted by the Rev. K. C. Edmunds who, in his address, reminded those present of the fact that on that particular day bellringers were being prayed for throughout the Diocese of Gloucester.

At the meeting that followed Miss E. M. Bliss (Association chairman) briefly explained the Boundaries Sub-Committee's report and its effect on the Cheltenham Branch. She also congratulated the Branch on coming a very close second in the Association striking competition held at North Cerney a fortnight earlier.

Both Mr. W. A. Farmer and Mr. M. L. Maggs were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices of Branch chairman and secretary, and Mr. P. Baker was elected to the management committee.

Miss Bliss expressed the thanks of the ringers to the Rector, the organist and Mr. and Mrs. P. Baker, who provided the tea. After the meeting ringers returned to the tower, where ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

MALVERN LINK

The ringers of Malvern Link, Worcestershire, held their annual dinner at the Foley Arms Hotel, Great Malvern, on November 30th. A company of 40 sat down to a filling traditional Christmas dinner. The Link ringers were supported by relatives, neighbouring ringers, regular visitors and friends, as well as by the Vicar (Rev. E. A. H. Cooke) and his wife.

The meal was followed by a short ringing film, a pianoforte duet by a mistress and a pupil from Malvern Girls' College (both ringers) and games. Changes and tunes were rung on handbells. There was also a short demonstration of a small ringing machine made by George Morris, assisted by helpers from the Royal Radar Establishment and others.

The evening was enjoyed by all, and no doubt a similar event will be held next year.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Memories of her six years as a ringer at Reigate were recalled by Miss Ruth Foreman when she took part in a peal of Reigate Surprise Major at Willesden recently

The peal at Halstead, Essex, on November 30th, is believed to be the first name peal rung on the patronal festival of a church dedicated to a saint of the same name

In three quarters submitted from Newark-on-Trent each was called by a "first as conductor". They were Paul Raithby, Peter Wakefield and Margaret E. Chilton.

Doubles ringers in Somerset are advancing with a peal in 32 regular individual plain course methods, conducted by John Walton, at Berrow

In explanation, why a Yorkshire Association peal was rung in the "capital" of the Guildford Diocese—there were no Guildford Guild members and the Yorkshire Association had four members, three resident and one out-county.

The ringers in the peal at Clapton-in-Gordano on December 4th would like to associate it with the name of Cecil Mogford, who was prevented from ringing owing to car trouble. J. Hebden is thanked for standing in at a moment's notice.

The new Rector at St. Giles', Camberwell, is Canon Douglas Rhymes, who was well-known for his friendship at Southwark. A welcome awaits any ringers attending his church on Sunday evening, and they are asked to contact Mr. J. Oakley, churchwarden and verger.

A new handbell record is 30 Spliced Surprise Major methods. This was rung at St. Albans on December 2nd, conducted by John R. Mayne.

Another village tower has blossomed out into change-ringing. This is at Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics, on December 1st, when five first quarters were rung in two methods and G. Salter was calling his first as conductor.

The band for the peal at Aylestone on November 30th wishes to record thanks to Mrs. Pat Morris for standing in at short notice. Mrs. Morris, who has not rung a peal for almost three years, rang very well and, we hope, will be ringing peals more regularly

The new Lord Mayor of London (Sir Charles Trinder), who lives just outside Kimpton, Herts, was honoured with bells on November 9th. A peal was attempted by the local band, but this was unsuccessful, and a quarter of Doubles substituted. The Lord Mayor has sponsored a competition among groups of young people who are doing anything "out of the ordinary" to the benefit of the community.

Ringers at St. Margaret's, Westminster, are accustomed to impressive services, but it is doubtful if their quarter of Stedman Caters had ever had a more appreciative audience than those who attended the thanksgiving for the centenary of the Royal National Institute for the Blind. H.R.H. Princess Margaret, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Mayor of Westminster were present, but the congregation was almost entirely composed of blind people.

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ST. LUKE'S, BRISTOL, BELLS RING FOR THE LAST TIME

Between 1951–1965 the six bells of St. Luke's, Bedminster, Bristol, were out of action. However, voluntary labour patched up wheels and did some general tightening up and made the bells "ringable" again, though the "go" was not good. The bells have been rung on a few occasions in the last three years, including a peal in September, 1966, the first on the bells for 63 years. All six bells were cast and hung by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, originally as a five, with a treble added later. The church stands within about 200 yards of Llewellyn and James' workshops.

Due to road widening plans the church is to be demolished early next year, and the last service was held on Sunday, November 17th. After the service the bells were rung for what will certainly be the last occasion in this tower. The Vicar was delighted at having his bells rung and thought it a most fitting climax. Ringers from St. Ambrose's, Bristol, and Bridgwater took advantage of this last opportunity to "grab" the tower.

There are no definite plans at present for re-housing the bells but Bristol ringers are fairly optimistic that a new home will be found for them. The chaplain of the Bristol City Branch is the Archdeacon of Bristol, Canon L. A. Williams, who is himself a ringer. In fact he learned to ring in 1933 on the bells of St. Luke's, Bedminster!

A CO-OPERATIVE VICAR

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung recently at Old Cleeve was the first of Major on the bells and the first peal for 38 years. In view of this the Vicar was a little worried about what reactions there might be from nearby residents. Many other vicars would have adopted a defeatist attitude and simply said "No" to the application: however, he announced that a peal was to be rung one Sunday evening at Evensong, and if anyone objected would they let him know (this amused the Bishop of Bath and Wells, who was present at the service).

The forthcoming peal was published in the church magazine and the Vicar also called personally on local inhabitants. If all vicars had the same fair-minded outlook there would be very few "unpealable" towers. When the peal was completed the Vicar entertained the band to tea, to the accompaniment of a tape-recording he had taken of the peal. The Vicar is not a ringer and knows nothing about ringing, but he certainly is prepared to give ringers every encouragement.

FIRST PEAL ON THE NEW TEN AT EDINGTON

Within a month of the dedication the first peal has been rung on the splendid new ring of ten at Edington, Wilts. This was not accomplished without difficulty, for the noise in the ringing chamber is very great, so that it is not easy either to make the calls distinct or to correct a trip. For this reason Stedman was chosen in preference to Grandsire, less calls being needed in each course. The peal was conducted by Mr. Charles F. Andrews, and he is to be congratulated on the achievement of an exhausting feat of bob calling.

This is a noble ring of ten and, heard from the outside, beautifully mellow. One could imagine that a listener on Edington Hill or Bratton Castle or any of the neighbouring Downs would find the effect very lovely.

GROTON VISITOR AT ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER

Whilst ringing was taking place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Friday, November 29th, before the wedding of Lord Strathnaver, heir to the Countess of Sutherland, and Miss Eileen Baker, from U.S.A., a "most elegant young man" came up to "see the ringers". He joined in and rang the eighth and then informed the veterans present that he was the bride's brother and learned to ring at Groton School, Mass.

"I think," writes Mr. John Euston, "this was a unique and pleasant experience for us all. During all my 35 years at St. Margaret's the only other noted guest from a wedding party to join us was Major Satow, whom we knew. John Baker was not in the party when Russell Young and some of his pupils last visited us. I trust this brotherhood of ringers will always prevail."

The noted people with whom John rang were J. F. Smallwood (84), Charlie Hughes (81), Bill Rawlings (73), Ben Baker (70), Joe Marks (74), Bert Audsley (68) and Fred Cullum (69). Also in attendance were Mrs. E. Bagworth, Tom Hawkins and John Euston. A well-struck three courses of Stedman Caters was rung after the service.

CHIMING BELLS AT SITTINGBOURNE

A ring of eight bells, tenor approximately 3 cwt. in E with a mouth diameter of 1ft. 11in., has been brought to light at the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart in Sittingbourne, Kent.

The eight bells are hung "dead" in two levels, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th above and the treble, 6th, 7th and tenor below

The bells have outside chiming hammers, with the tenor having an unusual feature of a spring on the outside of the bell, similar to those to be found in handbells.

The crowns have considerable decoration in the form of intertwined leaves and the canons have an eccentric mushroom-like shape. The only inscription on the bells we believe to be that of the founder, viz.:

HE FUNUIT LUVANIT FELIX VAN ASRSCHOFF

From the inscription, which could hardly be read, and the decoration it would seem to suggest that the bells are of foreign origin.

If any ringer has any information regarding either the founder or the bells, could they please write to G. Wood at 161, High Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent.

FAMILY FIRST QUARTER PEAL

It was a very happy occasion in Hurstpierpoint belfry on Sunday evening, December 1st, when a mother, father and their two sons all rang their first quarter peal together. All regular worshippers at their parish church and very loyal members of the local band, they have also been helped in their ringing progress at the monthly meetings of the Sussex County Association.

Both the conductor (Mr. H. W. Brown) and his twin brother had eagerly awaited this moment of success, and they wish to congratulate the Kirkcaldy family and regret there aren't more of them! They look forward to many quarters together in the future.

SWANSEA'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SOCIETY

At a meeting of the ringers in University College, Swansea, on November 6th, it was decided that there should be a College Society, named "The University College, Swansea, Bell Ringers' Society", membership being open to anyone in the College who is interested.

The aims of the Society are:—

(1) To encourage and assist ringers in the College, and others that come in contact with the Society.

(2) To hold a regular practice on tower- and handbells.

(3) To have at least one College outing each year.

(4) To ring the occasional quarter peal or peal.

(5) To ring for Sunday services, especially those bells that are seldom heard on Sundays, if possible.

(6) To foster good relations between the College and the local ringers.

The annual general meeting is to be held early in the New Year so, at a meeting on November 19th, the temporary Ringing Master, Miss S. Harber, and the secretary/treasurer, W. Nash, were elected. This meeting was followed by ringing at Sketty.

There was a combined Neath and College practice at Neath on November 25th, and there have been College/Sketty handbell practices at the College on Wednesdays.

It is hoped that the present encouraging support from all local ringers will long continue.

W. NASH.

MEETING AT HERTFORD

The Herts Eastern District's meeting, on the last Saturday in November, at Hertford was reasonably well attended. St. Andrew's bells (8) were available in the afternoon and All Saints' (10) in the evening, under the guidance of Mr. E. Newman, the District Ringing Master. Methods ranged from Plain Bob Royal to Cambridge Royal and in the afternoon from rounds to Stedman Triples.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

The new term has brought new faces to the Exeter Colleges Guild. Kevin Hughes is now Master of the University Society and John Anderson Master of St. Luke's Society. "Ringing has been a little incoherent" (reports the Guild secretary, Angela C. Hughes) "especially as the leading light of the College's Guild, John Langridge, has been indisposed with dysentery. Fortunately he has now recovered and our programme for next term should prove more worthwhile."

REAL REVERSE BOB

Mr. Cyril Wratten thinks that the peal of Real Reverse Bob Major rung at Cheltenham was probably the first time it has been rung on handbells to a 5,000. The band would be very interested to discover the last peal of Real Reverse (i.e., with all the calls made while the treble lies behind): it has been suggested it may have been some two centuries ago.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Frank E. Darby	7
G. William Critchley	2	Noel J. Diserens	8
Wilfred Williams	3	Clifford A. Barron	9
John H. Fielden	4	J Alan Ainsworth	10
David E. Parsons	5	John A. Anderson	11
Frank C. Price	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Londinium on the bells.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARROW GURNEY, Som.—At the Church of SS. Mary the Virgin and Edward, K. and M.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

John C. Sheppard	Treble	‡Geoffrey Hebden	5
*Brenda H. Boyce	2	‡Roy W. Rice	6
Michael G. Bartlett	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
†Walter S. Rice	4	Peter J. England	Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by Peter J. England.
* First peal on eight bells. † 50th peal. ‡ First in the method.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

Geoffrey Hebden	Treble	Roy W. Rice	5
Michael G. Bartlett	2	Peter J. England	6
Walter S. Rice	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
John C. Sheppard	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

WICK ST. LAWRENCE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four six-scores each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury, New Doubles, Huntspill, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Union and two of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Harold Hooper	Treble	Marjorie Legg	3
George Prescott	2	John Coombes	4
		John Walton	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* 25th peal. Branch quarterly peal.
Rung for the first birthday of Joy Marie, daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Vincent.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G sharp.

Charlotte M. Harris	Treble	*Albert E. Daniels	4
Malcolm C. C. Melville	2	C. Michael Orme	5
Anthony H. Smith	3	Roger Cadamy	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.
* First peal in the method.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OCKBROOK, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

David W. Camm	Treble	F. Gordon Faulks	4
Frederick Ward	2	Alec Humphrey	5
*Dudley Coulson	3	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal "inside."

BRASSINGTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Howard C. Palmer	Treble	*Peter Blight	4
Timothy Wylie	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	5
John S. Harrison	3	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal on six bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., Nov. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

John S. Rank	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
Allen Twyman	2	Richard L. Underwood	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	Alan Scholfield	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	David E. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey Pearson.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	4
Peter Pearce	2	Brian W. Hall	5
*G. John Collett	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." First in the method by all the band except the conductor.

CHALFORD' Gloucestershire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Bruce Martin	Treble	Dennis A. Powney	4
William E. Gearing	2	Robert J. Purnell	5
*Patricia Buckland	3	Gordon W. Land	Tenor

Conducted by Gordon W. Land.
* First peal. First on the bells for 34 years. First of Minor for 54 years.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. K. Rogers and Miss Jackie Bruton (both local ringers); also to welcome Clare Siobhan, newly-arrived daughter of Jackie and Ted Cribley (tower captain).

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKTOWN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Rowan S. Bradley	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Michael J. Church	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method (Tipler's B84/3).

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Roy Collins	Treble	Peter G. Smart	5
David J. Tubbs	2	Alan D. Elsmore	6
E. John Wells	3	*Dudley P. Elsmore	7
*John A. Collier	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of D.N.C.B. The ringer of the seventh has "circled the tower."
Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHCHURCH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

Brian M. Barker	Treble	Augustin V. Good	5
Francis M. Byrne	2	Peter W. Harper	6
C. Valerie Mills	3	Keith Sheppard	7
Walter Ayre	4	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.
Rung for St. Andrew's-tide

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	5
Olive D. Tester	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Colin A. Tester	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Colin A. Tester.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYDD, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret M. Jones	Treble	Colin J. E. Wyld	5
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Robin J. Collis	6
James Hedgcock	3	Donald H. Niblett	7
Anthony J. Leeves	4	*Alastair D. Macfadyen	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 11 methods, as follows: (1) Plain and Double Bob. (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Childwall and Thelwall, (5) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

Peter S. Muchlinski	Treble	D. Paul Smith	4
John A. Howard	2	Tony Lewis	5
*Keith J. Triplow	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

* 50th peal. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Donald G. Lawson	Treble	John Bagnall	5
Alan Capstick	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
James E. Burles	3	*Richard Palmer	7
Lawrence Walmsley	4	Stanley Walmsley	Tenor

Composed by D. G. Lawson. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.
Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to James E. Burles.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 HEYTHROP SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

David Makin-Taylor	Treble	R. Keith Lister	5
Neil T. E. Burnett	2	John Illingworth	6
James Cunliffe	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Albert Greenhalgh	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ATTENBOROUGH, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb

Rosamund M. Rawlings	Treble	Tony Natt	5
Brian L. Burrows	2	Paul J. Bagshaw	6
Andrew S. Hayden	3	Robin A. Gilliver	7
Peter N. Mackley	4	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
First peal in the method by all the band.

GREAT GLEN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents Kent T.B., two Plain Bob and two St. Clement's.
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Hazel J. Nicols	Treble	John Hunt	4
Michael Tunneycliffe	2	Guy Slater	5
Raymond H. Martin	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative and 1,312 Bristol, with 113 changes of method and all the work of each method. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

Geoffrey Paul	Treble	John Freeman	5
Beryn N. Reed	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Colin W. Reed	7
Walter Tomlinson	4	*Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by John Freeman.
* 300th peal.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each differently called.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

*Paul Smith	Treble	Brian Buttery	4
Thomas A. Relf	2	Owen Homewood	5
Edgar A. Cole	3	Peter A. Slight	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal. First of Minor as conductor.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

*John E. Coleman	Treble	†Bryan Ward	4
Denis A. Frith	2	Vaughan P. Evans	5
*Ann S. Woodhouse	3	Peter A. Slight	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Christine M. Bright, of Grantham, and Mr. Christopher J. Rolf, of Weymouth, who were married at Grantham previous to the peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NASH, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods: (1) London S., (2) Cambridge, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall. (5) Single Oxford, Double and Plain Bob. (6) Grandsire, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

Gillian J. Colleypriest	Treble	John W. Bull	4
*Stephen Fenwick	2	Paul A. Williams	5
Charles P. Quartley	3	*Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* 25th peal together.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHGATE, Middlesex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D.

John Weaver	Treble	‡Walter C. G. Wainwright	5
*Dennis F. Willcocks	2	Roger J. Amos	6
†Joan Hooton	3	Leonard G. Gates	7
John R. Whitham	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal "inside." † 25th peal. ‡ First of Major.
Arranged for the anniversary of 8,064 Bob Major, the longest peal on the bells, rung on November 23rd. 1901

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

David E. Rothera	Treble	John G. Gipson	6
Donald F. Murfet	2	Martin Cubitt	7
Geoffrey Pearson	3	David E. House	8
Janet House	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Geoffrey H. Pullin	5	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by David E. House.
First peal of Yorkshire Royal on the bells.
Rung on Thanksgiving Sunday

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Roy Worrall	Treble	Phillip Jones	5
Felicity Ashford	2	David J. Midgley	6
Christopher Morey	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
John Hall	4	David J. Danby	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

*Peter R. Coveney	Treble	G. John Collett	5
Terence J. Hester	2	Brian W. Hall	6
William J. Dixon	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Rev. Eric Wood	4	Thomas W. Timms	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to mark the institution and induction of Canon C. E. Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, to the parish.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MORPETH SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 8 cwt.

G. John Collett	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Bertram J. Coggins	5
Michael R. Rose	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ENSTONE, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Kenelm.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G.

G. John Collett	Treble	*Peter Pearce	4
Brian W. Hall	2	Peter J. Heritage	5
Terence J. Hester	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins
* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
DAVENTRY Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Stephen K. Thompson	Treble	Richard H. Johnston	6
Shirley E. Jones	2	J. Paul Coad	7
Rodney A. Yeates	3	Stephen F. Royal	8
Peter H. Mackie	4	Jeremy R. Pratt	9
Lawrence J. Haines	5	Philip J. Daniel	Tenor

Composed by Edgar Shepherd. Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Nov. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*Nigel R. D. Orchard	Treble	Richard J. Wilsher	4
*Judith H. Harvey	2	Peter H. Mackie	5
Nicholas C. V. Pollock	3	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.
* First peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON LATIMER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

John G. Mitchell	Treble	Susan E. Thompson	5
Stephen J. Franklin	2	Arthur Gibbs	6
Richard J. Cowley	3	A. Colin Banton	7
*Cynthia E. Barnett	4	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
* First peal on eight bells. First of Major as conductor.

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Pitman's 12-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*Murray A. Coleman	Treble	Richard J. Cowley	5
†Brenda M. Dixon	2	Edward C. Buckby	6
Noel F. Pearson	3	†Stephen B. Bell	7
Eric J. Chapman	4	Terry G. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* Has "circled the tower." † First peal of Triples.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Doris Chapman.

RUSHTON, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In nine methods: (1) Beverley, (2) Surfleet, (3) Cambridge, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) Single and Double Oxford, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Iestyn Morgan	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	4
Raymond Henman	2	J. Malcolm Tyler	5
Barry R. Care	3	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of the Lady St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Lionel M. Pink	Treble	Philip R. Keough	5
*Frances J. N. Brown	2	Ross G. W. Robertson	6
†Claire E. N. Brown	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
Mary E. Elmes	4	Chirstopher T. Brown	Tenor

Arranged by R. D. Bailey. Conducted by Graham W. Elmes.
* First peal in the method "inside." † First peal. First of Major as conductor. First of Major by an all-local band.
Rung as a tribute to D. W. C. Chant, of Sturminster Newton, who died on November 7th, 1968. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr 14 lb. in E.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BRADLEY, Bilston, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Eric E. Speake	Treble	Anthony W. T. Cleaver	5
*Christopher Lees	2	Roderick J. Lees	6
Harry Griffiths	3	*Derek K. Knowles	7
J. Dennis Holden	4	Arthur Pritchard	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal in the method.
Arranged as part of the celebration of the centenary year of the church and rung on the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the present ring.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter-with-St. James.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

Jane Foster	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
Joan Beresford	2	Norman Summerhayes	8
*Simon Humphrey	3	John R. Pratchett	9
Ronald F. Diserens	4	Edmund Malin	10
David Phillipson	5	Dennis Beresford	11
†Christopher P. Starbuck	6	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* 150th peal. † First on 12 bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
STANFORD-ON-SOAR, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Edward Willows	Treble	Neil Handley	5
*David Osbourne	2	David Oliver	6
*Andrew L. B. King	3	Reginald J. Stretton	7
Arthur Newell	4	Graham Fisher	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.
* First peal in the method.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of: (1) Norwich, (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

William L. Exton	Treble	*Paul Raithby	4
*Derick E. Kirton	2	Peter Humphrey	5
*Derek J. Tysoe	3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

Edwin R. Goate	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	6
*Anne Corney	2	Frederick C. Gunton	7
†Sharon Page	3	*Andrew E. Crowe	8
Michael Parker	4	Ian Margetts	9
*Christine M. Clarke	5	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal on ten bells. † First "inside."

STONHAM ASPAL, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lambert.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	6
Janet House	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	7
Ann E. Fellows	3	David E. Rothera	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Martin Cubitt	9
John G. Gipson	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's. Tenor 16 cwt.

Walter W. Miller	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Leslie G. Brett	2	*Vernon Bedford	6
Muriel R. Page	3	†Stephen Bedford	7
Michael J. Howes	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Superlative. † First attempt to ring Superlative.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

*Peter R. Butler	Treble	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Tony Lewis	2	Philip J. Simmonds	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Philip A. Corby	7
*Philip A. Butler	4	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a belated birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 methods/variations/spliced compositions in 42 extents: Four methods—Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Antelope and Grandsire; 30 variations—Harbury, Jacobstowe, St. Tydfil, Gresford, St. Cross, Northleigh, St. Swithun, Stanton, Ray, Beckley, Isis, Freeland, St. Valentine, Oxford, St. Margaret, Pink's, Keysoe, Zennor, Ladbroke, St. Frideswide, Allestree, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Middleton Stoney, St. Anne, Bluebell, Daffodil, Longparish, St. Helen and Newborough; eight spliced compositions—Royston, St. David, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, May Day, Litchurch, Seighford and April Day.
Tenor 4 cwt. 7 lb. in D sharp.

*Canon A. S. Roberts	Treble	Timothy J. Bell	4
*Anthony Locke	2	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
Anthony J. Davidson	3	Robert Peel Pearce	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal in 42 methods/variations/spliced compositions.
Rung as a compliment to Angela Langley and Hugh Hubbard, married at Tuckingmill Church earlier in the day.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, St. Peter, St. Paul and St. Swithun.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C sharp.

Mrs. T. H. Francis	Treble	R. Roger Savory	7
Philip N. Tubbs	2	Richard H. Youdale	8
Thomas H. Francis	3	Maurice J. Butler	9
Katherine J. Maundrell	4	Ivor H. Trueman	10
Frank L. Harris	5	David J. Forder	11
Michael J. Thomas	6	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by J. M. H. Hunter. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.

ANDOVER, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1968 in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation of Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Jack C. Wimlet	Treble	*Philip G. Taylor	5
*Terry Tarrant	2	Reginald F. Crook	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
*Peter Furness	4	†Walter C. Mulford	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First on eight bells.
Rung to the memory of Norman V. Andrews, who died on August 12th, 1968, and also Canon Dunlop, former Rector and donor of two trebles, who was interred the same day.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

Reginald F. Crook	Treble	Peter Furness	5
*David Goss	2	Philip Murduck	6
Peter Watts	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Bradley Murduck	4	Philip G. Taylor	Tenor

Composed by John Pritchard. Conducted by Philip G. Taylor.
* First peal on eight bells. First on eight as conductor.
Rung for the annual Highclere Choir and Bellringing Festival, held this day.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DORE, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 Bristol, 1,216 London, 1,664 Cambridge and 894 Superlative, with 99 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	John N. D. Chaddock	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Ian G. Campbell	6
*Maris C. Stephenson	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Neil Donovan	4	Ron Ducker	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Surprise.

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Ron Ducker	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Pat Lockwood	2	Andrew G. Slade	6
Ian G. Campbell	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Ian North	4	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Bernard F. L. Groves	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	J. David Atkinson	7–8
		*John W. Gander	9–10

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Roger Baldwin	9–10
Gerald Penney	5–6	John R. Mayne	11–12

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of Little Bob Maximus on handbells by all the band and for the Association. Tenor size 15 in C.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1–2	Roger D. R. Brown	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	*Andrew W. R. Wilby	7–8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Julia A. Fellows.
* First peal "in hand."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At 128, Leicester Road.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Robin A. Gilliver	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
*Brian L. Burrows	3–4	*K. Paul Gilliver	7–8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal "in hand."

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	*David F. Moore	7–8
		Terence A. Thornber	9–10

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Stedman Caters "in hand."

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At 12A, Westray Drive.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in G.

*Eileen J. Goodall	1–2	Alfred Ballard	3–4
		*Geoffrey N. Goodall (cond.)	5–6

* First peal in the method on handbells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 16B, Sutherland Place.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	1–2	†Maureen J. Carruthers	3–4
		‡Peter Holden	5–6

* 75th peal. † First of Minor "in hand." ‡ First "in hand."

HALF PEAL

FARNWORTH with KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On Nov. 27th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: N. Tompkins 1, A. Critchley 2, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 3, R. K. Lister 4, J. E. Andrews 5, T. Hobson 6. Rung after meeting short for Major.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

EXETER, DEVON.—At Rowancroft, Heavitree, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): J. L. Anderson 1-2, R. J. Talbot 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Oct. 13th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Linda V. Cull 1, G. H. Baldam 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, M. S. Turner 4, P. K. Goodhew 5, J. L. Anderson 6, F. K. Wreford 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. N. Longridge 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, G. H. Baldam 3, P. K. Goodhew 4, K. A. Hughes 5, M. S. Turner 6. Conducting shared by all the band.

CADELEIGH, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. F. P. Cleaver (first quarter) 1, Linda V. Cull 2, M. S. Turner 3, D. J. Atkins 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, G. H. Baldam 6. Rung for Evensong and as a birthday compliment to Philip and Gillian Cleaver.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral of St. Peter, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda V. Cull 1, D. J. Atkins 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, G. P. Smerdon 4, J. L. Anderson 5, G. H. Baldam 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, M. S. Turner 8. Rung for St. Luke's College Service.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bbo Minor: Colin L. Barr (first Minor) 1, Linda V. Cull 2, J. L. Anderson 3, J. N. Longridge 4, R. J. Talbot 5, M. S. Turner (first as cond.) 6. For morning service.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels (Heavitree), on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Angela C. Hughes 1, J. N. Longridge 2, D. J. Atkins 3, P. K. Goodhew 4, K. A. Hughes (first Stedman) 5, F. Wreford 6, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 7, M. S. Turner 8. For Evensong.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Petrock, on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. K. Goodhew 1, Linda V. Cull 2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3, M. S. Turner 4, K. A. Hughes 5, D. Thorne (first quarter) 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. A. Richards 1, Joan Fairlie (first quarter) 2, L. P. Halling 3, T. R. Garrett 4, J. W. Berry 5, J. G. Philbrick 6, W. A. Smith (cond.) 7. A. K. P. Poole 8. For Confirmation service.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Louise Powell 1, Penny Cocks 2, N. Bennett 3, Wendy Wallace 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,320 Single Oxford and Plain Bob: Diane Head 1, Penny Cocks 2, N. Bennett 3fi Carol Rodgers 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. P. Turner (first Caters) 1, E. Drewitt 2, M. J. Turner 3, R. Mitty 4, W. F. Judge 5, F. White 6, B. R. White 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Plain and Little): J. V. A. Stedman 1, Elizabeth Gibbs (first in two methods "inside") 2, Gillian Laver 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, J. A. Laver 5, T. Skilton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pam Stephens 1, A. J. Garbett 2, R. Edden 3, W. Simmonds 4, G. J. Roberts 5, J. Read 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, K. Fursdon 4, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 5, W. Wayman 6, W. Simmonds 7, G. J. Roberts 8.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl N. Reed 1, D. Kirton 2, B. Hough 3, K. C. Vernon 4, J. W. Raithby 5, C. W. Reed 6, P. Raithby (cond.) 7, C. H. Pritchett 8. For Confirmation service.

BATH, SOM.—At the Abbey Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. J. Orledge 1, P. J. England 2, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 3, S. A. Read 4, P. J. W. Hardwick (first on ten) 5, J. E. Newman (first on ten) 6, R. W. Rice 7, W. S. Rice 8, A. F. Lee 9, R. I. Kendrick 10. For Evensong on Advent Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Shingles 1, Linda Sherwood 2, J. Birdsall 3, R. Jordan 4, J. Brook 5, I. G. Campbell (cond.) 6, A. Slade 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8. First Surprise 1, 3. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,152 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Shingles 1, Linda Sherwood 2, N. Chaddock 3, J. Birdsall 4, R. Jordan 5, J. Brook 6, R. Horton 7, J. N. D. Chaddock (cond.) 8. A farewell to Robert Jordan.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean Dale 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 3, R. Philpott 4, R. Pike 5, E. Boothe 6, D. Grimwood 7, F. Price 8. First Stedman Triples 1, 4, 7. For Advent Sunday.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gill Moule (first quarter) 1, T. Broome 2, Valerie Edge 3, A. Jones 4, V. Parton 5, F. Bennett 6, H. Thomas (cond.) 7, R. Winwood 8. In memoriam Bertram H. Head, a ringer at St. Leonard's for 46 years, died November 22nd.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 24th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Katie Weare 1, Katharina Newman 2, A. N. Brock 3, Mandi McCallion 4, C. C. Monson 5, M. G. R. Zobel (cond.) 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Butler (cond.) 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, J. Thorne (first "inside") 3, A. C. Eastmead 4, Pamela Court 5, A. Binstead 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, Shrub End, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Lamb (first Minor) 1, N. Whittell 2, D. Whent 3, D. Cobb 4, Jennifer Andrews (cond.) 5, P. Schafie (first Minor "inside") 6. For Evensong.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Taylor 1, Bryony P. H. Moorby (25th quarter) 2, R. A. Grant 3, Anthea S. Bruce 4, C. D. Collin 5, S. H. Gay 6, M. A. Gay 7, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 8. For Advent Sunday.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Litten (first on treble) 1, M. Hollis (first "inside") 2, D. Gower (first "inside") 3, Valerie Jones 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Litten.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wood (first quarter) 1, S. Meadows 2, Miss R. A. Collins 3, E. Futcher 4, Miss J. M. Collins 5, J. A. Collier 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. For Advent Carol Service.

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FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. L. Webb 1, Miss A. Barber 2, Miss R. J. Sinden 3, L. Mannering 4, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 5, J. F. Wellard 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

GLOUCESTER.—On Nov. 24th, at the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Barry 1, R. Dale 2, P. Roe 3, P. Clarkson 4, I. Goulter 5, L. Edwards (cond.) 6, P. Gould 7, R. Hazell 8. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rev. W. R. Houghton as Canon-in-Residence at Gloucester Cathedral.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Lester 1, Mrs. C. Harris 2, C. Woods 3, F Chambers 4, D. Swift 5, J. Tickle (cond.) 6, B. Smith 7, H. Harris 8. Half-muffled.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dianne Gazeley 1, Dorothea Robotham 2, Wendy Ferguson 3, Ruth Foreman 4, A. Warren 5, B. Watson (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion, at which the preacher and celebrant was the Bishop of Willesden.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. J. Venn 1, R. K. Russ 2, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 3, J. Walters 4, Patricia A. Copas 5, W. H. Coles 6, A. R. G. Twinn 7, J. Hill 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: M. W. Seymour 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, Ruby M. Myllys 3, Claudia A. Critchley 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, R. K. Russ 6, G. W. Critchley 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor Theresa R. Orriss (first Minor) 1, A. F. Ballam 2, B. R. Wells 3, C. R. Nunn 4, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 5, A. G. Feaver 6. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. G. Bumstead 1, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 2, Sally E. V. Potter (first "inside" and of Doubles) 3, C. R. Nunn 4, A. F. Ballam 5, F. J. Potter (first as cover) 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss J. K. A. Cook 3, R. Redwood 4, J. R. Hough 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the Church Centre of St. Barnabas', Oxmoor, Huntingdon.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Sheila A. Harfield 1, H. W. Brown 2, P. D. Hepburn 3, B. J. Harfield 4, S. W. Brown 5, J. R. Norris (first Kent as cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. Kirkcaldy 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, J. Kirkcaldy 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Kirkcaldy 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 6. Ringers of 2 and 6 are parents of 1 and 3 For Advent Sunday.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Bessie Titchmarsh 1, A. Titchmarsh 2, R. Crabtree 3, D. M. Cramshaw 4, M. Hillary 5, D. Featherstone 6, G. Featherstone (cond.) 7, G. Wilkinson 8. Rung for Matins, and a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to ringers 1 and 2. First quarter 1, 3 and 5.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Curry (first Treble Bob) 1, R. P. Pearce (first Treble Bob) 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, A. Locke 4, T. J. Bell 5, A. J. Davidson 6.

KENNINGTON, LONDON.—At 331, Kennington Lane, on Nov. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer A. Dunning 1-2, D. A. Town 3-4, P. G. Holden (first "in hand" as cond.) 5-6. First "in hand" 1-2, 3-4.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain): S. Iliffe 1, T. Iliffe 2, Beverley Burrows 3, Pat Welton 4, G. Slater (first as cond.) 5, G. Brodie 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4, 6. Rung by an all-local band for Evensong.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Ann Cooke 1, P. Williams 2, P. S. Reading 3, F. W. Corney 4, N. W. H. Simon 5, C. P. Quartley 6, J. W. Bull 7, M. Pilgrim 8, G. J. B. Stickland 9, S. Fenwick (first quarter as cond.) 10. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. A. James 1, P. S. Reading 2, F. W. Corney 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, J. W. Bull 5, C. P. Quartley 6, S. Fenwick 7, P. A. Williams 8. For Evensong.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. G. Hooper 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, P. Kelby (first in four methods) 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Hooper 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, G. J. Neilson 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher (first as cond.) 5, M. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

DATE TOUCH

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 1st, 1,968 Pl. Bob Major: S. Marshall 1, Hilary Adcock 2, D. G. Adams (cond.) 3, P. C. Palmer 4, J. A. Adams 5, K. S. Hobl 6, G. P. Adams 7, P. Adcock 8. For Evensong.

TAUNTON BRANCH QUARTER PEAL TOUR (November 30th)

HILLFARRANCE.—1,260 Doubles (10 meth./var.): Miss M. Beale 1, A. F. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, L. H. Arscott 4, M. A. Arscott (cond.) 5, K. E. Beale 6.

OAKE.—1,320 Rev. St. Bartholomew Doubles: F. C. Arscott 1, M. A. Arscott 2, A. F. Arscott 3, L. H. Arscott 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5. First in method by all.

CHIPSTABLE. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. V. Young 1, F. C. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, L. H. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER. — 1,320 Doubles (57 meth./var.): Brenda Binden 1, M. A. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, R. F. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, L. H. Arscott 6. Most meth./var. to a quarter by all.

MONKSILVER. — 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss S. Arscott 1, F. C. Arscott 2, L. H. Arscott (cond.) 3, A. F. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5. A family quarter.

ST. DECUMAN'S.—1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Brenda Binden 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, L. H. Arscott 5, R. F. Arscott 6. First in method by all except conductor.

STOGUMBER. — 1,440 Grandsire Minor: F. C. Arscott 1, H. V. Young 2, J. Cornelius 3, L. H. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

ASH PRIORS.—1,260 Doubles (four meth./var.): M. A. Arscott 1, F. C. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, L. H. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, A. Cross 6. 25th quarter together 1 and 3.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK. — At St. Margaret's Church, on Nov. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss S. R. Collins (50th quarter as cond.) 1, W. W. Cousins 2, W. J. Houghton 3, D. Gagen 4, R. Newson 5, L. W. Houghton 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding 8. For Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Turner (first quarter) 1, Margaret Durrington 2, H. B. Whitney 3, P. G. Williams 4, E. Conquest 5, K. E. Jackson 6, R. S. Gaylor 7, A. J. Frost (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hughes 1, L. Fox 2, G. Walker (first in method) 3, C. Willmington 4, F. Mills 5, H. Weedon 6, W. Theobald (cond.) 7, R. Brown 8.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. P. Hill 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Jennifer A. Dunning 3, D. A. Town 4, R. C. Woodward 5, P. G. Holden (first Surprise as cond.) 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON, S.E.—At St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, on Oct. 18th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. F. Smallwood 1, Maureen Carruthers 2, W. Rawlings 3, Freda Cannon 4, R. Cooles 5, G. Parsons 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, B. Baker 8, J. Pladdys 9, E. Peet 10. For the collation and induction of Canon Douglas Rhymes as rector.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,280 Bedfordshire Surprise Major: G. Hawkins 1, J. A. Booth 2, Mrs. M. P. Booth 3, N. Garrard 4, A. W. R. Wilby 5, A. E. Rushton 6, J. R. Mayne 7, D. Redfearn (cond.) 8. First in the method by all except ringer of 7th. Rung as a farewell to John and Margaret Booth who are returning to Cheshire.

LYMPNE, KENT. — On Dec. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): P. Bailey 1, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 2, G. Neilson 3, H. P. Yates 4, M. Taylor 5, J. Chittenden 6. For Family Communion. Also 1,260 Doubles (six methods): M. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, B. Butcher 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Baldock 6. For Evensong.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Sanderson 1, F. Harper 2, Marion Kemp (first Cambridge) 3, W. Newman 4, W. E. Pye 5, J. G. Gipson (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

MIDDLESBROUGH, TEESSIDE. — At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam, on Nov. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. D. Fionda (first quarter) 1–2. Mrs. K. Lawson 3–4, K. Lawson (cond.) 5–6

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Craddock 1, J. Yates (first quarter) 2, J. Crowther 3, P. D. Thomas 4, J. H. Taylor 5, C. D. Davis (cond.) 6.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At St. George's Church, Colegate, on Nov. 29th, 1,259 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Eileen Chatterley (first quarter) 1, D. E. House (cond.) 2, D. P. Mortlock 3, Carole A. H. Patey 4, G. H. Pullin 5, M. Cubitt 6. For evening Eucharist.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (P. Bob, Grandsire): S. C. Wood (first quarter) 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, T. G. Hull 3, J. H. Sitch 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

PYLLE, SOM. — On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. S. Kinsella 1, Brenda H. Boyce 2, R. C. Taylor 3, J. C. Sheppard 4, M. G. Bartlett 5, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. S. Kinsella 1, Brenda H. Boyce 2, Jean E. Skipsey 3, R. G. Edwards 4, J. C. Sheppard 5, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 6.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. R. Childwick 1, B. R. Trill 2, G. K. Terris 3, M. J. Hitchcock 4, C. D. Linington 5, G. Philpott 6, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 7, L. Crouch 8. For morning service.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Verona C. Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, V. Green 5, E. J. Cole 6, G. E. Fearn 7, T. J. Warner (cond.) 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Knight (Chenies, first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, R. Lister 4, F. H. Walters (Chenies first "inside") 5, B. J. Matthews 6.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Lester 1, Muriel M. Page 2, F. Joan Muxlow (first Major) 3, H. D. Lister 4, D. Barber (first quarter) 5, Rev. A. A. Muxlow 6, R. F. Taylor 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding day compliment to Oliver E. G. Barnard (tower captain) and Dorothy K. Short.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. J. Hampton 1, Lesley Warwick 2, D. Brock 3, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, D. Boniface 5, V. L. P. Davis 6. For Evensong, and a 50th birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

TAMERTON FOLIOT, DEVON.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Steere 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, P. L. Bill 3, S. G. Peirce 4, G. E. Mudge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Violet Ring 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, Sylvia Lucas (first Major) 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, R. Lucas 5, E. Clifton 6, G. Stewart 7, M. W. Marshall 8.

THRUMPTON, NOTTS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Harrison 1, D. Oliver 2, H. Harrison 3, G. Fisher 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Grandsire): Jane Dennis 1, F. M. Bowers 2, C. G. Bryant 3, A. Locke 4, A. Carveth 5, T. J. Bell (comp. and cond.) 6, A. J. Davidson 7, D. Stephens 8. First of Spliced Triples by all except 3.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, SOM. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Hawkhurst Bob Triples: I. W. Harris 1, P. J. W. Hardwick 2, Kay Whittaker 3, D. A. Burt 4, R. L. Coles 5, T. E. Newman 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, H. J. Coombs 8. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

UPPER BODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 29th 1,272 Minimus (tenor following): T. Branson 1, M. Bangham 2, M. Eyles 3, R. Goody 4, E. Thornton 5. First for 3, 4, 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. Paxton for many years a ringer in this tower, buried this day; also for R. Johnson, for 60 years a circuit preacher in the Methodist Church.

WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,920 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Steere 1, N. Mallett 2, D. R. Bould 3, S. G. Peirce 4, P. L. Bill 5, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 P.B. Triples: Janet Yeates 1, Margaret Chennell-White 2, Mary White 3, R. A. Stone 4, K. G. Waller 5, C. Chennell-White 6, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 7, J. D. Flook 8. First Triples 1, 8. First P. Bob Triples 2, 4, 6. A birthday compliment to Mary White.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. Smallwood 1, F. Cullum 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, W. Rawlings 4, J. Pladdys 5, M. Bagworth 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, B. Baker 8, H. Audsley 9, E. Peett 10. Rung after the service of thanksgiving for the centenary of the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT. — On Dec. 1st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Fry 1, Jacqueline Allen (first in method) 2, S. H. Gay 3, A. Catherine Rooke 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, M. A. Gay 6. A birthday compliment to H. T. Rooke and J. T. Rooke, of Warsop, Notts, father and brother respectively of the ringer of 4.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anita Budd (first quarter) 1, Caroline Madge 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, Julie Armstrong 4, M. J. Bangham (cond.) 5, A. E. Bagworth 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX. — On Dec. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Mrs. P. Chapman (first of D.N.C.B.) 1, E. Bright 2, R. Dorking 3, P. Chapman (first D.N.C.B.) 4, W. Butler 5, J. Warner 6, A. Piggott (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For Evensong.

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GILBERT THURLOW.—Best wishes to all ringing friends everywhere, for Christmas and for 1969. May the officers and members of the new Council to be elected have prosperity and success in all they undertake. 6212

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MEETINGS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Dec. 21st, St. Stephen's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss A. Macfarlane, 15, Folly Avenue, St. Albans (Tel. 52111).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec 6101

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Trysull, near Wolverhampton, Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (6) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. latest. (Visitors are requested to park cars at The Bell.) All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6180

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Christmas Social at Victory Hall, Bramford, on Saturday, December 21st, at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments, entertainments and lots of fun, all for 5s. (schoolchildren 2s. 6d.) Come and meet your friends.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 5.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, please. 6179

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Luton, Saturday, Dec. 28th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6202

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Burbage, Saturday, Dec. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, as soon as possible to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage. Tel.: Burbage 516.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 6188

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Dec. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Church Hall. Names for tea to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham (Tel.: 233506), by Saturday, Dec. 21st. 6176

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1969, at Ely. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing until 3.30 p.m. All District members please make a special effort to come. 6208

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 4th. Service 4.15. Tea and business after. Names for tea, please, to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 6204

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Lamberhurst, Jan. 4th. Ringing 2.30, followed by service, tea, meeting. Names for tea to me, Richard Hayes, Forest Cottage, Chiddingstone Heath, Edenbridge, by December 30th. 6211

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, St. John's (8), Devizes. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. St. Mary's (6) and Southbroom (6) 3–4 p.m. and after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. R. Cannings, 29, Broadleas Road, Devizes, Wilts. 6206

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

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Saturday, February 1st, 1969

At Church House, Westminster.

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WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY
Ringers' Outing

The Bell Foundry ringers broke tradition this year by having a second outing to the provinces in October. Our first appointment was at Wymondham Abbey, Norfolk, where we were heartily welcomed by Mr. Harry Tooke and Mr. Tom Spight. The ringing was commenced in fine style with a touch of Stedman Triples, followed by a variety of touches on the ten, bringing out the unrivalled musical qualities of this fine modern ring. Since no visit to Wymondham would be complete without an opportunity of hearing some of those famous local yarns over a jug of beer, we were very soon suitably established.

Lunchtime arrived and we moved along the road to the Abbey Hotel, where an excellent lunch was enjoyed. The company, now refreshed and fed, boarded the cars and the procession nosed its way along the narrow country lanes to Drayton, where we were welcomed to the exceptionally well-cared-for church by the Rector. The tower captain, Mr. Michael Frost, although unable to meet us in person also expressed his welcome in the form of specially-made cards for us, which were sincerely appreciated. The ringing ranged over a wide variety of 6-bell methods, including a good brisk touch of Cambridge.

Our next call was at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, where our best ringing was to the tune of Grandsire Caters, although we did make a valiant attempt at some Grandsire Cinques. After a slight delay, we wasted no time in travelling to Beccles, our final tower. Here we put this grand old ten to good use with the usual variety of methods, including a good half course of Yorkshire, and afterwards retired to the "Commons" for refreshment and sandwiches, generously provided by Messrs. William and Douglas Hughes.

Our thanks are extended to Mr. Trevor N. J. Bailey for organising the towers, and to Mr. Harry Weedon, our Ringing Master, for organising the ringing. R. A. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
West Dorset Branch A.G.M.

Although the weather was not very kind there was a fairly good attendance at the A.G.M. of the West Dorset Branch at Beaminster on November 30th. The excellent ring of eight was rehung just 12 months ago and attracted representatives from nine towers and visitors from North Dorset Branch and the Bath and Wells Association. Ringing was supervised by Mr. H. D. W. Bishop (Ringing Master).

The Vicar (Rev. D. V. Galloway) conducted the service, singing being led by the choir, with Mr. Roy Gunning as organist. A thoughtful address was given by the Rev. J. S. Arthurs, a former Branch chairman, and Mr. T. T. Barrett read the lesson.

Local lady ringers had prepared an excellent tea in the Tindall Hall, enjoyed by 35 members and friends, and they and the Vicar and preacher were thanked by Mr. C. W. Powell, Branch chairman. The business meeting followed, and after the hon. secretary had presented his report and the accounts Mr. Powell thanked him and all who had contributed to the year's work.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Jesse Davis; vice-chairman, Rev. O. L. Willmott; Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. D. Bishop; with Messrs. H. Keeley, F. Knight, D. Ellery as deputies; committee: Messrs. T. T. Barrett and D. Ellery. Ten new members were elected.

Meetings for 1969 were arranged as follows: Bradpole, February 22nd; monthly practice evening meetings, Symondsbury, January 18th; Bridport, February 12th, and Loders, March 22nd (all subject to confirmation). These new arrangements were made in the hope of attracting more members to the practices.

After the business meeting closed Messrs. Jesse Davis and J. T. Barrett were asked to serve as area representatives on the committee for the proposed striking competition for the Dorset Ringers' Festival. J. D.

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1 2 3 4 5
2 1 3 5 4
2 3 1 4 5
3 2 1 5 4
3 1 2 4 5
1 3 2 5 4
1 2 3 4 5

By putting in seconds place 24 changes are produced. 1 3 2 5 4
1 3 5 2 4

With the treble only going to thirds, the beginner quickly gets the idea of finding the one new bell in each lead. The others soon find their way about by a combination of method and numbers, but care should be taken to point out that tracing the method in one's mind whilst it is being rung is most important.

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1 4 2 5 3
4 1 2 3 5
4 2 1 5 3
2 4 5 1 3
2 5 4 3 1
5 2 4 1 3

Yours sincerely,
Gainsborough. GEO. L. A. LUNN.

P.S.—Will somebody tell me what name this goes under in the Doubles Collection.
—G. L. A. L.

LATE NOTICES

ADOPTION

MAY.—To Jill (nee Lane) and Douglas, a son, Timothy Paul Roland, born May 17th, 1968. 6219

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, February 15th, 1969, Church House, Westminster. Tickets at 30/- each obtainable from R. C. Woodward, 86, Ferndene Road, London, S.E.24. 6218

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD.—All members and friends are reminded that the annual dinner will be held in Derbyshire on February 8th. Tickets are now available, price 25/-. Ringing arrangements later. 6214

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, January 4th, Halstead (8). Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Martin, Sunshine Cottage, Chapel Hill, Halstead. Note change of venue.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on December 3rd Mr. A. N. Stubbs was elected Master. The other officers elected were: Secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior; treasurer, Mr. C. G. J. Watts; senior steward, Mr. A. R. Kench; junior steward, Mr. D. E. Rothera: trustees, Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams; librarian, Mr. W. T. Cook.

Messrs. W. Williams, W. T. Cook, R. B. Meadows and Air Commodore J. S. Mason were elected as Central Council representatives.

The 1969 out-of-town meeting will be held in Birmingham on a date to be announced, and the 332nd anniversary dinner will be at the Walbrook Restaurant, Bucklersbury House, London, E.C., on Saturday, November 1st.

The business meeting on December 31st will be the last to be held at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, which has been the Society's meeting place since 1957. As from January, 1969, the London business meetings will be held at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C. The change has become necessary because of the large attendance at meetings.

A VISIT TO ESSEX

A party of about 40 ringers who are, or have been, connected with St. Luke's, Chelsea, took part in a most enjoyable coach tour to Essex on December 7th. The arrangements were very capably handled by Frank Udall and Julie Spurgeon. Five towers were visited, the first being St. John's, Havering-atte-Bower, having a pleasant ring of six (tenor 16¼ cwt.). Then on to St. Mary's, Broomfield, with its round tower and six bells (11½ cwt.). Another short and pleasant run brought the party to St. Andrew's Halstead, with a very nice ring of eight (14½ cwt. in E). Some of the more experienced ringers tried for Cambridge Major but it did not go, neither did an attempt for Double Norwich. It was concluded that the bells preferred Stedman Triples and a nice touch in that queen of methods rounded off the ringing satisfactorily.

In the ringing room we noted a rather useful-looking ringer's jar, capacity 4½ gallons; but one member of the party innocently asked "What would that be amongst Jack Phillips'?" Many in the party missed the homely face of Hilda Snowden and enquiries elicited the information that she was unwell. All expressed the sincere hope that she would soon be restored to her usual robust health. We simply could not do without her lovely broad Essex dialect!

A sumptuous hot meal was taken in Bocking Village Hall, and everyone praised the efficient manner in which Mrs. Spurgeon and some lady friends had prepared and served it. The thanks of the party to all concerned in making the tour so enjoyable were capably expressed by John Lott, leader of the Chelsea company, and he distributed some small tokens of appreciation on behalf of the party to those who had helped.

The party went on to All Saints', Rayne, with its six bells (6½ cwt.), and then on to All Saints', Writtle, which possesses a very good ring of eight (18¼ cwt.). Touches in all standard methods were successfully brought round.

At every tower visited rounds and call-changes were rung by the junior members, and it was a tonic to observe these eager, bright-eyed youngsters, full of enthusiasm, doing their very best at the end of a rope.

Great credit is due to Frank and Julie for their attention to every possible detail, and sincere thanks are accorded to the incumbents and everyone else who contributed to the success of the tour. JAFUS.

Six of the band who rang in a Liverpool University peal at Southport on December 5th were ringing their first of Triples and another his first of Triples "inside". H. Lyndon Hatfield, the conductor, was calling his first of Bob Triples. Another example of the teaching value of a university for ringing.

TECHNICAL

Extracting False Course Heads from the Blue Line System

By F. HODGSON

THE first requirement is the ability to determine the nature of the rows, or changes, whether "In course" (i.e., Even, +) or "Out of course" (i.e., Odd, −). Rounds is In course or +, and an In course change is one that requires an even number of pairs of bells to change places to produce rounds from that change, i.e., 21436587 is In course, and an Out of course change is one that requires an odd number of pairs of bells to change places to produce rounds, i.e., 12436587 is Out of course. Out of course changes can not repeat with In course changes.

So long as Bobs only are called the nature of the rows at any particular place in a method remains the same, but if a Single is called the nature of the rows is changed. Say, for instance, that the third row in a lead of a method was In course but a Single is called, then the third row in the next lead will be Out of course.

Take for example Plain Bob Major and consider the nature of the rows when the treble leads full at the end of the first lead. 13254768 is Out or −, and 13527486 is In or +. But supposing a Single had been called, the second row would also have been Out or —13257486, and so it would have remained until a further Single had been called when the rows would have reverted to their original nature.

In determining the nature of the rows in any method, if you have the figures of the first lead you can go down the rows from the beginning by simply adding the number of pairs of bells that have changed places from the preceding change to the preceding nature, and follow the arithmetical principle that + and + = +, and + and − = −, − and − = +, and so on, e.g.:

12345678+
21436587+ Four pairs of bells changed places.

24163857− Three „ „ „ „ „

42618375− Four „ „ „ „ „

46281735+ Three „ „ „ „ „

and so on.

The next step is to write out the Proving Rows. Proving Rows show the position of the treble, and the nature of the rows, whether + or −, and then the position of the rest of the bells, seven in major. The position of these seven bells is shown in a vertical column under the particular bell, but instead of the top row being written 2345678 it is written 7864235.

If, therefore, the method under consideration was Yorkshire Surprise Major, under 7 we should have 8, 8, 7, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 3, and so on up to the change where the treble leads at handstroke for the full lead. Then fill in the appropriate positions of the other bells in the same manner so that when the whole of the figures are complete we have the Blue Line of every bell in the first lead. The Proving Rows may be written from the Place Notation. This method is shown in the Central Council publication referred to at the end of this article.

The left-hand column 3+, 5−, etc., means that at 3+ the treble is in the Third place at an In course change, and at 5− the treble is in the Fifth place at an Out of course change.

Still considering Yorkshire Surprise Major, the following would be the result.

Proving Rows

1+ 7864235	7+ 3124685
2+ 8753146	8− 2134576
1− 8643257	7− 1243685
2− 7534168	6+ 2153784
3+ 8624157	5+ 1264873
4+ 7513268	6− 1253784
3− 6524178	5− 2164873
4− 5613287	4+ 3165782
5+ 4612378	3+ 4256871
6+ 3521487	4− 3157862
5− 4621378	3− 4268751
6− 3512487	2+ 4357861
7+ 3421586	1+ 3468752
8+ 4312675	2− 3578641
7− 4213586	1− 4687532
8− 3124675	
8+ 4213576	

N.B.—The rows do not run alternately two + and two − in all methods.

The Proving Rows must then be examined. This is done by comparing together the rows which have the treble in the same place, and are the same nature, + or −. That is, compare 1+ with 1+, 1− with 1−, 7− with 7−, and so on all through.

This is done in order to see if any pair of figures occur in both rows. Take a look at the two 2+ rows, 8753146 and 4357861. The pair 14 occur in both rows, but the 14 in 4357861 is more readily seen when the 4 is carried to the back. This transferring of figures from front to back is called Rotating. This Rotating is done by taking the first figure from the front, putting it behind, and repeating the process until the duplicate pair is at the back. Say for example that in the row 8643257 that 64 was the duplicate pair, then after Rotating the row would read 3257864.

Let us now return to the two 2+ rows above:

	Rotated
2+ 8753146	6875314
2+ 4357861	3578614

Having thus produced the Rotated rows we must then transpose the two rows by the Scale 45362. Ignoring the last pair which we Rotated behind this would produce:

	Scale 45362
68753	75836
35786	78563

This transposition by Scale 45362 is calculated as if the treble was in the No. 1 position.

The next thing is to read off the False Course Head, which is the transposition scale required to transpose the top row to the bottom row, and the bottom row to the top row. So to get the top row 75836 to the bottom row of 78563 the scale would be 24365, and to get the bottom row 78563 to the top row 75836 the scale would again be 24365, so 24365 is the F.C.H. in both cases. If the rows had been 17285 top, and 51728 bottom, then the scales and F.C.H.s would have been 62345 and 34562.

In order to determine in which leads the falseness occurs the following table must be worked to.

The order of leads is—

1234567	for	methods	4263857
1526374	„	„	6482735
1642753	„	„	8674523
1357246	„	„	7856342
1473625	„	„	5738264
1765432	„	„	3527486

We now return to our Proving Rows and split them into pairs as follows, not forgetting to complete the pairs by bringing the front figure to the rear. Then, as we are considering Yorkshire which is a method with a lead head of 5738264, we put the lead sequence under the pairs.

Instead of

2+ 8753146	read	87	75	53	31	14	46	68	
2+ 4357861	„	43	35	57	78	86	61	14	
		1	4	7	3	6	2	5	Lead sequence.

Because we get the pair 14 over 6 and 5 this means that the falseness at this position will occur in the 5th and 6th leads.

In the example worked out the 2+ position only has been considered, but if a full examination of Yorkshire had been undertaken consideration would have had to be given to other positions. In fact a quick glance at the 1− position shows 32 as occurring in both rows, so this would also have had to be fully examined, as would any other row containing duplicate pairs.

This system of extracting F.C.H.s is the subject of a Central Council publication written by J. Segar, to whom the Exercise is indebted. There are other systems and, like systems on any other subject, there are good points and bad points in any one of them; but this system, like any other, produces results which meet the needs.

CANTERBURY COLLEGE OUTING

On October 12th, members of Christ Church College Bellringing Society, Canterbury, with many friends, set off to London for the beginning-of-term outing. Towers visited were St. John's, Deptford; All Saints', East India Dock Road; Christ Church, Cubitt Town; St. George-in-the-East, Stepney; Bethnal Green, Dalston, Upper Clapton, and St. Mary's, Lambeth. Ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Yorkshire, Superlative, London Surprise Major, Erin and Stedman Caters. Best bells of the day were at St. George-in-the-East. Incumbents and people who met us are gratefully thanked.

On November 16th, members of the same Society, with slightly fewer visitors had an outing in Kent. Towers visited were Boughton-under-Blean, Throwley, Teynham, Bobbing, Queenborough, Minster-in-Sheppey, Eastchurch and Lynsted. Once again incumbents and tower secretaries are thanked. Ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Yorkshire Surprise Major and Spliced Surprise Minor.

BATH RINGERS CROSS THE BRIDGE

On November 23rd a party of ringers from Bath University, in company with friends from the Bath District, Frome and Farmborough, made use of the nearby motorway and Severn Bridge for a day's outing to Monmouthshire and the Forest of Dean.

Their first call was at Tredunnock, where the ground-floor ring of six was used to good effect in methods ranging from St. Simon's to Cambridge. The party then moved on to Usk, where Double Norwich and Cambridge went well, although Stedman proved more elusive. Most of the party had already rung here but all were agreed that this delightful Taylor eight were well worth revisiting.

Lunch (liquid and otherwise) was taken at Abergavenny, where the rain clouds lifted briefly to expose the sun. The party enjoyed themselves on the majestic ten with Stedman and Erin Caters and Plain Bob Royal. It was remarked that it was a pity that a certain Twerton ringer was not able to join us in appreciation of this glorious Taylor ring.

Then on to Monmouth, where the "backenders" found the heavier bells needed some work. Nevertheless some fairly good Stedman was achieved and a course of Yorkshire brought round. The party separated for tea, meeting again at Mitcheldean after crossing the wet (and by now dark) forest. They found the eight here very much to their liking, and Double Oxford, Double Norwich, Erin and Little Bob went very well.

The challenge of crossing the Forest in the dark proved too much for some of the navigators so that they arrived at the last tower, at Lydney, by devious routes. Fatigue was beginning to show by now but Cambridge was done justice to. Finally the crocodile descended on a local inn for the traditional outing finale.

Our thanks must go to all incumbents and ringers who made us welcome at their towers and also to Andy Swatton for the very good arrangements.

R. I. K.

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(30 methods)

By JOHN R. MAYNE

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34625	—	—		Shore. Lang. Leath.
23645		—		Lind. Linc. Bris.
54632	—	—	—	Here. Dub. Hit. East.
65432			—	Ash. Rad. Berks.
43652		—	—	Rut. Camb. Act.
36452			2	Lon. Puds. Lon. Yead.
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	x					56342
x		S	x			63524
x			x	(—)	—	56243
x		S	x			62534
	x					23645

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(—)	—	S		S		S	—	—	25364	A*
			3					—	32564	A*
				(2S)				—	53264	A*
	—	S				—	S	S	62345	A*
	—	S				—	S	—	34256	A*

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RINGING FOR THE LORD MAYOR'S DAY

BY W. T. COOK, LIBRARIAN TO THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

I ALWAYS enjoy ringing for the Lord Mayor's Show; it seems to be the one occasion during the year when the Corporation of London officially recognises the existence of bellringers, and I think it is nice to feel that one is playing a small part in the City's great "annual spectacular." It gives me a feeling of being closely linked with the ancient traditions of "famous London City."

Indeed, as far as tradition goes, for a great number of years the Corporation of London does not seem to have varied in the least its routine for ordering the bells to be rung. Identical letters are sent to the incumbents of all the churches along the procession route, whether they have any bells or not, requesting the bells to be rung as the procession passes, and always containing a word of caution against the "sudden" ringing of the bells as this might frighten the horses! Payment for ringing is later made on production of the letter at Guildhall Office.

Up to 1959, the Lord Mayor's Show was always held on November 9th, unless that was a Sunday, and November 8th is still the date for the installation of the Lord Mayor. The bells of St. Lawrence, Jewry, the Guildhall Church, are rung immediately after this ceremony. The route of the procession used to vary from year to year, as it always passed through the Ward of the City which the new Lord Mayor represented. Nowadays, however, Lord Mayor's Day is always the second Saturday in November, and the route—from Guildhall round by the Bank, along Cheapside, St. Paul's Churchyard, Ludgate Hill and Fleet Street to the Law Courts for lunch, then back along the Embankment and up Queen Victoria Street to Mansion House—is not now varied.

Getting together the bands to ring for Lord Mayor's Day is always quite a problem for the College Youths, who provide the ringers for most of the towers along this route, and in the days when the route changed from year to year it used to be worse. Ingenious schemes had to be worked out for moving the same band from one tower to another at a different point along the route, while at the same time remembering that the normal way between these two towers was likely to be blocked by the crowds or by the procession itself. However, members of the College Youths have a good working knowledge of the City's alleys and byways, and usually the organisation went without a hitch.

Thus, if the Lord Mayor represented Cripplegate Ward, this made life easier for those organising the ringing, as the same band could ring at St. Giles', Cripplegate, then dodge through the back streets to reach St. Paul's in time to ring there as the procession was passing; and in more recent years it was common for those who rang at St. Lawrence, Jewry, to do the same thing.

This walk, or rather quick scutter, from Jewry to St. Paul's I always used to find quite entertaining, as it involved passing, sometimes crossing, the various elements of the procession as they made their way round to Guildhall to form up. Thus it was that, on one occasion when Agriculture was the main theme of the show, I narrowly escaped being run over in the streets of London by a combine harvester! Other College Youths remember the sight of the late William Langdon, on a similar journey, scurrying across the road straight through the procession, and disappearing into the crowds on the other side of the street.

Occasionally, however, these arrangements for a "mobile" band of ringers have failed to work. One year, a band was trying to get, I think, from Bow, Cheapside, to the now-demolished Church of All Hallows, Lombard Street. A route had been worked out which involved using the subways at Bank Underground Station. All went well until the ringers came up the stairs leading to the Lombard Street exit, only to find that the gate had been locked! The only gate open was the one on the other side through which the band had come, so All Hallows' bells were not rung that Lord Mayor's Day.

Nowadays, the only towers where the College Youths are involved are St. Paul's Cathedral, Bow and Jewry, and with a little outside help it is possible to raise separate bands for all three towers. St. Paul's belfry is a popular place on Lord Mayor's Day for families and friends of the ringers, as one window overlooks Ludgate Hill, thus providing a somewhat lofty but definitely "grandstand" view of the Show for some half-dozen people. One of the spectators is delegated to tell the conductor of the band when the Lord Mayor's Coach has passed, so that the ringing does not go on unnecessarily long. Once, some years ago, the person appointed to that task was apparently imperfectly acquainted with the appearance of the Lord Mayor's coach, and did not realise that this always comes right at the end of the procession. Seeing what he believed to be the coach, he gave the signal for the ringing to finish, and the bells were set up. A few minutes later, one of the ringers casually looked out of the window and to his horror recognised the Lord Mayor's coach just rounding the corner into Ludgate Hill! Coats were hurriedly pulled off and the bells restarted. I do not know if this "sudden" ringing of the bells frightened the horses on that occasion!

Connoisseurs of "fine writing" will no doubt appreciate the description of ringing for Lord Mayor's Day given in a book called "The Bell," written by Rev. Alfred Gatty, Vicar of Ecclesfield, and published in 1848. After a lengthy description of the assembled crowds, he writes:

"But see—there approaches the procession: Life-Guards, band, and a train of carriages in succession appear; and off goes from every neighbouring church a clashing peal. Now the bells of London sound grandly indeed! St. Mary-le-Bow—what strength of metal dost thou exhibit, with thy noble peal of ten! St. Dunstan, in thy lantern tower—how sweet and fine ring the notes from thy new eight!" (In my copy of the book, the words "sweet" and "fine" have been underlined by a former owner, and the word

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Redundant Canterbury Bells Augment Three Towers

By DAVID L. CAWLEY

OPPOSITE Mercery Lane, Canterbury, the narrow lane which leads to its great Cathedral is St. Margaret's Street, which takes its name from the historic church of that name standing on the north side about a hundred yards down.

The street is an historic one; in it and opposite the church stood the Royal Fountain Hotel, once patronised by Elizabeth I and demolished by bombs on the night on June 1st, 1942, when nearly a fifth of the city was destroyed in the "Baedeker" raid. Further along is the Marlowe theatre, named after one of Canterbury's most famous sons, Christopher Marlowe, who was baptised in the nearby Church of St. George the Martyr, which, together with its chime of five bells, perished in the same blitz. It was in this same blitz, which in its own strange manner opened the way to a new chapter in the history of St. Margaret's Church, which in 1958 was reopened as a church and social centre for deaf people. Its three bells, long disused, were no longer required, and now, ten years after the reopening of the church, a most happy decision has been reached which will enable the three bells to be restored—each one in a different church. Such a friendly decision has not always been reached in the case of redundant bells in the Canterbury diocese, and the writer felt that it was worth writing a few lines to preserve their memory and the example it teaches.

PREMIER PARISH CHURCH

To the pilgrim approaching across the Marlowe car park, the splendid Victorian east end, by Sir Gilbert Scott, masks a hideous deformity of the church made a hundred years previously to facilitate the turning of coaches into the Royal Fountain. The small south-western tower of flint and ragstone rises at the end of the south aisle.

By right this is the Parish Church of Canterbury, and it has from a remote period been the premier Parish Church of England. Its tower, with which we are chiefly concerned, was part of the 14th century reconstruction of the building, and in it bells were hung. Formerly the ringers performed their service from the ground floor, but in 1850 a new newel stairway was constructed in a flint and brick turret to the west of the main tower, and thereafter the bells were sounded from upstairs, the ground floor being occupied by a fine new font.

Early records of the bells are scanty. In 1599. "We presented that our Bells are broken and cannot conveniently be rung, also our bells do want ropes. The Belfrie lofts are at reparacions and also there wanteth a ladder to go into the roomes where the bells do hange as heretofore there hath been . . ." The situation must have been speedily remedied, for in 1599 a bell was recast by Thomas Hatch, of Ulcombe. This bell was 27 inches in diameter and bore this inscription: BY ME THOMAS HATCH T M C W 1599, with a crowned rose below the date. In 1625 the two larger bells were recast by Thomas Hatch's son, Joseph. The inventory of 200 years previously gave three bells and a "wackerell" or sanctus; the latter has disappeared. At the 1599 recasting a new frame was installed, and this is all that is left today.

In spite of the provision of a new ringing stairway and chamber the bells were in a poor state, and Stahlschmidt, writing in 1887, remarked that the treble was hopelessly cracked. A revival of interest took place in 1902, and the Cathedral ringers were called into the tower to advise on the ringing of the bells. The report they issued to the authorities survives, and in it they mention that the treble was cracked and that the bell fittings and gear were hopelessly dilapidated. The ringing chamber was in a dirty and dangerous state.

To remedy this state of affairs, Mr. S. B. Goslin, of Bishopsgate, was called in. This gentleman was formerly the foreman of Messrs. John Warner and Sons Ltd., and later branched off by himself. To him we owe the rehanging of Great Dunstan of Canterbury Cathedral in 1892, and bells at St. Alphege's, Canterbury (two out of six), St. Paul's, Canterbury (tenor), Christ Church, Herne Bay (larger bell) and rehangings at Whitstable (six, since rehung again) and Hinxhill (two). Some impression of the general standard of his work may be gauged from the fact that when he recast two of the bells at Sellindge in 1906 the said bells were so poor that when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank augmented the ring in 1909 they had to be recast. His son later took over the business, and in the only rehangings of his that the writer has seen, Southfleet (6) and St. Martin's, Canterbury (3), the work was atrocious.

ST. MARGARET'S

At St. Margaret's he recommended that the two smaller bells be rehung for swing chiming and the tenor only for ringing, and a chiming apparatus fitted. The treble was to be recast, and while it was being lowered from the tower it broke in half. To pay for the recasting the Rector and wardens sold a bell by Robert Mot, dated 1597, which formerly hung in the disused Church of St. Andrew (demolished 1956). Mr. Goslin agreed to allow £20 for this, but later reduced the offer to £15. The treble was duly recast and the bells rehung as specified, the frame being strengthened.

The bells were hardly ever swung; the only bell with marked indentation is the tenor. In 1940 they were silenced, and after the blitz of 1942 the church lay windowless, forlorn and derelict. At the 1957–58 restoration it was proposed to scrap the bells but this was stopped. In 1965 the writer was invited to submit a report on them, and recommended that they be taken down and put to use, or else put on display.

ST. PETER'S

The desire of the Rector of St. Peter's to restore his chime of three bells early this year revived the authorities' interest in the bells, for he is also titular Rector of St. Margaret's. The bells were mentioned as being for disposal to certain interested parties, with the result that Miss H. Allcard, of Droxford, Hampshire, wrote offering to purchase the most suitable bell. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. decided that the second bell was most suitable. Meanwhile the Ashford District of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers were seeking a derelict bell, and it was a happy thought that the tenor was available, and the metal from this bell will form the treble at Newchurch, Kent, as a memorial to the late John Willis. The treble will form the treble of the chime of four at St. Peter's, Canterbury. Thus Newchurch will have a fine six made from a mediocre five by the recasting of the tenor, and St. Peter's will have a good chime of four by the addition of the treble; these works are being carried out by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd.

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The cost of producing "The Ringing World" has been greatly increased by badly-written copy which seriously delays the work of the typesetters. Our printers have requested that all copy should be typed, and to this the Editor has agreed. This means that where correspondents are unable to help he will have to type the report (double spacing).

For peals, special forms are available on application, and we hope that eventually all peal copy will be on these forms, with names in block letters.

Quarter peal copy is very bad. Very few correspondents follow the style used in the journal, viz.: Name of town or village and county; date; church dedication only if there is another with bells in town; name of ringer (followed in brackets by any footnote, i.e., first quarter, or conductor); number of bell; finally, very brief footnote. Have a "Ringing World" in front of you when you type or write your report. Each quarter, unless in the same tower, on a separate sheet.

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We are hoping, with this co-operation, to meet the new wage increases that have been granted. Please help us.

The bells were heard again, and for the last time, on November 18th. They were then lowered to the ground and the second taken for Droxford, under the genial direction of Mr. Eric Fowler, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. On the following day the writer, together with Messrs. Alan Berry and W. Beeching, took the treble and tenor to Whitechapel, loading being greatly facilitated by the kind loan of a breakdown lorry from Messrs. Caffyn's Motors, of Canterbury, kindly arranged by Mr. Derek Chatfield, captain of ringers at St. Dunstan's. Then it was off to London, a quick look at the splendid new frame for Newchurch which will eventually house the old tenor, and at the ancient bells from the Kent churches. So we left them, and the bells of St. Margaret's had parted company for ever.

THE BELLS

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Second (29¼ ins., 4¼ cwt. in C): IOSEPHVS HATCH ME FECIT (H) 1625 N N. (To Droxford, Hants.)

Tenor (32¼ ins., 6 cwt. in B flat): IOSEPHVS HATCH ME FECIT (H) 1625 D. E. (To Newchurch, Kent.)

The two larger bells retained their canons; the treble had a markedly angular shoulder and flat crown.

When these bells ring out again they will be vibrant witnesses to the power of resurrection, and the THE resurrection without which their ringing would have no meaning at all. Perhaps those who ring them would think awhile on these things and spare a thought for the silent world of those who need no bells to summon them, the deaf in their Church of St. Margaret, Canterbury, in whose tower their message has re-echoed down all the centuries, to the glory of God.

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"THIS is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." The words of the anthem came into my mind as our party made its way up the western escarpments of the Pennines on Saturday morning, October 5th. The day was mild and visibility was clear as we topped the 1,615 feet Ordnance Datum of White Moss and sped down past the site of the old Isle of Skye Inn on our way to Ecclesfield and the long-awaited yearly gathering of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain.

By invitation, this year's meeting was held at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, under the joint aegis of the Ecclesfield and Thurlstone Handbell Ringers, and the school hall was none too big for the 21 bands of ringers and their many friends and supporters who attended, over 300 persons in all.

61 MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Sixty-one musical arrangements were rendered by the performers present, and it will be appreciated that it is hardly possible to comment here on each individual item, but there were several outstanding performances well worthy of comment. The boys of the 1st Alton Boys' Brigade (Hants) opened the ringing with a spirited arrangement of "John Peel", which earned much merited applause; by the way, I should think that this band had travelled a longer distance than any other band present, and later on they played "The Lincolnshire Poacher" and "Hark, the herald angels sing" before leaving rather early for their long journey home.

Stokesay ringers followed the first-mentioned item with "Bells of Aberdovey", a nice arrangement, rung rather quietly I thought—they could improve by striking their bells more vigorously as the St. Mary Ringers of Sileby did in their selections, "Snow White" and "Minuet and Trio" from Mozart. Richard's Ringers from Gloucestershire rang three items, the best of which, I thought, was "Little Brown Jug" and, having a certain affinity with Scots and Scotland (too much, my wife would say!), I greatly appreciated "Scotland the Brave" rung by the Offenham ringers from Worcestershire, and also "Ye banks and braes", delicately rendered by Nicholas Newby and his band from St. Cuthbert's, Kirby-in-Furness.

Owing, I understand, to certain cattle having to be milked, one of the Thurlstone ringers was unable to be present until after the tea interval, but they made up for this by playing for us that spirited march "Under Freedom's Flag" and the "Waltz from Coppelia", followed by "Soldier's Dream" one after the other, which made an eminent start for the second half of the proceedings.

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

I enjoyed every item played by every band, but among others I thought were outstanding were Charnwood ringers' "Star of the Sea", the "Bourrée English Suite No. 2" (Bach) played by the Ealing ringers, "Selections from Sullivan" by Ecclesfield, "Bless this House" by the Ordsall band, and "Heather Bell Polka" by Norbury ringers. This last item was played by request of the Ealing ringers, and thereby nangs a tale. Ealing ringers played this arrangement for us at the first handbell ringers' gathering at Norbury School in October, 1966. It was so much enjoyed that a copy of the scores was made available for the Norbury ringers for transcription into their particular notation, which was entirely different to that used by Ealing ringers. It was not an easy task to accomplish but it was done, and to my way of thinking this action typifies the whole spirit of these gatherings of handbell ringers.

"Sans Soucie" by the young Ecclesfield Grammar School ringers was a nice item well played, as was also a bright little piece, "Lily Dale", by the Higher Walton ringers (by the way, is this the name of a young lady or the name of a small valley?), and those charming young ladies from Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School rendered a tuneful little piece called "Gentle Zittella" which was very pleasing. Mr. Newby and his Kirby-in-Furness ringers had been loaned a set of Dutch handbells on which they played "Yorkshire Bells". I liked this, and also "The Wedding" by Hunshelf ringers. The Octavius Wigram ringers from Essex played a spirited "Men of Harlech", although they had another name for this tune, but that is the better-known one, and I liked the "Serenade in A" by the band from St. Mary's, Scarborough, and also "Andantino" by the Hope Baptist Church ringers from Hebden Bridge, who were handicapped by the absence of their leader, Mr. Bungay, through indisposition.

SUBSTITUTE PROGRAMME

My own band from Moorside have never yet been able to field a full team at any of these yearly functions. This one was no exception, and the programme we had planned and carefully practised had to be abandoned and a substitute one hastily arranged. Our leader, Mr. Ivan Kay, was unable to be present owing to a tragic bereavement, and we were helped out by one of the young ladies from Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School with arrangements of "Men of Harlech" and William Gordon's lovely setting of "Home, Sweet Home", an old favourite of mine.

The ringing came to an end with a galop, "Orpheus in the Underworld", rung by the Ecclesfield Grammar School ringers, after which we said our goodbyes to old and new friends, resolved to meet again at Worcester in the spring of 1969. So ended another happy ringers' gathering, not without thanks being expressed to the Ecclesfield and Thurlstone ringers for their meticulous and excellent arrangements, and also not forgetting those in charge of the tea rooms. I have taken part in many a ringers' tea party, but never a better one than this: it can only be described as Yorkshire hospitality at its best! Thank you, one and all!

T. OGDEN.

Dublin University Guild in Devon

HAVING finished their exams, the Trinity ringers left their alma mater for their autumn ringing tour (October 3rd–7th). Assembling at Guildford, Surrey, on Thursday, October 3rd, we left the following morning for Devon — ten people in two cars, pressed like sardines. It was a long journey, with only one stop at Stonehenge, to South Petherton, where we had lunch à la Helen followed by a ringing practice in the local church.

The journey was then continued to "do" the first of the eight towers that we planned to visit that week-end. Late that afternoon we arrived at Totnes, where we were met by Mike who had arranged this most enjoyable tour and for which we all say a big "Thank you". A successful ring and on to Yelverton, where we were met in the Vicarage by Mr. and Mrs. Owen. The girls stayed in the Vicarage and the boys were farmed out. The nights were spent in relative quietness, except for Jonathan who had some "knotty problems" to solve.

The next morning we left for Whitchurch where, to the delight of the village—we hope!—we rang for one hour, from rounds to Cambridge Minor. Lunch was taken outside the picturesque little church of Brentor, situated high up on a rock. The meal was prepared by the girls and eaten by the men, this arrangement being, as we all know, the Dublin University Artful Dodge.

Finally, after 120s of Stedman Doubles, we left Brentor and drove to Plymouth to ring at Emmanuel and Plympton St. Mary. At Emmanuel we enjoyed a good touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Triples with members of the local band. Our final ring for the day was at Tavistock.

After Mass on Sunday morning we all had breakfast at the Vicarage and then set out for Plymouth to ring at St. Andrew's with the local ringers for service (Grandsire Caters). A short spin along Plymouth Harbour and the countryside around it preceded Dartmoor, which some were anxious to see. In the afternoon we rang at Sheepstor, followed by a lengthy walk up the mountains nearby, from where there is a wonderful view over Devon and Cornwall. In the evening we rang for evensong at Buckland Monachorum, Mike's home tower.

The close of our tour was marked by attending the harvest service at the parish church in Yelverton, followed by a sumptuous meal. Later that evening the boys prepared the sandwiches for the next day—and you should have seen the way they were prepared!

On Monday morning Charlie, Dorothy and Alice left for Dublin via Liverpool, giving Cecil and Helen a lift to Exeter. Jonathan's wife, Mike (?), went by 'plane to Dublin, that snob! Apparently he didn't trust Alice's or Dorothy's driving. The rest of us, i.e., Geraldine, Jenny, Jonathan and David, headed for Guildford. On our way there we stopped at Yarcombe, at Jenny's express wish, because she was anxious to ring some more bells. For lunch we selected a nice place with plenty of sunshine, which led David to remark: "Why does the sun shine on the English?!" After a short stop at Salisbury Cathedral we arrived in Hindhead, where the party finally broke up.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Hubert and Mrs. Winnett for letting us stay at their homes in Surrey, and to Mr. and Mrs. Owen for their hospitality while we were in Yelverton. Without exception we were received everywhere in a most friendly fashion, and we were most impressed by the ease with which all the bells we handled in Devon may be rung.

"DR. STARKERS."

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION WITH SELBY DISTRICT

The November meeting of the Eastern District was held jointly with the Selby and District Society at Thorne.

Arrangements for the meeting had met with difficulties. Tea could not be provided at short notice and the 19 or so people who had booked were entertained at the home of Mr. T. Leaske. A service could not be held and the business meetings, attended by 26 ringers, were held jointly in church, presided over by Mr. V. Bottomley in the absence of Mr. A. Sheppard, who had attended the afternoon ringing.

Two new members were elected — Misses Christine Rose and Helen Goode, of St. Mary's, Beverley.

Some quite good ringing was enjoyed on the eight bells during the day, ranging through standard methods to spliced Surprise.

R. D.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS. — On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Audrey Cooper (first quarter) 1, K. Brown 2, A. Haseldine 3, R. Haseldine 4, D. Coxhill 5, B. R. Eglesfield (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday.

Letters

BOB MAJOR WITH SINGLES

Dear Sir,—Re the two peals of Plain Bob Major on page 960, when I was experimenting with figures in the late '20s Joe Dyke asked me if I could get a composition of Plain Bob Major with singles. I did. Another composed the same thing and it was rung in the late '20s or early '30s The second peal is after the style of George Williams' 5,376 Plain Bob Major in the C.C. Collection, with singles used instead of bobs.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Milverton, Somerset.

NEW MONEY-RAISING IDEA

Dear Sir,—I do like good striking, whether I am in it or not, but up North here it is getting worse and, believe me, I think the main cause of it is what we are ringing and not how we are ringing. I beg all of you attached to our paper to peruse the number of firsts—first this, first that, first the other—anything for publicity!

There should be a levy or fee on all firsts you publish. I am sure that it would help your finances more than an appeal for prompt payment.—Yours, etc.,

J. BURGESS.

Friezland, near Oldham.

METRICATION

Dear Sir,—Whilst Mr. Threlfall may be premature in sending in a peal giving the weight of the tenor in kilogrammes the time is surely not far distant when the use of metric weights and other metric measures will be unavoidable?

In a few years' time the distance between towers will be measured in kilometres, new bell ropes will be ordered "X" metres in length, the after-peal quenchers in the local will be bought in litres with decimal coinage and to really add to the confusion the vital statistics of the National Belfry Queen for 1975 will be approximately 910–615–910 millimetres.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD J. BOWDEN.

Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

RINGERS IN GERMANY

Dear Sir,—The recent article on the Llandaff and Monmouth Association brought back happy memories of ringing there.

We are four ringers here at Windsor Boys' School, Hamm, Germany — no bells, unfortunately. In addition to myself there are the school chaplain, the Rev. J. J. Fielding, most of whose ringing was with the Irish Association and who will at Easter be returning to England to take up an appointment at St. Edward's School, Oxford: Mr. Brian Kingston, whose main ringing activities were when he was at Cardiff University; and Mr. Chris Fulford, who learnt to ring at Winchester Cathedral.—Yours sincerely,

JACK WORRALL.

Hamm. B.F.P.O. 20.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: F. Absolom 1, Jane Paget 2, J. Leary 3, Glenda Emmett 4, A. Pearce 5, V. Fox 6, G McIlhone (cond.) 7, R. Cobb 8. Rung after Communion service on the 94th birthday of Miss Nellie Starman, regular communicant and former bellringer.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY AT WORCESTER

In accordance with time-honoured tradition, Nottingham University Society took a week-end off from their normal round of Sunday service ringing and sought "pastures new" in which to display their talents. This year their chosen target was Worcester, which was subsequently invaded on the week-end of November 30th–December 1st.

Two somewhat overladen vehicles left Nottingham early on Saturday morning and arrived in time to ring at our first tower, Kempsey. The "motorway" party, having proved conclusively to the "Birmingham route" party the superiority of their itinerary, were able to partake of necessary lubrication at the Crown before ringing. While enjoying Kempsey's ring of six we met Mr Fred Pugh, whom we helped to ring for a wedding at our next tower in Hallow. Mr. Pugh was kind enough to accompany us to our next two towers at Grimley, where Double Bob proved nearly too much for those who like their methods "conventional", and Shrawley, where London Minor was successfully brought round in a church where the angles of its walls seem to indicate imminent collapse!

So to Ombersley where, cheered or mortified by the football results, we perhaps rang this heavy-going six too fast to do them justice. In the rapidly-gathering gloom we made our way to Evesham, where we joined the Worcestershire and Districts' monthly practice at the bell tower Here methods up to Stedman Cinques were rung on the lovely 12. What a pity they have no regular service band to ring them! "And so to bed", in the homely atmosphere of the Loch Ryan Hotel, Worcester.

Sunday began on a high note—methods up to Stedman Cinques on the glorious 12 of Worcester Cathedral, followed by ringing for matins on the ten in the pleasant Georgian Church of All Saints. Then followed three rings in the best tradition of country sixes—Leigh, Suckley and Powick—all of them heavy, sonorous and slow, bells which punish the unskilled and hurried but invariably reward good ringing with a noble, dignified and melodic sound.

From here back to Worcester by way of the most memorable ring of the week-end at Broadwas, where Doubles methods were rung on what proved to be a pleasant five—once one had untied the strings on the clappers, dug newspaper out of the guide holes and become accustomed to the middle three bells having approximately the same note! Here the party split, some to ring for evensong at St. Swithun's, Worcester, now rendered ringable, and others for home, stopping to ring at St. Nicholas', Warwick, for evensong on the way.

Our thanks to tower captains and incumbents, many of whom took the trouble to come and meet us, and to Mr. Paul Cattermole, who "parleyed with the natives" on our behalf—and very efficiently, too. H. J. B.

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OBITUARY

FUNERAL OF Mr. G. G. ("SMOKER") WALPOLE

The funeral of Mr Godfrey George Walpole, of Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, whose death on November 29th was reported in our last issue, was largely attended on December 3rd. Colleagues of the Norwich Diocesan Association from all parts of Norfolk and from the Suffolk Guild were in a congregation which filled Norton Parish Church.

While the congregation was assembling half-muffled touches were rung on the bells, ending with the whole pull and stand as the cortege arrived at the church.

The first part of the service was taken by the Rev. James Gilchrist, Rural Dean of Loddon, and the Rev. A. Glendenning, Rector of Norton Subcourse, offered prayers and took the committal. Their colleague, Rev. James Cummins, was in the procession, together with Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and the Rev. Peter Bond, priest-in-charge of St. James' Church, Great Yarmouth.

In an address Canon Thurlow recalled his first ringing at Norton Subcourse in August, 1947—such a happy gathering, and "Smoker" was very largely responsible for the happy and enthusiastic spirit that prevailed. "He soon began telling me of the project for rehanging these bells which, with a new steel frame, was completed four years ago. It demanded courage, faith, imagination and leadership. All these he showed and instilled into his friends.

"So he and his friends have won a place in the long history of Norton, which includes the names of William Brend, of Norwich, who cast a bell here in 1593; Wm. and Alice Brend, who cast others here in 1620 and 1622, and Thomas Newman, who cast another in 1730

"'Smoker' was involved in much more than the life of Norton, where he was Ringing Master for 36 years following the death of his father. He was also Master of the Eastern Branch of the Association, in which he practised the team idea amongst parishes long before others thought of it.

"The resurrection of the body means that the individual continues to exist despite the disappearance of his bodily shape. Believing this, we can believe that the life of 'Smoker' Walpole, like all who pass as pilgrims through this strange mortal life, continues to be in company with the source of all beauty, truth and goodness and with all who because they are of the truth hear His voice."

A keen churchman, he had spent all his life in the locality. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter, to whom the deepest sympathy is extended.

After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples "in hand" was rung at the graveside by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow 1-2, Barry Pickup 3-4, Edwin R. Goate 5-6 and H. William Barrett 7-8. Following the service a quarter peal of 1,260 Minor, half-muffled, was rung on the church bells by N. P. J. Cossey 1, J. W. Forder 2, F. G. Santon 3, Tom Brock 4, E. A. Long 5, H. W. Barrett (conductor) 6.

WORLE, SOM.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. Lewis 1, R. Jones 2, J. Lambard 3, Miss M. Legg 4, G. Prescot (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Williams, for many years a member of the choir

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Jasper Snowdon writes on William Harrison for "The Bell News"

THIS week I propose to deal with the career of William Harrison; at least, I shall let Jasper W. Snowdon do the dealing and I will copy him out. Although our art is built upon tradition, few of us have had the opportunity of handling, let alone studying, the classic works on bellringing. We have all heard of Fabian Stedman but few of us know his story, and fewer still have any idea of what he wrote apart from the names of the volumes. We have recently had two extremely interesting articles on the authorship of "Tintinnalogia", but the contents of that volume are a closed book to us. The feats of such men as Harrison may seem small beer to the ringers of today, but we stand upon the shoulders of our predecessors, and it may well be that if these stalwarts had not pursued the art with zest ringers of the present would not be attempting "50-spliced Maximus". I therefore make no apology for presenting one of the giants of the past as seen through the eyes of a later and much better known giant.

WILLIAM HARRISON—A MEMOIR

By JASPER W. SNOWDON

In a former issue of this paper a list was given showing the number of peals in which William Harrison, whose name is so well known to the Exercise in connection with some of the best compositions in the Treble Bob method, took part. One generation of ringers so quickly succeeds another that in many cases the performances accomplished in one generation are lost sight of by the next; and it may thus be that, although known as a composer, but few of the practitioners of the present day have been fully aware of the close acquaintance which William Harrison had with the practical art of ringing. Not many ringers have left behind them such a record of peals accomplished, and indeed such a record, compiled between the years 1840–60, means a much greater undertaking than it would do to equal or even exceed it at the present time, when the increased number of churches which contain bells and the increase of facilities for travelling from place to place are taken into consideration.

William Harrison was born at Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, on September 26th, 1820, and at the age of six years, being left an orphan, was taken into the care of his uncle, Robert Shaw, of Mottram. Mr. Shaw, being a ringer and composer, his nephew was thus, doubtless at a very early age, brought into contact with the art, of which he proved such a devoted admirer and to the study of which he devoted abilities and an amount of perseverance that his name will ever be remembered in connection with the "Art of Change-ringing". By reference to the list of peals given it will be seen that William Harrison accomplished his first on November 4th, 1838, when in his 19th year, and that the last peal on the list, the 85th in which he took part, was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on February 28th, 1874. These 85 performances consisted of the following different peals and varied in number from 5,000 to 9,600 changes:

One Kent Treble Bob Maximus, one Grandsire Cinques, five Kent Treble Bob Royal, two Grandsire Caters, 58 Kent Treble Bob Major, two Bob Major, three Grandsire Major, one Stedman Triples, 12 Grandsire Triples.

It will thus be seen that the list comprises peals upon seven, eight, nine, ten, 11 and 12 bells. Of these Mr. Harrison conducted 28 of the peals of Treble Bob Major, both those of Bob Major and one of the Stedman Triples. The 85 peals were rung at 19 different churches. Twenty-six were accomplished at Mottram, 20 at the neighbouring town of Hyde, nine at Stalybridge, seven at Ashton and six at Glossop. To the kind assistance of William Harrison the first bands of change-ringers at Hyde and Stalybridge were indebted for their instructions; the teaching of young bands was indeed with him a labour of love, as for the many hours spent in the instruction of beginners he never would accept the slightest pecuniary remuneration. For his kind offices at Hyde the ringers, however, insisted on presenting him with a watch and guard.

After living at Mottram until 1864, William Harrison, who was brought up and continued all his life to work as a shoemaker, removed to Saddleworth, where he continued to reside until the day of his death. With this change, and an alteration in the state of his health, his career as a practical ringer may almost be said to have come to an end, as in the years from 1865 to 1874 he only took part in six more peals.

Although the number is about to be augmented to eight, the tower of Saddleworth Church only contained six bells and, although very friendly with the ringers, William Harrison was never much given to practise as a 6-bell ringer, the only performance worth noting in which he took part at this church being a "Crown Bob" in seven different variations, which length (composed by James Platt, of Saddleworth) he conducted. A "Crown Bob" is the performance of the 720 true changes on six bells, composed in a variety of methods, the ringers leaving one method and taking up another at a signal from the conductor.

After suffering a good deal during the latter years of his life from ill-health, William Harrison was seized with a fit when returning from his work on the evening of January 21st, 1880, never rallied, and died on the following day, January 22nd. He was interred in Mottram Churchyard on Saturday, January 24th. On July 9th, 1881, a monument which had been erected over his grave in Mottram Churchyard by the voluntary contributions of his brother ringers and friends was duly dedicated to his memory.

It may be said that it will doubtless be as a composer that his claims to remembrance will be recognised by future generations. Appearing first as a composer at the age of 18 years, the spare moments of a lifetime were afterwards given to the pursuit of this science, with the result that in the art of composition in his favourite system of Treble Bob he obtained a greater variety of excellent peals in different systems than has hitherto been obtained by any other composer. Besides a variety of peals of various lengths up to and including several of 10,000 changes in the ordinary method of Treble Bob, he obtained a large number of peals of 5,000 changes in the same method, upon entirely new plans and with distinctly different peculiarities to any already composed. In 1876 he was fortunate enough to surpass the greatest length until then obtained in this method with the tenors together, and until this length is surpassed it may be said, without hesitation, that the name of William Harrison can never be forgotten. He it was who first obtained the full extent with the tenors together (6,720 changes) in the critical method of London Surprise Major; he also first obtained similar peals in the methods of Violet and Cumberlands Exercise Major and in the less-known method of Merchant's Return Major. Besides these peals he obtained the extent with the tenors together (13,440 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and composed several peals of Grandsire Cinques, Grandsire Major, etc.

Having already alluded to the willingness of William Harrison to assist young hands in their practical difficulties, a harder task remains in the endeavour to do justice to his endeavours to assist those who were making the proof or composition of peals their study. To such he was indeed of the greatest assistance, ever ready to spend any amount of his time in the investigation or explanation of their difficulties, and always willing to communicate to others the full extent of his own knowledge on any subject whatever. If any man ever showed an entire absence of that jealous fear of benefiting others by imparting information to them, which is so often displayed by those whose acquaintance with such matters is of so much less value, it was the subject of this memoir. For his assistance and communicativeness to others, all generations, through the present, will ever remain indebted to the "genius and skill" of William Harrison.

Next time, gentle reader, with the Editor's permission, I will deal with the Important Law Case of Stainbank v. Beckett in the Sittings at Nisi Prius at Westminster in the Lords' Justices' Court, before Mr. Baron Huddleston and a Special Jury. Until then—adieu.

CHESHIRE DELIGHT.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery A.G.M.

Visitors from Sidmouth and the Axbridge, Taunton and Bridgwater Branches joined the Chew Branch for their annual meeting at Wrington (10) on December 7th. The Association service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. John Vine, after which tea was served in the Memorial Hall to a company of 41 members and friends by Mrs. Kingcott and her helpers.

The officers of the Branch were re-elected without change as follows: Chairman, H. W. Knight; Ringing Master, L. Derrick; deputy Ringing Masters, J. Brain and S. G. Smith; hon. secretary, D. G. Yeo; "Ringing World" correspondent, J. Brain.

Meetings were agreed, subject to permission, at Nailsea (March, quarterly), with practice meetings at Publow (January) and Clapton-in-Gordano (February).

Four new members from Kingston Seymour and one from Winford were elected, together with the Dean of Wells as an associate member.

A very full discussion followed on ways of making practice meetings more effective, and the meeting resolved that the officers should circulate all towers in the Branch with proposals for improvements or alterations as thought necessary.

Further ringing, with methods up to Cambridge Royal, followed the conclusion of the meeting.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Carol Stacey (first Treble Bob) 1, K. Sansom 2, Mary White 3, K. Tipper 4, K. Waller 5, B. Walton (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

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HIGHER WALTON, LANCS. — On Nov. 29th, 1,968 Plain Bob Minor: M. G. Mansley 1, Ruth Mansley 2, Margaret E. Crossthwaite 3, L. Burrow 4, W. Mansley 5, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6. First date touch by all the band.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: I. Wiltshire 1, Louise Powell 2, N. Bennett 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Mackman (first quarter) 1, Gill May 2, P. Saunders 3, A. Hunter 4, H. Arthur 5, D. A. R. May (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Arthur on his retirement.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—At Barstable School, on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles "in hand": G. Gray (aged 13) 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, A. Gibbs (13, first quarter attempt) 5-6. By the Barstable School Society

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Dafters 1, Pam E. Gough 2, Freda Cannon 3, D. E. Beach 4, Mrs. Christine B. Shiers 5, S. A. Nicholls 6, P. W. Cave (cond.) 7, I. B. McLeish (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation service.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. A. Quilter 1, C. J. Barker 2, R. Threadgold (first Stedman) 3, A. R. Syder 4, P. G. Brown 5, H. G. Felton 6, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 7, C. H. Gillingham 8. For Evensong, and to welcome the Rev. Norman Thorpe, curate-in-charge, St. Paul's, and his wife.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (with 6, 7 covering): J. Shields 1, A. R. M. MacKenzie 2, C. E. S. Hall 3, R. Corson 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, P. W. Brown 6, D. F. Lane 7. First quarter 1 and 7.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 23rd, at St. George's Church, 1,249 Doubles (nine methods): H. C. Goss (first in more than one method) 1, S. J. Bateman 2, M. J. K. Griffiths 3, Helen Kirkpatrick 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, N. A. Dawson 6. Most methods for all. In honour of Roy Fuller's being elected Oxford Professor of Poetry.

CHART SUTTON, KENT.—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: Violet I. Ring 1, E. Clifton 2, R. C. Offen 3, D. C. Manger 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, J. R. Cooper 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. John Elson, priest-in-charge of this parish.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Leppard 1, R. P. Sherlock 2, N. S. Butcher 3, R. J. Everest 4, M. W. Thompson 5, B. E. Jeffrey 6, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 7, P. R. Everest 8. Rung to the memory of Charlie Aylward.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX. — On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Leslie Tibbitts (first quarter) 1, G. Walker 2, P. Dickinson 3, D. Tovell (first in method) 4, M. Wareing (first attempt as cond.) 5, T. Willis 6.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, A. D. Collins (cond.) 2, D. Head (first quarter of Triples) 3, R. S. Lyons 4, P. R. Johnson 5, A. G. Richards 6, J. D. R. Smith 7, H. E. Green 8. For Evensong on Advent Sunday.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Massey 1, Miss G. E. Thomas 2, Miss A. Whaley 3, D. R. L. Jones 4, A. J. Harrison 5, R. T. Wakefield (cond.) 6. Rung by University of Leicester Society.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Beeson 1, H. Mackman 2, P. Saunders 3, D. Stacey 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, A. Tidy 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: N. G. T. Steere (first Cinques as cond.) 1, Mrs. C. Foster 2, R. Davies 3, E. W. Razzell 4, M. Parry 5, G. Fisher 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, N. Brown 8, K. Taber 9, C. M. Foster 10, R. C. Stevens 11, A. Brown 12.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. E. Butler (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. M. Baines 2, A. E. W. Baines 3, A. Gardner 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, R. Johnson 6. For Evensong and for the christening of Kerry Lynn Penfold, granddaughter of ringer of 5.

DONCASTER, YORKS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,472 Glasgow Surprise Major: R. A. Smith 1, M. G. Dodson 2, W. E. Critchley 3, J. J. Durham 4, C. Forster 5, J. P. Ottoway 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Price (cond.) 8. First Glasgow for 2, 4, 5 and 6.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: J. Guest 1, R. Birch 2, B. Holland 3, A. Friskney 4, W. Holland 5, L. Smith 6, D. Holland 7, T. W. Senior (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. K. Lewis.

QUARTER PEALS

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sutton 1, B. E. Jeffrey 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 4, Miss P. Sutton 5, R. J. Everest 6, G. S. E. Winter 7, P. R. Everest 8. For Advent Sunday.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob): J. Piron 1, Rosemary Hartley 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, R. P. Wood 4, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 5, A. D. Norman 6. First in three methods 2, 4 and 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Harris (first of Minor) 1, C. Ward 2, A. Butler 3, A. Richardson 4, P. Foot 5, L. Tubb (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (six methods: Bristol, London, Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire): D. N. Jennings 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, A. D. Elsmore 3, R. S. Bradley 4, S. G. Ponting 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, T. Page 8. For Evensong.

IDE, DEVON. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela C. Hughes 1, K. A. Hughes 2, P. K. Goodhew (cond.) 3, D. Atkins 4, M. S. Turner 5, D. H. S. Richardson (first quarter) 6. Rung for the St. Luke's Dinner.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): I. Desborough 1, T. J. Southam 2, R. L. Arnold 3, Mrs. H. Y. Price 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Harding 6. Rung by the local band, with congratulations to Sir Charles Trinder on being elected Lord Mayor of London.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOM. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pople 1, E. Baker 2, D. Willis 3, R. Luxton 4, W. Neath (cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Mrs. A. E. Harris, mother of a member of the local band.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Annas 1, A. J. Smith (cond.) 2, Pauline Smith 3, N. D. Robinson 4, P. Ford 5, D. W. James 6.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): N. Cox 1, Louise Evans 2, A. Fortin 3, D. Whitlock (first as cond.) 4, R. Mitchell 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Jennifer A. Dunning 1, Shirley E. Ruddlesden 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, Angela M. Wright 4, R. D. Bailey 5, P. G. Holden 6, R. C. Woodward 7, P. Bosworth 8, R. D. Mills 9, T. G. Pett (cond.) 10. First on ten 1, 7. First Yorkshire 2, 6, 8. Rung by U.L.S.C.R. for Evensong.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's Church, Foster Lane, on Nov. 17th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): P. Bosworth 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Jennifer A. Dunning 3, J. V. P. Lochner 4, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. G. Holden 6. Rung by U.L.S.C.R. for morning service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, M. Taylor 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Ellis (first quarter) 1, W. R. Manser 2, Patricia Cross 3, M. L. Howe 4, T. A. Cross 5, S. A. B. Wigg (cond.) 6. Aslo on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Ellis 1, Jane Guilder (first quarter) 2, M. Pring 3, M. L. Howe 4, S. A. B. Wigg (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. Half-muffled.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 27th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. Roaf 1, Margaret Aslett 2, R. Turner 3, M. Scowen 4, G. Heyes 5, B. Lawes 5, A. Bolton (cond.) 7, H. Rossell 8.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Palmer (cond.) 1, P. Goodwin 2, Mrs. E. Peachey 3, S. Potts (first quarter) 4, W. Dodds 5, J. Simpson 6. A compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. C. Hughes on the birth of a son on November 22nd, 1968.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. V. Barnard 1, G. H. Terris 2, R. M. Thompson (first in method) 3, E. C. Stuart (first in method) 4, G. K. Terris (first as cond.) 5, K. Bartill 6. For service.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Care 1, S. Elliott 2, R. Coley 3, W. Care 4, T. Deacon 5, B. Care (cond.) 6, R. Eady 7, H. de la Haye Davies 8. For Evensong.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Vessey (first quarter) 1, A. E. Chilton 2, H. Mabbott (first "inside") 3, Margaret E. Chilton 4, H. Stevenson 5, F. G. Hooper 6, P. Raithby (first as cond.) 7, J. W. Raithby 8. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: J. A. Raithby 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, P. Raithby 3, J. W. Raithby 4, C. F. Briggs 5, A. E. Chilton 6, H. Stevenson 7, F. G. Hooper 8, P. Wakefield (first as cond.) 9, H. Mabbott 10. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Mabbott 1, Margaret E. Chilton (first as cond.) 2, P. Raithby 3, C. F. Briggs 4, A. E. Chilton 5, F. G. Hooper 6, H. Stevenson 7, J. W. Raithby 8. All rung for Gopher.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hutcheson (first quarter) 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, P. A. Butler 3, R. Weeks 4, J. D. Cheesman 5, H. J. Payne (cond.) 6. Rung by S.U.G.C.R. for the birthday of the ringer of 1.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At the University, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. H. Stone (first "in hand") 1-2, Susan E. M. Davis 3-4, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 5-6. Rung by S.U.G.C.R.

SWAYTHLING, HANTS.—At Connaught Hall, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Weeks (first "in hand") 1-2, H. N. Evans 3-4, J. D. Cheesman (first "in hand" and as cond.) 5-6. By S.U.G.C.R.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: June Ashton (first quarter) 1, Mary Mann 2, Sheila Smith (cond.) 3, S. Ashton 4, C. Mann 5, A. Smith 6.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Plain Bob): N. P. J. Cossey 1, J. W. Forder 2, F. C. Gunton 3, T. Brock 4, E. A. Long 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of Godfrey G. Walpole.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. J. Strange 1, D. Cooper 2, B. Benstead 3, R. Benstead 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, R. Allsworth 6. First quarter 1, 2. For Advent Sunday.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Nov. 10th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: M. Spencer 1, G. Cowlin 2, B. Branston 3, G. Oliver 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Remembrance Sunday, and in gratitude to Mrs. German for a gift of a new bell rope.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Tipper (first Triples) 1, Carol Stacey 2, K. Tipper 3, J. Maybrey 4, R. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly (cond.) 6, B. Walton 7, A. Betsworth 8. For Evensong, and to mark the birth of a daughter to Bernard and Sheila Gambrill.

RANDWICK, GLOS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Taylor 1, M. H. Simpson 2, Miss S. Cornock 3, R. Watts (cond.) 4, R. Cornock 5, A. R. Barnett 6. For Advent Sunday Evensong.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At St. Chad's Church, on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brierley 1, L. K. Miller 2, Christine Broadley 3, J. Meadowcroft 4, B. M. Boardman 5, J. P. Partington (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 1st, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, B. Coley 4, C. Hancock 5, L. Nice 6. To mark the start of the Rev. G. E. Jarrold's ninth year of ministry at Rougham.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Evans 1, R. H. Newton 2, P. J. Evans 3, M. J. Orman 4, P. C. Stockem 5, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 6, E. F. Wilcox 7, D. V. Smith (first quarter, aged 14) 8. First Triples 1 and 5.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX.—On Dec. 8th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gloria Simpson 1, Ammette Bradbury 2, D. F. Willcocks (first Minor "inside") 3, W. Wainwright 4, J. Witham 5, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 6. For the annual toy service.

STAFFORD.—On Dec. 8th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: Robert J. Warrilow 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Jennifer Beech 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, F. Beech 5, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 6, N. Holland 7, R. A. Partridge 8. For Evensong.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, Deborah Bishop 2, A. S. Bishop 3, A. J. Hampton 4, J. R. Pratt 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, R. D. Bing 8. For Evensong on the 25th anniversary of Rev. Edwin V. Rhys' induction as Vicar.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

In the peal of Surprise Minor at Burstwick (page 971) the ringer of the fourth was Andrew Slade and not as stated.

The annual dinner of the Bristol University Society of Change Ringers will be held at Arno's Court Hotel and not as printed on page 937 The date is January 25th.

Mr. Timothy G. Pett writes that the figures of Welford Surprise Major on page 873 do not give a regular method, let alone one of Group B

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Ilchester Branch A.G.M.

The Ilchester Branch A.G.M. was held on December 9th at St. Michael's Church, East Coker. Ringing started at 3 p.m. and the Vicar (the Rev. G. Mullard) conducted the Guild service, with Miss Mary Baker as organist.

In his address the Vicar spoke of the "talent" given to bellringers and the importance of their duty in ringing to call people to worship, even if the message often fell on deaf ears. He welcomed the Branch and thanked them for coming to his church. The collection was donated to the East Coker Bell Fund.

An excellent tea followed, prepared by Mrs. Foot and her lady helpers, and the pleasant warmth of the British Legion Room greatly added to the enjoyment. The business meeting followed, at which there was a good attendance.

Officials elected for 1969 were: Chairman, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton); vice-chairmen, Mr. T. J. Setter (Yeovil), Mr. Gilbert Rendell and Mr. W. E. Turner (Hardington Mandeville); Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Rendell (Montacute); assistant Ringing Master, Mr. E. T. Paul Field (Sutton tower); hon. secretary and diocesan representative, Mrs. M. M. Legget, Coker Hill, West Coker (Montacute tower).

The hon. secretary reported a successful year, and the report and accounts were adopted. New members elected were Richard C. Goodwin (West Coker), Lawrence J. Harris (Preston) and the Rev. A. T. Budgett, Michael Pollard and Mr. Pollard (Somerton). Certificates were presented to Ricky Goodwin and Harry Wheeler.

The chairman read a tribute from Mr. R. Chedzoy on the new Odcombe treble, and the meeting agreed that the achievement of Mr. Reg Guppy and his helpers should be recorded in the minutes.

Subject to consent being obtained from the incumbents, the towers for 1969 will be Chilton Cantelo, Martock, Long Sutton, Haselbury Plucknett, Kingsdon, Chiselborough, South Petherton, Langport, Montacute, High Ham, Norton-sub-Hamdon or Preston Plucknett and West Coker for the A.G.M.

There is to be a buffet supper with skittles, etc., for ringers, their families and friends at the Devonshire Arms, Long Sutton, on Shrove Tuesday, February 18th, at 7/6 per head, for which early application is requested.

A number of towers within the Branch will be visited by request to help existing bands to have some ringing on Christmas Eve.

The Branch has had a pleasant and successful year and is indeed grateful to all incumbents, tower masters, organists, tea ladies and others for their help and encouragement.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting on the good-going 13 cwt. Bilbie eight, under the direction of the Ringing Master, and included rounds, Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Triples, Cambridge Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. M.L.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rank are leaving England for Kenya. Their address is Machakos School, Machakos, Kenya. Their many friends wish them well.

QUARTER PEALS

SUTTERTON, LINCS.—On Nov 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 1, R. Stephenson 2, W. E. Clarke 3, P. H. Reynolds 4, H. Barsley 5, A. E. Flatters 6, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 7, J. H. Taylor 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Emmett 1, P. J. Mayne 2, C. W. Hollis 3, J. L. Anderton 4, P. K. Goodhew 5, M. S. Turner (first Grandsire Triples) 5, F. Wreford (cond.) 6, P. Cork 8. For Evensong.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: Liz C. Duncan 1, Jane Chapman 2, Susan F. Thomas (first "inside" of Maximus) 3, June Whitcher 4, Jane Darby 5, Glynis E. Perry 6, Laura M. Grindrod 7, E. T. Newnham 8, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, J. Murfitt 11, R. E. J. Dennis 12. First Maximus 5, 6, 7 and 11. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Nov. 24th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Frances J. N. Brown 1, M. J. Dew (first "inside") 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, G. W. Elmes 4, R. G. W Robertson (cond.) 5, C. T. Brown 6. For Evensong.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. W. Gadd (first quarter) 1, M. R. Spencer 2, J. R. Charlton 3, W. J. Riley 4, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 5, A. J. Dolby 6.

WILLOUGHBY, WARKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. L. Mitchell 1, D. M. Gealy 2, S. G. Ivens 3, F. W. Hancock 4, R. J. Hancock (cond.) 5, C. J. Jarvis 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of G. H. Hancock, who died August 29th, 1968.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. F. E. Hall 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, J. M. Roffe 3, R. Brighton (first Cambridge) 4, L. Brighton 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. First of Surprise by a local band. For morning service. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Brighton 1, P. D. Gray (first "inside") 2, L. Brighton 3, D. F. E. Hall 4, R. Brighton 5, J. M. Roffe (cond.) 6. Rung on the christening day of Catherine Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. E. Hall.

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Rung at Bridstow on December 7th.

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DISAPPOINTMENT FOR SUFFOLK VILLAGE

The village of Kersey, near Hadleigh, Suffolk, has saved its six ancient bells (one dated 1576) by raising nearly £3,000 in three years. But now it is discovered that when restored the bells cannot be rehung until the best part of £20,000 is spent on strengthening the tower.

The job of raising the £20,000, recommended by the diocesan architect as being needed to repair the fabric of the church, generally has been acknowledged as too big for the village to achieve. A general public appeal will be launched in January.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Geo E. Thoday has rung 100 peals for the Essex Association.

Mr. Walter Ayre celebrated his 77th birthday by conducting a peal of Surprise Minor in 19 methods at Apsley End on December 9th.

The Editor's mother entered her 100th year on December 11th. A weekly visit on a Sunday afternoon to the nursing home at Woking brings her contact with "The Ringing World" as seen through the Editor's eyes.

Mr. P. H. Barnwell has completed 50 years as a ringer and chorister at Dunchurch, Warwickshire. He took part in a congratulatory quarter on December 1st.

Dublin University Guild concluded the Michaelmas term with a visit to one of their "adopted" pubs outside Dublin, where they ate legs of chicken Henry VIII style. There was a party of 20.

Mr. C. Aldhous has completed 50 years as a ringer at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich. He conducted a complimentary quarter on December 8th.

Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell, of 32, Lower Drayton Lane, Portsmouth, PO6 2HA, is compiling a record of ringers who have rung 25 quarters or more during 1968. He would like number rung and conducted this year and total to date.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton are sailing on December 30th for a three months' holiday in South Africa. Shirley rang in a "bon voyage" peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Leicester Cathedral on December 9th.

The Editor acknowledges a beautiful Christmas card of the Anglican Cathedral, Salisbury, Rhodesia, from the Rhodesian Guild of Bell Ringers. He reciprocates fully the good wishes for peace in 1969 in this troubled corner of the world.

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LAW WITH REGARD TO BELLS

Mr. David J. Gay, of Weston-Super-Mare, sends us the following extract from Troyte's "The Change Ringers' Guide to the Steeples of England", published 1879, setting out the law with regard to church bells.

"Though Churchwardens have a general power to manage everything connected with the fabric, this does not include the right to interfere with the bells, so far as to decide *independently* of the Minister when they shall be rung for purposes not directly connected with the summoning of the parishioners to worship. It may be taken to be perfectly clear law, that the Churchwardens have no power whatever to order that the bells shall be rung on this or that occasion, without the permission of the Minister."

The following paragraphs are taken from "The Book of Church Law," by Rev. J. Blunt and W. Phillimore, D.C.L.

"The Vicar or Rector alone has any legal right to the keys of the . . . belfry . . . and no one can legally use them for entrance thereto except by his permission. In cases where churchwardens have . . . in any way obtained access to the . belfry without the permission of the incumbent, they have been severely censured by the judges, and condemned in costs" (page 271).

"Access cannot be had to the belfry, nor can the bells be rung without his (the incumbent's) consent.

"The bells of a certain place were rung contrary to the express order of the Vicar, the doors of the belfry being broken open for the purpose. The ringers were prosecuted, and condemned in costs: but being unable to pay, remained in prison for five weeks" (page 323).

A LOSS TO CLEVEDON, SOMERSET

The ringers at Clevedon Parish Church, Somerset, have lost one of their stalwarts by the departure of Mr. L. J. Atkins. Mr. and Mrs. Atkins, who had lived in the town for over 40 years, had been hosts at the annual New Year's Eve ringers' supper.

During most of his long residence in Clevedon, Mr. Atkins was a member of the church choir and was also choirmaster until the post was combined with that of organist. He took to bellringing later, quickly mastered the principles of change-ringing and was a constant and reliable member of the band.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins' only son, Alec, with his wife and family, live at Malton in the North Riding of Yorkshire, and the parents decided to move north so as to be near to their relatives. They have made their new home in the village of Huntington, a few miles north of York City, having left Clevedon with the good wishes of countless friends in the West Country.

BEDFORDSHIRE MARRIED COUPLES' QUARTER

Mrs. June Ashton is to be complimented on her performance in ringing the treble to Bob Minor for her first quarter peal in the near-twilight at Old Warden, Beds, on December 7th. There was no light in the belfry and the only illumination was a light in the nave of this ground floor pull. It is believed to be the first quarter rung by three married couples of the Biggleswade District and of the Bedfordshire Association. Another unusual feature of this achievement was that it was ladies' night at the local hostelry following the successful attempt.

WHEN THEY PRACTISED RINGING AT HOME

The "Northampton Newsletter" in its September issue among its questions asked: What connection is there between a bell and a "dumb-bell"?

The answer, given in the December issue: At one period of its development bellringing (especially in larger towns) became the hobby among the "upper crust" of society. Many notable gentlemen joined the ranks of ringers and saw the whole thing as a healthy way of exercising.

Many of them must have been unable to satisfy their need for exercise because they installed artificial ringing machines — "dumb-bells"—in their homes. These machines consisted of a horizontal shaft mounted between bearings (like a bell) and on each end of the shaft were heavy weights. The shaft was furnished with a rope, which was wound around it. The rope was passed through the floor and into the room below. Here the "ringer" could pull hard on the rope and set the shaft and weights revolving. The rope unwound and then rewound with the momentum ready for the next pull. In later times the dumb-bells were removed from their mountings and it became usual to use them for weight lifting as in the present.

A "POMMIE" QUARTER

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, bells were rung to 1,264 Plain Bob Major on December 1st by a band of English ringers now resident in Australia, with the exception of Ernest Boumphrey. He arrived at Melbourne the previous evening on the "Northern Star" and had to be back on board by 5 p.m. that day. Nevertheless he was also able to make a "quick grab" at St. Patrick's Cathedral, in addition to scoring the quarter.

Taking part in the "Pomme" quarter were Margaret Aslett (ex-Priory Church, Dunstable) 1, Monica Martin (ex-St. Nicolas', Guildford) 2, Michael Lawrence (ex-SS. John-the-Baptist, Lawrence and Anne's, Knowle, Warks) 3, Ernest Boumphrey (Holy Trinity, Morecambe, Lancs) 4, Robin Turner (ex-All Hallows', Wellingborough) 5, John Martin (ex-St. Mary's, Horsell, Surrey) 6, Michael Scowen (ex-Christ Church, Swindon) 7, Dermot Roaf, conductor (ex-St. Giles', Oxford) 8.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the A.G.M. of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers held on December 3rd, the following were elected to hold office for the year 1969: Master, Jeremy R. Pratt (Exeter); secretaries, Richard H. Johnston (Exeter) and Judith H. Harvey (St. Anne's); treasurer, Shirley E. Jones (St. Hugh's); steeple-keepers, Lawrence J. Haines (St. Catherine's) and Nicholas C. V. Pollock (New College).

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 41



AVIS THOMPSON

This young lady has earned her place in this series by her quite remarkable progress. She had her first handling lesson at Dewsbury on February 12th, 1967, a few weeks before her 11th birthday. Five weeks later she stood in rounds for service for the first time and in August, 1967, rang her 720 Yorkshire Association qualification. Nothing particularly outstanding so far! But, her repertoire now includes Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge (including Royal), Yorkshire and Superlative, and this progress is matched by very neat handling and good striking.

Avis, a modest young lady, and her tutors do not attribute her attainment to any streak of genius. It is the outcome of good, steady application to the job.

She has only two peals to her credit, both Plain Bob Major, but much more telling statistics are those of her attendances. Since February, 1967, she has been absent from ringing (service and practice) only twice, on the occasion of the one short holiday she has had, and she is never late.

Her school Christmas party has clashed with practice night, but Avis resolved the conflict in the way any good ringer should.

COLEGATE SOCIETY

The annual dinner was held on Saturday, November 30th, at the Abbey Hotel, Wymondham. Among those present were the Master of the Mancroft Guild, the secretary of the Wymondham company and Michael Frost who, disregarding the tradition that there be but one speech—that of the arranger embodying an announcement of the cost per head of the dinner—chose the occasion to present an extremely generous gift from the Drayton ringers in the form of a new bell rope for use at St. George's, Colegate. The evening was concluded in the familiar surroundings of the Green Dragon.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SOUTH PETHERTON, Som.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Albert W. Dyer	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Raymond P. Selway	2	*Gordon W. Rendell	6
Trevor E. Marks	3	Frederick G. Sandy	7
Gilbert W. Rendell	4	†Graham W. Parkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Sandy.
* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells. First of Bob Triples for all the band.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Chant, of South Petherton. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

STREET, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat. Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	*Trevor Newlands	5
David Rennolds	2	Denis A. Chapman	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	D. John Hunt	7
James R. Taylor	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. Tenor 23 cwt.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat. Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

Denis A. Chapman	Treble	†Michael J. Hobbs	5
*Bruce Martin	2	Michael Platt	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	†D. John Hunt	7
Trevor Newlands	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Cambridge. † 150th peal together.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Grandsire and 16 extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Harold Hooper	Treble	Stanley Lewis	4
*Susan Stott	2	John S. Walton	5
John Coombs	3	Christopher Field	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Hooper.
* First peal.
Rung on the occasion of the opening of the church bazaar.

BERROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 32 methods, being two extents each of Stedman, Westminster II. Blackburn Place, St Hilary, Union, St. Faith, St. Julian, Stedman Slow Course Coxwell Place and St. Botolph, and one extent each of New Grandsire, New Antelope, St. Bartholomew, Reverse All Saints, St. Sebastian, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Oakley Slow Course, Itchingfield Slow Course, Grandsire, Antelope, Plain, St. Simon, St. Martin and St. Osmund.
Tenor 12½ cwt

Bernard Dodds	Treble	Stanley Lewis	4
Raymond Jones	2	John S. Walton	5
John Coombs	3	Jesse R. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.
First peal in 32 methods by all the band, and on the bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Treble	Alfred E. Rushton	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Gerald Penney	6
Martyn L. J. Jordan	3	Roger Baldwin	7
*David Redfearn	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*†A. Doreen Edwards	Treble	George A. Packer	6
Dennis L. Hall	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	7
‡William F. Gibbons	3	John R. Scott	8
Roland W. Morant	4	†Frank R. Morton	9
Frederick S. Sutton	5	Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by John Worth. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* 100th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 25th peal. First of Kent Treble Bob Royal by all except George A. Packer.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey A. Edwards.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
HENSINGHAM, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Vera C. Bell	Treble	Geoffrey Tembey	5
Nicholas M. Newby	2	*Harold Wilson	6
*James E. Brown	3	Kevin M. Price	7
Alan Capstick	4	*Graham Eilbeck	Tenor

Composed by Benjamin Annable. Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Triples in the method. First of Triples as conductor. First of Triples in the method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the tower captain, Mr. James E. Brown, who has been a ringer for 50 years, and as a farewell to the Rev. R. W. Taylor, curate, who is leaving to train as a missionary overseas.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Dorothea M. Robotham	Treble	Brian C. Watson	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Clive A. Thrower	3	Roger A. Gage	7
H. George Hart	4	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

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

(Ilkeston District.)
SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*Eva Sheppard	Treble	‡Gordon Faulks	5
Nora Carlisle	2	John V. Chadwick	6
†Joyce Chadwick	3	Alec Humphrey	7
David J. Marshall	4	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Treble Bob Major. First in the method by an Ilkeston District team.

RINGING FOR THE LORD MAYOR

(Continued from front page)

"Oh!?" pencilled in the margin.) "St. Clement and St. Martin—ye are not behind your brethren; and though ye be all lost for a moment in the roar of the multitude, . . . again your wild music breaks powerfully forth, animating with a strange spirit of desperate joy the tens of thousands who cheer the gay spectacle below. . . . Doubly the welkin rings with huzzahs, poured forth with all the strength of human lungs; and, in responsive sympathy, crash on crash follows from the united strokes of every bell in that fine old church before which the cortège is at the instant passing."

After the Lord Mayor's Show comes the dust-cart . . . and after ringing for the Lord Mayor's Show, the ringers can usually be found gathered together from their various towers for refreshment, and, as usual, exchanging reminiscences. Perhaps I can conclude with the story I have heard concerning a College Youth of many years ago who appeared as an "expert witness" in the libel case which arose from remarks published by Denison concerning Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's casting of Big Ben. We are told that the dialogue between this ringer and counsel went as follows:

Counsel: How long have you been a bell-ringer?

College Youth: Oh, nearly thirty years.

Counsel: And I suppose you have often rung the bells for the Lord Mayor's Show?

C.Y.: Yes, of course.

Counsel: How many Lord Mayor's Shows have you rung for?

C.Y.: Oh, hundreds!

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
(Exeter Colleges Guild.)

EXETER, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

David J. Atkins	Treble	Kevin A. Hughes	5
Malcolm S. Turner	2	John L. Anderson	6
Angela C. Hughes	3	John N. Longridge	7
Peter K. Goodhew	4	Raymond J. Talbot	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John N. Longridge.
First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Martin and Frances Lock soon after their wedding.

BICKLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*John F. Steere	Treble	*Stephen G. Peirce	4
Peter L. Bill	2	Norman Mallett	5
George E. Mudge	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal of Minor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Richard H. Youdale	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Richard L. Underwood	2	John S. Rank	7
Donald F. Murfet	3	John G. Gipson	8
Geoffrey Pearson	4	John H. Fielden	9
David E. Rothera	5	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 ADELAIDE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Brian D. Threlfall	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
David E. Rothera	3	John G. Gipson	7
Richard H. Youdale	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Kenneth Warner	7
*Caroline R. F. Cole	2	John Armstrong	8
Andrew J. Slade	3	George E. Evenden	9
Donald E. Cobb	4	John C. Slater	10
Robert J. Chapman	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	11
*Ian L. Dear	6	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Maximus. Tenor 38 cwt 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

WALTHAM FOREST, London.—At the Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

*†Liz C. Duncan	Treble	Dennis Ellisdon	6
James A. D. Woolford	2	John C. Slater	7
Kenneth Warner	3	Colin G. Wright	8
†Sally P. Cobb	4	Robert J. Chapman	9
Robert E. J. Dennis	5	*†John E. Murfitt	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman.

PRITTLEWELL, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*David Sloman	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Peter G. Brown	7
*Yvonne A. Murray	3	†Frank B. Lufkin	8
*Keith W. Brown	4	James L. Towler	9
Alfred J. House	5	Dennis A. S. Symonds	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Stedman. † 750th peal.

HALSTEAD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Andrew J. Corby	Treble	Andrew N. Brock	5
Andrew T. Beckwith	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
Andrew K. Putnam	3	Andrew S. Hudson	7
Andrew Pearmain	4	Andrew J. Salisbury	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.
Rung for St. Andrew's Day. Tenor 15 cwt.

EPPING UPLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Kevin I. Lucas	Treble	Gerald D. J. Sandwell	4
†S. Dennis Stott	2	David E. Belcham	5
Gordon I. Lucas	3	Peter M. Fleckney	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Fleckney.
* First peal. † First peal at first attempt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELMORE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*Margery A. Wratten	Treble	*Leonard C. Edwards	4
Cyril A. Wratten	2	*Patrick H. Allen	5
*Valerie Willard	3	William A. Farmer	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Doubles in the method. Miss V. Willard has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

LYDIARD TREGOZE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents with 5–6 the right way throughout.

Anthony R. Peake	Treble	†Raymond J. C. Hulme	4
*Anita D. O'Brien	2	Maurice A. New	5
Walter G. Knight	3	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise away from the treble. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MUCH WENLOCK, Salop.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Valerie M. Edge	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	Ernest F. Willcox	6
James W. Belshaw	3	George E. Fearn	7
Reginald H. Newton	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Lewis Motley, former Mayor of Much Wenlock, who died on November 27th, 1968.

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

*Michael V. Powell	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	5
†Peter J. Wycherley	2	†Geoffrey R. Drew	6
Frederick R. Harris	3	†Adrian G. Semken	7
Arthur C. Berry	4	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter J. Wycherley.
* First peal of Surprise Major † First of Pudsey Surprise Major.

BREDWARDINE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Howell Istance	Treble	Frederick R. Harris	4
W. John Clayton	2	John W. Hope	5
†David Pope	3	Robert A. Hatcher	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal. † First one-handed.
Rung to celebrate the Patronal Feast of St. Andrew.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	†Christopher H. Rogers	5
*Caroline R. F. Cole	2	Andrew J. Slade	6
James A. D. Woolford	3	Ian L. Dear	7
*Andrew W. R. Wilby	4	*Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Glasgow. † 100th tower for a peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Richard Hayes	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Derek Slater	Treble	Martin L. Howe	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Richard Hayes	6
*Trevor A. Cross	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	7
Keith J. Triplow	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* 100th tower in Kent for a peal.

DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	David A. Town	5
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Alan D. Flood	6
Jennifer A. Dunning	3	Ronald K. Russ	7
Peter G. Holden	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Pladdys.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968 in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

John Bramley	Treble	David F. Moore	6
William A. Lacey	2	David G. Massey	7
Martin Green	3	John M. Jelley	8
Geoffrey J. Hemmings	4	*Gerald C. Hemmings	9
R. Brian Mills	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 325th peal.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Cynthia M. Wells	Treble	Robin A. Gilliver	5
*John Watkins	2	Tony R. Natt	6
†Andrew S. Hayden	3	K. Paul Gilliver	7
Brian L. Burrows	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* 75th peal. † First of Surprise "inside".
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 TYBURN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

David F. Moore	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Robin A. Gilliver	3	David G. Massey	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At the Town Hall,
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	Treble	Malcolm E. Wade	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Norman V. Harding	6
Martin Green	3	John Bramley	7
Peter J. Malloch	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Robin A. Gilliver	Treble	*K. Paul Gilliver	5
David F. Moore	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Martin Green	3	David G. Massey	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 100th peal. First in the method by all the band, except the treble ringer, and on the bells.

AYLESTONE Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

G. Harry Bray	Treble	Tony R. Natt	5
Patricia E. A. Morris	2	John Watkins	6
*Alec R. Jones	3	K. Paul Gilliver	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung on the Patron Saint's Day, with the best wishes of the band to Andrew S. Hayden, local ringer, who is in hospital after an operation, for a speedy recovery. Rung as a 26th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G H. Bray.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Edgar A. Cole	6
William E. Clarke	2	Denis A. Frith	7
*Roy Stephenson	3	Philip H. Reynolds	8
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	4	Brian Buttery	9
Peter A. Slight	5	Vaughan P. Evans	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal of Caters.

EPWORTH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 17 cwt.

Melvyn Rose	Treble	Brian J. Bull	5
Ronald Chafer	2	Jack Bray	6
Janet M. Bull	3	George E. Feirn	7
Harold Judd	4	John F. Underwood	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Feirn.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Rev. Walter Nicholson, former rector of Sturton by-Stow, Lincs.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Beverley, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

*Robert A. Gillies	Treble	John Hall	4
Ronald Chafer	2	Jack Bray	5
William Bains	3	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* First peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MARSHFIELD, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

Mary E. Pryor	Treble	*Paul A. Williams	5
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	6
John W. Bull	3	*Charles P. Quartley	7
Alexander E. Marsh	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* 25th peal for the Association.
Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment for Charles P. Quartley.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ST. HILARY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Hilary.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 20 meth./var., being two extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. John, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Dedworth, and four of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*Felicity Cooke	Treble	Christopher Ricketts	3
*Ruth E. Havard	2	*John Bull	4
*Stephen Fenwick	Tenor		

Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung for the tenth wedding anniversary of Nevil A. James, tower captain of Llandaff Cathedral.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Christopher I. Venn	Treble	†Jeffrey M. Britchford	6
John Hill	2	William H. Coles	7
*Ruby M. Myllys	3	‡Albert R. G. Twinn	8
†Ronald K. Russ	4	Frederick W. Goodfellow	9
†Michael W. Seymour	5	†Michael J. Palmer	Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by John Hill.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Treble Bob Royal. ‡ 25th on the bells.

Rung on St. Andrew's Day as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Preb. F. C. Tyler.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Angela M. Wright	Treble	David Cubitt	5
Graham A. Duke	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	Martin Cubitt	7
Philip Bosworth	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Noel I. Diserens. Conducted by David E. House.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BANBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Linda M. Foot	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	6
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Susan Rothera	3	David E. Rothera	8
Ann E. Fellows	4	Peter G. Brown	9
Donald F. Murfet	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-Part (4th obs.). Tenor 21½ cwt.

Henry L. Bishop	Treble	Leonard F. Cox	5
George W. Bishop	2	Clifford J. Garlick	6
*Mrs. Patricia H. Aplin	3	John H. Napper	7
Michael Bishop	4	Edward G. Sawyer	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop.

* First peal.

Rung on the Patronal Festival.

SONNING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

*David C. Willis	Treble	John N. Diserens	5
David P. Hilling	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
Albert Diserens	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Brian J. Luff	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

* First peal of Major. Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
SOLIHULL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Alphege.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 39 lb. in E flat.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
Henry H. Fearn	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	James W. Belshaw	8
Stephen W. Barton	4	David J. Purnell	9
Maurice F. Edwards	5	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Dec. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

R. George Morris	Treble	*Stephen W. Barton	6
Susan E. Smith	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Maurice F. Edwards	3	George E. Fearn	8
James Insley	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Terry R. Hampton	5	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal of London Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 78 lb. in F.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James Insley	5
James W. Belshaw	2	Ian G. Campbell	6
*Janet E. Blake	3	Ronald Ducker	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal in the method.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
EDINGTON, Wilts.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary, St. Katherine and All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 24 lb.

Eric J. Hitchins	Treble	Norman G. N. Knee	6
Charles F. Andrews	2	†J. Rodney Pagdin	7
Charles P. Quartley	3	Frederick S. Slatford	8
*Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Laurence E. Hitchins	9
Frank A. Penn	5	Jack Lucas	Tenor

Composed by George R. Fardon. Conducted by Charles F. Andrews.

* 200th peal of Stedman. † First on ten bells. First peal on the ten bells

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THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Susan E. M. Davis	Treble	Derek C. Jackson	6
†Hugh N. Evans	2	David J. Forder	7
†Heather A. Kippin	3	Raymond A. Finch	8
*Richard Weeks	4	Robert A. Partridge	9
Ross G. W. Robertson	5	Malcolm M. Powell	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters. First on ten for the Guild

Rung on the Annual Dinner Day.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 106 methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Spalding, Retford, Lincoln, Minehead, Dronfield, Coldstream, Durleigh, Redbourn and Quendon Surprise, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Crowland, Combermere, Gosfield, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury and Middlesex Delight (20 methods by S. Humphrey); (2) Hull, Cranford, Bourne and Caithness Surprise, Skipton, Chepstow, Knutsford, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Bogedone, Staines, Wilmslow, Danbury, Hatherop, Stisted, Orston and Pebmarsh Delight, Gladstone, Royston, Hemsworth, Penistone, Campanulla and York Minster Treble Bob (25 methods by H. Chant, arranged by S. Humphrey); (3) Thorne, Westminster, Linden, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Allendale, Broomfield Fryerning and Fyfield Surprise, Shelford, Disley, London, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (15 methods by S. Humphrey); (4) Ashbocking, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, St Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford Neasden, Taxal and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob (16 methods by P. Saltmarsh); (5) Chester-le-Street, Sandiacre, Chester, Munden, Bangor, Orsett, Upshire, Sleaford and Grantham Surprise; (6) Staveley, Edinburgh, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Pembroke, Selby, Boston, March, East Bridgford and North Muskham Delight; (7) Cambridge, Hadfield, King Edward, Beverley, Redcar, Surfleet, Appleby, Beighton, Pattiswick and Terling Surprise; with 174 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Peter A. Slight	Treble	William L. Exton	4
Christine L. J. Mills	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Simon Humphrey	3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

First peal in 106 Treble Bob Minor methods.

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NORTH MUSKHAM: 34 x 34.16 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 56. l.h. 16. 34625.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWINDERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
Wed., Nov. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents All Saints, ten Reverse Canterbury, 12 Plain Bob, two (var.) April Day, four (var.) Kennington and Seighford.
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	F. William Midwinter	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Maurice W. Harrison	4
		W. Gordon Marsh	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
An 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. Drury

LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents each of All Saints, Plain Bob, (var.) Rushall, Kennington, Seighford and April Day. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells	3
Pamela J. Clifton	2	W. Gordon Marsh	4
		Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by H. Geoffrey Wells.
First peal as conductor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	Pamela J. Clifton	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	W. Gordon Marsh	4
		Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in C.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Derek J. Tysoe	4
F. William Midwinter	2	Colin W. Reed	5
Maurice W. Harrison	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

Geoffrey Pearson	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	David E. House	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	David E. Rothera	7
Peter Adcock	4	John G. Gipson	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by David E. Rothera.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Surfleet and Beverley, (2) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (3) Cambridge, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	4
*Katharine M. Thorley	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
Vernon B. Bedford	3	Roger D. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*Josephine Patterson	Treble	Christopher F. Mew	5
Peter N. Felton	2	†Christopher R. Harris	6
Laurence C. Way	3	Norman Summerhayes	7
Michael J. Uphill	4	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal. † First peal, first attempt.
Rung as a welcome to Sarah Louise, a daughter for Peter and Ann Tuppen.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
ROMSEY, Hants.—At the Abbey of SS. Mary and Ethelflaeda.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

Jack Mussell	Treble	John Hartless	5
Katharine J. Maundrell	2	Raymond Haines	6
Thomas H. Francis	3	William T. Perrins	7
*Neil O. Skelton	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal in the method.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	*Martin G. Powell	5
M. Irene Brown	2	*Geoffrey Westwood	6
*Margaret A. Swain	3	Robert Edwards	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major. First of Rutland on the bells. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in B.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34½ cwt.

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	John N. D. Chaddock	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Nichols	7
Maris C. Stephenson	3	Alan E. Hartley	8
Andrew J. Slade	4	Ron Ducker	9
Neil Donovan	5	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Alan Clifton	Treble	Rev. Giles Galley	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Nichols	7
Neil Donovan	3	Ian G. Campbell	8
Ian G. North	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Patricia Lockwood	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	6
Peter C. Randall	2	James Crowther	7
*Robert W. Sherriff	3	Michael Maughan	8
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Richard S. Starkie	9
John H. Taylor	5	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Nov. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	John P. Ottaway	5
Linda D. Shaw	2	Christopher Forster	6
Robert A. Beresford	3	*Ronald R. Warford	7
John J. Durham	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 125th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

BIRSTWITH Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	*Christopher Forster	5
*†Gillian R. Cleaver	2	*John J. Durham	6
*†Jill Gordon	3	*John P. Ottaway	7
*Philip M. Cuckson	4	*Robert A. Beresford	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Little Bob. † First on eight bells.

DRIGHLINGTON Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon. Nov. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

*A. Pattie Clapham	Treble	John J. Durham	5
†Linda D. Shaw	2	Robert A. Beresford	6
‡David Featherstone	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
John P. Ottaway	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on eight bells and of Treble Bob. † First of Yorkshire "inside". ‡ First "inside". The 175th and fastest peal on the bells.

PATRINGTON, E. Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	John H. Taylor	5
James Crowther	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	6
Peter C. Randall	3	Michael Maughan	7
Alan H. Bridges	4	Ian G. Campbell	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
Conducted by Michael Maughan.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COOPER.—The address of Chris and Edna Cooper is now 20, Spring Close, Little Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex (Tel. Danbury 3216). Correspondents to Essex Association annual report please note. 6229

RANK.—The address of John and Margaret Rank is now Machakos School, P.O. Box 39, Machakos, Kenya. They would be pleased to hear from other ringers in East Africa. 6231

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All welcome.
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Regarding the issue of December 27th, because of the Christmas post and holidays postal subscribers will not receive their copies until after the holiday. An endeavour is being made to get newsagents' copies to London on Christmas Eve for distribution on the following Friday or Saturday.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

St. John's Church, Shenstone

The dedication of the new tenor bell, completing the ring of six, will be during Evensong on Sunday, January 5th, by the Archdeacon of Stafford, the Ven. Basil Stratton, M.A. "Minor" five bells only available 5.45–6.25 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. and, after initial touch by local company, the six bells available after service. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6195

DOWNE, Kent. — Sunday ringing by arrangement. All correspondence concerning ringing to R. A. Grant, 39, Temple Avenue, Shirley, Croydon, CRO 8QF. Phone: 01-777 2430. 6241

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CORRECTION

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 28th, Luton. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Short service 6 p.m. 6247

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Dec. 31st at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Dec. 31st, St. Paul's Cathedral: Jan 7th, St. Mary-le-Bow: Jan. 14th, St. Botolph's, Aldgate; Jan. 21st, Southwark Cathedral: all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 6209

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Evening practice meeting at St. Mary's, Warwick (10), Wednesday, Jan. 1st. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Ringing, rounds to Royal. Everyone welcome.—H. A. M. 6235

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Michael with St. Paul's (Broad Street) on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath. Abbey (10) after meeting.—Alan Lee, Sec. 6213

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—A.G.M. at Bridgwater, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea at Tudor Café and meeting in St. Mary's Vestry. Names for tea to J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford (Tel. Holford 345), by Jan. 1st. 6215

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, Jan. 4th, 7–9 p.m., Chilton Cantelo (5, 10¼ cwt.). Buffet supper and skittles on Tuesday, Feb. 11th, Long Sutton. Tickets 7/6.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, West Coker 208. 6216

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Annual District meeting, Bromham, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent to Mr. R. Fowler, 50, Molivers Lane, Bromham, Beds, by 2nd. 6243

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1969, at Ely. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing until 3.30 p.m. All District members please make a special effort to come. 6208

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual District meeting, January 4th, Halstead (8). Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Martin, Sunshine Cottage, Chapel Hill, Halstead. Note change of venue.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch. — Annual meeting, Tiverton, 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 4th. Service 4.15. Tea and business after. Names for tea, please, to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 6204

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Lamberhurst, Jan. 4th. Ringing 2.30, followed by service, tea, meeting. Names for tea to me, Richard Hayes, Forest Cottage, Chiddingstone Heath, Edenbridge, by December 30th. 6211

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Start the new year well—at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (10) available from 14.30. Tea at 17.00, followed by the annual general meeting (election of Branch officials, etc.) and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Wignall, 51, Heys Lane, Blackburn, BB2 4ND, by Wednesday, Jan. 1st.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 6240

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Morecambe, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells available 2.30–7.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 6223

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, All Saints', Wigan (10), Saturday, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Special method Double Norwich Caters. All visitors welcome. —C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 6244

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual District meeting, Markfield, Jan. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in school nearby, followed by meeting. Can we have a representative from all District towers, please. Beer and skittles at the George afterwards. Names, please, to Mr. J. Wardle ('phone: Markfield 2439), 180, Main Street, Markfield, Leicester, LE6 OUX, by Wednesday, Jan. 1st.—Ron Hughes. 6238

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — An evening meeting at Longton on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells available from 6 to 8.30 in the evening. All welcome.—R. J. Ballard, Hon. Sec. 6249

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—A.G.M., Jan. 4th, Uppingham (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. A.G.M., ringing, 6.30. Names for tea by Dec. 31st.—Scholes, Harringworth, near Corby. 6232

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Annual meeting, Jan. 4th, 4.30 p.m., St. Martin's Hall. Bells available: Cathedral, 3 p.m.; St. Martin's after the meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 'Phone: SPR 1025. 6233

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, St. John's (8), Devizes. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting St. Mary's (6) and Southbroom (6) 3–4 p.m. and after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. R. Cannings, 29, Broadleas Road, Devizes, Wilts. 6206

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch. — Annual meeting, Jan. 4th. Bells 2.30 to 3.30: Corfe Mullen and Sturminster Marshall. Service 4 p.m., Wimborne Minster, followed by tea and meeting. Bells 7 p.m.: Canford and Hampreston. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bishop, Denhom. Wimborne Road West, Wimborne, Dorset, by Thursday, Jan. 2nd. 6234

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Jan. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Corunna Café. Names to T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, before Jan. 2nd. — L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6228

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surgeys Lane, Arnold, by Jan. 1st.—S. Adams. 6237

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice, South Wigston, Jan. 6th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Special method: Glasgow.—Ron Hughes. 6239

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—New South West District.—A.G.M., Leytonstone, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. E. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6220

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. 6236

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual District meeting, Jan. 11th, Bromyard. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by Thursday. 6250

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch. — Annual meeting, Heckington, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cole, 9, Cameron Street, Heckington, Sleaford, Lincs (Tel.: Heck. 436), by previous Wednesday.—G. R. P. 6242

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Western Deaneries monthly practice, Yaxham (6), Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Moore, Raymar Lodge, 7, South Green Gardens, Dereham, Norfolk. 6224

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Wyke Regis, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. G. J. W. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, by Wednesday previous. 6246

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — New Southern District. — A.G.M., Rayleigh, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after the meeting. Names for tea to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea. — P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6248

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a general meeting at Beverley on January 18th. General committee meeting in the Minster at 3 p.m. Service in the Minster at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall, Tiger Lane. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock, 48, Westwood Road, Beverley, by the previous Wednesday. Please note: tea tickets will be distributed on January 18th to those who have booked. Business meeting after tea. Central Council representatives will be elected. Ringing arrangements: Holme-on-Spalding Moor (6), 10–11 a.m.: Market Weighton (6), 10.45–11.45 a.m.; Pocklington (8), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.: Walkington (6), 2–3.45 p.m. and 6.30–8.30 p.m.; Beverley Minster (10), 2–4.15 p.m.; Beverley St. Mary's (10), 6.30–9 p.m.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6221

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Final meeting prior to amalgamation with Southern Essex, Jan. 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 5.15. Supper (5/- each) 6.30 p.m. Bells available afterwards. (All past members warmly welcomed.) Names to Sec., Miss J. Emms, 76, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, by Jan. 18th. 6222

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CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Monthly meeting, Hensingham, on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea. 6251

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Middleton, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Miller, 27, Scarfield Drive, Bamford, Rochdale, by Wednesday, 8th. —G. Cheetham, Branch Sec. 6252

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AMMONIA ATTACK ON HERTS RINGER

Miss Brenda Harris, popular village postmistress and ringer at Benington, Herts, had ammonia thrown in her face when she interrupted intruders in her shop in the early hours of Saturday, December 14th. It is hoped that no permanent damage was caused—we all wish her a speedy recovery.

OBITUARY

MR. SIDNEY CARTER

The recent death of Mr. Sidney Carter has recalled to Mr. S. Howard, of Worthing, Sussex, the long peal of 18,144 Bob Major at Benington, Herts, on Whit Monday, June 5th, 1933, in 10 hours 52 minutes, which was a record for over 30 years.

The ringers in that peal were Henry Wallace 1, William A. Tack 2, Robert Howard 3, Sidney Carter (cond.) 4, Alfred J. House 5, William K. North 6, Barnard Patmore 7, John

MR. J. O. WELLER

John Osborne Weller, who died on December 9th, lived in Westerham all his life. I first saw him there on Easter Monday, 1936, on the occasion of the Kent County Association annual general meeting.

Westerham only just manages to preserve its identity as an independent country town rather than a mere commuters' dormitory. Every country town should have a builder and undertaker able to demonstrate a true pride of craft. Jack Weller filled just that role in Westerham, being himself a first-class craftsman and employing in his family firm only men who could live up to his own high standard.

Some three years ago Jack was taken severely ill and since then his heart condition had been very precarious. He was told to give up ringing but still came along for the ringing at Westerham and took a rope when he dared. He loved ringing and all to do with it.

In his early years he had been associated a great deal with the late Edwin H. Lewis, the former President of the Central Council, who lived at Brasted, two miles away. He knew the standard in ringing that Mr. Lewis required and was well up to it. Also as a young man he rang peals with the late Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, who was a legend in these parts for the standard of the peals he demanded and obtained. Jack also took part in many peals of Minor with a famous band under Leonard Tidy at Limpsfield Chart.

Jack was a good College Youth. For many years, with Fred Budgen, from Brasted, he attended the dinners. Since his heart attack he had been unable to come, but this year, in his desire to support the Master, he stayed in London two nights.

A quiet man, he was very direct in his manner and disliked humbug. A friendly man, he always looked at home behind a pint of beer, sucking his curly-stemmed pipe. He was usually the last to arrive, and I shall never ring at Westerham without expecting the little door at the north side of the tower to open and Jack pop through, ready to stand behind some youngster on the treble struggling with plain hunting for the first time.

Jack first started to ring at the age of 11. The retired schoolmaster, Mr. J. R. Taylor, who took part in the ringing for the funeral says: "Jack was one of my boys." Although barely 60 he had thus completed nearly 50 years as a ringer at Westerham and for most of us was part of the scene.

The funeral took place on December 13th. The Kent County Association was represented by Mr. P. A. Corby, general secretary; Mr. R. W. H. Hayes, Tonbridge District secretary; Mr. John Igglesden, the captain, and numerous members of the local band as well as friends from Edenbridge and other local towers. There was a large congregation of family and friends. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the simple and impressive service, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Aidan Chapman. A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung the next day.

Great sympathy will be felt for his second wife and his grown-up sons and their families.

P. A. C.

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45236		—		2	
53246	—			3	
43256	—			2	(–S)
35246	—			3	
24356	2			2	
32645			X		
26345				—	
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